

Minneapolis 2016 Paper Competition

International Communication Division

Robert L. Stevenson Open Paper Competition & James W. Markham Student

Competition: The International Communication Division welcomes original, unpublished research papers that *focus clearly on international aspects of journalism and mass communication*. Paper uploads to the AEJMC conference website

(http://convention2.allacademic.com/one/aejmc/aejmc16/index.php?&obf_var=7378138&PHPS ESSID=770v9oqsvfb90r4i159fv358r2) will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. (Central Daylight Time) Friday, April 1, 2016. Papers that merely examine communication phenomena outside of the United States do not necessarily fit in this division. Any theoretical and methodological approaches appropriate to communication research are welcomed. Papers are submitted either to the Robert L. Stevenson open paper competition (faculty and student-faculty) or the James W. Markham student competition (strictly student-authored papers). All submissions must be uploaded through the AEJMC conference website. Be sure to note whether you are submitting to the Stevenson open paper competition or the Markham student paper competition. Authors will be notified about acceptance in early May. Please note ICD's specific instructions below.

Guidelines: Papers should be submitted in Word or PDF format. Do not include any identifying information about the authors anywhere in the paper or in the document properties. Papers with identifying information of any kind will be automatically disqualified. Papers must include an abstract of no more than 75 words. The title should be clearly presented on the first page of text and on running heads throughout the document. ICD accepts papers of up to 25-pages, exclusive of references, tables, and figures. Tables and figures should be placed at the end of the document as reviewers will be instructed to stop reading text after page 25. Font should be 12-point, text should be double-spaced, and margins should be no less than one inch on all sides. Authors should use a style appropriate for the discipline, including APA, Chicago, and Harvard. We will review up to two papers per author, whether the author appears as a single author or as one of several authors.

Please remove identifying information from the document that you submit. Please contact the research chair, Mohammed Al-Azdee <malazdee@bridgeport.edu>, before submitting the paper if you have any questions.

Authors are responsible for following ICD guidelines listed here. Papers that do not meet guidelines will not be reviewed. Submissions will be blind-reviewed. Selections are based on merit.

Awards: ICD awards cash prizes for the top three faculty papers (Stevenson competition) and the top three student papers (Markham competition). First authors of student winners also will receive free conference registration. Both *The Asian Journal of Communication* and *African Journalism Studies* also sponsor a "Best Paper Award" with cash prizes. (Cash prizes are forfeited if an author fails to present the work at the conference.) The Latino/Latin American Research Award sponsored by Florida International University School of Journalism and Mass Communication will honor three top papers in the International Communication or Minorities and Communication divisions with cash prizes and conference registration waivers. All winners of all the aforementioned awards will be notified in advance and all awards will be presented at the ICD business meeting during the conference.

Asian Journal of Communication Best Paper Award: The AJC Best Paper Award is presented annually by the *Asian Journal of Communication* (AJC), a refereed international publication of the Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC) and the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, to an outstanding paper selected from the AEJMC International Communication Division's Open Paper Competition. Established in 2003, the award is aimed at promoting mass communication research focused on the Asia-Pacific region. All papers submitted to ICD's Stevenson open paper competition are eligible for the AJC Best Paper Award and will be reviewed automatically for the award. All research methodologies are welcome.

African Journalism Studies Best Paper Award for Journalism Research: The ICD's "Best Paper Award for Journalism Research" is sponsored annually by *African Journalism Studies* for the most outstanding paper selected from the submissions to the AEJMC International Communication Division's Open Paper Competition. Established in 2003, the award is aimed at promoting research in global journalism which will enhance and enrich understanding of issues such as international news flow, news theory, media ethics, media education, gender, and race, as well as specific topics, such as the media and AIDS. In line with ICD's international character, the award is also aimed at promoting research that addresses North-South and South-South journalism issues.

Latino/Latin American Research Award: Sponsored by Florida International University School of Journalism and Mass Communication since 2014, this award honors the top three research papers submitted to either the International Communication or the Minorities in Communication divisions by Hispanic scholars for journalism and mass media research relevant to their communities in Latin America, the Caribbean, the United States, Canada, or the Iberian Peninsula, including domestic and international communication. Topics include Inter-American or Iberian-American communication, news media flows, media theory, media technology or new media, communication for development and social change, media law and ethics, media education, ethnic or gender media and integration, media economics, media and the environment, political communication, critical media studies, popular culture, and cultural studies, among others. The award recognizes all research methodologies. Eligible scholars regard themselves as members of the Latino, Hispanic or Latin American community.

All the competitions in ICD are open to AEJMC members and non-members, students and faculty. If you have questions about the call or the 2016 ICD research competition at any time please contact: **Robert L. Stevenson Open Paper Competition Chair** – Mohammed Al-Azdee, University of Bridgeport, malazdee@bridgeport.edu or **James W. Markham Student Competition Chair** – Lindita Camaj, University of Houston, lcamaj@central.uh.edu