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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

MEREDITH CLARK

Dear CSW Members:

It is my pleasure to officially greet you for the first time in my current position as chair of the Commission on the Status of Women. I am honored to serve, and owe a debt to several members of the Commission for their help in preparing me for this role.

It was wonderful to meet, see, and reconnect with so many of you in August during AEJMC's annual convention in Washington, D.C. I trust that our time spent together gave you some of the fuel needed to power through the opportunities and challenges of this academic year.

Our connections to one another are particularly critical in fortifying us for the task ahead: Connecting research and practice to educate our communities about media's many function in a chaotic world.

I wrote this message days after the mass shooting of congregants at Tree of Hope synagogue in Pittsburg, and nearly a week after the racially targeted shooting of two Black residents in Jeffersontown, Ky. — two physically violent acts that raise questions about the impact of highly mediated, divisive rhetoric. **Continued pg. 2**



AEJMC 2018 Convention Highlights

The Commission on the Status of Women received 40 paper submissions for the 2018 AEJMC competition. No papers were disqualified. Twenty papers were accepted for presentation for a 50-percent acceptance rate. Sixteen of these papers (40 percent) were assigned to panel presentations and four of these papers (10 percent) were assigned to scholar-to-scholar presentations. We had 13 student submissions and 27 faculty/student

submissions. Student and faculty combined papers are considered faculty papers. Four completely student authored papers were accepted. 16 faculty papers were accepted. There were 52 reviewers involved in evaluating the papers. Only one reviewer was a student. All others had a terminal degree. Going forward, it is advised that researchers fill out all fields in the AEJMC site when submitting their work to ensure a smooth competition process.



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CHAIR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

Meanwhile, the mediated public policy discourse on trans* identities reminds us of the clear and present danger material harm against marginalized people; as does the xenophobic framing of immigration issues at the U.S.-Mexico border. The contemporary assault on press freedoms, as evidenced by the circulation of inflammatory rhetoric about journalists being “the enemy of the people,” and the slaying of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi, adds to our collective concern about the function and state of media around the world.

Applying an intersectional feminist lens to current events, our charge is to be unflinching in our analysis of the history, social norms, and technological advances that have brought us to this moment. The same commitment must apply to our teaching as we compete with the strategic delegitimization of trusted media institutions, including journalism education. We also have the opportunity to live our values in our service — be it to the field, the profession, or our communities. From the most mundane tasks that keep our departments running, to the intellectual and emotional labor we do to support our students, I encourage each of us to draw on our shared values of equality, equity and justice in our work.

To that end, I'd love to hear about how you're using research, teaching, and service to address contemporary problems in and refracted through

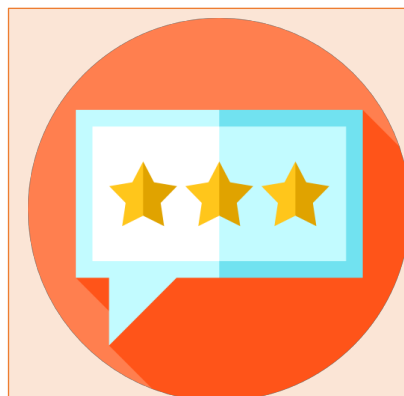
media. A number of the CSW award-winning papers recognized during our 2018 business meeting tackled several of these issues head-on — reception that underscores the necessity of our work. Perhaps you have developed a lesson plans that would make for dynamic workshops or teaching panels in the 2019 conference cycle, or have insights for those of us engaged in silent or undervalued service. I encourage you to think on these things as we move toward the Southeast Colloquium and Midwinter Conference, and our annual convention meeting in Toronto. How might CSW members collectively use our intellectual passions and pursuits to improve the conditions of our world?

Feminist-oriented research is connected and committed to the work of social justice. We have the opportunity to use our positions to work toward the liberation of all people through the privileged pursuit of the life of the mind. I believe we are well-prepared for the task.

In solidarity, I am,

Meredith D. Clark, Ph.D.

