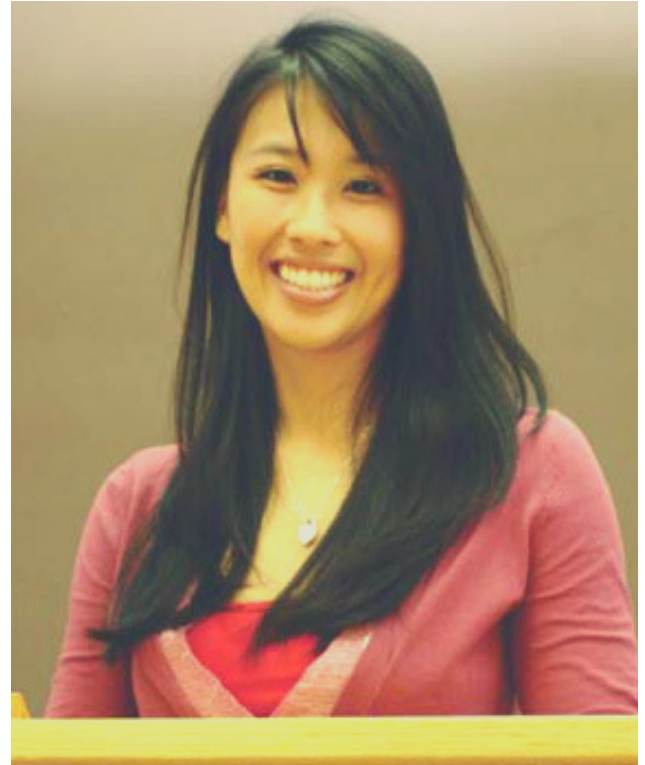


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# WORD ON THE STREET

*The Department of Communication's Monthly Newsletter*



## Faculty Receive Honors & Awards

**Juanita Anderson** has been named the Murray E. Jackson University Creative Scholar in the Arts for 2019-2020!

In addition to this honor, the Eclipse Board of Governors awarded the Hyperion Award to Juanita for her outstanding commitment to the Michigan Content Creator Community.

**You can view the video here:**  
<https://theeclipseaward.com/index.html>

**Stephanie Tong** has been awarded a Career Development Chair from the Office of the President of WSU for the 2019-2020 Academic Year.

Dr. Tong is the first in the department and one of the first in the college. In addition, she was also named Area Head for Communication Studies for the 2019-2020 year!

# Faculty Updates



**Elizabeth Stoycheff** and **Rahul Mitra** received notice that they have earned Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor!

Dr. Stoycheff stated, *"I've been so fortunate to be surrounded by so many talented and supportive colleagues. Thank you to you all. Looking forward to serving the department as an Associate Professor!"*

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**Michael Fuhlhage** is presenting two papers associated with his forthcoming book "Yankee Reporters and Southern Secrets."

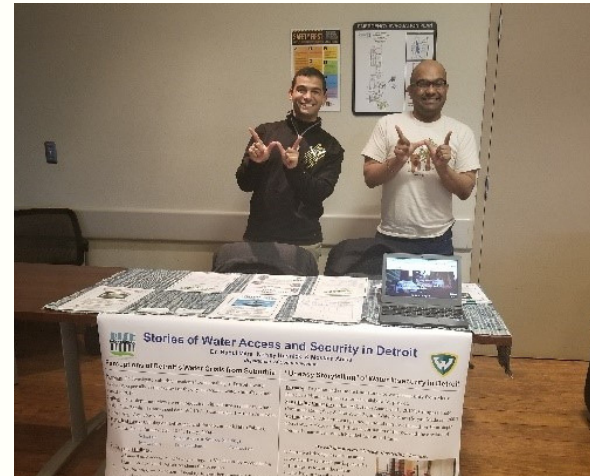
The first, "Journalists and the Legibility of the Secession Movement, 1860-61," will be at the ICA preconference "The Long History of Surveillance" on May 24 in Washington, D.C. The second, "The Press as a Source of Diplomatic Intelligence in the American Civil War," will be presented at the Transnational Journalism History Conference at the University of Groningen, in the Netherlands, June 20-21.

His production editor says anticipates publication in June at the latest. Michael also wants to "send a shout-out to everyone who has helped me while my broken wrist recovers? I'm very thankful to have such great, caring colleagues!"

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# Faculty/ Student Updates

On March 22 (World Water Day) the RISE Lab "Detroit Water Stories" team (**Dr. Rahul Mitra, Kelly Donnellan, Mostafa Aniss, Kelsey Husnick, and Jacinda Gant**) were out in full force at the Wright Museum. They collected video footage, hosted an information table about their project, recruited participants, and facilitated an educational workshop. **You can check out the whole story here:** <https://today.wayne.edu/news/2019/03/20/researchers-grad-students-celebrate-world-water-day-30346>



A big shout out goes to **Susan Palazzolo and Kelly Gottesman** for their wonderful work on STEM Day (Tuesday, March 12) where they introduced middle school students who visited campus during Spring Break to the green screen!

