

Faculty Kudos-Weeks of May 4 and May 11, 2015

Jeannine Relly and **Celeste González de Bustamante's** paper titled "Transnational and domestic networks and institutional change: A study investigating the collective action response to violence against journalists in Mexico" was accepted for a panel presentation at the AEJMC conference in San Francisco on Aug. 8 in the Cultural and Critical Studies Division.

Student Kudos

Graduate student **Britain Eakin**, who is graduating with a dual master's degree in journalism and Middle East and North African Studies, had her research paper accepted for the AEJMC conference in San Francisco. The paper, which is titled "Permission to Narrate? Palestinian Perspectives in U.S. Media Coverage of Operation Cast Lead," was accepted in the International Communication Division. The paper is from her thesis research. Jeannine Relly and Maha Nassar were co-chairs of her committee. Leila Hudson was the third committee member.

Undergraduate and graduate students in the Survey of Research Methods course this semester designed and conducted a focus group with representatives from local news outlets that aimed to study perceptions of content, interactivity, and delivery of Arizona Sonora News. The students transcribed the audio from the focus group. And undergraduates in the class produced an executive summary for the news service that offered key findings. One graduate student in the class used the findings from the focus group to develop a questionnaire aimed at ascertaining news organizations' use of ASN and areas of interest. The survey was sent out by email to representatives from news outlets throughout the state. Other students in the class developed a questionnaire focused on potential student perceptions of diversity and inclusivity in the School of Journalism. The questionnaire will be sent out in the next week on the student listservs.

Hannah Gaber was awarded a scholarship by the Arizona Press Club.

Cathy Rosenberg, M.A. professional option, defended her project, "Home Bittersweet Home: Restoring Species to Their Historical Habitat," on Monday, May 4.

Christa Reynolds, dual degree, LAS and Journalism, defended her thesis, “Illegal Children': Metaphors and Terminology Used in Newspaper Coverage of Central American Minors during Summer 2014,” on Wednesday, May 6.

Jacquelyn Abad, M.A. international studies option, defended her project, “We Are Hir: Moving Toward Transgender Equality at the University of Arizona,” on Friday, May 8.

Shahrazad Encinias, dual degree, LAS and Journalism, defended her thesis, "Freedom of Expression in Guatemala," on Friday, May 8.

Congratulations to **Patrick O'Connor**, whose Arizona Sonora News Service story on [“Research keys on building stockpiles of organs”](#) won the Arizona Press Club college feature story category. A judge wrote: “**Patrick** wrote a nice lede, followed up with vivid descriptions of both and scientific interest in a profile that justified its existence, which seems rare in college journalism. The writing is clear and confident, but not cocky. This wouldn't have needed much work to appear in a regional newspaper. Very well done.” **Patrick** is a pre-med junior who wrote the story for Science Journalism.

A number of people connected to the School of Journalism won Arizona Press Club awards. For a complete list, go to: <http://azpressclub.org/2014-writingdesign-winners/>