P.S. While I'm largely absent from Facebook (a deliberate choice of self-care and self-preservation), I am here to serve. Please contact me via email at mdc6j@virginia.edu, phone at 434.924.5938, or on Twitter [@meredithdclark](https://twitter.com/meredithdclark) to share your ideas and concerns for CSW and AEJMC at large.



The 2019 AEJMC research co-chairs thank all those who have already volunteered to be reviewers for 2019 and we look forward to a few more stepping forward to help out. Reviewing is an important part of the conference process and your expertise is greatly appreciated!

MEMBER Q&A WITH ERICA CISZEK



When and why did you decide to join CSW? I'm not sure when I formally became a member, but I've attended CSW functions since I was a graduate student in 2008. So it has been a decade. As a researcher that considers identity in communication and media, CSW is an important space for scholars to come together to

think about gender within these landscapes.

Congratulations on receiving the MAYS award this summer! You mentioned that you want researchers to move away from thinking that gender is, "...simply a demographic category on a survey where participants select male or female." How will your research address that and move society (and academia) forward?

I want scholars and practitioners to consider the complexity of identity in the work we/they do, not just as it relates to gender, but to all identity categories. My research is qualitative in nature and shines light on the complexity of identities communication professionals bring to their work, and the way these multiple identities inform their work.

Your research frequently examines advocacy or activism. How would you explain the difference between the two?

A research participant of mine, Jenn Grace, has articulated the difference between activists and advocates, so I will defer to her definition here: "An *activist* is a person who makes an intentional action to bring about social or political change. Example: Rosa Parks was a civil rights *activist* who challenged racial segregation in 1955 by refusing to give up her seat on a bus for a white man. An *advocate* is one who speaks on behalf of another person or group." These terms are not mutually exclusive.

Thinking about your "It gets better" study, can you talk a little bit about your work on constructive advocacy and the importance of positive messaging in activism/advocacy?

The point of this research and the article is to recognize the power of a narrative shift. The constructive advocacy position does not suggest a dismissal of negative content and the importance of strategically wielding information that will move your audiences to action. However, as this case of LGBT advocacy reveals, sometimes a narrative shift can result in changing the entire global discourse around an issue and/or group of people, in this case LGBT youth.

Tell me something fun about yourself that other CSW members may not know.

When I'm not focused on my research or preparing lectures/grading/etc., I'm working on raising socially conscious children (Quinn- almost 5 years old and Eli- 4 month old) that will change the world. So that kind of keeps me super busy.

What research are you most excited about right now (something you're working on or something you've read)?

I'm excited about a project I'm conceptualizing right now to gather #metoo narratives from PR professionals. Right now the project is in its infancy. Stay tuned.

About Erica:

Erica Ciszek is an Assistant Professor at the Stan Richards School of Advertising & Public Relations at the University of Texas at Austin. Her research explores the intersections of public relations, activism and social change. Her work encompasses a triadic focus: (1) activism as public relations (conceptualizing social movement organizations as strategic communicators); (2) public relations as activism (conceptualizing public relations practitioners as organizational change agents); and (3) activism and strategic communication (considering how key stakeholders engage with communication materials aimed at them). Ciszek's research has been published in the top journals in the field, including the *Journal of Communication*, as well as advocacy journals such as the *Journal of Homosexuality*.

Congratulations!

Dustin Harp (University of Texas at Arlington) is working on a new book, *Gender in the 2016 US Presidential Election*, that examines media discourse during the campaign from a feminist critical cultural perspective to better understand how the intersection of gender and politics was contested and lived during the presidential election. The book is expected to be published in Spring 2019.

Teri Finneman (University of Kansas) recently launched a new podcast called Journalism History on behalf of the journal of the same name and the AEJMC History Division. The show features interviews with media historians about their research. You can find episodes on iTunes or in the purple Podcasts app on iPhones. Look for the blue and white Journalism History icon.



