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This list of PhD accomplishments for 2018-2019 was compiled and edited by Frank Bridges and Deborah Yoon, under the direction of Jennifer A. Theiss. It is organized in the following way:

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Honors, Awards, Scholarships, Fellowships and Grants

**Bridges, F.** – 2018 MARAC New Jersey Caucus Innovative Archives Award.

**Fadem, S.** – awarded funding as part of acceptance into the Community Design for Health and Wellness (CDHW) research group.

**Floegel, D.** – Outstanding Continuing Doctoral Student in LIS Award, SC&I, 2018

**Gesualdo, N.** – Top Poster Paper, Journalism Studies Division, ICA 2019 (for “Journalists as knowledge brokers,” co-authored with Matt Weber and Itzhak Yanovitzky).


**Gressitt-Diaz, K.** – Top paper award for “Hear something, feel something: The construction of affective listening publics and the securitization of the Arab voice” at ICA 2019.

**Kam, T. H.** – University and Louis Bevier Fellowship, 2018-2019.


**Kim, M.** – Graduate School Conference Travel Fund (May, 2018).

**Kim, M.** – Graduate student professional development fund (May, 2018).

**Kim, M.** – Summer research scholarship from Dr. Marya Doerfel for participating in Hurricane Harvey research data collection (July-Aug, 2018).

**Kim, M.** – Research scholarship from Dr. Marya Doerfel for participating in Hurricane Harvey research. (Nov, 2018).

**Klimaszewski, C.** – Rutgers School of Communication and Information Distinguished Achievement as a Teaching Assistant Award, 2017-2018.

**Liu, J.** – ACM SIGIR Student Travel Grant (CHIIR 2019).

**Mergerson, C.** – Consortium on Media Policy Studies (COMPASS) Fellowship, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., Summer 2018. (Awarded by the Media, Inequality, and Change Center, Rutgers University and the University of Pennsylvania. Placed as a telecommunications policy research assistant.)

**Mergerson, C.** – Texas State University, School of Journalism and Mass Communication (2018), conference travel grant for the 2018 AEJMC Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

**Mergerson, C.** – International Communication Association (2018), conference travel grant for the 68th Annual Conference in Prague, Czech Republic.

**Mergerson, C.** – John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and Texas State University, School of Journalism and Mass Communication (2018), travel grant to attend the 2018 PhDigital Bootcamp at Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas.

**Ramirez, F.** – Top Overall & Top Student Paper Award. Applied Communication Division,
Ramirez, F. – Distinguished Achievement as a Teaching Assistant Award, Rutgers University, May 2018.


Rath, M. – Computational Social Science Summer School held at the University of Southern California Fellowship.

Reichel, M. – 2018 Union for Democratic Communication, Brian Murphy student paper prize, runner-up.

Sarkar, S. – ACM SIGIR Student Grant to attend ASIRF 2018.


Sung, S. – The School of Graduate Studies Off-Campus Dissertation Development Award, Spring 2018


Voorhees, S. – Awarded Innovation Grant at Mercer County College. (September 2018)

Voorhees, S. – Awarded second installment of grant from Verizon. (July 2018)

Wang, Q. – First place, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Promising Professors Award.

Wang, Q. – 2018 Lee Barrow Doctoral Scholarship Award, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.


Yoon, D. B. – Outstanding Continuing Doctoral Student in the area of Communication, Department of Communication, School of Communication and Information, Rutgers University (2018).
Publications & Proceedings


Costello, L. (in press). Interviews with library directors suggest that political capital is linked to reputation. *Evidence Based Library and Information Practice*.

Costello, L. (2018). A Survey of provosts indicates that academic libraries should connect outcomes to university goals. Evidence Based Library and Information Practice, 13(3), 81-84.


