

GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL'S STUDENT OF THE WEEK

A series showcasing the talented graduate and professional students at the
University of Missouri

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VOLUNTEER SERVICE:

- ASIST - 2019 SIG Awards Jury Member
- ALISE - 2021 Conference Paper Reviewer
- KC Scholars -2021 Application Reviewer;
- Project Linus Quilt/Blanket maker
- Quilts of Valor volunteer
- Pad Project volunteer

INTERNSHIPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

- CWTS Scientometrics Spring School
- founded and moderate the SISLT Penny University Group
- International Society for Scientometrics and Informetrics (ISSI)
- Association for Information Science and Technologies (ASIST)
- Member of the Metrics special interest group (SIG-MET)
- Association for Information Science Education (ALISE)
- Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT)

More about Devon on
the next page!

HOW DO YOU HOPE TO BETTER THE WORLD?

I believe much of the world's problems can be improved through education. I want to conduct research that helps us learn about how information is created, disseminated, located, and used. Then, I want to apply that research to improving teaching methods, especially with learning technologies. Information literacy skills are becoming increasingly essential to college and graduate students, and I want to contribute to helping these students learn how to navigate that information effectively and responsibly.

AWARDS:

2017 GPC TA Choice Award 2017
Students Teaching as Research (STAR)
Award

Know a fantastic student who should be highlighted? Fill out this form:

<https://missouri.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/448219>

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO OTHER GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

Write ideas down throughout your coursework for research projects or how to improve your workplace. In every class you take, even methods or electives with the question, How can I turn X, Y, or Z into a research study? or How can I apply X, Y, or Z to improve my organization?

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WISH PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT YOUR FIELD?

It is incredibly interdisciplinary. Just like librarians, information scientists work with people from a wide array of disciplines. Additionally, the learning technology field informs us about how students learn using technology, how to best design these kinds of systems, and how to optimize their functions. This has applications to all kinds of students and disciplines. Our field stands strong on its own, but our research findings are also applicable to other disciplines.