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Publications, Presentations, Grants, and Awards

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This list of PhD accomplishments for 2020-2021 was compiled and edited by Deborah Yoon, under the direction of Jennifer A. Theiss. It is organized in the following way:

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Entries are in alphabetical and author order by current PhD student’s names, which are in bold font.

**Honors, Awards, Scholarships, Fellowships and Grants**

**Ackerman, M. K.** – Presidential Fellowship

**Ahmed, E.** – Fall 2020 SIG-SM Symposium Award

**Ahmed, E.** – November 2020 PhD Travel Awards (SC&I)

**Aromi, J. A.** – Department of Library and Information Science TA Teaching Award (Spring 2020)

**Aromi, J. A.** – SGS Paul Robeson Renaissance Award (Spring 2020)

**Austin, J. T.** – Top Paper Award, Interpersonal Communication Division, Eastern Communication Association

**Bejarano, W.** – School of Communication & Information Scholarship 2021

**Boachi, H.** – Spring 2021 Scholarship (SC&I)

**Du, X.** – Graduate Fellowship

**DuBoff, B.** – Dissertation Study Funding (SC&I)

**DuBoff, B.** – MLIS and Ph.D. Student Support Fund (SC&I)

**DuBoff, B.** – MLIS Scholarship (SC&I)

**DuBoff, B.** – Named Apprentice Reviewer (ETR&D)

**El Balaa, L.** – Outstanding Interdisciplinary Student Award for 2019-2020 (SC&I)

**Fadem, S.** – Graduate Student Research Competition, 2nd Place ($300) (Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group on Design of Communication [ACM-SIGDOC])

**Floegel, D.** – ASIS&T SIG-SI Emerging Social Informatics Researcher Award (2020)

**Floegel, D.** – ASIS&T SIG-USE Early Career Best Paper Award (2020)

**Floegel, D.** – SC&I Dissertation Completion Grant (2020)


**Hammad, O.** – Islamic Scholarship Foundation Award 2020

**Hammad, O.** – Jack G. and Bernice M. Shaheen Media Scholarship Endowment Award for Excellence in Media Studies 2020

**Isaac, J.** – AEJMC Presidential Diversity & Inclusion Career Development Fellowship (Summer 2020)

**Jones, H. E.** – Eastern Communication Association Centennial Scholar Award

**Jones, H. E.** – Top Paper Award, Interpersonal Communication Division, Eastern Communication Association

**Kim, M.** – Conference Travel Award for ICA 2020

**Kim, M.** – Conference Travel Award for ICA 2021

**Kim, M.** – Conference Travel Award for NCA 2020

**Kim, M.** – NetSCI & Lab Award, Rutgers University

**Kim, M.** – SC&I dissertation grant

**Kim, M.** – Top Paper Award in Intercultural Division, International Communication Association 2020
Lee, L. E. – Top Paper Award, Interpersonal Communication Division, Eastern Communication Association
Lu, S. – LIS dissertation grant from SC&I
Manivannan, V. – Nominee, Kairos Award for Graduate Students and Adjuncts in the Scholarship/Research Category.
Manivannan, V. – Nominee, LGBTQA Educator of the Year Award, Pace University - Pleasantville.
McGowan, C. – PhD Travel Awards to attend QRSI 2020 - Using Qualitative Inquiry to Contribute to Social Justice
Mergerson, C. – Knight News Innovation Fellowship, Tow Center for Digital Journalism, 2020-2021
Mergerson, C. – Spring 2021 Scholarship (SC&I)
Park, J. – SC&I Dissertation Award (March 2021)
Park, J. – SIG Social Media Registration Support Award for ASIS Social Informatics Symposium
Sathyanarayana Iyer, S. K. – United Nation’s World Meteorological Organization (WMO) 2021 Photo Award
Shirley, H. – National Science Foundation - iCorp Grant Winner (Spring 2021)
Spudic, D. – Spring 2021 Scholarship (SC&I)
Sung, S. – 2020 ASIS&T Annual Meeting Scholarship (August 2020)
Sung, S. – 2020 ASIS&T SIG-IEP Student Registration Award (September 2020)
Sung, S. – Finalist for the ADHR Best Issue Award (for the above article published)
Sung, S. – GradFund Summer Mentoring Program (Summer 2020)
Taber, S. – LIS Dissertation Grant
Thelandersson, F. – Helge Ax:son Johnsons Stiftelse Scholarship for Summer Funding last year (2020)
Thelandersson, F. – Summer Grant
Walters, A. – runner-up for best student paper in the Cultural and Critical Studies Division - AEJMC
Wang, L. – Amazon Turk Research Grant, The Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science (SICSS), 2020
Wang, L. – Donald P. Cushman Memorial Award, National Communication Association (NCA), 2020.
Yoon, D. B. – Conference Travel Award for ICA 2020
Yoon, D. B. – Conference Travel Award for NCA 2020
Yoon, D. B. – SC&I dissertation grant
Yoon, D. B. – Spring 2021 Scholarship (SC&I)
Yoon, D. B. – Top Paper Award, Interpersonal Communication Division, Eastern Communication Association

