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Publications, Presentations, Grants, and Awards

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Honors, Awards, Scholarships, Fellowships and Grants

Armour, V. - Expert Panelist for the EDUCAUSE 2022 Teaching and Learning Horizon Report
Aromi, J. - Second place for top papers in the Graduate Student Interest Group
Aromi, J. - Rutgers University Center for Cultural Analysis - Graduate Fellow
Aromi, J. - Third place for best long paper
Austin, J. T. – Rutgers University Pre-Doctoral Leadership Academy Fellow
Avella, H. – Coordinator for Digital Ethnography Working Group
Bontempo, A. C. – SC&I Dissertation Grant
Broadbridge, E. – Presidential Fellowship, Rutgers University Graduate School – New Brunswick
Correia, J. D. – Consumer Health Information Specialist Certificate
Correia, J. D. – SC&I Fellowship
Correia, J. D. – SC&I Travel Grant
Duboff, B. - 2021 Reviewer, Educational Technology Research & Development (ETR&D)
Duboff, B. - Presenter, Start the Game Ahead: An AECT Conference Proposal Writing Workshop,
Duboff, B. - President, AECT Technology Integrated Learning Division, 2021-22
Hammad, O. - Institute for Citizens & Scholars, Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship 2021
Hammad, O. - Outstanding Doctoral Student in Media Studies, Department of Media Studies, 2021
Isaac, J. – Developed Gabata Menkeshkesh (a board game that adapts the Bun(a) coffee ceremony into a mancala format)
Isaac, J. – Developed Thank You For Your Time (an art history improv card game that teaches critical looking)
Iyer, S. - SC&I Travel Grant for Annual International Conference on Communication and Mass Media
Iyer, S. - SC&I Travel Grant for Asian Conference on Media, Communication & Film (MediAsia)
Iyer, S. - SC&I Travel Grant for New York State Communication Association Conference
Iyer, S. - SC&I Travel Grant for World Conference on Media and Mass Communication (MEDCOM 2022)
Iyer, S. - SC&I Travel Grant for World Research Summit for Tourism and Hospitality
Jones, H. E. – Top Paper, Interpersonal Communication Division, NCA
Kim, M. – Conference Travel Award – ICA 2021
Kim, M. – Conference Travel Award – NCA 2021
Kim, M. – Higher Education Grant, Rutgers University
Kim, M. – NCA Student Caucus Travel Grant, National Communication Association
Kim, M. – Research Funding, Rutgers University
Kim, M. – SC&I Dissertation Grant
McGowan, C. - Third place for best long paper
Mestre, J. - Rutgers Conference Funding and Travel Awards
Mestre, J. - Rutgers University Dean’s Fellowship
Mestre, J. - University of Alabama C&IS Best Thesis Award
Mestre, J. - University of Alabama SLIS Best Thesis Award
Ortiz-Myers, M. - Doctoral Student to ALISE Award – Winner (2021)
Ortiz-Myers, M. - Outstanding Continuing Student in LIS (SC&I)
Ortiz-Myers, M. - Outstanding TA in LIS (SC&I)
Park, J. - 2021 Dissertation Award (SC&I)
Park, J. - 2021 Doctoral Student Academic Advancement Support Fund (SC&I)
Park, J. - 2021 Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, U.S Department of Education
Park, J. - 2021 Travel Award (SC&I)
Park, J. - 2022 Tefko Award (SC&I)
Park, J. - 2022 Travel Award (SC&I)
Perry, Y. - Awarded Pamela Richards Memorial Scholarship (2021-2022)
Perry, Y. - Tefko Endowed Fund/Doctoral Student Support
Shirley, H. – Rutgers Global Health Institute Endurance Award
Walters, A. – Eagleton Graduate Fellowship
Wang, L. – Outstanding Interdisciplinary Student Award (SC&I)
Yoon, D. B. – Conference Travel Award for ICA 2022
Yoon, D. B. – Conference Travel Award for NCA 2021
Yoon, D. B. – SC&I Dissertation Grant
Yoon, D. B. – Top Paper, Interpersonal Communication Division, NCA
Zhan, K. – Rutgers Doctoral Student Academic Advancement Funding
Zhan, K. – SC&I Dissertation Grant
Publications & Proceedings


**Du, X.,** Yao, W., & Kim, S. (2021, September). *Lessons Learned from Supporting Low-income Older Adults to Use a Tablet PC in the Age of Digital Divide.* In Adjunct Publication of the 23rd International Conference on Mobile Human-Computer Interaction (pp. 1-5).


Eger, E. K., Pollard, E., Jones, H. E., & VanMeter, R. L. (under review). Creating and sustaining service industry relationships and families: Theorizing how personal workplace relationships both build community and perpetuate organizational violence. *Behavioral Sciences*


Isaac, J. (Accepted). The Persistence of Life and Play in xML Transcripts. *Qualitative Inquiry*.


representation, and resistance (under advanced contract with the Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press)


**Montague, K., Ackerman, M., Senteio, C. R.** (under review). “Louder for the people in the back:” Amplifying historically marginalized voices through qualitative research.

**Mosallaei, A., & Porpora, D.** (under review). Citizen videos vs. legacy media visual reports: How eyewitness imagery becomes a corrective. *Journalism Studies*

Park, J., & Singh, V. K. (under review). How background images impact online incivility


Weinstein, C. (revise and resubmit). Cannabis, media, and the marketplace: the problem with just saying yes to colorblind legalization narratives.


