

# ICD NEWS

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**Annual Newsletter of the International Communication  
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## FROM THE DIVISION HEAD

*Mohammed Al-Azdee*

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The International Communication Division has had a vibrant year. ICD continues to cooperate with other divisions of AEJMC. The Division successfully organized and placed in the 2018 program 5 cosponsored panels with other AEJMC divisions, and is organizing other cross-networking efforts. ICD initiated several projects that allowed the Division's Executive Board to increase in size with activities centered on expanding efforts in the areas of research, teaching, and outreach. ICD has moved toward building its membership base and collaborations around the world through research liaison positions. The leadership on the Executive Board already has been discussing methods to expand these posts this coming year, to include more student outreach liaison work both inside and outside of the US.

This year, a high number of 101 papers were submitted to ICD. Using the Division's new Reviewer's Bank, the papers were swiftly assigned to reviewers, and a transparent and solid review process was carried out, accepting less than



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44 percent of submitted papers. Thought-provoking sessions were designed to prepare platforms to present accepted papers as part of ICD's program for AEJMC 2018.

ICD has revamped its website entirely, and expanded presence on social media through *Facebook*, *Twitter*, *LinkedIn* and *Slack*. ICD has been continuously posting scholarly and professional announcements on its social media on regular basis. The Division has also seen an increase in engagement on all social media platforms, especially with cross-promotion of AEJMC-related content. Also, in addition to the annual newsletter of the Division, ICD started a new tradition, delivering a bimonthly

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newsletter to its members via listserv. A new officer position, Online Media Chair, has been designed and implemented to take the responsibility of the Bimonthly Newsletter, covering the achievements of ICD members.

The International Communication Division has been able to continue to offer faculty paper awards, student paper awards, *Asian Journal of Communication* paper award, *African Journalism Studies* paper award, Latino/Latin American communication research awards, multimedia international journalism awards, and teaching awards, in addition to the best poster awards newly introduced by ICD this year. The Division's publication, the *International Communication Research Journal* (ICRJ), continues to thrive. This year, the ICRIJ started working on a special issue devoted to media coverage of the refugee crisis, which is a theme labeling a tangible part of ICD's work in 2017-2018.

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Serving ICD as an officer has been one of the most exciting experiences I have so far had in my academic career. This chapter is ending this year, but my support to ICD will never end. I look forward to meeting all of you in Washington, D.C.

## FROM THE DIVISION VICE-HEAD

*Lindita Camaj*  
*University of Houston*

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### **A Stellar Panel Lineup Is Scheduled for AEJMC 2018**

As we finalize the AEJMC 2018 program, we are thrilled about this year's lineup of panels. They feature stellar scholars and professionals in global communication and media who will join us in Washington D.C. to discuss pertinent mediated social issues in a global context.

Working with the research, teaching, and professional freedom and responsibility chairs, we have selected panels that reflect a range of timely and exciting topics. These include immigration, refugees, state-sponsored propaganda, freedom of speech, multi-cultural classrooms and data journalism, as well as advice for international students entering the academy. We are partnering with such other active and strong divisions as Law & Policy, Magazine, Communication Technology, Communicating Science, Health, Environment, Risk, Cultural and Critical Studies, and Graduate Student Interest Group.

Here are the highlights:



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#### **Sunday, August 5**

“Global Migration and Refugee Crisis: Media Case Studies from Five Continents” (1:00-5:00 pm). Focusing on a timely topic, this preconference session brings together scholars and professional journalists from five countries to reflect on media reporting on global refugee crises and contemporary migration issues. Organizers from the Institute for International Journalism at Ohio University and the Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) on Journalism and Media will sponsor the preconference.

#### **Monday, August 6**

“Lessons from the Front Lines: Advice from Tenured Faculty for New Assistant Professors” (cosponsored with the Graduate Student Interest Group, 8:15-9:45 am). A panel of international scholars based in U.S. academic institutions will gather in this PF&R panel to provide advice for international graduate students on how to navigate academia in the U.S. Discussions aim to help ease graduate student anxieties about finding jobs and about expectations in that first year on the new job.

## FROM THE DIVISION VICE-HEAD (CONT'D)

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“Culture in the Classroom: Focusing on Culture and International Education Programs in Today’s America” (cosponsored with Cultural and Critical Studies Division, 3:15-4:45 pm). This panel will explore various perspectives with regards to the role international education programs play in facilitating a safe environment for students studying domestically and abroad. Panelists will focus on the importance of developing programs meant to help international students adjust to cultural and academic differences in the U.S. classroom.

### **Tuesday, August 7**

“Communicating Environment, Health, and Science Related Risks Across Sociocultural Contexts” (cosponsored with SHER, 3:15-4:45 pm). This panel showcases the challenges faced by communicators such as journalists, public officials, advocates from non-profit organizations and public relation specialists, to communicate global risks across cultural and national boundaries. Through comparative research on the risks related to environment, health, and science issues, panelists will discuss the role of the media in the communication process.

### **Wednesday, August 8**

“State-Sponsored Messaging & Freedom of Speech”(cosponsored with the Law and Policy Division, 8:15-9:45 am) This PF&R panel assembles a range of insights and expertise to tackle issues relating to state-sponsored communication and freedom of speech from the regional and functional perspectives. From South Asia, the Middle East and Southeastern Europe, to high-tech shell games, public diplomacy and terrorism, each presenter will examine a different aspect of the dilemmas that arise when political actors exploit communication technologies for promotion of messages either subtle or explicit.