Publications & Proceedings


Bontempo, A. C. (under review). The need for a standardized conceptual term to describe invalidation of patient symptoms. Journal of Health Psychology.


Dailey, S., Farris, K., & Austin, J. T. (under review) "Parties happen a lot less than what the movies say they do:" Expectancy violations of first-generation college students. Journal of First Generation Student Success


Lee, L. E., Greene, K., Venetis, M. K., Bontempo, A. C., Catona, D., Buckley de Meritens, A., Devine, K. A. (under review). "If I need your help, I'll include you in the conversation": Aligning and diverging perceptions in triadic cancer communication. Qualitative Health Research.


https://www.niemanlab.org/2020/12/black-americans-will-demand-more-from-journalism/


Senteio, C. R., & Ackerman, M. K. (under review). Count me out: Perceptions of black patients with kidney disease who are on dialysis but who are not on a transplant waitlist.


Wang, L. (under review). Race, social media news use, and political participation. Journal of Information Technology and Politics.


Conference Presentations


Austin, J.T. (2020, September). Andragogy Tactics for the Classroom. Presented at the African American Communication and Culture #ScholarStrike Conference, San Marcos, TX. (Virtual)


Avella, H. (2020, October). Biometric emotion tracking and the social organization of work. Paper presented at the Association of Internet Researchers #AoIR2020 Life. (Virtual)


Badiei, B. (2021, April). (Dis)Obedient bodies: How feminist activists uplift and suppress Iranian women’s voices. Presented at the Racialization and the Media Conference. (Virtual)

Badiei, B., & Popkova, A. (2021, May). Transnational familyhood in times of imposed separation: How the U.S.-based Iranian students use ICTs to enact relationships with their parents after the Travel Ban. To be presented at the International Communication Association (ICA) Conference. (Virtual)


Balaa, L. (2020, June). Coffeehouse on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Guest contribution at the SHARP in Focus. (Virtual)


Bontempo, A. C. (2021, May). “I was told my symptoms were all in my head”: Toward the conceptual development and typology of invalidation of patients’ somatic symptoms. Paper to be presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association (ICA). (Virtual)


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


Dailey, S., Farris, K., & Austin, J.T. (2020, November) “Parties happen a lot less than what the movies say they do:” Expectancy violations of first-generation college students. Presented at the National Communication Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN. (Virtual)

DuBoff, B. (2020, November). Character development in higher education and professional organizations: The influence of culture. Conducted at the 2020 international conference of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT), Jacksonville, FL. (Virtual)

DuBoff, B. (2020, November). First timer’s orientation. Conducted at the 2020 international conference of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology, Jacksonville, FL. (Virtual)

DuBoff, B. (2020, November). Using science fiction to motivate STEM interest using sci-fi-themed board games in third space. Conducted at the 2020 international conference of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology, Jacksonville, FL. (Virtual)


Fadem, S. (2020, April). Designing a sensemaking support system for high-risk medical decisions. Presented at the Information Architecture Conference, New Orleans, LA. (Virtual)

