International Communication Association 2019
#COMMUNICATIONSOWHITE PRE-CONFERENCE

Georgetown University
Washington D.C., USA
Friday, May 24, 2019

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8:20-8:40 am  Name Badge and Program Pick-up
*Location:* Intercultural Center 105

8:45-9:00 am  Introductions and Acknowledgements
*Location:* Intercultural Center 105
*Remarks:* Eve Ng, Ohio University, USA, and Khadijah White, Rutgers University, USA

9:00-10:00 am  Plenary Presentation
*Location:* Intercultural Center 105
Roopali Mukherjee
Queen’s College, City University of New York, USA
*Introduction:* Alfred L. Martin, Jr., University of Iowa, USA

10:15-11:30 am

Session A: Multimodal Interventions
*Location:* Intercultural Center 104
*Chair:* Rachel Kuo, New York University, USA
Carolin Aronis, Colorado State University, USA, “Disabled Voices”
Kirsten McAllister, Simon Fraser University, Canada, “White Erasure in Communication Studies: The Somatic and Emotional Costs of Non-Compliance in the Space of Writing”
Yasmin Jiwani, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, “The Prevailing Discourse of Whiteness in Canadian Communication Studies”
Faiza Hirji, McMaster University, Canada, “Ivory Towers & Border Walls: Finding Spaces for Scholarship on Race and Media”
Sandra Phillips and Deb Verhoeven, University of Technology Sydney, Australia, “Relationality: The Generative Entanglement of Indigenous and Intersectional Feminist Ontologies”
Session B: Structural Limits to ‘Diversity’

Chair: Khadijah White, Rutgers University, USA
Hanan Badr, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany / Cairo University, Egypt, “Beyond Hegemonic Knowledge Production: Asymmetries in Manifestations and Mechanisms of Producing Knowledge in Our Field and How We Can Overcome Them”
Rhiannon Bettivia, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA, “Searching for Multivocality in Citation Practices”
Aymar Christian, Northwestern University, USA, “The Tyranny of Generalizability: Toward Intersectional Research & Development”
Afonso de Albuquerque, Thaiane Moreira de Oliveira, Marcelo Alves dos Santos, and Sofia Oliveira Firmo de Albuquerque, Fluminense Federal University, Brazil, “Structural Limits to the De-Westernization of the Communication Field”

11:30am-12:45 pm   Lunch, with Discussion Topics by Tables

12:45-2:00 pm

Session A: Challenging Whiteness in the Academy

Chair: Eve Ng, Ohio University, USA
Marian C. Lyles, Seattle Central College, USA, “From Outsider to Crossing White Boundaries”
Jimmie Manning, University of Nevada, Reno, USA, “#InterpersonalCommunicationSoWhite: Examining the Problem of Whiteness in Interpersonal Communication Studies”
Andrea J. Vickery, University of Richmond, USA, “#CommunicationSoWhite and the Interpersonal Communication Classroom”
Angharad N. Valdivia, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA, “#journalofcommunicationsowhite”
Srividya Ramasubramanian, Texas A&M University, USA, and Omotayo Banjo, University of Cincinnati, USA, “#MediaSoWhite: Decentering Whiteness in Media Spaces and Scholarship”
Session B: Decolonizing Black Media: Geopolitics & Representation
Location: Intercultural Center 105

Chair: Alfred L. Martin, Jr., University of Iowa, USA
Michaela D.E. Meyer, Christopher Newport University, USA, “Black Panther, Lesbian Erasure, and Intersectional Media Representation in Popular Culture”
Ayodeji Aiyemimoju, University of Adelaide, Australia, “Constitutionally Independent, Digitally Colonised: Neo-Colonialism in Contemporary African Media”
Netsanet Debebe, University of Oregon, USA, “White Curriculums and Post-Colonial Communication Research in Africa: The Need to Revitalize Curriculums”

2:15-3:30 pm

Session A: Panel - Under Quarantine: Conversations on Diverse Game Scholarship in Communication as Special Issue and the struggle over ‘Canon’
Location: Intercultural Center 104

Co-Chairs: Florence M. Chee and Kishonna L. Gray
Kelly Bergstrom, University of Hawaii, USA, “Making the Familiar Strange: Critically Examining Games in the Communication Classroom”
André Brock, Georgia Tech, USA, “Attrition and Racialized Scholarship in Media Studies”
Florence Chee, Loyola University Chicago, USA, “Between Quarantine and Yellow Fever: Whose Game Culture Gets to Be Canon?”
Kishonna L Gray, University of Illinois, Chicago, USA, “Playing by Myself: Intersectional Musings of an Interdisciplinary Scholar”

Session B: Panel - Reflecting on ICA’s Response in Africa since 2016
Location: Intercultural Center 105

Chair: Victoria Grubbs, New York University, USA
Miriam Kwena Ayieko, Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Kenya, “My Experience with ICA as Graduate Student and ICAFsecretary since 2016”
Agnes Lucy Lando, Daystar University, Kenya, “Reflecting on ICA’s Journey to Africa – From 2015 to Date”
Jerry Domatob, Alcorn University, USA, “The Experience of an African Communication Scholar in the Diaspora with ICAF”
Respondent: Paula Gardner, McMaster University, Canada, “ICA & Africa – ICA’s Role and Experiences in the Nairobi, Entebbe and Accra Experiences”
3:45-5:00 pm  Mentoring Session

Location: Intercultural Center 105

Chair: Khadijah White, Rutgers University, USA
     Aymar Christian, Northwestern University, USA
     Isabel Molina-Guzmán, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA
     Charlton McIlwain, New York University, USA
     Radhika Parameswaran, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA

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Alfred L. Martin, Jr., University of Iowa, USA  Anamik Saha, Goldsmiths, University of London, UK

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ICA Popular Communication division

LOCATIONS

Intercultural Center 104 and 105 (introductory comments, presentations, mentoring workshop) are in the Edward J. Bama Intercultural Center (driving address: 37th St. & O St., Washington DC 20007).

We will have lunch in the Social Room of the Healey Family Student Center (driving address: Toodorf Rd., Washington DC 20007), about a 7 minute walk from the Intercultural Center.