

Two DOC Grad Students Win Research Award

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Michael Horning and Janet P. Ofano have each won Top Three Paper status in the Mass Communication Division of the Eastern Communication Association (ECA). Making the award all the more impressive, each CMT student/alumna's research paper was in competition with those submitted by professional, published scientific researchers from universities in 10-plus states.

Janet is a 2005 graduate of Communication & Media Technologies. Mike will earn his CMT degree in May.

Janet's paper, based upon her master's thesis, is entitled "Intellectual Property Law and Digital Technology: Exploring Third-Person Perceptions and Copyright Infringement on the Internet." Mike's paper, written as part of a CMT class project, is entitled "A Review of Three Decades of Mass Media Research."

This is the second time Janet has won "top paper" award. In 2002 her research on cybersquatting won Best Paper Award within the ECA Law Division.

Janet and Mike will present their research on 27 April 2006 at the ECA annual conference in Philadelphia, PA.