

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION DIVISION

CALL FOR PANELS FOR AEJMC 2018 IN WASHINGTON, DC

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: October 1, 2017

The International Communication Division (ICD) is now accepting panel proposals for the 2018 Convention in Washington, DC, August 6-9.

Panel Proposal Types: ICD is accepting teaching, professional freedom and responsibility (PF&R), or invited research panel proposals. Please review guidelines for each type of proposal carefully and use the provided sample panel proposal to complete your submission.

Teaching panels should address one of the following FOUR general areas identified by the AEJMC Standing Committee on Teaching Standards:

1. Curriculum development including the philosophy, design, and examination of issues, developments, and trends in journalism or global communication.
2. Leadership issues, especially the administrative and organizational efforts formulated to address the changes in the field of journalism and mass communication.
3. Course Content and Methods showcasing innovative teaching techniques and strategies.
4. Assessment reports highlighting diverse range of activities measuring the effectiveness of journalism education.

Professional Freedom and Responsibility panels should focus on one or more of the following areas: freedom of expression; ethics; media criticism & accountability; racial, gender and cultural inclusiveness; or public service.

Research panels should focus on original, innovative and trending research by a panel of experts on a topic related to international communication. ICD welcomes research panel submissions on all topics related to international communication, but ICD will give special consideration to proposed research panels that focus on the relationship between media and refugee crisis and/or immigration.

You should submit your proposal to only one division, and we invite you to submit it to the ICD. Considering that there are a limited number of conference slots available for our division, priority will be given to proposals that are relevant to the mission of ICD. This includes proposals with institutional, regional, gender, and methodology diversity, which have confirmed

co-sponsor(s) and adhere to submission guidelines. Send your proposal as an attachment to the appropriate ICD point of contact as listed below:

Research panel proposals to:

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Teaching panel proposals to:

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Proposal Format: All proposals should be one-page in length (single-spaced) and include the following:

1. **Panel title:** Be creative and broad with your title – keep in mind current trending issues and the potential for attracting co-sponsors.
2. **Panel type:** A statement of whether the panel would be a Teaching, Research or Professional Freedom and Responsibility panel.
3. **Panel Description:** Describe clearly in one paragraph the key issues or subject matter to be addressed by the panelists.
4. **Rationale for the Panel:** Describe briefly why the panel's topic is important.
5. **Panel Sponsorship:** Suggestions for divisions or interest groups that might be interested in co-sponsoring the panel. Please indicate whether you have been in touch with the potential co-sponsoring division, interest group, or commission. Panels including co-sponsoring divisions/interest groups/commissions have a better chance of being accepted, because they are likely to be of wider interest at the conference and give the division a chance to take part in more sessions.
6. **Possible Panelists** [about 3]: Names of proposed panelists, affiliation, demographic data (race, gender, ethnicity) and contact information for each (please indicate whether they have committed to participate). AEJMC tracks diversity among panelists, moderators and discussants, so please keep that in mind when planning. Limited funds for travel reimbursement are available for panel participants who are not AEJMC members. The deadline for those requests is late January. Whenever possible, please try to find local

panelists or AEJMC members whom you expect will be attending the convention anyway.

7. **Panel Moderator:** Provide the name of the person who will moderate the panel (remember this can be you or someone you nominate).
8. **Contact Person:** Provide the name, affiliation, email, and phone number for the person proposing the panel.

Thank you, and we look forward to your submissions!

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SAMPLE ACCEPTED PANEL PROPOSAL

AEJMC 2015 Conference / San Francisco

Research Panel Proposal

Panel title: “Reporting Crises in Africa: From Arab Spring to the Deadly Ebola Virus”

Sponsoring divisions: International Communication Division

Communicating Science, Health, Environment and Risk Division (Comm SHER) (confirmed)

Moderating/Presiding: Festus Eribo, Ph.D., Professor, School of Communication, East Carolina University

Panel Description: Africa’s 54 countries with a population of more than one billion people are presenting the world with inevitable hard facts in the demand for objectivistic analysis and acute scholarly examination of the communication system and other areas of human endeavors. This panel will examine various crises reported about African issues and events by local and international media. Against the backdrop that international media coverage may be more disparaging than local coverage, the panelists will provide scholarly analyses of the empirical matrix. Arguably, the local and international reports of African events and issues may be more alarming than reports of similar cases outside the continent. This comparative analysis is a significant discourse in any examination of the reportage of Africa in view of the dominant paradigm, which was instrumental to the demand for a new world information and

communication order in the twentieth century. Using both empirical and qualitative methods, panelists will compare the good and bad news about Africa, such as news about major strides in capacity building, engineering of consent, creepy gender violence, deadly Ebola virus, diffusion of new communication technologies and other innovations. Panelists will address relevant research questions, including the following: How do local and international media cover Africa? Is the reportage of Africa multidimensional, objective and constructive? Do the new communication platforms or social media have sufficient impact on the coverage of Africa? Should Africa launch a new demand for constructive international reportage? Is there a paradigm shift in cyberspace and media landscape? Specifically, panelists will focus on Africa's long shadow with the momentous Arab Spring, the deadly Ebola virus, changing media ownership, framing U.S.-Africa Summit, Boko Haram, and #Bring Back Our Girls that went viral all the way to the White House in America. All the panelists have worked and conducted communication research in Africa.

Moderator & Chair: Festus Eribo, Ph.D., Professor, School of Communication, East Carolina University (confirmed).

Discussant: Arnold de Beer, Ph.D., Professor, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Panelists (all confirmed):

- Folu Ogundimu, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Michigan State University, Reporting Ebola and Africa's long shadow of disaster news
- Ralph Akinfeleye, Ph.D., Professor, University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria, Health and behavioral change communication: knowledge level and responses of Obalande community residents to communication messages on the causes and prevention of Ebola Virus Disease
- Imafidon Olaye, Ph.D. Professor, William Paterson University, Deadly Diseases and the Phases of Crisis: Sources of Information, Media Credibility, and the Coverage of Ebola
- Chris Ogbondah, Ph.D. Professor, University of Northern Iowa, U.S. Media Coverage of Boko Haram Insurgency in Nigeria: The example of #BringBackOurGirls
- Charles Okigbo, Ph.D. Professor, North Dakota State University, Covering Africa: Western and African Media's Framing of the U.S.-Africa Summit
- Angela Nkiru Nwammuo, Ph.D., Anambra State University, Coverage of Issues by African Press: What Has Ownership Got to Do With it?

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