Preparing for the 2022 (Virtual!) Graduate College International Research Conference

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AGENDA

This session will cover—

• The what/when/who of the IRC

• Reasons to present

• Overview

• Submission (3 parts)

• Awards

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Overview of the 2022 IRC

WHAT is this conference about?

• Graduate students showcase their original research and creative works
• Presentations are NOT limited to graduate students presenting their thesis or dissertation but we also encourage students to present their thesis or dissertation
• Presentations can be a classroom project, collaborations with other students or faculty, or other applicable projects.
• The kickoff for IRC is our keynote, with speaker, Dr. Jennifer Irvin, who will speak about “The Secrets to Success in Graduate Research: Compassionate Practices to Foster Research Productivity”

WHEN is the virtual conference?

• April 5-8, during the Graduate College’s annual Graduate Student Appreciation Week

WHO can present?

• Current graduate students from all disciplines
First...why present at the conference?

Disseminating your research is an important part of the process

Gain conference presentation experience

Network with colleagues and faculty in various disciplines

Build the professional development section of your resume/CV

Interact with a broad audience about your research virtually and asynchronously

Opportunity to opt in to have your abstract published in the Texas State University digital repository*

Top e-poster awards!
Overview of the 13th Annual IRC: Dates

**KEY DATES**

- **February 15-March 1**: Step 1 must be completed
  - Short registration form, submit proposal
- **March 8-March 28**: Step 2 must be completed
  - Submission of your actual presentation materials
- **April 5-8**: Conference!
Submission Overview

Hosted on ForagerOne’s Symposium platform

Three presentation parts:

• E-poster
• Pre-recorded video introduction
• Written abstract

Here’s what it will look like
Property Rights or Human Rights: Content Analysis of Media Depictions of the Unhoused

Lindsay Loftin
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Abstract
It is crucial that a balance be found between the needs of growing homeless populations and the interests of private landowners and developers in fast-growing cities like Portland, Oregon, and Austin, Texas. This paper utilizes a multi-city longitudinal comparative content analysis of newspaper articles and magazines to understand how people experiencing homelessness in Austin and Portland were portrayed by the media from 2016-2020. The way media covered these issues had a profound impact on public opinion about the ways in which city
Analyzing Aspects of Music Performance: The Korean Folk Song *Arirang*

**Abstract**

*Arirang* is one of the favorite Korean folk songs. The date of its origin is not clear. However, at the end of the 19th century, *Arirang* began to spread throughout the country, while many versions and variations were created. Among them, “Bonjo Arirang” [standard Arirang] is the most well-known version, not only in Korea, but also in other countries. For example, *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (1990, no. 346) includes the melody of “Bonjo Arirang,” set to a Christian text written by Bert Polman (born 1945). Each *Arirang* variation may be performed in many different styles. Pop singers, artists, composers, and musicians are inspired by the song and create their own music. Even if performers play it with traditional Korean
Distribution of the Mediterranean gecko (*Hemidactylus turcicus*) in Texas

**Introduction**
- The Mediterranean Geckos (*Hemidactylus turcicus*) is native to southern Europe, northern Africa, and far-west Asia. It has been introduced to many areas outside its native range and has established numerous populations throughout the United States. The first report of *H. turcicus* from Texas was from Cameron County in 1955. Since then, *H. turcicus* has become established throughout much of the state and new county occurrence records continue to be published regularly. Despite the efforts of numerous herpetologists, the distribution of *H. turcicus* within Texas remains poorly known. The last delineated state-wide distribution map was published in 2017.

**Presenters**
- Lawrence Bassett, Ferris Zughayir, Michael Forstner

**Abstract**
The Mediterranean Gecko (*Hemidactylus turcicus*) is a small (10 – 12.7 cm total length) nocturnal gekkonid lizard native to southern Europe, northern Africa, and far-west Asia. It has been introduced to many areas outside its native range and has established numerous populations throughout the United States. The first report of *H. turcicus* from Texas was from Cameron County in 1955. Since then, *H. turcicus* has become established throughout much of the state and new county occurrence records continue to be published regularly. Despite the efforts of numerous herpetologists, the distribution of *H. turcicus* within Texas remains poorly known. The last delineated state-wide distribution map was published in 2017.
Submission – Three Main Parts

- Electronic Poster (E-Poster)
- Pre-Recorded Video Introduction to Your E-Poster
- Written Abstract for Your Project
THE E-POSTER

• The e-poster is the primary mode of communicating your research at this conference.

• To conceptualize the e-poster, think of it as a large, single piece of poster board on which you will communicate the important elements of your project.

• We’ve got templates for you!

• Length: Keep it under 1000 words. Anything over 1,000 words will seem wordy to your audience.

• Think about using diagrams, graphics, pictures, charts, etc. to portray some of what would otherwise be in narrative form.

