Ph.D. Student Scholarship

Publications, Presentations, Grants and Awards

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This list of PhD accomplishments for 2019-2020 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**

**Bejarano, W.** – 2020 PhD Travel Award to attend the Kentucky Conference on Health Communication

**Bontempo, A. C.** – ICCH 2019 Humanities and Social Sciences Scholarship Award, Academy of Communication in Healthcare, 2019

**Bontempo, A. C.** – ICA 2019 Conference Travel Award, International Communication Association, Health Communication Division, 2019

**Bridges, F.** – 2020 Intercollegiate Broadcast System award for Best Live Music Broadcast

**Chun, H.** – Rutgers Humanities + Grant for pedagogical innovation (Rutgers SAS) -Fall 2019

**DuBoff, B.** – Collier-Kuhlthau Fellowship Award, March 2020

**DuBoff, B.** – Elected President-Elect, AECT, Technology Integrated Learning Division (SIG)

**Floegel, D.** – Library staff and drag queen perspectives and decision-making about Drag Queen Storytimes. Funded by the American Library Association Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services, for the period of 7/1/2019-6/30/2020, in the amount of $2500. Role: Co-Investigator.

**Floegel, D.** – 2019 ASIS&T Best Short Conference Paper Award, 82nd Annual Meeting of ASIS&T, October 2019

**Ghosh I.** – Received summer methods scholarship to attend a summer data methods research program at Carnegie Mellon University

**Graham, N.** – Johns Hopkins University WSE 2020 innovation grant of $60,000 for development of conversational bot for online courses

**Graham, N.** – Johns Hopkins University EP 2019 grant of $50,000 for user experience research on course usability

**Gressitt-Diaz, K.** – The VR documentary I have been working on was selected as a finalist for the 2020 Cannes XR Development Showcase, entitling it to the use of Finalist Laurels

**Hammad, O.** – March 2020 Muslim Women and the Media Training Institute Fellowship, Henry Luce Foundation

**Hodges, J.A.** – Outstanding Continuing Doctoral Student in Interdisciplinary Studies


**Kim, M.** – (2020). NCA Student Caucus Travel Grant

**Kim, M.** – (2019) Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, School of Communication and Information, Rutgers University

**Liu, J.** – ASIS&T 2019 Best Long Paper Award (student)

**Liu, J.** – ASIS&T 2019 SIGUSE Conference Travel Award

**Manivannan, V.** – “Honoring Excellence” Faculty Award for Supporting Academic Achievement, Office of Residential Life and Housing, Pace University - Pleasantville.

**Manivannan, V.** – April “Of the Month” Campus Winner at Pace University - Pleasantville,
McGowan, C. – Digital Humanities Summer Institute 2020 Tuition Scholarship (postponed to 2021)
Rath, M. – Research Internship at Futurestay (Spring 2019)
Rath, M. – Summer Research Internship at DataStax (Summer 2019)
Ru, X. – Top Student Paper, Health Communication Division, NCA
Shao, Z. – Ethnicity and Race in Communication Division Travel Grant, International Communication Association 05/2019
Shao, Z. – Travel Grant, International Communication Association 05/2019
Shirley, H. – National Science Foundation - iCorp Grant Winner (Spring 2020)
Spudic, D. – 2019 IAMCR Local Organizing Committee Fellowship (Madrid, Spain)
Spudic, D. – 2019 ECPR-COSMOS Summer School on Methods (Political Participation and Mobilisation) (Florence, Italy)
Sung, S. – 2019 Emerald Literati Awards as Highly Commended Paper in 2019
Sung, S. – iConference 2020 Doctoral Colloquium Funding
Thelandersson, F. – American Dissertation Fellowship from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for the 2019-2020 academic year
Thelandersson, F. – Helge Ax:son Johnsons Stiftelse Scholarship for Summer Funding last year (2019)
Wang, Y. – Honorable Mention, Jean Tague-Sutcliffe Doctoral Student Research Poster Competition, ALISE 2019 Annual Conference
Yoon, D. – Top Four Paper Award, National Communication Association, Interpersonal Communication Division (2019)
Yoon, D. – John Leustek Memorial Scholarship for study in Interpersonal and/or Health Communication, Department of Communication, School of Communication and Information, Rutgers University (2019)

Publications & Proceedings


Jones, H. E., & Horan, S. M. (2019). Guns on campus: Campus carry and instructor-student...


