

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

## May Newsletter



### DEPARTMENT NEWS & STORIES



#### **Benjamin Mako Hill receives NSF CAREER award**

Assistant Professor Benjamin Mako Hill received the prestigious Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER) grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The CAREER award supports early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role

models in research and education, and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization. The grant, \$549,959 over five years, will allow Hill and his team to develop and validate a general theory of the lifecycles of knowledge commons, and to identify a set of strategies to help structure and govern peer produced commons effectively as they grow.

*Image courtesy: CASBS at Stanford*



### **Carmen Gonzalez receives Population Health Initiative grant**

Assistant Professor Carmen Gonzalez's team received one of eight pilot research grant awards from the [University of Washington Population Health Initiative](#). The total value of these awards is roughly \$530,000. Gonzalez is Co-Principal Investigator for the Bi-directional Research Digital Engagement (BRIDGE) project. The project was initiated in response to the need for sustainable academic-community partnerships to address the burden of COVID-19 on Washington State Latinx communities.



### **Devon Geary receives UW's Excellence in Teaching Award**

Graduate student Devon Geary has received the UW's 2021 Excellence in Teaching Award. The Excellence in Teaching Awards were created to recognize the contributions of graduate student instructors to the scholarship of teaching and learning. Professor Valerie Manusov, co-chair of Geary's doctoral committee, writes of her: "Who she is, what she talks about, how she engages students, how they respond to her, and how much they learn, all align to make Devon a truly exemplary teacher scholar."



### **Hunter Brown builds thriving community on TikTok**

With the help of a course on creating online communities, Hunter Brown — a UW Communication major with a minor in American sign language — has gained 275,000 TikTok followers, with his most popular video topping 2.6 million views.

*Image courtesy: Corinne Thrash*



### **Ron Chew receives Anne Focke Arts Leadership Award**

The Department of Communication would like to congratulate alumnus and longtime Seattleite Ron Chew on receiving the 2021 Anne Focke Arts Leadership Award. This is a community-based biennial award offered by the University of Washington School of Art + Art History + Design.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

***All events are online, free to the public, and in PDT. Registration required.***

### **Listening/Trusting: A Conversation on Media, Justice and the Asian American**

**Friday, May 21 || 5-6:30 p.m. PDT**

Over the past year, Anti-Asian Hate incidents have risen to an alarming level. At the same time, there is a growing distrust of mainstream media as a mechanism to tell these stories that need to be heard. How can members of the press report such stories more effectively and in a way that resonates and builds trust with the community?

The University of Washington [Communication Leadership graduate program](#) — in partnership with the Department of Communication and [The Center for Journalism, Media, and Democracy](#) — will host a listening conversation between journalists, activists and community members on this important issue. The conversation will be facilitated by Department of Communication Professor LeiLani Nishime.

### **CCDE Annual Conference: Quarantining While Black**

**Tuesday, June 1, 9 a.m.-noon || Wednesday, June 2, 3-7 p.m.**

The Center for Communication, Difference, and Equity's annual conference will be online this year. As a continuation of the [Interrupting Privilege Radical Listening project](#), the CCDE has been recording stories of Black community care during their dual pandemics. [Please join us to radically listen](#) to Black graduate students, police officers, clergy, retirees, and folks from all walks of life. They will share stories of Black joy, grief, resistance, self-to-community care, gentrification, and more.

### **ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION**

We strive to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals to engage fully.

For interpreting, captioning, amplification services, and TTYs: contact the [Coordinator of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services via email](#) or at 206.543.1415, 206.543.6452 (TTY), preferably at least 10 days in advance of the event.

## CONGRATULATE THE CLASS OF 2021!



### **Cheers and kudos for the class of 2021**

For the upcoming 2021 Communication Graduation, we are congratulating our graduating seniors with a personalized online kudos board! [Please take a moment to contribute to the online board](#). Click “add to board” to compose a brief congratulatory message supporting our graduates. We will be sending out the board for our graduates to enjoy on June 10 so please ensure that your contribution has been added before then. [If you have any questions or issues posting your message, please email us](#). We look forward to building a beautiful board together!

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