“Teaching Data Journalism in a Global Context: The Best Tools and Most Effective Tips” (cosponsored with the Magazine division, 1:45-3:15 pm). This teaching panel brings together academics and organizations to offer a holistic approach to teaching data journalism from a global perspective. In addition to providing tools needed to teach data journalism, panelists will also discuss model curricula for a range of computational and data journalism courses and offer insights on how to tell global news stories with data.

### **Thursday, August 9**

“Displaced and Marginalized: The Implications of Digital Literacy, Digital Technology and Social Media Use by Immigrants and Refugees” (cosponsored with Communication & Technology division, 11:00am-12:30 pm). This research panel will provide a better understanding on immigrants’ and refugees’ digital literacy knowledge and digital technology use. Panelist will present data from their empirical research and communication engagement projects implemented in the U.S. and abroad.

We hope you’ll join us for these sessions and others that will feature our division members. Please, continue supporting ICD with your membership and submitting your papers for future conferences.



Date	Time	Session Type	Description
Sunday, August 5	1:00-5:00pm	Pre-Conference	<i>"Global Migration and Refugee Crisis: Media Case Studies from Five Continents"</i>
Monday, August 6	8:15-9:45pm	PF&R Panel	<i>"Lessons from the Front Lines: Advice from Tenured Faculty for New Assistant Professors"</i>
	3:15-4:45pm	Teaching Panel	<i>"Culture in the Classroom: Focusing on Culture and International Education Programs in Today's America"</i>
	5:00-6:00pm	High Density Refereed Papers	
Tuesday, August 7	9:30-11am	Off-Site Tour	Voice of America Tour
	11:45-1:15pm	Refereed Research Panel	
	1:30-3:00pm	Refereed Research Panel	
	3:15-4:45pm	PF&R Panel	<i>"Communicating Environment, Health, and Science Related Risks Across Sociocultural Contexts"</i>
	5:00-6:30pm	Refereed Research panel	Best of ICD – Award winning papers
	6:45-8:15pm	<b>ICD Business Meeting</b>	
	8:30-10:00pm	ICD Social	TBA
Wednesday, August 8	8:15-9:45am	PF&R Panel	<i>"State-Sponsored Messaging &amp; Freedom of Speech"</i>
	1:45-3:15pm	Teaching Panel	<i>"Teaching Data Journalism in a Global Context: the Best Tools and the Most Effective Tips"</i>
	3:30-5:00pm	Scholar-to-Scholar	
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## FROM THE RESEARCH CHAIR

*Jatin Srivastava*  
*Ohio University*

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As the research chair for the International Communication Division, I am committed to facilitating presentation and discussion of research among our member community. During the current academic year, I have been working primarily on two research events. The first event was the AEJMC mid-winter conference in March 2018 and the second is the annual convention in Washington, D.C.

For the midwinter conference that took place at University of Oklahoma, we had 18 submissions and we scheduled 14 presentations. For the annual convention, we received more than 100 submissions. Ninety-five volunteer reviewers contributed to the review process and each reviewer reviewed an average of around three papers. Overall, our acceptance rate is close to 44 percent this year.

We scheduled 44 refereed research presentations through five sessions. We have a mix of conventional, high density, and scholar-to-scholar poster sessions this year. I would like to especially acknowledge the



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contributions of Sally Ann Cruikshank, the Markham student competition chair, and Mariana De Maio, our reviewer recruitment officer, who were actively involved in the process and were instrumental in ensuring that it was robust and fair. I am thankful to all the members who have volunteered as reviewers, moderators, and discussants for the midwinter and the annual conference. We have a very interesting collection of research presentations this year and I look forward to be a part of ICD activities at Washington, D.C.

Look at the next page to see our contest winners.

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## Our Winners, a Fascinating and Varied Lot:

### Markham Student Paper Competition

First Place -- *The Danger of Words: Major Challenges Facing Myanmar Journalists on Reporting the Rohingya Conflict*

Nyan Lynn, University of Kansas

Second Place -- *The West Africa We Were Shown: A Visual Content Analysis of the 2014 Ebola Epidemic*

Phillip Arceneaux, University of Florida

Third Place -- *News Believability, Trustworthiness and Information Contagion in African Online Social Networks: An Experimental Design*

Gregory Gondwe, University of Colorado

### Stevenson Open Paper Competition

First Place -- *Nation's Media Usage and Immigration Attitudes in Europe: Exploring Contextual Effects Across Media Forms, Structures, and Messages*

Olesya Venger, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Second Place -- *Framing the Colombian Peace Process: Between Peace and War Journalism Victor García-Perdomo Universidad de La Sabana*

Summer Harlow, University of Houston

Danielle Kilgo, Indiana University

Third Place -- *ProQuote: A German Women Journalists' Initiative to Revolutionize Newsroom Leadership*

Karin Assmann, University of Maryland

Stine Eckert, Wayne State University

### Asian Journal of Communication Best Paper Award

*U.S. News Media's Framing of the 'North Korean Crisis' Under the Trump Administration: The New Ideological Foreign Affairs Paradigm*