• The e-poster is a single PDF that you will upload.
The E-Poster, continued

- **The e-poster must** include:
  - presenter’s name
  - co-authors/investigators (if applicable)
  - title of project
  - degree and program
  - funder information (if applicable)

- The e-poster **should** include all the elements needed to understand your project and its outcomes, including the following categories*:
  - background
  - purpose
  - research questions/goals
  - design/methods/approach
  - findings
  - conclusions
  - practical/social implications
  - originality/value of the project
  - references

*If it is clear that these categories above are not appropriate for your research project, please add other information applicable to explaining the project.
Video Introduction to your E-poster

• 2-5 minutes

• The purpose of the video recording is to provide an opportunity for you to directly address the audience about your research project.

• It is most useful if you take the approach of introducing your project through referencing or walking through your e-poster.

• If you have co-authors, one or both/all of you may be in the introduction video, but only one video is allowed per e-poster.

• Many file types are allowed...basically anything that will upload to YouTube. The IRC webpage lists all of the allowable file types.
Video Introduction to your E-Poster, Continued

• We will provide specific video recording, editing, and upload to YouTube instructions on our IRC webpage

• We recommend Zoom:
  • TXST students all have access to the app
  • Easy to load virtual backgrounds
  • Easy to make quick edits (for example, cutting out any beginning or ending of the recording so that it starts smoothly)
  • Step-by-step instructions for recording are linked to on our Research Conference web page

• After creating your video, upload to YouTube
  • The link from your YouTube video is what will be embedded in your e-poster presentation page
Abstract

The Graduate College invites graduate students from all disciplines to present at the International Research Conference (IRC) and showcase their original research and creative works! Students at Texas State University, as well as from external institutions, are eligible to participate. This is not limited to graduate students presenting their thesis or dissertation. While students are encouraged to present their thesis or dissertation research, we also encourage students to present a classroom project, collaborations with other students or faculty, or other applicable projects.

The conference will be held on ForagerOne’s Symposium online platform. In this virtual conference, presenters will focus on electronic poster (e-poster) presentations, along with short, pre-recorded video introductions and abstracts. Poster presentations are usually a part of most major disciplinary conferences, with virtual—or “e-poster”—versions becoming more common.

The conference will kick off on Tuesday, April 5 with Dr. Jennifer Irvin delivering the keynote presentation titled, “The Secrets to Success in Graduate Research: Compassionate Practices to

The abstract must be 250-500 words in length

The purpose of the abstract is to give an overview of the project. Unlike the e-poster introduction video, the abstract does not refer directly to the poster. Instead, the abstract provides an overview of important elements of the project.

• For empirical research, the abstract should include the following sections* (if applicable!):
  • background
  • purpose
  • research questions/goals
  • design/methods/approach
  • findings
  • conclusions
  • practical/social implications
  • originality/value of the project

*Additional or different sections may be added as needed.

If your research project does not reflect those categories and is such that a different set of categories (or narrative) is better suited for your abstract, you should structure your abstract accordingly.

• The abstract text will be entered directly into ForagerOne’s Symposium platform...
Awards for Best E-Poster Presentation

(1) Master’s
- Best E-poster Presentation
- Honorable Mention

(2) Doctoral
- Best E-poster Presentation
- Honorable Mention

(3) 2022 Compassionate Research Award
- This year only!
~Compassion is the 2021-2022 Common Experience Theme~

*A panel of judges will evaluate the e-poster presentations and make the final determinations of each award.*

*Criteria are listed on the IRC website*
2022 Award for Compassionate Research

- Competing for this award is **OPTIONAL**.
- If you want to be considered for the **2022 Compassionate Research Award**:
  - indicate it on your registration form
  - add 1-2 **additional** minutes to your video that explains why and how your research, project, or creative work exemplifies compassion towards people, animals, the environment, etc.
  - submit a 200-300 word narrative that explains how your presentation and project exemplifies compassion
NEXT STEP: Find out more about IRC!

- Make sure to read and use the information on our Research Conference website:
  www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/events/confERENCE.html
- On the Graduate College website, click events, then International Research Conference
- Be on the lookout for emails from us and for information in the GradBulletin
- Please contact us with any questions at gradresearchconf@txstate.edu
Save the date!
IRC Kickoff Event

• The IRC kickoff is a presentation by our 2022 IRC keynote speaker, Dr. Jennifer Irvin, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry and the Graduate College 2021-2022 Outstanding Mentor Award

• Title of keynote presentation: “The Secrets to Success in Graduate Research: Compassionate Practices to Foster Research Productivity”

• When: Tuesday, April 5th, 10:30 -12:00 pm, via ZOOM

• Check the IRC website for the registration link
Questions? What do you need to know more about? What seems unclear?

- Please ask! All questions are welcome.
- Write questions in the chat.
Thank you!

• We hope to see you at the conference!
• Please contact us with questions at gradresearchconf@txstate.edu