AEJMC Midwinter 2019 – Call for Submissions

Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Oklahoma, March 1-2, 2019.

Call for Paper Abstracts: The Commission on the Status of Women invites submissions of research paper abstracts of between 600 and 800 words (word count excludes author information and references) that are based on issues of gender and communication. The Commission welcomes papers in which gender is a main analytic focus and invite projects that use a variety of approaches and research methods, including, but not limited to critical, empirical, ethnographic, historical, legal, and semiotic analyses. Submissions should be done online and by December 1, 2018, at <http://bit.ly/midwinter19>.

Call for Panels: CSW invites teaching, workshop or research panel proposals. Teaching panels should discuss teaching ideas, challenges, innovations, technologies, skills, etc. that are relevant to feminist teaching and/or considerations of gender in/out of the classroom. Workshops should involve specialized training in emerging and innovative skills and professional development. Research panels should focus on original, innovative and trending research on issues of gender and communication. Proposals should include an overview of the panel and must list panelists (3-4 presenters with a moderator, and, if desired, a respondent), indicating the affiliation, qualification and contribution of each presenter. Submissions for panels should be sent directly via email to Sreyoshi Dey (srdey@syr.edu) Janet Kwami (janet.kwami@furman.edu). Please read the attached general call for the conference.

For those that couldn't make it to the scholar-to-scholar sessions at AEJMC 2018, here's a quick peek at the CSW posters that were presented. For more information, please contact the authors directly. Thank you to our presenters!

Women PR History Forgot to Discover Community building on and after the Oregon Trail

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Abstract

Narrative analysis of diaries and reminiscences by pioneer women who traveled the Oregon Trail in the mid-to-late 1800s revealed their expanded roles performed along the 2,000+ -mile trek from the Missouri River to Willamette Valley. A new *caretaking* role was required of women in addition to and in conjunction with traditional female-gendered private sphere work of the 19th century (childbearing and raising, cooking, washing, cleaning). Once women settled in Oregon Territory/Country, their role evolved into one of *charitable society project manager*. Linking the two related roles of pioneer women are two themes: a) *apothecary, medical, and emotional supporter*, and b) *civilizer*. Both of these themes characterized community building functions that we frame as early public relations activities. This finding makes a substantive contribution to recorded public relations history in the U.S. which otherwise begins with the institutionalized achievements of White men in formal business organizations. Exclusion of women's contributions heretofore has presented an exceptionally limited view of public relations history.



Research Question

What roles did Oregon Trail women fill during and after the journey?

Diaries		Reminiscences	
	Year on the Oregon Trail		Year on the Oregon Trail
Elizabeth Julia Ellison Gotha	1853	Alva Aitken, Carrie Aitken, Gertrude Aitken	1853
E. Anselma Hedley	1851	Arizona Angelina Spillman Cooper	1865
Jane "Janne" Eakin Hanna	1866	Marianne Hinckley D'Arcy	1846
W. A. Longhery	1861	S. D. Evans	1863
Lillian A. Zwick	1852	Wyoma Lee Surfin Stohbecker Gordon	1851
		J. W. Miller	1851
		J. A. Newell	1852
		Julia Thomas	1852



A WOMAN AT 300: GENDERING NEWS COVERAGE IN A HISTORIC MAYORAL ELECTION



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INTRODUCTION

- November 18, 2017: New Orleans elects first woman as mayor.
- Study of 9 months of coverage, and 537 articles.
- Comparison of the two daily newspapers and the two leading African-American newspapers.
- Comparison of the coverage of the two leading women candidates: Latoya Cantrell and Desiree Charbonnet and the two top polling male candidates Michael Bagneris and Troy Henry.
- Leading female candidates personal lives received more negative coverage in mainstream, while male candidates were scrutinized based on their professional background.
- Differences in coverage varied by newspaper type, African American newspapers focused less on gender and race, but on track record with the community.

