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Communication graduate students presented research at their annual Qualitative Research Poster Symposium.



Students achieved Garnet and Gold Scholar status.



CCI's webmaster, Roger Batlle, says goodbye to graduating media interns.



Members of CCI were celebrated at the annual Honors and Awards Reception.



Alumni recruited CCI students at the Spring CCI Career and Internship Fair.



Dean Dennis visited student and faculty projects at DIGITECH.



iSchool students were recognized for their achievements upon Spring graduation.



Students and faculty hosted the annual South Asian Media and Cultural Studies conference.



Alumnae presented about careers at Women in Leadership.



Students present social media campaigns to FSU Center for Leadership and Social Change.



Communication students presented research in FSU's Master's in 4 competition.



CCI Club Day exposed students across campus to groups like the Cybersecurity Club.



With a donation to FSU's Great Give, students had the chance to pie their favorite professors.



CCI's Student Leadership Council hosted a Spring Social featuring free snow cones.



Alumna Kathleen Daly ('82 B.S.) was inducted into FSU's Circle of Gold.

COLLEGE NEWS

BEST & BRIGHTEST AWARDED AT CCI HONORS RECOGNITION CEREMONY

CCI honored over 75 exceptional students, faculty, community partners, student organizations, and alumni at the College's annual Honors Recognition Ceremony and Reception on Friday, April 5, 2019. Family and friends of CCI community members traveled from near and far to gather in Miller Hall for a presentation of awards. The afternoon included recognizing the College's 2019 Distinguished Alumni selected by each of the three schools in the College. This year's Distinguished Alumni were Dr. Randolph T. Barker, Victoria Cruce, and Ilya Pozin.



CCI STUDENTS HONORED AT FSU'S ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

On April 9, FSU students, faculty, staff, and student organizations were honored at the University's annual Leadership Awards Night. **Kathleen Coffey** (Senior, Communication Science & Disorders) received an Academic Leadership Award, **Fabuola Pierre**, (Junior, Information, Communication, and Technology [ICT]) received the Student Seminole Award, **Elicia Smith**, (Senior, ICT) received the Sports Club Officer of the Year Award, and **Valeria Puchaicela**, (Senior, ICT) accepted the Artes Award for the student organization, Empowering Women Globally.

CCI STUDENTS NOMINATED FOR 2019 STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Ten CCI student employees were nominated for awards. Congratulations **Aleks Iricanin**, **Bethany Martin**, **Kaitlyn Bludau**, **Karen Duarte**, **Rhiannon Jacobson**, **Rienne Saludo**, **Samantha Rice**, **Sydney Gilmore-Duffey**, **Thomas Field** and **Zoe Zirlin**.



CCI STUDENTS PRESENT AT 2019 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Undergraduate Research Symposium is an annual showcase for undergraduate students from all majors to present their work to the wider FSU community. CCI students were among hundreds who presented their work and research on posters this year.



TEN GRAD STUDENTS NOMINATED FOR OUTSTANDING TA AWARDS

Ten CCI graduate students were nominated for FSU Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards. **Olivia Genito, Aleksandar Iricanin, Steven Pope,** and **Victoria Villanti** from the School of Communication, and **Bader Albahlal, Jeanna Cripe, Kristie Escobar, Seyedeh Neelufar Payrovnaziri, Nathaniel Ramos,** and **Sierra Whitfield** in the School of Information were up for the award presented on April 18, 2019. The awards are sponsored by the Graduate School, the Office of Research, and the Program for Instructional Excellence. Recipients and their departments were recognized in April.



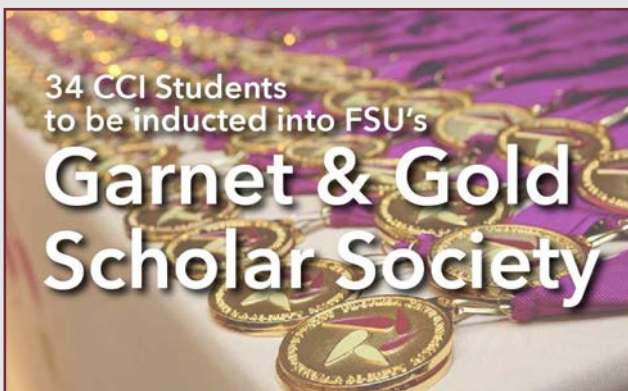
SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION GRADUATE QUALITATIVE RESEARCH POSTER SYMPOSIUM

On April 22, the School of Communication hosted the second annual Qualitative Research Poster Symposium. The goal of the event was to highlight fascinating research and work done by Communication graduate students. The event was headed by Symposium Chair, **Laura-Kate Huse**; Faculty Advisor, **Jessica Wendorf Muhamad**; and Planning Committee, **Nivia Escobar Salazar**. The winners were Top Poster Design: **Kayleigh Murdock**, Top Presenter: **Svitlana Jarosynski**, Second Place Award: **Daniella Horvath**, First Place Award: **Olivia Stacie-Ann C. Bravo**. **Dr. Proffitt, Dr. McDowell,** and **Dr. Chapa** were judges for the event.



ELEVEN STUDENTS SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS MAIP INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The American Association of Advertising Agencies (4As) selected 11 students from FSU's School of Communication and School of Information for their Multicultural Advertising Internship Program (MAIP). The Program works with advertising agencies across the country to place selected diverse applicants in open internship positions. The students are: **Ruth Carrion, Darilyn Cotton, Caleb Dawkins, Jasmine Farooq, Vanessa Foinquinos, Jazmine Francis-Nobrega, Andrea Guevara-Gresch, Joseph Ng, Jamie Parrish, Lauren Prince,** and **Maria Vasquez**.



