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The Hartzman International Conference Travel Award enables SoE graduate students to present their work at international conferences. It is made possible through generous support from Marlene and Robert Hartzman.



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"I am grateful to have been awarded the Hartzman International Conference Travel Award to fund my attendance and research presentation at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2019 Conference in Toronto, Canada. My paper presentation was titled 'Multimodal Redesign of Social Futures through Digital Storytelling: Rethinking English Learners' Social Semiotic Repertoires.' Particularly, the theme of the AERA 2019 conference, 'Leveraging Education Research in a 'Post-Truth' Era: Multimodal Narratives to Democratize Evidence,' aimed to highlight the multimodal research, which is closely related to my dissertation research and expands my professional knowledge in the field of multimodal learning and education.

By presenting at this conference, I was able to showcase my research and connect with researchers with shared interests from all over the world. I also received valuable feedback on my research from a wide range of scholars in the field to help me develop my theoretical and methodological frames and data

analysis in my dissertation. Throughout the conference, I also attended multiple sessions to learn from other researchers about how digitally mediated multimodal learning methods have been developed and researched in and out of school to support language learners locally and globally.

This greatly broadened my knowledge and provided me with new research ideas that I could apply in my future work. The excellent networking opportunities are crucial for me at this stage, as I am nearing the end of my doctoral studies and preparing for the next steps in my academic career.

All of these experiences greatly contributed to my scholarly and professional trajectory in the field. I would like to extend my thanks to the Hartzman family and the School of Education for the support to enable me to showcase my research and make professional connections with the global scholars at such an important international conference."

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