WOMEN IN POLITICS OVERVIEW

- Women typically receive less coverage in political races than men.
- Coverage of women is often more negative than men. (Banwart, Bystrom & Robertson, 2003; Devitt 1999; Kahn 1994)
- Less women in U.S. races go on to win, citing negative coverage. (Kittilson, & Fridkin, 2008).
- Media focuses on "women's" issues when covering female candidates (Dolan, 2014).
- Media covers women's "style over substance" and personal lives (Aday & Devitt, 2001).
- Media show more nuance covering race over gender (Major & Coleman, 2008).
- Horse-race coverage affects war chest (Aalberg, Strömbäck, & De Vreese, 2012).

METHODS & RESEARCH QUESTIONS



Sample Descriptives:
4 Newspapers (2 mainstream, 2 African American)
N= 537

- News Articles (47.3%),
- Election Analysis/Updates (38.5%),
- Editorials (6.5%),
- Columns/Essays (7.6%)

Sample frame: March 1, 2017-November 2017

Keywords:
 Latoya Cantrell (41.9%),
 Desiree Charbonnet (31.8%),
 Michael Bagneris (17.7%),
 Troy Henry (8.6%)

Coding Procedure:
 RQ1: Ledes/mographs used to code article themes.
 RQ2: Adjectives/phrases before/after candidate's names used to code descriptors.

RESULTS: RQ 1

RQ1: What themes received the most coverage about the top four candidates?

HORSE RACE = 30%
(HORSE RACE BETWEEN TWO WOMEN = 17.5%)

CANDIDATE'S PLATFORMS = 24.6%

NEGATIVE ATTACKS = 13.6%

DULL ELECTION = 8.9%

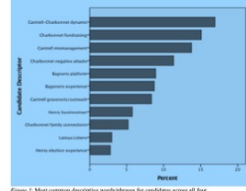
NO FRONT-RUNNER = 5.4%

Table 1: How newspapers differed in their coverage themes of the candidates.

Theme	Publication Name				Total
	The Times-Picayune	The New Orleans Advocate	The Louisiana Weekly	The New Orleans Data News Weekly	
horse-race	34	48	19	20	121
horse-race between two women	46.6%	29.8%	11.8%	12.4%	100.0%
platform	69	25	0	0	94
negative	73.4%	26.6%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
no front-runner	14	13	0	0	29
runner	55.2%	44.8%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
dull election	32	16	0	0	48
candidate's platform	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
negative campaign	58	8	7	0	73
negative	78.5%	11.0%	9.4%	0.0%	100.0%
platform	41	30	36	25	132
platform	31.1%	23.7%	27.3%	18.0%	100.0%
Total	290	140	42	45	517
	54.0%	26.1%	11.2%	8.4%	100.0%

RESULTS: RQ 2 AND RQ 3

RQ2: What key words/phrases were associated most with the top four candidates?



RQ3: How did the news organizations differ in their coverage of the top four candidates?

The candidate descriptives was significantly different by type of publication, $\chi^2(3, N = 537) = 260.81, p = .000$.

- The Times-Picayune = Cantrell-Charbonnet dynamic @ 21.4%
- The Advocate = Horse-race between Cantrell & Charbonnet
- The Louisiana Weekly = Cantrell Grassroots Campaign
- New Orleans Data News Weekly = Latoya Listens

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- Women candidates led in the polls. Yet male candidates were covered as being more politically experienced.
- Women candidates pitted against each other as a political cat-fight.
- Women scrutinized for personal decision-making, compared to professional decision making.
- The leading story for the two women candidates were their apparent political scandals.
- The lead stories for the male candidates were their years in politics.
- Scandals appeared less as part of coverage in African American newspapers compared to mainstream newspapers.
- Race described as having no clear front-runner, despite both men trailing in the polls.
- Election horse-race described as "dull" and "un-eventful" in mainstream coverage.