CCI STUDENTS TO BE INDUCTED IN LARGEST GARNET & GOLD SCHOLAR SOCIETY CLASS

On the evening of April 25, 2019, the largest class of 313 students was inducted into FSU's Garnet and Gold Scholar Society., 10% being CCI students. The Garnet & Gold Scholar Society is a prestigious designation undergraduate students can earn upon graduating. Students submit a synthesis reflection project before graduating in order to be inducted, reflecting on their experience in three of five engagement areas: international experience, internship, leadership, research, and service. For a full list of recipients, visit our website at news.cci.fsu.edu.

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2019

By Ebrahim Randeree

The theme says it all: “Learn, Inspire, and Engage.” The recent Women in Leadership conference was designed to deliver on three goals: hosting workshops to “Learn” from industry experts, bringing together a distinguished panel to “Inspire,” and creating an environment to “Engage” with 25 mentors from various industries. For its sixth year, the March 7th event was timed to occur during Women’s History Month, first officially celebrated in 1987 by Congress after a series of movements dating back to 1911. With over 300 students, alumni, and community members in attendance, the conference was co-sponsored by FSU’s College of Communication and Information, the College of Business, the College of Social Work, and the Jim Moran School for Entrepreneurship.

LEARN

Workshops were designed based on feedback from the 2018 event to reflect the requests of audience members. This year, the 40-minute workshops focused on various topics led by industry experts. Topics included:

- Getting Involved with Advocacy
- Mapping Career Strategies
- Finding a Work-Life Balance
- Public Speaking Techniques/Tips
- Financial Planning 101
- Tech for All – Options for Women
- Civic Engagement
- Negotiations
- Engaging your Community Locally

INSPIRE

The main panel selected to inspire the audience included many women with a focus on public service and government.

- Kathleen Daly, Associate Vice President for University Relations, FSU
- Holly Raschein, State Representative – District 120, Florida

- Nina Ashenafi Richardson, Leon County Judge
- Kristin Dozier, Leon County Commissioner

ENGAGE



Student organizations and community groups were available for attendees to talk to and join. The goal was to encourage people to connect and engage in public service. Twenty-five mentors that reflected various industries also made themselves available to talk with and guide participants. Groups included:

- FAMU FSU Society of Women Engineers (SWE)
- Women in IT/ICT Sharing Experiences (WISE)
- CHAARG
- Women Wednesdays
- HerCampus FSU
- Women in Business (WIB)
- Women in Pre-Law Society (WIPS)
- Tallahassee Woman Magazine
- Girls on the Run (GOTR)
- The Children’s Campaign
- Ladies Learning to Lead (L3)
- Women in Technology International (WITI)
- The Oasis Center for Women & Girls
- Women 4 FSU
- Voices for Florida
- Junior League of Tallahassee

Visit our webpage, news.cci.fsu.edu for a full recap and video highlighting the conference.

WOMEN WHO INSPIRE



JENN TOPPER

Jenn Topper ('06 B.S. Studio Art, '07 M.A. Media and Communications Studies) works in Washington D.C. as the Communications Director for the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. The Reporters Committee provides pro bono legal representation to journalists and news organizations to protect their First Amendment freedoms. Many times, stories are published because the Reporters Committee was able to win.

BIANCA SPURLOCK

Bianca Spurlock has been selected as one of two participants sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) in the American Library Association's (ALA) 2019 Emerging Leaders program. Spurlock earned her Master of Library and Information Science from Florida State University in 2015, and is currently a school librarian at St. Catherine's School in Richmond, Virginia.



CHRISTIE KOONTZ

Christie Koontz ('90 Ph.D. Information Studies) is passionate about improving libraries and their ability to serve their communities. Through IFLA she travels almost once a year to different countries teaching marketing principles to librarians. "Marketing research identifies not only characteristics of actual customers but also potential customer markets," she says. From 1997 on, Dr. Koontz has taught marketing at Florida State to future library and information professionals.

SVITLANA JAROSZYNSKI

School of Communication doctoral student **Svitlana Jaroszynski** had her research paper "Defending the Right to Know: Foreign Agent Registration Act and Its Place in the System of Broadcast Media Regulation" accepted for the 2019 Broadcast Education Association (BEA) convention. At the convention, Jaroszynski's paper won first place in the debut paper category of the Law and Policy Division.



KELLY FARQUHARSON

Kelly Farquharson, Associate Professor for the School of Communication Science & Disorders and director of the Children's Literacy and Speech Sound (CLaSS) lab at Florida State University, has published two new research papers. As the director of the Children's Literacy and Speech Sound (CLaSS) lab, Dr. Farquharson studies the cognitive, linguistic, orthographic, and environmental factors that influence how children with speech and language disorders acquire literacy skills.

LINDSAY DURRENBERGER

Lindsay Durrenberger ('08 B.A. Communications) has been promoted to Executive Assistant for Blessed is She, a worldwide online Catholic women's ministry. Her day-to-day duties vary but generally includes social media management, website maintenance, customer service, small group coordination, and everything else that goes into working behind the scenes for a ministry.



SCSD FACULTY AND STAFF

The Communication and Early Childhood Research and Practice Center celebrated two publications. Assistant Director for CEC-RAP, **Mollie Romano**, and **Kelly Windsor** published "Increasing deictic gesture use to promote the language development of toddlers from high poverty backgrounds." Center Director **Juliann Woods** with **Ciera Lorio** published "Multicomponent professional development for educators in an Early Head Start: Explicit vocabulary instruction during interactive shared reading."