Manivannan, V. “Maybe she can be a feminist and still claim her own opinions?”: The story of an accidental counter-troll. In E. Sparby & J. Reyman (Eds.), *Digital Ethics: Rhetoric and Responsibility in Online Aggression, Hate Speech, and Harassment*. [in press]


Manivannan, V. "The successful text is not always the one that murders me to protect you." In A. Knoblauch & M. Moeller (Eds.), *Embodied Rhetorics*. [proposed collection]


Ramirez, F. & Lane, J. Communication privacy management and digital evidence in an intimate partner violence case. (Revise and resubmit *International Journal of Communication*).
Rath, M. & Shah, C. (2019). Learning in Crowdsourced Environments: Where Are We Going and How Do We Get There?


Conference Presentations


Venetis, M. K., Bontempo, A. C., Catona, D., Checton, M. G., Greene, K., Buckley de Meritens,


Bridges, F. (2018, June). Rock out with your checkout: Preserving local music archives with the help of local libraries. Poster presented at the 59th Annual ACLR Rare Books and Manuscripts Section Conference, New Orleans, LA.


Bridges, F. (2019, April). Two hours dedicated to nothing…: What I’ve learned hosting a local music radio show. Paper accepted to the 2019 Pop Culture Association Conference, Washington, DC.


Costello, L. (2018, November). The Other Data Management: Applying Data Internally to Motivate
Your Team. Presented at the LITA Forum, Minneapolis, MN.


Gressitt-Diaz, K. (2019). Hear something, feel something: The construction of affective listening publics and the securitization of the Arab voice, accepted to ICA.


Kang, K. K. (2018). De(Constituting) Alcoholics Anonymous: The four-flows of anonymous organizational communication. Paper was presented at the annual meeting of Organizational Communication Mini-Conference, New Brunswick, NJ.

Kang, K. K. (2018). Practicing anonymity in Alcoholics Anonymous: Applying the bona fide group theory. Paper was presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.

Kang, K. K. (submitted). Managing the second 'A' in Alcoholics Anonymous. Paper was submitted to the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD.


Kwestel, M. (2019, March). #JusticeforJordan: Conflicting crisis communication strategies “play out” following the death of a student athlete at the University of Maryland, presented at the International Crisis and Risk Communication Conference, Orlando, FL.


Li, J. and Lu, W. (2019) It takes a WeChat group to raise a child in the smog: Social media, health risks, and middle-class mothers’ resistance-avoidance strategy in Mainland China. (Accepted for ICA 2019).


Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.


**Park, S.** (accepted). Achieving activity transitions in Korean dental visits: Talk and body movement during the transition to dental examination. 16th International Pragmatics Conference. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong.


**Pascal, C.J.** (2019, March). Exploring the information practices of cannabis nurses. Poster session presented at the Institute for Cannabis Research Conference at Colorado State University, Pueblo, CO.


**Prendella, K.** (2018). Disability and the media, Conference on Women and Gender, Seton Hall University, March 29.


Ru, X. (2018). The Role of Trust in Health Information-seeking and Further Influences on Self-efficacy and Mental Health Status. Will be presented on ICA, Washington, D.C.
Shin, I. Neglected Side Effects of Network Awareness: How Use of Communication Technology Affords Sources of Psychological Discomforts. Paper submitted to the annual meeting of the National Communication Association Conference.
Walters, A. (2019, March). Public rhetorics of childhood: Mediated constructions of youth and innocence along the US color line. Paper presented at the meeting of the Anthropology of


**Editing, Reviewing, Blogging, and More**

**Bridges, F.** – Host Overnight Sensations local music show and podcast on 88.7 FM WRSU.


**DuBoff, B. R.** – Accepted as Reviewer, Journal of Formative Design in Learning.

**Floegel, D., & Costello, K. L.** (Accepted for special issue). “You can’t not see me”: Entertainment media as queer individuals’ response to information poverty. *Journal of Critical Library and Information Studies.*

**Floegel, D.** – Reviewer, Feminist Media Studies.

**Floegel, D.** – Reviewer, Association of Information Science and Technology SIG-USE Chatman Innovation Awards.

**Floegel, D.** – Keynote co-speaker, 2019 Beta Phi Mu Omicron Annual Dinner.


**Lane, J., & Ramirez, F.** (2019, May). Invited panelist for the Social Media Governance Initiative hosted by Yale Law School. New Haven, CT.


