

## 2015 AEJMC Conference Recap

The Graduate Student Interest Group (GSIG) continued to grow at the 2015 AEJMC Conference in San Francisco. Relationships with other divisions are key to GSIG success at the annual conference. We sponsored three panels with the Media Management and Economics Division, History Division, and the Communication Theory and Methodology Division. We filled one poster and three presentation spots. We showcased 27 papers at the conference and gave two awards to student papers.

Congratulations to our award winners! See our call for papers below for information on submitting for these awards in Minneapolis.

Jieun Chung, University of Florida, received the Guido Stempel Award for her paper titled, "A Qualitative Framing Analysis of HPV Vaccine Coverage in U.S. Newspapers." This annual award is given to the top-ranked paper submitted to GSIG and comes with a cash prize, award plaque, and conference registration.



*Outgoing Head Amanda Weed (left) presents Jieun Chung (right) with the Guido Stempel Award.*

Davi Kallman, Washington State University, received the Carson B. Wagner Award for her poster titled, "Access Denied: Consequences of Able-bodied Students Communication Apprehension."

This annual award is given to the best student post-er presentation in the GSIG scholar-to-scholar session and comes with a cash prize and certificate.

GSIG currently has 57 members and is in a good financial position for 2016. We would like to grow our membership to 70 next year. More members mean more resources and more activities tailored to graduate students at the AEJMC conference.

Our goals for next year are to increase membership and provide more sessions focused on graduate student needs at the 2016 AEJMC Conference in Minneapolis, MN. We encourage you to start planning your conference and to submit a paper to GSIG.

Thank you to all of our reviewers and outgoing officers. The new officer team is committed to growing GSIG and making 2016 our best year yet.

*-The 2015-2016 Officer Team*

## Get Involved with GSIG

GSIG is looking to expand membership and we need your help. We would like to establish relationships with other AEJMC divisions and graduate programs.

Partnerships with other AEJMC divisions are vital to keeping graduate student interests represented in the organization. We would like to establish liaisons with other groups so that we can partner for panels and help other groups access graduate students.

If you are a member of another AEJMC division that you think would like to support graduate students, please contact Membership Chair Stephanie Miles ([stephanie-miles@uiowa.edu](mailto:stephanie-miles@uiowa.edu)).

## 2016 GSIG Call for Papers

The Graduate Student Interest Group (GSIG) invites graduate students to submit research papers for the 2016 AEJMC annual convention in Minneapolis. GSIG is dedicated to providing opportunities for graduate students to present research in the conference setting. Author(s) may be at any point in their graduate education, from Master's through Ph.D.

GSIG accepts research from a variety of theoretical and methodological perspectives that address any topic in journalism, media, or mass communication. The top-ranked submission will receive the annual **Guido Stempel Award** and will receive a cash prize, award plaque, and conference registration reimbursement for the lead author. Authors of the top four papers will have the opportunity to present at a special GSIG-sponsored research panel highlighting graduate student research. In addition, the top student poster will receive the **Carson B Wagner Award**, which includes a cash prize and award certificate. To be considered for GSIG awards, author(s) must be graduate students at the time of submission.

Authors are not required to be a member of GSIG to submit a paper, but authors of accepted papers must be members before presenting their research at the convention in August. Our membership fee is one of the most affordable of all AEJMC divisions and interest groups at \$7 per year.

Papers should be submitted to the AEJMC site in Word, WordPerfect or PDF format (PDF preferred). An abstract of 75 words should also be uploaded at the time of submission. Papers should be no more than 25 pages, not counting references, tables or appendices. Authors should use Times New Roman in 12-point font, with 1-inch margins, double-spaced and in APA style. According to AEJMC submissions guidelines, the manuscript title should be printed on the title page, the first page of the text, and on running heads on each page of text. Do NOT include author's name anywhere in the document. **Papers uploaded with author's identifying information displayed WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR REVIEW AND WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE COMPETITION.** Please refer to the AEJMC uniform paper call for more information.

All submissions will undergo a blind review process by a panel of independent reviewers. Papers are accepted on the understanding that they have not been previously published or presented elsewhere (with the exception of the AEJMC Midwinter Conference) and are not under consideration by any scholarly journal or trade organization. Only one paper per primary author will be accepted.

Questions regarding submission should be directed to GSIG Research Chair Nicholas Hirshon (nickhirshon@gmail.com).

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