CCI ABROAD

NOLES GO TO NORMANDY

The FSU Marching Chiefs took a trip to the beaches of Normandy, France this summer to march in France's official parade marking the 75th anniversary of D-Day. The marching Chiefs were the only collegiate band to participate. While on the trip, the Chiefs got to stop in Paris where they dazzled crowds with the FSU fight song in front of the Eiffel Tower. CCI students **Libby Mullen** (Senior, Media/Communication Studies) and **Alexa Lowry** (Senior, Information, Communication, and Technology) worked with the CCI Communication Team to share exclusive behind-the-scenes content from the trip on CCI's Instagram page. To see more, visit [@fsu_cci](#) on Instagram and view the "International" story highlight.



View of the Eiffel Tower from Libby Mullen's spot in the band.



When not performing or in rehearsal, Alexa Lowry spent her time exploring the city.



The Normandy American Cemetery.



Libby Mullen (left) with friends celebrating the Chiefs' final performance in France.



On days off, the Chiefs had time to explore landmarks such as the Palace of Versailles.



Libby Mullen snapped a quick pic of her passport and uniform while packing.



While on the trip, the Chiefs stopped in the beautiful town of Bayeux.

STUDENT NEWS

MONICA MCSHAFFREY NOMINATED FOR HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Clocking in at 962 hours of community service during her college career, **Monica McShaffrey** was the CCI nominee for the Humanitarian of the Year award. She is a senior studying Public Relations who has been a part of Dance Marathon at FSU, The Moore Agency, and the Alpha Sigma Chapter of Delta Zeta Sorority. McShaffrey is completely humbled by the nomination. "The recognition for my service work showcases that all acts of service are important and significant. This is the achievement I am proudest of from my four years here," she says. Nominees were recognized at the Humanitarian Luncheon in March.



ZOE ZIRLIN RECEIVES UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

Advertising student **Zoe Zirlin** received a 2019 Scott and Ina McNichols Undergraduate Research Award for \$4,000. "I am incredibly honored and excited to have received a 2019 IDEA Grant," says Zirlin. "I am also thankful for Scott and Ina McNichols, two FSU Alumni who support undergraduate research every year." Zirlin will use the grant to travel to Washington, D.C this summer to scan artifacts from the United States Holocaust Memorial Archives. Zirlin will present her research at the President's Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence in October.



JOSEPH NG WINS DIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Advertising student **Joseph Ng** is the recipient of the American Advertising Federation (AAF) 4th District Diversity Achievement Award. "Although advertising is considered more progressive than other industries, there's still a lot of work to do, and I'm honored to be the first recipient of the Diversity Achievement Scholarship, awarded by the American Advertising Federation Fourth District," he says. Ng has participated in Dance Marathon at FSU, is an active member of the FSU Ad Club, Social Spear, and the Arrowhead Advertising Team, and works at the Center for Global Engagement.



COMM STUDENTS SHINE AT AP BROADCASTERS AWARDS

On April 13, four FSU students, three of which belong to the School of Communication, were recognized by the Associated Press Broadcasters Association for their outstanding reporting and broadcasting skills. Reporter **Sophia Hernandez** and editor **Celine Manning** received the "Best Light Feature I Long Format" award and editor **Andrew Salinero**, along with Sports Management major and reporter **Blake DeVine**, won "Best Sports Feature."





FLORIDA CLIMATE CHANGE COLLABORATION SHOWCASES STUDENT WORK

Students in the FSU School of Communication's Digital Media Production (DMP) program are participating in an initiative headed by **Dr. Andy Opel** that brings together over one hundred students

from across FSU. The project, Florida Climate Change Collaboration, presented a showcase of undergraduate students' work on Saturday, April 27, at 621 Gallery in Tallahassee. Students from **Dr. Katherine Dale's** social media advocacy campaigns course serves as social media consultants for the projects.



DOCTORAL STUDENT PRESENTS RESEARCH AT ECA ANNUAL CONVENTION

Chris Garcia traveled to Providence, Rhode Island, where he presented research at the Eastern Communication Association's Annual Convention. His paper, "Exploring Global Warming

Doubt: The Influence of 'Official Sources' on U.S. Climate Change News," examined over 100 front-page New York Times articles concerning climate change published between 2009 and 2013. The goal of the research was to determine the role of "official sources" on global warming discourse.



GRAD STUDENTS ARE FINALISTS FOR M4 COMPETITION

Steven Pope and **Mike Mitchell** were selected as finalists in the Master's in Four Competition which took place on April 4, 2019, in the FSU Student Life Building Auditorium hosted through The Graduate School at Florida State University.

Pope's research identifies the overlooked premises put forth in drawings by the Hibakusha: the survivors of the atomic bombing in Hiroshima. "This project is important for everyone looking to better understand the different ways victims of a traumatic event memorialize their experience," he explains. "I will admit, studying the Hibakusha's

illustrations was difficult at times considering the nature of their survival. However, if we ignore the experiences of those who have survived traumatic events, we in turn neglect to recognize the importance of their testimonial account."

Mitchell works on accelerating the adoption of new technologies with a focus on electric vehicles (EVs). "The transportation sector is the largest emitter of CO2 in the U.S., so one of the main ways we can help fight climate change is by transitioning to zero-emission EVs," Mitchell explains. "The goal of my research is to speed up this process by understanding how and why people switch to EVs."