Brett Labbe, University of Indiana South Bend

SangHee Park, University of Wisconsin - Whitewater

### African Journalism Studies Best Paper Award for Journalism Research

*Foreign Correspondents and the International News Coverage of Africa*

Melanie Bunce, City, University of London

### Latino/Latin American Communication Research Award

First Place -- *Framing the Colombian Peace Process: Between Peace and War Journalism (ICD paper)*

Victor García-Perdomo, Universidad de La Sabana

Summer Harlow, University of Houston

Danielle Kilgo, Indiana University

Second Place -- *Seeking Transnational, Entrepreneurial News from Latin America: An Audience Analysis (ICD paper)*

Vanessa Higgins Joyce, Texas State University

Summer Harlow, University of Houston

Third Place -- *The Effects of Latino Cultural Identity and Media Use on Political Engagement and Vote Choice in Election 2016 (MAC)*

Maria Len-Rios, The University of Georgia

Patricia Moy, University of Washington

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## FROM THE TEACHING STANDARDS CHAIR

*Summer Harlow*  
*University of Houston*

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This year, ICD's teaching efforts are paying off. We received four teaching panel submissions for AEJMC 2018, which is two more than the previous year. We will have two teaching panels at the DC conference: "Culture in the Classroom: Focusing on Culture and International Education Programs in Today's America" and "Teaching Data Journalism in a Global Context: The Best Tools and the Most Effective Tips."

This year, we also sponsored our third annual Teaching Contest. Once again, we are so grateful to the *International Communication Research Journal* and the Ohio University's Institute for International Journalism for sponsoring the 1st and 2nd place awards for the contest, and to the *African Journalism Studies* journal for sponsoring the 3rd place award. This year's call for contest submissions went out in mid-March and the deadline to submit was April 15. We promoted the contest heavily via listserv and social media, and we even had last year's winners share experiences about what winning meant to them, which we used to advertise this year's contest and prizes.

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We also added a link to ICD's website with information about the contest call. The outcome of this campaign was that we received 11 contest submissions, up from three last year. Currently submissions are under review. We recruited 15 reviewers to evaluate submissions. We owe much to our reviewers who were generous with their time.

I am excited for the teaching contest winners who will be announced at our business meeting, and I look forward to meeting the reviewers who made this possible.

During this past year I also worked to let our members know about our syllabus bank on ICD's website. We received four additional syllabi that were added to our website. We sent out emails to the Division's members via listserv about the syllabus bank, and posted a handful of times on ICD's social media where we also tried to implement a new hashtag, #ICDteaching, used with all teaching-related posts published to *Twitter*. Posts with this hashtag seemed to get relatively good engagement.

I've enjoyed so much being the Teaching Standards Chair this year, and am thankful to all our members for their service. For a video about the latest developments, see <https://go.unl.edu/ih0r>



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Victor Hugo Manuel Alcantara self-deported from Las Vegas, Nevada, to San Francisco Cheje, Mexico, to keep his family together after his father was detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Sara Mohamed won third prize for "Population Growth in Egypt: More People, More Problems?" This piece showed how overpopulation has become the biggest threat for Egypt.

## FROM THE MULTIMEDIA STORY CONTEST CHAIR

*Delwar Hossain*  
*University of South Alabama*

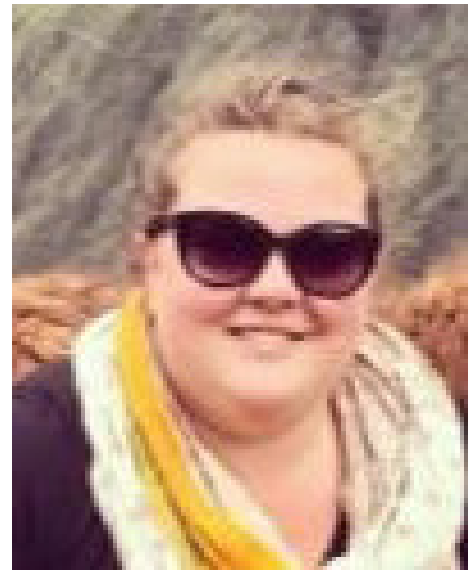
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Robyn Feinberg won first prize, Natalie Van Hoozer nabbed second prize, and Sara Mohamed took third prize in the multimedia news story contest.

Both Feinberg and Van Hoozer are students of the Reynolds School of Journalism, University of Nevada, Reno, while Mohamed is a student of the American University in Cairo.

Feinberg secured the top prize for his story titled "An Interpreter's Journey from Afghanistan to Northern Nevada." It portrayed Shafiullah Nazratzada, an Afghan interpreter who worked as a translator during the war in Afghanistan and now lives in Carson City, trying to make a peaceful life for his family. Feinberg described his story as, "Tracing his twists and turns, from surviving the Taliban to selling used cars in America."

Van Hoozer won second prize for "Self-Deportation: From Nevada to Mexico, A Son Follows His Deported Father." It told of how



## FROM THE MARKHAM PAPER CHAIR

*Sally Ann Cruikshank*  
*Middle Tennessee State University*

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This has been an exciting year to serve as the Markham Paper Chair. Besides overseeing reviews of the excellent research submitted by students to the Markham competition, I worked with ICD leadership to come up with new initiatives to engage graduate students with AEJMC and the Division.

