

I am so excited to be chosen as a recipient of the Innovative ETD Award!

Writing a thesis, for some, is a daunting task. Being a “visual” person, it was especially daunting for me when I thought it would have to be written into a boring alignment with standard margins in Microsoft Word.

I’m so thankful for Kansas State’s forward-thinking and willingness to evolve with changing technology, encouraging students to push their thesis document design to elevated levels of interaction and liveliness.

I’m thankful for the encouragement and bolstering given me by my thesis committee who understood my desire to work within InDesign. Through the formatting process, they urged me to push past the conventional limits of graphic design and explore what the full Adobe Create Suite had to offer.

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