FSU FORENSICS TEAM CONTINUING SUCCESS

The Forensics Team at Florida State University started 2019 continuing the success they had during the 2018 Fall semester. In January, the team attended and won two tournaments hosted by Southeastern University. The

first tournament was in the British Parliamentary style. The second tournament of the weekend was in the National Parliamentary Debate Association format. FSU was represented by **Mai Rubin**, **Josh Schulster**, **Kaitlyn Applegate**, and **Grace Findley**. Rubin and Schulster won both rounds for the school and Rubin won third place overall speaker.



STUDENTS & ALUMNI SHINE AT 5TH ANNUAL SAMCS CONFERENCE

The 5th South Asian Media and Cultural Studies conference was held on January 31-February 1, 2019 at FSU. This year's theme, "Cultural Disruptions: Media and Social Change in South Asia,"

focused on the reconfiguration of cultural, social, economic and political relationships in South Asia, in parallel with the epochal shift in the media and communication practices in the region. **Vaibhav Diwanji**, **Dr. Juliann Cortese**, **Dr. Katherine Dale**, **Asif Shaikh**, **Dr. Mariam Shaikh**, **Dr. Azmat Rasul**, and **Dr. Stephen McDowell** represented CCI at the event.

ALUMNI NEWS

DENISHIA SWORD: BUREAU CHIEF AT FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Denishia Sword graduated with her bachelor's in Communication in 2007 then went on to receive her master's in Integrated Marketing Management and Communication in 2008. She is now the Chief of Education, Advocacy and Research at the Florida Department of Financial Services. She is a co-founder of Pro-Tique, a professional clothing giveaway, as well as a current member of the Board of Directors for America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend in Tallahassee.



TY CORFIELD: SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS IN UNEXPECTED FIELD

With a degree in Digital Media Production, people may be surprised to find out that **Ty Corfield** is enrolled in ATP Flight School in Jacksonville, Florida to pursue his pilot's license. Although Corfield always knew travel would be a big part of his life, but how could his degree prepare Corfield for such a different field of work? According to him, it did quite a lot. Corfield says the classes offered by the College of Communication and Information "helped me to think critically and deliberately, and instilled in me the work ethic needed to navigate the field of aviation."



WILL WILSON: MAKING WAVES IN RESTAURANT TECH INDUSTRY

William R. Wilson V ('07 M.S. Marketing Communications) is the founder and CEO of the Captiveeyes Group in Tallahassee. He is also the acting President of Bloom Intelligence in St. Petersburg, Florida. Bloom Intelligence provides an enterprise WiFi marketing and customer intelligence hub to help multi-unit restaurateurs and retailers measure customer behavior at their locations and build large, clean databases with detailed customer profiles. Bloom Intelligence has grown internationally, and Wilson is considered a thought leader in big data, IOT, and integrated marketing.



JUAN GUARDIA MAKES IMPACT AS DEAN OF STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

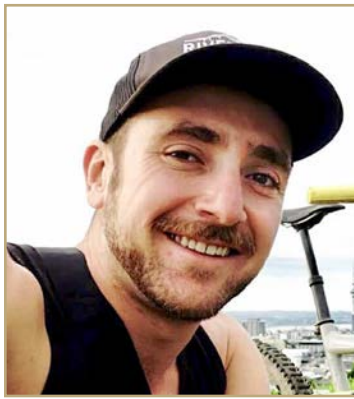
Juan Guardia ('97 B.A. Communications) is the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students for the University of Cincinnati. To read more, visit news.cci.fsu.edu.



DR. JOSEPH CLARK NAMED ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE FSU TESTING CENTER

Dr. Joseph Clark heads the Florida State University Testing Center. Dr. Clark guides the staff in pursuing new initiatives as part of improving ODL's assessment and testing services.





REMEMBERING Kevin Neidorf

Kevin Neidorf ('13 B.A. Digital Media Production) worked hard and played harder. His friends will remember him for his general zeal for life as well as his love of mountain biking and rock climbing. His co-workers will remember him for his creative video projects and artistic approach to anything that was put in his hands. His family will remember him for his passion for inspiring others to exceed beyond their expectations.

On Saturday, January 19, 2019, Kevin was whitewater kayaking on the Hood River in Oregon with a group from the local outdoor community called Next Adventure when his kayak rolled over in a Class II rapid. While his fellow kayakers attempted to revive him as paramedics arrived on the scene, he had taken in too much water and his body succumbed a number of hours later at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland. He was 28 years old.

Paula Neidorf, Kevin's mother, reflects on how he made people feel in addition to his personal accomplishments. "It wasn't just that he was talented and creative," says Paula. "But his passion for people, living, inspiring others to think beyond the limits, and do beyond the limits, that's what I want to highlight."

A Facebook page, Remembering Kevin Neidorf, has been created and allows friends and family to share memories and join together in their mourning while also celebrating Kevin's life. Kevin Neidorf's life and legacy will not end with his untimely passing. For those that knew him, his spirit will live on through the life he led that inspired others to reach their full potential. To make a gift to FSU's College of Communication & Information in memory of Kevin, visit spark.fsu.edu/Project/587.

REMEMBERING Ann Conn

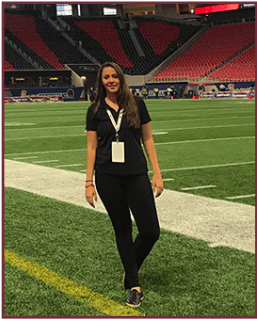
Ann M. Conn received a master's degree in Speech Communication from Florida State University, a bachelor's in English from FSU, and graduated from Leon High School in 1951. Although she passed away on December 14, 2018 at age 85, Ann Conn's legacy as a freethinker and artist will live on in the hearts of her loved ones.