We conducted a survey of graduate students to determine how ICD can better serve future professors, and results will be presented at the ICD business meeting in August.

## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

*Kevin Grieves*

*Whitworth University*

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This spring we conducted a survey of ICD members. The survey garnered 64 responses (current division membership is 214). In addition to demographic information, the survey asked about members' social media activity as well as preferences for receiving information from the Division. The survey queried members about preferences for annual conference activities. Results of the survey will be presented at the ICD business meeting in August.



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## FROM THE PROFESSIONAL FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY CHAIR

*Anna Popkova*

*Western Michigan University*

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This year, ICD received five PF&R proposals for panels. We chose "State-Sponsored Messaging & Freedom of Speech" and "Lessons from the Front Lines: Advice from Tenured Faculty for New Assistant Professors." You can see details about both panels in the vice head's report.

In addition, ICD members will have an opportunity to tour the Voice of America studios in Washington, D.C. The tour will take place on Tuesday, August 7, and will start at 9:30 am. An online signup sheet will become available in June. Please contact me at [anna.popkova@wmich.edu](mailto:anna.popkova@wmich.edu) with any questions about the tour.

## FROM THE ICD BRANDING OFFICER AND EUROPEAN LIAISON

Betty Tsakarestou  
*Panteion University*

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I designed the ICD Branding Master Strategy Plan, putting it into effect in consultation with the ICD Head and officers. I also oversaw implementation of the ICD Branding Strategy in collaboration with ICD officers. I provided feedback and collaborated regularly with ICD's Social Media Chair, leveraging ICD's social media impact and outreach.

I co-initiated and co-moderated the second #ICD\_CSW Twitter Chat about "Teaching Media in the Middle East: Negotiating Gendered Expectations and Differences" on Oct. 18, 2017.

I also promoted ICD activities to European and Greek universities and to communication, media and journalism practitioners. And I collaborated with the ICD Head and ICD Secretary in launching the ICD Slack communication and project management channels. Visit us on *Facebook*, *Twitter*, *Slack* and *LinkedIn*.

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## FROM THE DIGITAL CHAIR

Meghan Sobel  
*Regis University*

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This year, as Digital Chair, I focused on enhancing ICD's digital presence through cohesive messaging via listserv. In a joint effort with the Membership Chair, I updated ICD's listserv. It was a good year for the digital side of ICD, where the listserv was used efficiently and effectively.

In updating ICD's listserv, I gave attention to ensuring that all members are receiving ICD's emails and nonactive and/or duplicate email addresses were removed.

As a member of the ICD Branding team, I also collaborated with other officers on matters related to ICD's media platforms and the Division's promotional aspects. For a video on the latest developments, see <https://go.unl.edu/2zgd>





## FROM A RESEARCH LIAISON FOR ASIA

*Rauf Arif*

*Texas Tech University*

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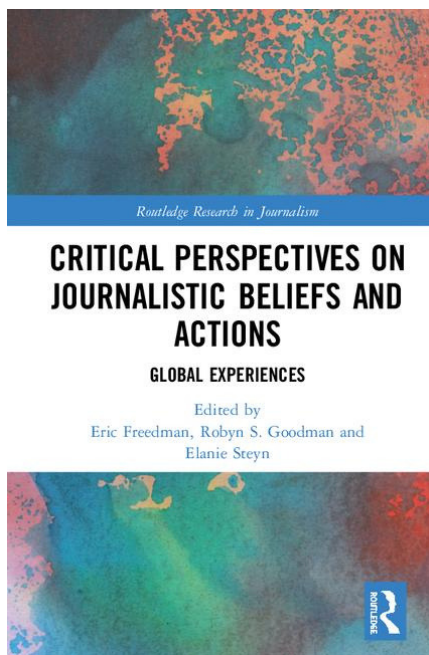
As a part of my role to extend and enrich the contacts list to include more media academics and professionals from unlisted countries, I have reached out to academics and media professionals. My list of journalists and academic professionals continues to grow.

For the forthcoming AEJMC conference, I intend to invite academics and professionals from the Asian region to enhance our collaborations with them. I am already using my contacts to enhance ICD's agenda.

Finally, I had an opportunity to travel to my home country, Pakistan, in December 2017. I visited a couple mass communication and journalism departments and invited faculty and grad students to collaborate with ICD members on research and professional activities. My invitation was well-received and, as a result, I am serving as an external member of two doctoral committees.

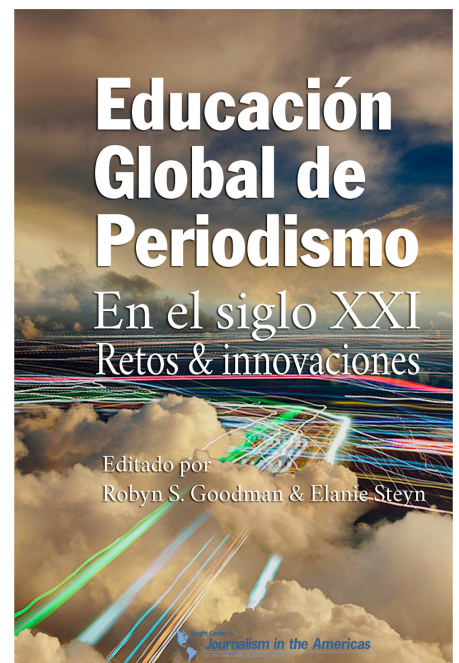
Furthermore, I visited several Pakistani media organizations (both print and television), reached out to prominent investigative journalists and invited them to be part of ICD's mission. I am pleased to report that every journalist and academic professional I talked with was extremely appreciative and supportive of our work and mission.