Manivannan, V. (2020). "But you look so well!": The role of dress practices in (un)professionalizing the expression and experience of chronic pain. *Journal of Multimodal Rhetorics, 3*(2).


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**Conference Presentations**


Bejarano, W. The communicative dimensions of substance use research translation. Accepted for presentation at the New Jersey Communication Association (NJCA) 2020 conference. [postponed to March 27, 2021]


Bontempo, A. C. & Mikesell, L. (2020, June 25). Endometriosis patients’ experiences with diagnosis and the value of the patient-provider relationship. Talk to be given at the weekly seminar for the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, & Aging Research, Rutgers University. (postponed)


**Bontempo, A. C.** (2019, October). “Once and for all, we need our voices heard”: Examining patient-physician conflict through the lens of active-empathic listening. Poster presented at the International Conference on Communication in Healthcare (ICCH), San Diego, CA.

**Bontempo, A. C., Ongyanova, K., & Mikesell, L.** (2019, October). A cry to be heard: Analysis of online survey engagement among patients with endometriosis. Poster presented at the International Conference on Communication in Healthcare (ICCH), San Diego, CA.


**Costello, L., Mikitish, S., Kitzie, V., & Hofschrone, L.** (2019, October). Choosing methods, crafting questions, visualizing results: A step-by-step assessment methods workshop for demonstrating library impact. Pre-conference workshop at the Library Research Seminar in...
Costello, L., Carolan, M. L., & Schurdevin, L. (2019, October). Rethinking service delivery and creating staff buy in. Presented at the OCLC Library Futures Conference, Phoenix, AZ.


Balaa, L., Abstract submission accepted to SHARP (Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, & Publishing) Amsterdam 2020 [Cancelled]

Balaa, L., Submission pending acceptance to DHS (Design History Society) Basel 2020 [Cancelled]


Jones, H. E., & Theiss, J. A. (2020, November). Relational Turbulence during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Relationship Characteristics that are Associated with Stress, Irritations, and Conflict during Crisis. Submitted to the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Indianapolis, IN.


Kim, M., Kwestel, M., Quow, J., Yoon, H., & Doerfel, M. L. (under review). Serving the vulnerable while being vulnerable: Organizing resilience in a social service sector. Paper submitted to the National Communication Association’s annual meetings to be held in November 2020, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Klimaszewski, C. Telling better object stories. Presentation given as part of the panel “Exploring digital solutions to preserve and share our heritage” organized by the Center for Knit and Crochet at American Association for State and Local History Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 29 July 2019.


Manivannan, V., Male, J., Weise, J., Tetreault, L. Poetics, praxis, and social justice: Reconfiguring epistemologies of pain as sites of collaborative invention. Accepted and pending presentation to Conference on College Composition and Communication, Milwaukee, WI, 25-28 Mar 2020. (Panel co-chair.) (Accepted, COVID-19 cancellation)

Manivannan, V. (2020). Are you f*ing kidding me?: Self-care in the face of classroom trauma. Accepted and pending presentation to Association of Writers & Writing Programs, San Antonio, TX, 4-7 Mar. (Accepted, COVID-19 cancellation)


Mergerson, C., & Keith, S. (Accepted). Picturing Black Americans: How nonprofit and commercial news sites in the South portray a historically misrepresented group. Accepted for the 70th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA), Gold Coast, Australia.


Park, S. (2019, June). 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.


Reichel, M. “Framing the Teachers' Movements: A Hegemonic Crisis Unreported,” International Communication Association (ICA) Conference 2020, Gold Coast, Australia (Accepted)


Walters, A. Accepted for individual paper at Cultural Studies Association (canceled or postponed due to COVID-19): “Listening to Family Separation: News, Sound, and Childhood at the U.S.-Mexico Border”

Walters, A. Accepted for roundtable at American Studies Association – “Shaping and Reshaping Colonized, Racialized, and Criminalized Childhoods: A Childhood and Youth Studies Roundtable”


Wang, L. (2020, April). Mediating visibility on the social media Sina-Weibo: The politics of quantification. Paper accepted for the meeting of the Eastern Communication Association (ECA) 2020 Convention, Baltimore, Maryland. (The conference has been canceled due to COVID-19)


Yoon, D. B., & Theiss, J. A. (2019, November). The role of identity uncertainty in predicting perceived support quality and relational turbulence for individuals coping with infertility. Paper to be presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD. *Top Four Paper for the Interpersonal Communication Division