According to those that knew her, Ann was a renaissance woman in her many interests which included nature, history, civics, social justice, archaeology, photography, playwriting, art, science, humanism, and the search for meaning.

For Conn's master's thesis, she decided to write a play. Nola Conn expresses her desire to come through on a promise she made to her late mother. "I promised her that I would produce it one day. It was produced once at the Unitarian Church of Tallahassee as part of her degree but had not been read again until very recently. I put together a cast and we had a reading of the play two weeks ago. Everyone loved it and we all agreed that it is timely, timeless and deep. It has the unusual name of 'Three Dog Day: the Hounds of Hell,' and is about a chance meeting between two historical people from different time periods, of different gender and race—Sojourner Truth meets Miguel de Servetus in a tobacco field in the 1960s. I have enlisted two professional actor/directors who have agreed to direct it as both a play and a film."

The College of Communication & Information extends their warmest sympathies to Ann Conn's family and friends and wish her loved ones peace during this difficult time.





ALESSANDRA LANE TAKES TALENT TO PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Alessandra Lane ('16 B.A. Digital Media Production) is a former producer for Seminole Productions and now works as a Content Producer for the Philadelphia Eagles. Lane produces all the in-stadium video

board content for home games. "My favorite part about my job is the opportunity to provide fans an entertaining experience during a game day. I love putting on a show and engaging fans through creative video, music, and other various sports broadcasting elements. We spend the entire offseason planning to make gameday the best experience for all fans," she explains.



HEATH WOODLIEF NOMINATED FOR SPORTS EMMY

The tennis documentary 'Strokes of Genius' produced by **Heath Woodlief** ('01 B.S. Media Production) has been nominated in the 40th Annual Sports Emmy Awards in the category of Outstanding Long

Sports Documentary. The 2018 documentary dives into the ongoing rivalry of tennis icons Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal during the 2008 championship at the All England Lawn Tennis Club, thought to be one of the greatest tennis matches of all time. Learn more about Heath Woodlief and how he got to be a producer for The Tennis Channel at news.cci.fsu.edu.

Honoring Local Legacy
Gerald Ensley
Journalist, Mentor, and Inspiration
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THE GERALD ENSLEY EMERGING JOURNALIST AWARD: HONORING LOCAL LEGACY

Famed columnist for the Tallahassee Democrat, **Gerald Ensley**, passed away February 16, 2018. On the one year anniversary of his death, Ensley's wife Sally Karioth, daughter Amanda Karioth Thompson, and son-in-law Sam Thompson launched the Gerald Ensley Emerging Journalist Award. The award is designed to continue his legacy by providing financial support for students in CCI. For now, one award of \$1,000 will be granted each year, but as the fund increases, so will the amount granted to students, explained Thompson. To contribute to The Gerald Ensley Emerging Journalist Award, visit one.fsu.edu.



SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL TO FEATURE WORK COMM ALUMNI

This year's Sundance Film Festival will feature an original documentary produced by students who participated in the "Fannie Lou Hamer's America" Young Filmmakers' Workshop, a component of a multimodal

project spearheaded by FSU School of Communication Professor **Davis W. Houck**. The Young Filmmakers' Workshop is part of this project, and during the summer of 2018, Mississippi Delta high school students participated in this five-week college level workshop taught by School of Communication alumni **Dr. Pablo Correa** and **Joseph Davenport**.



MADELEINE GOODHAND: FOUNDER OF IMAGINE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Madeleine Goodhand ('09 B.S. Communication) is originally from Helsinki, Finland and also lived in Beijing and Hong Kong before eventually making it FSU. Since graduation, Madeleine, along with her husband Glenn, have

gone on to found Imagine Music Festival in Atlanta, one of the nation's most anticipated musical events each year. Goodhand's degree has helped her navigate the festival scene she says. "A lot of class programs in advertising focused on pitches and presentations ... a lot of this industry is marketing, promotions and attracting people to your event."

SCHOOL NEWS



STUDENT RECEIVES NSSLHA SCHOLARSHIP

Karina Hernandez, a junior Speech Language Pathology student in FSU's School of Communication Science and Disorders, has been selected as one of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) undergraduate scholarship recipients.

"As the Junior Representative for the NSSLHA Florida State Chapter, receiving the undergrad scholarship from NSSLHA means the world to me," Karina said. "I already feel supported by amazing faculty and friends from the College of Communication and Information, and gaining this award makes me feel even more supported by an organization I am so passionate about. I hope to continue my journey as a clinician-to-be with this immense sense of excitement and I hope to be a source of support for other students who are interested in a career in Communication Science Disorders in the same way older students have been for me."

This competitive national scholarship is only awarded to ten sophomores and juniors across the country.

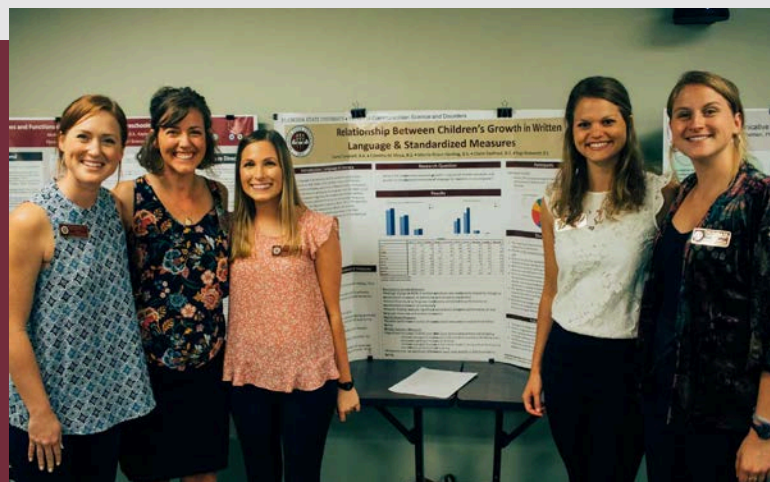
POWERFUL POSTERS: SCSD RESEARCH ROUNDS MINI-CONFERENCE

On Friday, April 12, the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) and the School of Communication Science and Disorders hosted the 2019 SCSD Research Rounds Mini-Conference. This event invited students, faculty, staff, community clinicians, and SCSD alumni to submit poster presentations of projects, methods, or studies they have been a part of that made a difference for people with communication disorders. The goal of the event was to share exciting work, increase visibility for new ideas, and foster communication between peers and colleagues.