# PUBLICATIONS

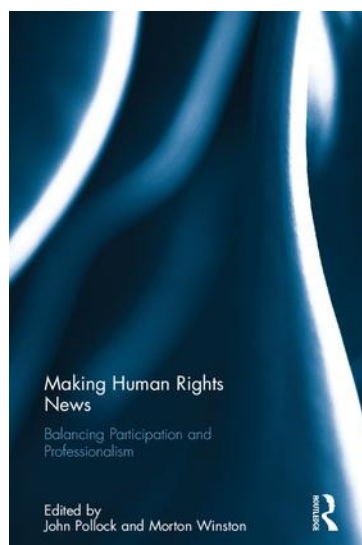


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Published by Routledge, "Making Human Rights News: Balancing Participation and Professionalism" explores the impact of new digital technology and activism on the production of human rights messages. It is the first collection of studies to combine multidisciplinary approaches, "citizen witness" challenges to journalism ethics, and expert assessments of the "liberating role" of the Internet.



Published by Routledge, this work's case studies incorporate interviews and surveys of journalists. The book examines journalists' attitudes on their contributions to society; the impact of industry and technology changes; culture and minority issues; censorship and self-censorship; coping with psychological pressures and safety dilemmas. It discusses journalists' challenges in national and multinational contexts. International scholars contributed to this study of global journalistic practices.



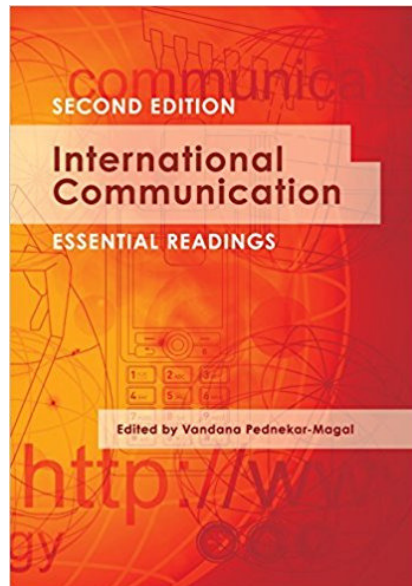
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With "Educacion Global de Periodismo," educators and journalists in Spanish-speaking countries now have access to a free ebook compiling country case studies on journalism education, as well as lessons from journalism educators around the world. Published by the Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas.

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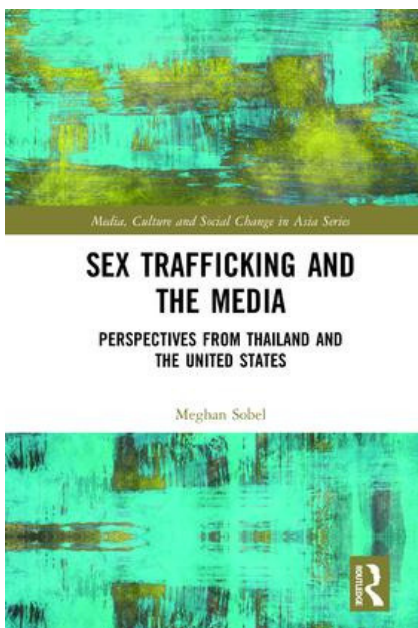
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Published by Routledge, "Sex Trafficking and the Media" draws on news coverage in the United States and Thailand as well as interviews with journalists, anti-trafficking advocates, survivors of sex trafficking and consensual sex workers. It illuminates why coverage is framed as it is, how anti-trafficking advocates can act as media advocates to push coverage in new directions, and how journalistic functions are similar and different in the two countries.



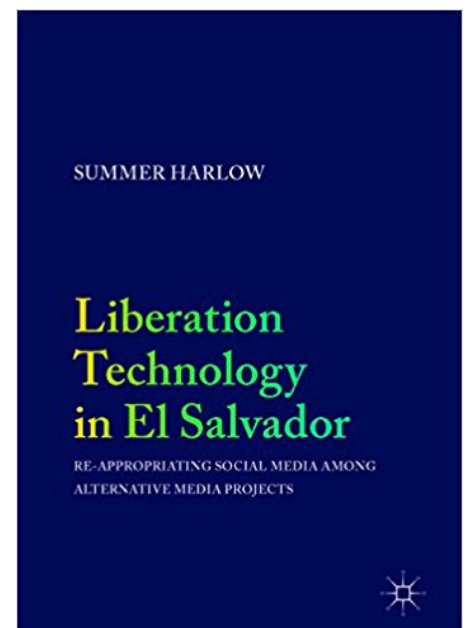
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This ethnographic study, published by Palgrave Macmillan, explores how four media projects in El Salvador integrated digital technologies—particularly social media—into their practices, and whether these technologies affected citizen participation in both the media production process and in a broader sphere of civic and political life. Winner of the 2018 AEJMC-Knudson Latin America Prize.



