

Participatory Journalism Interest Group

The Participatory Journalism Interest Group - PJIG invites research paper submissions for the 2015 AEJMC Conference, August 6-9 in San Francisco, CA.

The deadline for paper submissions is April 1, 2015, at 11: 59 p.m. (CDT).

Papers must be submitted in accordance with all requirements of AEJMC and its uniform paper call and electronic submission process.

Paper length is limited to 25-pages, not including references, tables, figures or appendices. Font size should be 12 pt., margins at least 1-inch on all sides, and the researchers should use a style appropriate to their research goals. Papers are accepted on the understanding they have not been published.

All submissions undergo a blind review process. Authors should ensure that their papers do not contain identifying references. For a detailed explanation, please see "submitting a clean paper" under the uniform paper call on the AEJMC website. **Submitters: Carefully check manuscripts for self-identifying information of any kind, including following a particular style guide's directions on self-citation. We urge you to submit at least two days before the deadline so you can check your uploaded document for self-identifying information and resubmit prior to the deadline. For more information see www.aejmc.org/home/papers**

Papers submitted will be eligible for four separate awards: top faculty paper (\$151), top poster (\$100), first- and second-place student paper awards (\$151 and \$75 respectively). The poster award will be given after the conference and is based on the quality of the research and poster presentation. Because of the separate competition for students, graduate students should be careful to identify their papers as "student papers" in the submission process. Papers co-authored with faculty members do not qualify for the student competition.

PJIG is interested in research that examines the emergence, practice, sustenance and/or teaching modes of participatory journalism. Authors are urged to submit papers that generally conform to this group's interests. Papers should make sure to include discussions of news within the context of participatory/civic/citizen/entrepreneurial journalism.

Suggested paper topics include: Participatory/citizen/civic journalism in political campaigns, citizen media (including news consumers as news producers), civic mapping, community conversations, newsroom projects, entrepreneurial journalism, legal and ethical issues in participatory/civic/citizen journalism, crowdsourcing versus traditional "gatekeeper" journalism, participatory/civic/citizen journalism in a multicultural environment, participatory/civic/citizen journalism and new technologies, history/philosophy of participatory journalism and its civic or citizen components, the changing newspaper industry economy and its effect on the development of participatory/civic/citizen journalism movements, media convergence and participatory journalism, the missions and meanings of "participatory," "civic" or "citizen" journalism, teaching journalism in those categories, and use of polls, focus groups and other methods in civic reporting.

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