The event was run by undergraduate student **Brianna Coltellino** and **Dr. Shannon Hall-Mills**, one of the co-advisors for NSSLHA. Coltellino, who had the chance to present her own research last semester, says, "It was so great to be able to hear some feedback from professionals in the field on how I can expand my research in the future."

This year, she felt honored to have the chance to help put on the event. "Seeing the hard work of students from all levels of our CSD program here at Florida State come to life was incredible... Between all of the brilliant presentations that were put on to all of the support from each person that attended the event, I'd say it was definitely a success," she says.

At the event, the chosen participants were asked to be present at their poster station for a 1.5-hour time block. For a full list of presentations, visit news.cci.fsu.edu.



STUDENT ACADEMY OF AUDIOLOGY PROVIDES HEALTHY HEARING SCREENINGS AT LOCAL EVENTS

FSU's Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) provided healthy hearing screenings at the Special Olympics Area Games in Tallahassee. SAA is for students pursuing careers in audiology that enjoy promoting healthy hearing awareness on campus and in the community.



ALUMNA CIERA LORIO PARTNERS WITH FACULTY TO PUBLISH EARLY CHILDHOOD RESEARCH

Ciera Lorio ('18 Ph.D. Communication Science and Disorders) partnered with professor and director of the Early Childhood Research and Practice Center at FSU, **Juliann Woods** to publish research in the December 2018 issue of *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*.



TEN STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO GARNET AND GOLD SCHOLAR SOCIETY

Each year, FSU recognizes students that have earned their way into the Garnet and Gold Scholar Society. To be accepted, students must display engagement in at least three out of five categories; International, Internship, Leadership, Service, or Research. CCI made up 10% of this past years class, FSU's largest so far at 313 total students. **Jenna Wolff, Amarachukwu Ezenwa, Fiona Mand, Courtney Otwell, Malia Hart, Emily Ng, Sarah Manning, Kathleen Coffey, Bailey Oliver, Kara Mase** represented the School of Communication Science and Disorders at this year's induction.



ALUMNI AND STUDENTS SHINE AT CCI HONORS RECOGNITION CEREMONY

The School of Communication Science and Disorders had several students and alumni recognized at the CCI Honors Recognition Ceremony. **Victoria Cruce** (M.S., CCC-SLP) was selcted as their Distinguished Alumna. Cruce is the National Director of Clinical Services for Halcyon Rehabilitation and is an ASHA-certified and State of Florida-licensed speech-language pathologist. The following students were recognized for earning Honors in the Major: **Amarachuk Ezenwa, Kathleen Coffey, Courtney Otwell, Shelby Lenk, Jenna Wolf, Cassidy Flechaus, Mallory Meuser, Harper Bolt, Ashley Archer, and Johanna Eugenio.** **Jessica Goldman** received the CCI Student Leadership Award for the School. **Kathleen Coffey** won the FSU Academic Leadership Undergraduate Student University Award. The CCI Leadership Awards went to **Kelsey Paulk** (graduate) and **Cara Sampson** (undergraduate). The following students received Outstanding Graduate Student Awards: **Mary "Claire" Wofford, Michelle Pickett, Ashley Cornwell, Jessica Gortsema, Jene Delgado, Kelly Eakins, Amber Mims, Melissa Banuelos, Natasha Quinonez, and Nikki Palenzuela.** The following students received Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards: **Mallory Meuser** and **Karina Hernandez.**



STUDENT NEWS

iSCHOOL CONTINUES K-12 OUTREACH

Students in the Spring 2019 IT Leadership class were busy engaging the future IT workforce of Florida through outreach programs at R. Frank Nims Middle School, Amos B. Godby High School, SAIL High School, and Gulf Breeze High School. Student participants included **Hayden Ariotti, Emily Astraw, Devin Cannata, Cristina Cuartero, Robel Daniel, Davud Dautbasic, Elie Emile, Gabriel Gomez, Thomas Haire, Rhiannon Jacobson, Bridget Kabacinski, Sayvion Mayfield, John Michel, Alex Moerschbacher, Reggi Nelson, Mikayla Owen, Ali Pearson, and Joey Rittenhouse.**



DOCTORAL CANDIDATE PRESENTED AT IEEE SOUTHEASTCON 2019

Florida State School of Information doctoral candidate, **Asif Shaikh**, presented his paper, "Informal IT and Routine Activity Theory – A Theoretical Review," at The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers annual IEEE Region 3 Technical, Professional, and Student Conference (IEEE SoutheastCon 2019).

The conference, which was held on Thursday, April 11 through Sunday, April 14, 2019, aimed to bring together computer scientists, electrical and computer engineering professionals, faculty, and students to share the latest information through technical sessions, tutorials, and exhibits, says the conference's website.