Fadem, S. (2020, June). Design for sense-making support. Presented at the Academy of Communication in Healthcare, Austin, TX. (Virtual)


Fadem, S. (2020, October). Designing a decision aid for patients considering bone marrow transplant. Presented at the Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group on Design of Communication (ACM-SIGDOC). (Virtual)


Ferrari, D. (2021, May). Looking forward to looking back: The biopolitical temporal affects of immediate memorialization in online activism. Accepted to be presented at Anti-Bodies Conference. (Virtual)


Hammad, O. (2020, August). North American Muslim satire on YouTube: Combatting or reinforcing stereotypes? Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference. (Virtual)


Kim, M., & Kwestel, M. (2021, May). The paradox between voice and engagement: Marginalized refugee voices in collective action organizations. To be presented virtually at International Communication Association Conference. (Virtual)

Kim, M., Kwestel, M., Quow, J., Youn, H, & Doerfel, M. L. (2020, November). Serving the vulnerable while being vulnerable: Organizing resilience in a social service sector. Presented at the National Communication Association, Indianapolis, Indiana. (Virtual)


Lee, L. E., Greene, K., Venetis, M. K., Bontempo, A. C., Catona, D., Buckley de Meritens, A., & Devine, K. A. (2021, April). “If I need your help, I'll include you in the conversation”: Aligning and diverging perceptions in triadic cancer communication. To be presented at the biannual meeting of the D.C. Health Communication Conference (DCHC), Fairfax, VA. (Virtual)


Montague, K. E., Brody, S., Gaiser, K., & Senteio, C. R. (2020). Adding to the public librarian’s toolbox: A guide to anticipate and respond to complex information needs. Presented at the ALISE Annual Conference. (Virtual)

Ortiz-Myers, M. (2020). Investigating the information practices of parents of transgender or gender non-conforming youth: Preliminary findings. Poster presented at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T). (Virtual)


Petre, C. & Weber, N. E. (2020). One of these things is like the others: What big tech platforms can learn from libraries, bookstores, and supermarkets. Presented at the Association of Internet Researchers Annual Conference. (Virtual)

Petre, C. & Weber, N. E. (2021). One of these things is like the others: What big tech platforms can learn from libraries, bookstores, and supermarkets. To be presented at the International Communication Association Conference, Media Industries Division. (Virtual)


Shirokov, A. (2021). "I read that ...": How patients use evidential markers to justify their diagnostic assertions and treatment requests. Submitted to the National Communication Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA. (Virtual)

Stainkamp, E. (2020, September). Century of the selfie: On the cultural history of narcissism as a social problem. Accepted to the Theorizing the Web Conference, Queens, NY. (Virtual)


Thelandersson, F. (2020, November). Monetizing the feeling rules of Neoliberalism: Instagram’s @MyTherapistSays and entrepreneurial relatability. Paper presented at the National Communication Association’s 106th Annual Convention in Indianapolis, IN. (Virtual)


Walters, A. (2020, August). Modern mourning: The violence and potentialities of public grief online. Accepted to the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) Convention. (Virtual)


Walters, A. (2021, June). "These parents, themselves, are using these children as pawns": The politicization of childhood at the U.S.-Mexico border. Accepted to the Cultural Studies Association (CSA) Convention. (Virtual)
Walters, A. (2021, May). *The trace of Black maternal grief: Theorizing the photojournalistic coverage of Black maternal grief through Michael Brown's mother.* Accepted for presentation at the International Communication Association (ICA) Convention. (Virtual)


Wang, K. (2021, April). *Observing immersion within twitch: A move from offline to online.* Submitted to Beyond Zoom: Promise and Reality of XR Conference.


Wang, L. (2021). *Endorsing COVID-19 misinformation: Effects of personal contact/celebrity, and social endorsement cues.* To be presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), New Orleans, LA. (Virtual)

Wang, L. (2021). *Pitfalls of neoliberal immigration uplift: The online generation of Chinese immigrants and their Silicon Valley Dream.* To be presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), New Orleans, LA. (Virtual)


