

Communication Kudos

August & September 2019

AWARDS/HONORS/APPOINTMENTS:

Dr. Terri Hernandez won a Lantern Award from the Southern Public Relations Federation (SPRF) on Oct. 1 for the creation of PRISM and its operation manual. All entries were judged by senior PRSA professionals in Chicago, and her entry was scored in the top 10 percent.

Dr. Terry Likes was named as an “award of excellence” recipient in the World Journalism Education Congress. The honor is for his report on, “Fake News Blues: A Credibility Crisis for Journalism. The impact of fake news allegations on media organizations and audience trust.” The report aired earlier this year on the Tennessee Radio Network. For more information visit the [WJEC website](#).

Dr. Melanie Loehwing was awarded the 2019 Diamond Anniversary Book Award from the National Communication Association for her recently published book, *Homeless Advocacy and the Rhetorical Construction of the Civic Home* (Penn State University Press, 2018). Additional details about the book and the award are available from OPA: <https://www.msstate.edu/newsroom/article/2019/09/msu-faculty-members-research-homelessness-wins-national-book-award>

Dr. Melanie Loehwing has been invited to give the Distinguished Alumni Lecture for the Department of English at Indiana University. She will travel to Bloomington to give the lecture on October 24.

Dr. Tyler Page won a National Communication Association Public Relations Division Top Paper Award in the Open Competition. The award is for a paper entitled *The Power of Pre-existing Relationships: Situational Crisis Communication Theory and the Revised Model of Reputation Repair* on which Dr. Page is the first author. The award will be given in November at the National Communication Association Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD.

Wendy Roussin, MFA, had three individual images selected from the *Badlands* series for the 13th Julia Margaret Cameron Award Exhibition. The images will be showcased October 7-26, 2019, at the Fotonostrom Gallery in Barcelona, Spain. Roussin was awarded Honorable Mention in the category of Landscapes & Seascapes, & Professional. The exhibition is an International Juried (peer-reviewed) exhibition. Roussin's Juror was Elizabeth Biondi (<https://www.thegalaawards.com/elisabeth-biondi-juror>). For more information and a full list of awards, please visit <https://www.thegalaawards.com/results-13th-jmca-pro-2>.

BOOKS PUBLISHED:

Foreman, Josh & Starrett, Ryan (2019) *Hidden History of the Mississippi Sound*. Charleston, SC: The History Press.

PANELIST:

Mr. Josh Foreman participated in the “All About Mississippi” panel at the 2019 Mississippi Book Festival in August. Prize-winning cartoonist Marshall Ramsey moderated the panel. Mr. Foreman discussed Mississippi history with Mr. Ramsey and three other panelists – Dr. Luke Lampton, Ms. Janice Branch Tracy, and Dr. Kate Stewart. Around 250 people attended the panel discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Terri Hernandez recently received notification that the PRISM course has officially been approved as a community-engaged designated course. This adds to our community-engaged Carnegie classification and the university’s tri-fold mission of service, research, and teaching based on community-engagement.

Dr. Holli Seitz, an assistant professor in the Department of Communication and director of The Message Laboratory at the Social Science Research Center, was certified as a Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor by the National Council for Behavioral Health.

VISITORS:

Dr. Holli Seitz recently hosted collaborators from the University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Center and Research Institute. The Cancer Center and Research Institute director, associate director, and associate director of research toured her lab and discussed opportunities for research partnerships.

NEW PROJECTS:

Dr. Melanie Loehwing received \$2000 in funding from the ORED Undergraduate Research Program to support five undergraduate students working on her project, “Testing Mindfulness Interventions on Group Deliberation Practices.” Among the students funded for the 2019-2020 academic year is CO major Randa Byars.

Dr. Melanie Loehwing is partnering with the Holmes Cultural Diversity Center to host a monthly dialogue facilitation series for MSU students called “Foster & Facilitate.” The first session took place on September 24. The series aims to train students in the communicative skills needed to productively discuss issues of common concern. Dr. Loehwing will co-host the monthly sessions with Dr. Brian Shoup of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration.

Dr. Holli Seitz and her collaborator Dr. Quisto Settle (Oklahoma State University) were awarded an Innovation in Teaching award from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. This award will fund science communication research and the development of a science communication learning experience for undergraduate students.

PRESENTATIONS:

Parrish, A. & **Seitz, H. H.** (2019, August). Effects of body-positive marketing on brand success. Poster presented at Mississippi State University Undergraduate Research Symposium, Mississippi State, MS. (Presented by A. Parrish, 2nd place Social Science Division.)

PRESENTATIONS, continued:

As part of the PReventing Opioid Misuse In the SouthEast (PROMISE 2.0) Initiative, led by Dr. David Buys, **Dr. Holli Seitz** conducted Mental Health First Aid training for the following groups:

- MSU Extension Agents and MSU Student Affairs personnel and a Youth Mental Health First Aid training session with staff at Sally Kate Winters Family Services
- Faculty and staff at East Mississippi Community College

ARTICLES PUBLISHED:

Sherman-Morris, K., **Poe, P. S.**, Nunley, C., and Morris, J. A. (Forthcoming, expected January 2020). Perceived risk, protective actions and the parasocial relationship with the local weathercaster: A case study of Hurricane Irma. *Southeastern Geographer*.

Smith, Pete (May 2019). "Raising Unshirted Hell": The Journalism of Norma Fields, State Capitol Correspondent for the Northeast (MS) Daily Journal, *Journalism History*, 45 (2), 114-134.

**This recently published article was accepted to the official publication of the Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (AEJMC's) History Division. Also, the article is part of a book manuscript Dr. Smith is writing on women journalists who covered the Mississippi state capitol beat from the late 1960s to early 1990s (Manuscript due to Lexington Books: May 2020.).