Shaikh's paper aligned with this mission as it sought to explore the dangers of using frequent informal technology (IT) in organizations. Shaikh proposed that utilizing routine activity theory (RAT) "is critical to understand the likelihood of insider threat as a consequence of IT."

STUDENTS ATTEND FIRST UNDERGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM AT iCONFERENCE

This year, iConference held its first Undergraduate Symposium on March 30 in Washington, D.C. **Rhiannon Jacobson** (Junior, ICT), **Bridget Kabacinski** (Senior, ICT), and **Karla Vazquez** (Senior, ICT), represented FSU's iSchool for the event. The conference gave them the opportunity to network with other students and professionals in their field. "I think it's a great opportunity for students to interact with their peers who are pursuing similar career paths and share what they've learned or what they want to know more about," says Jacobson. *Special thanks to the Joel and Cheryl Rosenfield Endowment.*



ALUMNI NEWS

MELISSA CARLTON: COMPUTER SCIENCE PROFESSOR

Melissa Carlton graduated from the School of Information in 2008 with a master's degree in Library and Information Studies and has recently accepted a position as Assistant Professor in Computer Science at Houston Baptist University College of Engineering in Houston, Texas. As an assistant professor at Houston Baptist, Carlton focuses on project-based hands-on learning as well as teaching her students to protect, defend, and provide security. "My education laid the foundation and stepping stones for realizing what I could become" says Carlton, "The best part of my job is those I get to share my classroom with: my students."



DANIEL PHELPS: PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF CARNEGIE MELLON'S INFORMATION SYSTEMS PROGRAM IN QATAR

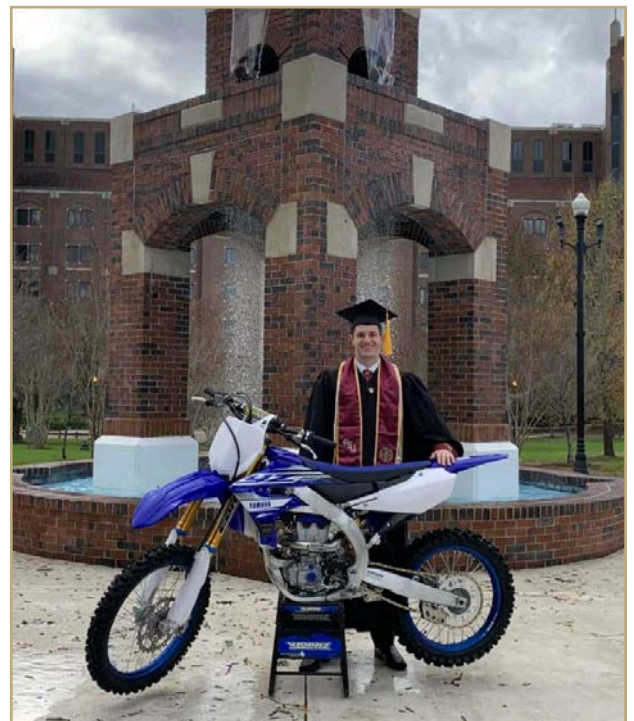
In 2007, **Daniel Phelps** ('98 M.S. Information Studies, '05 Ph.D. Information) moved to Doha, Qatar as part of a two-year contract with SEI/CERT, a Federally Funded Research and Development Center administered by Carnegie Mellon University (CMU). While he was there, CMU developed the Information Systems Program at the Qatar campus, which Phelps began heading as Program Director in 2015. CMU's campus, located in Qatar's City of Education, presents the unique opportunity to connect with faculty and students from over seven national campuses.



JOSHUA CARTWRIGHT: PROFESSIONAL SUPERCROSS RACER

Joshua Cartwright ('18 B.S. Information Technology) was gifted a motorcycle at the age of three by his parents, but they never would have dreamed he would one day race Motocross and Supercross professionally. Even though he knew he wanted to be a professional racer, Cartwright was still dedicated to his studies and determined to get his degree in Information Technology from the School of Information. Balancing his classes and a hectic practice schedule took time and effort for Cartwright to master. Luckily, he was able to stay focused on the reason he went to college in the first place. "Some people lose sight of why they are in college and they get caught up in the party scene of it all," Cartwright says. "It is always good to have fun, but have your priorities straight with your studies before the weekend party plans."

While Cartwright knows what he wants to do now that he's graduated, he still has a few encouraging words for students trying to figure out what career they would like to pursue. "In today's world, there is a job for everything and college is a great place to find that opportunity," says Cartwright. "It will give you many options to try and many ways to see what best suits you."



KERI KEENE: NEW MEMBER OF FINE ARTS GALLERY

Keri Keene ('07 Minor in I.T.) is the newest member of the Village Arts Framing & Gallery in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Her beautiful pieces, inspired by the history of 'Old Florida' can be found at keenelaneco.com.



PLATO SMITH: RECIPIENT OF GREYNET AWARD

Plato Smith ('14 Ph.D. Information) is the recipient of the 2019 GreyNet Award. This award from GreyNet International seeks to acknowledge outstanding achievements in the field of grey literature.



BRANDON TIRADO: STARTING NEW JOB WITH RELIAQUEST

Scoring a job in your dream field after graduation sounds too good to be true, right? For recent iSchool graduate **Brandon Tirado** this is a reality. Tirado will start as a Cyber Security Analyst for ReliaQuest this July in Tampa, Florida. He will be responsible for providing analysis and investigation of security-related data, will participate in cybersecurity vulnerabilities, and will provide Incident Response support. Tirado is eager to begin his new position where he can apply the skills he's learned in class to real-life situations.