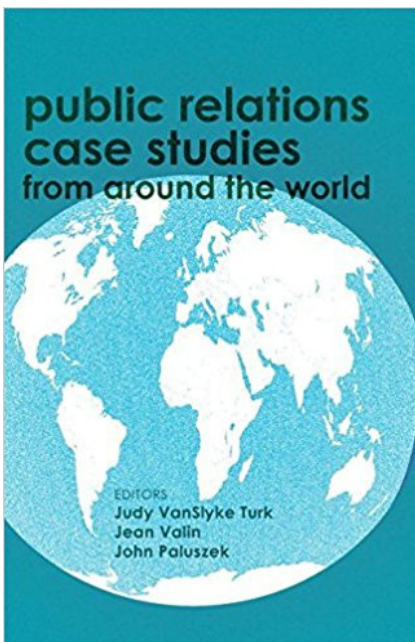
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This updated anthology, published by Cognella Academic Publishing, is a guide to international communication studies. It brings together many perspectives on globalization and communication. The collection includes new essays on significant topics related to globalization such as migration, and transnational communities, as well as works seminal to the discipline of international communication.





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**Stine Eckert** of Wayne State University published: "Fighting for Recognition: Online Abuse of Women Bloggers in Germany, Switzerland, the UK and US" in *New Media & Society*. DOI: 10.1177/1461444816688457; "Fluid Public Clusters in Western Democracies: Political Women Bloggers in the United States, United Kingdom, Germany and Switzerland," in *Blue Book of Media and Gender*. Report on the Development of Media and Gender in China (2015-2016), 229-272; and "Health-related Disaster Communication and Social Media: Mixed-method Systematic Review," with several coauthors. *Health Communication*. DOI: 10.1080/10410236.2017.1351278.



## MEDIA INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Edited by Michelle Ferrier & Elizabeth Mays

**Toluwani Oloke** of the University of Florida and Juan-Carlos Molleda of the University of Oregon contributed "The African Union Commission's Multinational Ebola Campaign's Localization Strategies," a chapter in "Public Relations Case Studies from Around the World." Peter Lang published the book.



**Betty Tsakareistou** of Panteion University contributed "Entrepreneurship Abroad: Cultural and International Perspectives and Challenges," a chapter in "Media Innovation and Entrepreneurship." Rebus Community for Open Textbooks published the book.



# PUBLICATIONS



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**Kevin Grieves** of Whitworth University, our membership chair, published "Cowboy Songs from a Cold War Adversary: Listening to RIAS as Portrayed in the East German Press." The piece, appearing in *American Journalism*, 35:1, 77-95, DOI: 10.1080/08821127.2017.1419754, explores how Radio in the American Sector, a U.S.-run radio station, was seen as threat by the East German regime.

Article

## Comparing Cross-National Coverage of Genetically Modified Organisms: A Community Structure Approach

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### Abstract

A community structure analysis compared cross-national coverage of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) with variations in national-level demographics from 19 newspapers worldwide, yielding combined article "prominence" and "direction" "Media Vector" newspaper scores emphasizing either "favorable" (42%) or "unfavorable" (58%) coverage of GMOs. Regression analysis revealed "poverty level" (24.2% of variance) and "percent of agricultural land" (4.7%) totaled 28.9% of the variance, confirming that "vulnerability" indicators are associated with favorable media coverage of GMOs. Contrary to conventional "guard dog" assumptions that media mirror elite interests, systematic research on demographics and GMO coverage reveals that media can mirror the interests of society's most "vulnerable."

### Keywords

genetically modified organisms, cross-national coverage, newspapers, Media Vector, vulnerability

### Introduction

With the world population increasing exponentially every year, an equally growing concern has emerged regarding the ability to produce a sustainable food supply. Consequently, scientists have developed genetically modified organisms (GMOs), or

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**John C. Pollock** and seven of his students in an international communication class at The College of New Jersey surveyed newspaper coverage of genetically modified foods, publishing their findings in the *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*. The students also presented findings at the DC Health Communication Conference, and were the only undergraduates invited to make such a presentation.



# Presentations



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**Carolyn Walcott**, a doctoral student at Georgia State University and a LAC region representative, presented "Not Made in America: Capturing Nationality and Identity through African and Caribbean Camera Lenses" at the 50th Conference of the National Council for Black Studies. She also was slated to present "Haiti, Power and Memory: Diasporic Reframing of Dominant Media Narratives" at an international conference, "'Seamed by its own bitter juice': Voice, Visibility, Literacies," at The Knowledge Centre, British Library, London. In August, she will present "Glocal Television Possibilities: When Guyana Meets U.S. Appeals" at the AEJMC meeting in Washington.

# Excellence



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The New Jersey Communication Association honored **John C. Pollock** of The College of New Jersey and several of his students by creating an institutional mentorship award at the NJCA's annual conference. In addition, two TCNJ teams won ties for "best student paper in the state" awards for papers on cross-national coverage of urban relocation and U.S. multicity coverage of opioid abuse. Dr. Pollock was a coauthor on the papers.



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**Mohammed Al-Azdee**, our division head, was granted tenure as an Associate Professor at the University of Bridgeport. He did his undergraduate studies in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Baghdad. During the Iraq War, Dr. Al-Azdee served as an embedded reporter for American media. He came to the United States as a Fulbright scholar. He earned his MA in 2008 and his Ph.D. in 2012 from Indiana University in Bloomington. His area of interest is the environment in which news content is created, especially when communication technologies are also considered.