CONCLUSIONS

Political Reporting As Usual For Women Candidates

- African American newspapers focused on the candidates' platforms, and ties to the community.
- Mainstream news continued to perpetuate gender stereotypes.
- Mainstream news negative coverage of women candidates suggested they were unfit to lead.
- Mainstream news organizations were unequal in their themes for male v. female candidates.
- Male candidates' experience and political background were touted as strengths in the horse-race.
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- Male candidates' experience and political background were touted as strengths in the horse-race.
- Male candidates rarely were examined for personal scandals.
- There was less balance in how women were portrayed in the election, "style over substance."
- Mainstream news coverage magnified scandals alleged at the women candidates and insinuated that these scandals meant that the female candidates' ability to lead, should be brought into question.

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Women Journalists Face Death and Danger While Doing Their Jobs

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Abstract

- Violence against women journalists is a pervasive issue that has yet to be quantified in a meaningful way. Although national and international organizations committed to freedom of expression are actively tracking violent encounters by reporters, gender is rarely a variable systematically explored.
- This study presents a summary of what has been learned to date from an ongoing inquiry into both well-known and lesser-known cases of violence against women journalists while doing their jobs as reporters. Preliminary findings provide insight into 108 instances of women journalists attacked or murdered from 1992 to present.

Background

- Abolitionist Mary Ann Shad Cary was the first Black woman publisher in North America. She was forced to flee to Canada with her family to escape persecution for her writings.
- In 1892, journalist and activist Ida B. Wells received hundreds of death threats after writing an anti-lynching piece.
- In 1978, Carolyn Craven, a Black female reporter was raped by the serial rapist she had previously reported on. A few days later, she courageously shared her on story during a live broadcast.
- In 2011, Italian war correspondent Maria Grazia Cutuli was raped, shot and killed while reporting in Afghanistan.

Method

- Using a feminist analytical framework, we collected data from a variety of sources including Google search engines, LexisNexis, and the Committee to Project Journalists' database to identify cases.
- Keywords included: safety of women journalists, violence against women journalists, assaults on women journalists, murder of female journalists
- Because no interviews were conducted, we have a small sample of cases and realize that our research is only a starting point for this investigation.
- Using an Excel spreadsheet, we created a data set and were able to produce a descriptive statistics and cross-tabulations of variables.

Findings

Table 1. Cases per nation

Nations	Reports per nation	Total N
Mexico, Iraq	14	28
Russia	9	9
Philippines	8	8
Algeria	7	7
France	5	5
Afghanistan, Germany, Somalia, USA	4	16
Canada, Colombia, India, Sri Lanka, Syria	3	15
Egypt, Peru, South Sudan, Turkey	2	8
Bosnia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Nepal, Nicaragua, Rwanda, South Africa, Sweden, Turkmen, UK, Venezuela	1	13
TOTAL		109

Table 2. Genre(s) of journalism performed by women journalists

Genre	N
Print	40
Radio	24
Television	17
Combination of 2 or more genres	26
Missing data	2
TOTAL	109

Table 5. Impunity for perpetrators

Group	N	%
Prosecuted, sentenced	12	11%
Investigated	4	4%
Impunity	48	44%
Unknown	45	41%
TOTAL	109	100%

Table 3. Perpetrators of violence

Group	N	%
Political groups	27	25%
Government or military authorities	25	23%
Criminal groups	6	6%
Unknown	51	46%
TOTAL	109	100%

Table 4. Journalistic focus of women reporters

Group	N	%
War	34	32%
Human rights	23	21%
Politics	15	14%
Corruption	13	12%
Culture	9	8%
Crime	8	7%
Other	7	6%
TOTAL	109	100%

Discussion

- Within the journalism profession, women are at a significant disadvantage in terms of number and power to determine organizational decisions, including how companies respond to reports violence against women reporters.
- Rape, torture and even forced marriage characterized the particular forms of violence, and reporters in our study who specialized in women's rights and human rights were particularly vulnerable.
- Within news organizations men are still largely in charge and many have yet to adopt measures to enhance women's safety.
- Within the profession, women are at a significant disadvantage
- UN and other advocacy organizations benefit from feminist journalist scholarship that provides quantitative and qualitative arrived at through systematic analysis.
- Research fosters informed discussion and policy-setting and has the potential to support advocacy by women reporters and their professional organizations.