CHELSEA EAGLE: SENIOR MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS AT WALT DISNEY WORLD

In March, **Chelsea Eagle** ('13 B.S. Information, Communication, and Technology) started a new position as a senior manager of communications at Walt Disney World. Here, Eagle leads a team that partners with stakeholders to "develop and implement communication that both supports the company's business objectives and engages internal and external audiences," she says. The fast-paced environment keeps Eagle on her feet. "No two days are the same, and it really requires me to bring my 'A' game to work with me every day," she says explaining her passion for her work.



JOSEPH FERRIS RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Joseph Ferris ('04 B.S. Information Studies), a former iSchool adjunct professor and Lead Security Architect at AT&T, received the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) in honor of his volunteerism in the local Tallahassee community. "Coaching and mentoring are my way to give back to the community and honor the people who had a positive impact on me and my family over the years," Ferris says. "I believe the way to a better future is to give back, inspire and help others."



ABIGAIL GOEHRING PROMOTED AT BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Abigail Goehring ('15 M.S. Information) was recently promoted to Librarian 2 at Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio. Battelle is one of the world's largest non-profit independent research institutions.



PATRIC HOLLY: ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD COORDINATOR

Patric Holly ('11 B.S. IT) is the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Coordinator at Aledade, Inc. in Bethesda, Maryland. He is responsible for assisting EHR interface and data transfer and maximizing optimization.



NATALIE WOODS RECEIVED HONOR FROM KENTUCKY SENATE

Natalie Woods ('14 M.S. Information) was recognized by the Senate of Kentucky for her extraordinary work with Louisville's Beecher Terrace Community. The government housing community was scheduled to be redeveloped, displacing over 700 residents. Woods was assigned as a consultant to the project on behalf of the Louisville Free Public Library where she works as a manager. Woods has created several programs that benefit both the historical library and the community it serves.



TREMAINE GRANT: CO-FOUNDER OF BULK FITNESS APP

Tremaine Grant ('13 B.S. Information Technology) is the co-founder of BULK, a fitness app designed for gaining healthy weight and building muscle through customized workout and meal plans. The app boasts 31,000+ users across 140 countries and accesses a unique niche in the health community. "This is the total opposite of what the majority of the fitness market caters to," Grant explains. The app offers each user a personalized experience based on their weight objectives and ultimate body goals. After four years, Grant's dedication and enthusiasm for his work keeps him pushing forward.



KATHLEEN MOELLER-PEIFFER: CANDIDATE FOR AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

FSU CCI Leadership Board member **Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer** ('78 M.S. Library Science) is a candidate for the American Library Association (ALA) Council. The ALA is the oldest and largest library association in the world. "It has long been a dream of mine to be a member of ALA Council," says Kathleen. "The opportunity to influence the direction of ALA, as well as to weigh in on matters of social importance to the association and its members, would be the professional experience of a lifetime for me." Kathleen currently works as Deputy State Librarian for Library Support Services at the New Jersey State Library.



WADE BISHOP NAMED BELMONT FORUM HUMAN DIMENSIONS CHAMPION

Wade Bishop ('10 Ph.D. Library & Information Studies) Associate Professor for the School of Information Sciences at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, has been named the 2018-19 Human Dimensions Champion for Belmont Forum e-Infrastructures & Data Management. The Belmont Forum is an international partnership of 25 national science-funding agencies and science councils across the world that supports global environmental change research.



BRANDON KNEELD BRINGS MAGIC TO CENTRAL FLORIDA

Brandon Kneeld ('09 B.S. IT) works as a Senior Platform Engineer at Disney Parks, Experiences, and Products (DPEP) and is a City Commissioner for the City of Davenport. At Disney, Kneeld's time is divided between engineering new experiences and supporting operations by problem-solving unique issues. As City Commissioner, Kneeld gets to help create a long-term vision for the City of Davenport alongside four other Commissioners. On top of a busy career, Kneeld and his husband are celebrating the adoption of their first child.



SCHOOL NEWS



ONLINE MSIT PROGRAM RANKED #7 AMONG PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

FSU's online Master of Science in Information Technology (MSIT) program is ranked No. 7 among public universities for the second year in a row, according to the latest rankings from U.S. News & World Report's 2019 Best Online Programs.

The MSIT program explores areas of information architecture, information quality assurance, usability, IT governance, information systems management, IT project management, user experience design, IT documentation/technical writing and communication, distributed information systems, data management and mobile information systems. Providing expertise in information technology, individual and organizational behavior, and information management, this degree provides expertise to develop IT skills.

iSCHOOL CYBER PROFESSIONALES RECEIVES PROJECT FUNDING

On April 15, 2019, the iSchool was awarded a grant totaling \$37,861.00 by the Student Technology Fee Advisory Committee. As a result of this grant, students enrolled in Information Technology programs at the bachelor and master levels at the School of Information will have sufficient computing/processing power for remote and secure access to cloud-based lab exercises. ProfessioNOLES is a brand that School of Information Associate Professor, **Dr. Shuyuan Mary Ho**, is building for FSU graduates that have taken cybersecurity classes. This grant will help build that brand.



STARS ALLIANCE BOOSTS WOMEN & MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN IT

Dean of CCI, **Dr. Larry Dennis**, spoke to Florida Trend earlier this year about expanding the appeal of IT to women and minorities. These groups made up 15% of students in FSU's IT programs ten years ago—that number has grown to 50%.

Initiatives of FSU's STARS Alliance have had a massive impact on this success, Dean Dennis says. The mission of STARS (Students and Technology in Academia, Research, and Service) is to increase participation of women, minorities, and persons with disabilities in IT and computing disciplines through a variety of projects and programs.