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**Brian R. Ekdale** was granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor at the University of Iowa's School of Journalism & Mass Communication. Dr. Ekdale, who earned his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, studies how and why people create media content in the digital era. Reflecting his interest in Africa, he is focusing now on hip-hop music video directors and DJs in Kenya. His documentary, "10 Days in Malawi," was screened at 11 film festivals and won 8 awards.

# Excellence



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Academic collaborators **Summer Harlow** of the University of Houston, left, and **Danielle K. Kilgo** of Indiana University received a 2018 AEJMC Emerging Scholars grant.



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**Andrew Lingwall** of Clarion University spent Fall 2017 as a guest researcher and lecturer at Aalborg University (AAU) in Denmark. He worked on a study of how well communications programs at the school prepare grads for work. Dr. Lingwall also lectured on international public relations at AAU and in Poland at the University of Warsaw and Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University. He travels next year to the Franklin Institute-Universidad de Alcalá in Spain to teach “International Public Relations in the Trump and Post-Trump Era.”

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The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State named **Betty Tsakarestou** of Panteion University as an International Exchange Alumna/Alumnus of the Month for her work at the Advertising and Public Relations Lab at Panteion and the Connecting Cities project with other alumni of Ohio University's Study of the U.S. Institute on Journalism and Media. She was also featured in a video documentary series, "Women Changing Greece," a U.S Embassy production in Athens. A research visitor in 2017 at the Tow-Knight Center for Entrepreneurial Journalism, CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, Dr. Tsakarestou also served as a member of the scientific committee for an international conference on the future of media organized by Ohio

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University and Fudan University and served as an Erasmus Plus Grant-International Mobility Exchange professor at Zhejiang University in China in 2017 and Alberto Hurtado University in Santiago, Chile, in 2018, teaching entrepreneurial journalism. As head of ADandPRLAB at Panteion, she initiated a memo of collaboration between the university and Antenna Music of Antenna Group. She also co-organized Startup Weekend - Athens Entrepreneurial Journalism - Audio and Radio Innovation.

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**Joseph Weber**, our outgoing newsletter editor, was named Graduate Chair at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Journalism and Mass Communications. He also served as a visiting professor at the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics in the summer of 2017 and was slated to do so again in the summer of 2018.

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## A Call for Nominees for ICD Offices

We welcome your nominations for the International Communication Division (ICD) officers. The ICD will elect a new vice-head/program chair, secretary, and Markham competition chair during the convention in Washington D.C. Please submit your nominations or self-nominations in the following link **by July 15, 2018**: <https://goo.gl/forms/youuGS9MQNz9JGz02>

To nominate yourself or another person, submit: **the name** (with affiliation and contact information), **a statement of support** (limit 250 words), and the **nominee's email confirmation** of willingness to stand for election. Nominees must be ICD members. Nominees for vice-head must have served ICD in some capacity (as officer and/or reviewer) in the past five years.

The committee will contact each candidate, who must provide a goal statement and a short bio (limit 250 words) by August 1, 2018. In case of multiple nominations for the same position, the committee will put together a slate for election. The election will take place at the ICD business meeting in Washington on Aug. 7, from 6:45-8:15pm.

**\*Vice head/program chair:** The vice-head will begin the one-year term at the end of the conference in Washington. After receiving training and materials from past program planners, the vice-head will plan the program for the AEJMC convention in Toronto (2019). The vice-head will become head of the ICD division for the next conference in San Francisco (2020). Responsibilities include soliciting panel proposals, finding co-sponsors for panel proposals, attending the midwinter planning meeting (with division head), notifying persons of panels selected, requesting funds from AEJMC for speaker travel, writing copy on panel sessions, and aiding the division head and research chair as otherwise required.

**\*Secretary:** The secretary will begin her/his term at the Washington conference and will continue for the convention in Toronto. Responsibilities include: taking minutes of the annual meeting, preparing an official copy for the division head's report, and keeping the files and records of the division up-to-date. In addition, this officer carries out tasks assigned by the division head throughout the year, such as preparing special flyers or invitations for events.

**\*Markham Competition Chair:** The Markham Competition chair will begin her/his term at the Washington conference and will continue for the convention in Toronto. The Markham Competition Chair becomes the research chair of the ICD division for the conference in San Francisco. Responsibilities include: aids the research chair in soliciting and judging research papers, and with scheduling selected papers into sessions at the annual convention. Other tasks include coordinating the blind review of papers for the student paper Markham Competition.

To learn more about the ICD officer structure, duties and responsibilities, visit <http://aejmc.us/icd/by-laws/> Consider taking up this call by nominating a colleague or yourself to become a candidate for vice-head, secretary, or Markham competition chair.

Mohammed Al-Azdee, ICD Head

Lindita Camaj, ICD Vice-Head

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**Call for participants: Media Ethics Division**  
**Roundtable on Indigenous Values, Practices and News Media**  
**AEJMC 2018 Convention: Monday Aug, 6, 8:15 – 9:45 a.m. (Room 10/11)**  
**1-page brief due June 25, 2018 ([auman@hawaii.edu](mailto:auman@hawaii.edu))**

If you are interested in joining a roundtable discussion on understanding and integrating values and practices of indigenous media into mainstream Western-style journalism, please contact me: Professor Ann Auman, University of Hawai'i [auman@hawaii.edu](mailto:auman@hawaii.edu).