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"I didn't even know that they were beating me with flagpoles and sticks and things because I couldn't even feel that ... the sexual assault was all I could feel -- was their hands raping me over and over and over again."

- Lara Logan, CBS News Correspondent

PROMOTIONS and PUBLICATIONS



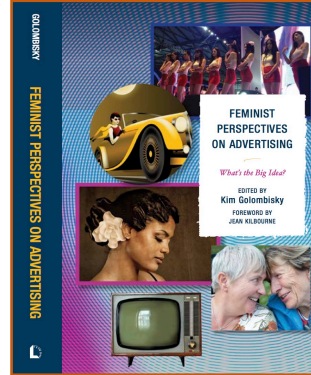
Dustin Harp (University of Texas at Arlington) has been named the Director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at the University of Texas at Arlington. She also has a new book out –

Feminist Approaches to Media Theory and Research – with Palgrave Macmillan that she co-edited with Jaime Loke (Texas Christian University) and Ingrid Bachmann (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile).

Khadija Ejaz (University of South Carolina) has had two papers accepted for publication: *Exploring the Motivations of Subjects of Sensitive Photo Essays at Journalism Practice* with Tara Mortensen (University of South Carolina), Brian McDermott (University of Massachusetts Amherst), and Daniel Hahn (University of South Carolina), and *Outside the Sports Closet: News Discourses of Professional Gay male Athletes in*



the Mainstream at Journal of Communication Inquiry with Leigh Moscovitz (University of South Carolina), Andrew Billings (University of Alabama), and Jane O'Boyle (Elon University).



Kim Golombisky (University of South Florida) edited *Feminist Perspectives on Advertising: What's the Big Idea?*, a Lexington anthology available in December. Jean Kilbourne wrote the foreword to this primer on

critical feminist advertising studies, organized into four sections: "Historicize This!," "Advertising Body Politics," "Media Reps," and "Reproduction and Postfeminist Empowerment." Contributors include communication feminists from Ghana, China, Australia, Hungary, the UK, and the US. Authors examine advertising intersectionally across feminist traditions such as Black, African, lesbian, transnational, poststructuralist, material, commodity, and environmental feminisms. Theoretical lenses include the reproductive justice framework, feminist disability studies, and feminist visual rhetoric, among others.

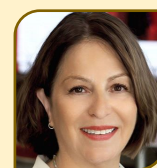


Honors & Awards



Khadija Ejaz (University of South Carolina) has been accepted for a year-long seminar at the Muslim Women and the Media Training Institute at the University of California at Davis. During the seminar, she will work on a project under the guidance of a mentor and other leading scholars and journalists of Islam, Islamic cultures, Muslim women, and their representation in the media. The project is tentatively scheduled to be presented at the meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in New Orleans. The seminar is funded by a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation.

accepted the Best of Show award for faculty audio for the podcast's "Wasta in Egypt" episode at BEA's On Location at the University of Houston. The audio piece was produced by Nour Ibrahim, an MMJ alumna. Listen to "Wasta in Egypt" on SoundCloud.



Laura Castañeda (University of Southern California) has been chosen to participate in the Journalists in Aging Fellowship Program on behalf of the Gerontological Society of America. She will attend the conference in Boston and complete short- and long-term news assignments for NBCLatino.



Kim Fox (The American University in Cairo), the executive producer of the Ehky Ya Masr Podcast,

Laura will also serve as a judge to help select journalists and newsrooms that will participate in the Report for America corp for 2019. The corp is a program that places journalists in local newsrooms.



**Commission on the Status of Women
Business Meeting
August 7, 2018
Minutes**

Candi Carter Olson presiding.

Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m.