Weinstein, C. (under review). Spears vs. the patriarchy: contextualizing feminism through the lens of Framing Britney Spears.


Conference Presentations


Aromi, J. A. (2021, August). *Race on the debate stage: Senators Booker and Harris’s discussions of Blackness in Democratic Primary Debates*. Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) 104th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. (Virtual)

Aromi, J. A. (2021, July). *Community archives, counter narratives, and biased racial history: The Crown Heights and Los Angeles riots in the archive and beyond*. Presented at the SHARP conference, University of Muenster, Germany. (Virtual)


Avella, H. (2021, May). *Spotify, the will to archive, and the right to be forgotten*. Paper presented at the Cultural Studies Association. (Virtual)


Badiei, B. (2021, April). *(Dis)Obedient bodies: Hoe feminist activisms uplift and suppress Iranian women's voices*. Racialization and Media Conference, Oxford University. (Virtual)


Balaa, L. (2021, November - December). *Mobility and the hybrid nature of visual culture in the Middle East through the career of Emile Menhem.* In Y. Nachabe Taan (Chair), Knowledge Production and the Writing on Visual Culture in the Middle East from the 1950s to the late 1990s [Roundtable]. Presented at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 55th Annual Meeting. (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 presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association (ICA), Health Communication Division. (Virtual)

Bontempo, A. C. (2021, November). *Practicing patient-centered communication to enhance the patient experience for persons with endometriosis and pelvic pain.* Invited talk given at the monthly physician seminar for Pelvic Rehabilitation Medicine. (Virtual)


Chun, H., Kim, G., Lim, S., Moon, K., Jo, J., & Jung, S. (2021) *Redirecting the lower level KFL classroom towards multiliteracies and translanguaging.* Presented at the 26th American Association of Teachers of Korean Conference. (Virtual)

Correia, J. D. (2021, July). *“Nothing about us without us”: The case for user warrant in the ICD-11.* Presented at the North American Symposium on Knowledge Organization. (Virtual)


Correia, J. D. (Under Review). *What we mean and what we say: The juxtaposition of the language used in informed consent sheets for hormone replacement therapy for transgender patients and testosterone Cypionate Fact Sheets.* Submitted for presentation at DOCAM.


Costello, L., Radford, M. L., & Montague, K. E. (2022). “This is like herding cats, but now we are doing it virtually”: Challenges and opportunities in virtual reference services during COVID-19. To be presented at the ASIST 24-Hour Global Conference.


DuBoff, B. (2021, November). Engaging practitioners in AECT: A collaborative discussion across divisions. Presented at the 2021 international conference of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology, Chicago, IL.

DuBoff, B. (2021, November). P-12 research in a pandemic: All public schools closed. Presented at the 2021 international conference of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology, Chicago, IL.

DuBoff, B. (2021, November). The journey of the AECT mentoring program. Presented at the 2021 international conference of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology, Chicago, IL.

DuBoff, B. (2021, November). What does the future hold for us? Practitioners transitioning into the post-COVID era. Presented at the 2021 international conference of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology, Chicago, IL.


Kauer, T., & Austin, J. T. (2021, November). Relationship Mapping: Transforming or close relationships as roots, branches, and leaves. Presented at the National Communication Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.


Natarajan, N. (2022, April). The vernacular influencer: Case study of an indic challenger to Twitter. To be presented at the Social Media Influencers and the Political Economy of South Asia, Ann Arbor, MI.

Natarajan, N. (2022, August). Preparing for nonacademic careers after a PhD. To be presented at the AEJMC annual conference. Detroit, MI.

Natarajan, N. (2022, March). Understanding frictionless algorithms through homophily and correlation. To be presented at the AEJMC Mid Winter Conference. Norman, OK.

Natarajan, N. (2022, May). Understanding the rise of local language social network sites in India. To be presented during a pre-conference at the Annual ICA Conference. Paris, France.


Patterson, J., & **Bontempo, A. C.** (2022, November). Changing campus culture to facilitate undergraduate student mental health. Paper submitted to the annual conference of the National Communication Association (NCA), Undergraduate and College and University Section, New Orleans, LA.


Walters, A. (2021, June). ‘These parents, themselves, are using these children as pawns’: The Politicization of childhood at the U.S.-Mexico border. Presented at the Cultural Studies Association 2021 Convention. (Virtual)

Walters, A. (2021, October). *Childhood and youth studies caucus: Shaping and reshaping colonized, racialized, and criminalized childhoods*. Presented at the American Studies Association 2021 Convention. (Virtual)

Wang, L. (2022, July). *For who’s good? The big data Public Health Surveillance Project and data Colonialism in China*. To be presented at the 2022 conference of the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR). Beijing, China. (Virtual)

Wang, L. (2022, July). *Probing power asymmetries and regulatory approaches for the platformized public sphere*. Submitted to the 2022 annual meeting of the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR). Beijing, China. (Virtual)


Wang, L. (2022). *Beyond the right-wing: Exploring media bias shifts in COVID-19 racial charge discussions on Twitter*. Submitted to the 2022 annual meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Detroit, MI.


Weinstein, C. (2022, April). The emotional, political, and cultural contexts of television’s new moral stories. To be presented at the Pop Culture Association National Conference.

Weinstein, C. (2022, November). Spears vs. the patriarchy: Contextualizing feminism through the lens of Framing Britney Spears. Submitted to the 108th Annual Convention of the National Communication Association (NCA). New Orleans, LA.


