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### 2015 Kenneth Harwood Dissertation Award to David F. Crider, Ph.D.

Washington, D.C. – David F. Crider, State University of New York at Oswego, has been named the recipient of the 2015 Kenneth Harwood Outstanding Dissertation Award.

Before his doctoral study at Temple University, David Crider worked in radio for 10 years in a variety of formats and roles, including producer, on-air personality, and program director/music director. He received his Masters from Syracuse University in 2009.

Crider has had articles published in both the *Journal of Radio & Audio Media* and *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*. He has won two Top Paper awards from BEA's Radio & Audio Media division, and also served as Assistant Chair of the Festival of Media Arts Student Audio Competition for three years.

Crider currently serves as an adjunct instructor at the State University of New York at Oswego and Syracuse University, while also teaching online for Temple. His research continues to explore themes of identity in radio broadcasting, as well as the decline of localism in radio and the impact of digital and social media on radio personalities.

Established by Kenneth Harwood, Professor at the University of Houston and a former President of the BEA, for 24 years the award has been offering \$1,000 for the outstanding Ph.D. dissertation in broadcasting and electronic media. The award was established through gifts started by Professor Harwood and a donation from a friend of BEA. The Harwood Dissertation Award will be presented to Professor Crider at BEA's annual convention in Las Vegas during a ceremony and reception on the evening of Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Las Vegas Westgate.

**About the BEA Convention** - [BEA's annual convention](#) is held in conjunction with NAB Show in Las Vegas every spring. Co-located next door at the Las Vegas Hotel and Casino, BEA's annual convention attracts 1,200 educators and students with 200 sessions, events, research panels, technology workshops and an exhibit hall, making BEA the largest conference partner of NAB Show.

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