Approval of minutes:

- Teri Finneman pointed out a typo on other ideas. Instead of 2019, 2020 for AEJMC history of suffrage.
- Carolyn Bronstein and Lucinda Davenport returned award *money*, not *awards*.
- Friendly amendment; seconded by Cory Armstrong. Unanimously approved.

CSW Branded book proposal:

- Rowman & Littlefield are interested in an AEJMC book series, including participation from the Commission on the Status of Women. The editor is interested in “teaching tough topics in the classroom.” AEJMC branded books will be practical guides. Topics may include intersectionality, reporting requirements for sexual assault on campus, gender dynamics in the sports journalism classroom, mental health in the classroom, and student crises in the classroom.
- Book II idea: What is the status of gendered research today, especially in the era of #MeToo? Online media creating spaces for women to publish, etc.
- Victoria LaPoe raised topics of: race + intersectionality, quantifying invisible labor, Native American journalists, and stereotypes in coverage.

- Carolyn Bronstein raised that she is the new editor for a Peter Lang Scholar Sourcing project. Let members know that you have a proposal under consideration. Explains the process in getting proposals approved.
- Terry Lueck suggested that the commission has done excellent panels on navigating advice. She suggested it might be a good fit for the series, potentially the handbook.

Awards

- First-place student paper: Urszula Pruchniewska, Temple University
- Second-place student paper: Claire Shinhea Lee, University of Texas at Austin
- Third-place student paper: Laura Harbert, Ohio University
- First-place faculty paper: Qingru Xu, Cory Armstrong, and Panfeng Yu, University of Alabama
- Second-place faculty paper: Katie Blevins, University of Idaho
- Third-place faculty paper: Anne Cooper and Hong Ji, Ohio University

Endowed Awards Ceremony

Outstanding Woman in Journalism and Mass Communication Education: Victoria LaPoe, Ohio University

- Recognized for her work on gender, race, sexuality, ability and intersectionality within journalism and media marketing.
- Donating prize to the Native American Journalists Association student fellowship.

Mary Gardner Award for Graduate Student

Research: Elizabeth Lance, Northwestern University in Qatar (dissertation work through Newcastle University)

- Working on research on press representation of women in Qatar and self-presentation on Instagram.
- Using prize to hire research assistant to assist with coding.

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Business Meeting minutes continued...

Mary Ann Yodelis Smith Award for Feminist

Scholarship: Erica Ciszek, University of Houston

- Using in-depth interviews to study the lived experiences of transgender and non-binary individuals working in strategic communication and media.
- Using prize to assist with continued interview work.
- Requested that members suggest any possible study respondents.

Donna Allen Award for Feminist Advocacy:

Petula Dvorak, columnist for the *Washington Post*

- Carter Olson described Donna Allen, a feminist and Civil Rights advocate in the 1950s and 1960s. Also founded the Women's Institute for the Freedom of the Press, which continues under the leadership of her daughter, Martha Allen. Founded the Media Report to Women and published a directory of feminist newspapers/publications, which has expanded to include minority publications, LGBTQI publications, and others. This award honors a woman and a legacy of advocacy and intersectionality.
- Terry Lueck nominated Dvorak and recognized the other members of the nomination committee (Erika Engstrom, Maurine Beasley, Jo-Ann Albers, Jerry Sass). The committee worked with Martha Allen, who highlighted Dvorak's career and noted that she has often referenced and shared Dvorak's writings through her network.
- Dvorak described her journalism background, her experiences as a reporter, how she became a columnist, and reactions from readers, as well as other experiences working in journalism today.
- Carter Olson announced the social after the meeting, where members can mingle with Dvorak.

Research Chairs' Reports:

- Carter Olson reported that the Midwinter conference received 8 faculty and 2 student submissions (10 total). The submission rate makes organizing a high-quality panel difficult. She asked whether the commission wants to continue with the Midwinter conference?
- April Spray Newton reported that other divisions were similarly low. Larger divisions (Mass Communication & Society) get reasonable numbers, and others get low submission rates.