**Stine Eckert** (with **Jade Metzger**), **Rosie Jahng** and **Elizabeth Stoycheff** (with **Maria Clara Martucci**), and **Kelly Donnellan** and **Rahul Mitra** (with **Kelsey Husnick**) have received Department of Communication Summer Doctoral Research support!

## RUMOR HAS IT...

That children of full-time employees can have FREE tuition. This is TRUE! Here are the conditions: If you are a full-time employee at WSU and your child has a high school GPA of 3.5 (or higher) and a 24+ ACT (or SAT equivalent), your child can come to WSU tuition-free. If your student is currently at another institution, the student can transfer to WSU if they have a 3.0 in their transferable coursework and meet the above high school criteria. Only good for a first Bachelor's degree. The employee 50% discount is still in effect. Born to be a Warrior is a pilot scholarship. If the child is accepted and the employee then takes a job at another institution the child can remain with the scholarship.

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# Student Updates



Doctoral student **Carrie Leach**, spends her time fosters interactions between environmental health scientists, community members, and decision makers so that science is communicated and disseminated in a useful way. Her most recent CURES Community Advisory Board meeting resulted in Senator Stabenow coming to visit WSU, where she met a few of the researchers and toured the CURES zebrafish lab.



The National Black Public Relations Society (Detroit Chapter) honored doctoral student **Erin Perry** as "a pioneer in the media and public relations fields" at the organization's signature event---"Women in Media and PR" on March 26 at Tech Town in Detroit. Learn more about that here:

<https://www.facebook.com/NBPRSDET/photos/rpp.152802728154342/1796177330483532/?type=3&theater>



Doctoral student **Ariel Seay** has been awarded a Harriet Kanter Award for Student Development!



Doctoral student **Ashleigh Day** received a Top Student Paper award at the International Crisis and Risk Communication conference!

## Arrivals & Passings



**Megg Jacobs**, an adjunct faculty member gave birth to her first baby girl-- Welcome to the world Tabitha Elaine Sheko! Tabbitha weighed 9lbs and was 21 inches of cuteness!



Our thoughts continue to go out **Julie Novak** and her family as they cope with the loss of their Mother, **Audrey Mae Novak**. The link to her obituary is here:  
<https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/Audrey-Novak/>



We are thinking of **Charlyce Jackson** and her family as they cope with the loss of their Grandmother. The link to her obituary is here:  
<https://www.clorafuneralhome.com/obituaries/Dianne-Barnes-2/>



It is with a heavy heart that we say **Saku Jawara Floyd**, our trusted IT protégé that worked directly under Chris G. and Gary S. within CFPCA's IT Division, lost his battle with depression on March 14th 2019. The memory page on the funeral homes' website is still open to the public and his obituary is also still visible, (<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Saku-Floyd/#!/Obituary>) therefore please feel free to post a memory and offer words of comfort to his family.

# Forensics & Debate Updates

Here's a complete breakdown of the amazing Wayne State performance at this year's National Speech Championship at Oakland University, March 22-24.

Communication Analysis:

**Shannon Flory** - Champion

**Alex Azzopardi** - Semifinalist

Dramatic Interpretation:

**Spencer Haisha** - Semifinalist

Duo Interpretation:

**Shannon Flory/Miranda Sadiak** - Semifinalists

**John Burklow/Spencer Haisha** - Semifinalists

Extemporaneous speaking:

**Alex Azzopardi** - 6th place

**John Burklow** - Semifinalist

Impromptu speaking:

**Alex Azzopardi** - Champion

**Andrew Li** - 6th place

After dinner speaking:

**Shannon Flory** - Champion

Informative speaking:

**John Burklow** - Quarterfinalist

**Shannon Flory** - Quarterfinalist

Persuasion:

**Alex Azzopardi** - 6th place

Poetry:

**Shannon Flory** - Quarterfinalist

Program oral interpretation:

**Spencer Haisha** - 5th place

**Shannon Flory** - Quarterfinalist

Prose:

**John Burklow** - Semifinalist

**Shannon Flory** - Quarterfinalist

Team awards:

1st place, graduate-coached program sweepstakes

4th place, overall team sweepstakes



The IE team at AFA national individual events tournament @ the University of Alabama:

Congrats to Shannon Flory for reaching semifinals in communication analysis!  
Great performance, Shannon!

As a squad, the team finished 18th in sweepstakes, topping our program-first top 20 appearance from last season! That speaks to the incredible quality of our limited number of entries! Great job, team!