This roundtable is organized into three intersecting dimensions:

1. Characteristics of indigenous media that reveal values and practices;
2. Comparisons of mainstream Western-style journalism values and practices with those that characterize indigenous ones;
3. Creating ethical guidelines and conduct in non-fiction storytelling that will inform mainstream media.

**SUBMISSION:** Short paper (up to two pages) with a bibliography, sent to me ([auman@hawaii.edu](mailto:auman@hawaii.edu)) by July 1. I will distribute those in advance so that we all have the background for an enhanced discussion. Six will be chosen for a very short presentation.

My current research focuses on developing guidelines or a code of ethics for those creating non-fiction media in Hawai'i. Some practitioners and scholars have been working on this for some time, particularly in the area of creative media. (New Zealand/Aotearoa [The Brown Book — Maori in Screen Production](#)), and Hawai'i is following their lead with a media protocol handbook, mainly for creative media. But there's a need for this type of work with news media.

Hawaiians and Native people in North America, Australia and New Zealand (Aotearoa) are urging members of these communities to tell their stories through their own lenses, following their belief systems and practices. What can mainstream journalists in Western-type media organizations, whose standards and practices reinforce the dominant culture of the colonizers, learn from them?

**THEMES:**

- Contextual ethics: News media structures, systems and environments and how these shape storytelling.
  - Indigenous (tribal, aboriginal, Native) news media examples that illustrate belief systems, norms and practices;
  - Guidelines for mainstream Western journalists to increase awareness and sensitivity through codes of conduct;
  - Role of media in indigenous cultures (e.g. identity formation; sovereignty; celebration of culture and values; record stories and genealogy; responsibility; ethnic media as part of a social movement);
  - Media framing and representation;
  - Examination of mainstream Western journalism norms and values, such as truth-seeking, independence, the watchdog role, accountability and transparency and how these might have parallels or moral conflicts with indigenous values and practices.
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## CALL FOR PAPERS for #ISOJ Journal 2019

'Digital Media and Democracy in the Americas'

Guest Editors:

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Deadline for extended abstracts: August 15, 2018

Submission instructions: [isoj.org/research](http://isoj.org/research)

Media play fundamental roles in democratic societies: they inform the public, help set common agendas for politicians and voters, provide a forum for the expression of different viewpoints in civil society, and act as watchdogs by holding powerful actors accountable for their actions. The capacity of the news media to fulfill these roles varies by social and historical contexts, due to either internal or external factors, or a combination of both.

During the last two decades, the relationship between media and democracy has been tested in several countries across the Americas. Tension between presidents and other elected officials and journalists have both challenged the role of reporters and made their daily job more complicated by reducing access to the politicians they cover. In other cases, the ownership structure and market dominance of media businesses have made them vulnerable to criticism. Moreover, technological innovations have called into question journalism's role as mediator between different groups of the population—such as political leaders and voters, sports stars and fans, and advertisers and consumers—and threatened their financial sustainability in the long term. In addition, the emergence and growth of social media have both challenged the dominance of established news operations in the information ecosystem, and also opened new opportunities for political parties, civil society, and social movements to get their message across without the news media's intermediary role.

But these challenges to media have not altered the need for independent reporting that provides information on affairs of the polity, represents the full spectrum of public opinion, and holds those in power accountable. How have the news media performed their democratic duties in the Americas? Have journalistic practices changed in response to technological innovations and political challenges? How have journalists viewed their professional roles in this new environment? What regulations have encouraged or hindered independent reporting? Have viable alternatives to traditional revenue models emerged? Has the use of social media by social movements and political figures affected the jurisdictional power of the news media and, if so, how have the latter dealt with this change?

#ISOJ Journal, the official research publication of the International Symposium on Online Journalism (<http://isoj.org/research/>), is seeking extended abstracts (up to 1,000 words) for a special issue on this topic, to be published in conjunction with the next ISOJ symposium in April 2019. A subset of the authors of selected extended abstracts will be asked to send full manuscripts. All submitted manuscripts will undergo a blind review process, and the authors of those articles selected for publication also will be invited to present their work at the symposium. Empirical work, either quantitative or qualitative (or both), historical or contemporary (or both), is encouraged. Non-empirical work that contributes substantively to our understanding of the relationship between media and democracy in the Americas is also welcome. Both comparative and single-country studies are suitable. Research about digital media, in line with the call of the special issue is particularly desired. Finally, inquiries situated within a wide spectrum of disciplines—including, but not limited to, journalism studies, communication and media studies, political science, sociology, anthropology, and international relations—are welcome.

Notices to selected extended abstracts will be sent by September 7, 2018. Full papers are expected by October 22, 2018.

Inquiries about this call may be directed to both Pablo Boczkowski ([pjb9@northwestern.edu](mailto:pjb9@northwestern.edu)) or to Eugenia Mitchelstein ([emitchelstein@udesa.edu.ar](mailto:emitchelstein@udesa.edu.ar)) and should contain the words 'ISOJ Query' in the subject line.

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