- Carter Olson said the Midwinter conference is a valuable conference for graduate students and honing their research, as well as for mentorship.
- Jade Metzger suggested a topical focus for the 2019 Midwinter call (a teaching focus, for example) that could be carried over to the main AEJMC conference. Carter Olson cited the value of panel proposals, which are submitted less often.
- Katie Place suggested a workshop in lieu of a research paper panel. Could focus on methods or writing.
- Meg Heckman suggested converting the Midwinter to a "working weekend" for book chapters with a possible panel and roundtables.
- Lueck suggested that during the chipping process, when determining panels for the main conference, that officers keep the Graduate Student Interest Group in mind as a partner, which could lead to participation in the Midwinter conference. Carter Olson suggested mentioning this to incoming Vice Chair Paromita Pain.
- Spray Newton agreed with these ideas and said two panels for the commission is too many.
- Victoria LaPoe noted that the Midwinter conference could lead to publications for graduate students. She suggested a virtual conference.
- Carter Olson suggested continued discussion of the Midwinter conference to ensure it is a useful conference for members and makes membership and members' work stronger.
- Carter Olson reported that the Washington, D.C., AEJMC annual conference drew 40 submissions of good, diverse research.

Chair's Report:

- Carter Olson reported that the Donna Allen fundraiser increased in the amount raised this year.
- She encouraged members to join the Writing Support Group on Facebook. The group is also running a "No" contest this year to help members achieve balance in academic service and other responsibilities.
- The commission has worked with the Commission on the Status of Minorities for a year to develop a document for AEJMC members on hate speech and how to talk about it in the classroom and report on it. Will be released next week.

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Business Meeting Minutes Continued...

Updates from the executive board: Will hear more conversation about connecting academics with professionals. Marie Hardin is also focused on graduate student education. Conference childcare is also a major topic. This year, AEJMC set aside \$12,000 for a contract; reserved 4 rooms at the Marriott Marquis (overflow hotel); 7 children signed up.

- LaPoe said parents need more transparency about who is caring for their children; career profiles.
- Meredith Clark said the childcare being offered off-site was an issue, particularly in emergency situations; care must be convenient. Carter Olson noted that the Renaissance (primary) hotel was too small; no meeting rooms were available.
- Heckman said her male research partner has four young children and did not need to take advantage of childcare but praised that it was available. Many universities offer backup childcare subsidies through care.com; may help lower the cost of childcare.
- Carter Olson said multiple universities donated money for snacks and books.
- Loke raised questions of who the carers are and how to access an activities timetable for the day.
- Aryana Gooley asked about the ages of children who could participate. Some parents might be concerned about the mix of ages in the rooms. Carter Olson said four rooms were broken down according to age group; children ages 2-12 could participate.
- Spray Newton said older kids would not want to spend the day in a hotel room. She said everyone needed more information; the off-site location was a concern; and this was the first year, so there is room for improvement. She said childcare should not end because of small participation numbers this year.
- Carter Olson said a scholar raised concerns about minorities not being supported well at AEJMC and suggested the commission consider ways it can offer more support to minority scholars.

2022 Locations

- Indianapolis, Detroit, Chicago
- Votes: Indianapolis, 0; Detroit, 22; Chicago, 2
- Carter Olson mentioned that the Indianapolis conference would have later dates; Chicago would have earlier dates.

Mentorship Program Update:

- Carter Olson said the program needs a new coordinator.
- Bronstein noted that she took on a mentee last year (Chelsea Reynolds), and the relationship has been really beneficial for them both. She encouraged others to get involved.
- Jamie Loke volunteered to coordinate the program.
- Finneman and Carter Olson will co-chair a committee to commemorate the 100th anniversary of suffrage. They will need 1-2 additional members from CSW; the History Division has committed to 2-3 members. Kelli Boling volunteered.

Officer Elections:

- **Head:** Meredith Clark; automatically chair; moved up from last year's vice chair.
- **Vice Head:** Paromita Pain; elected as officer.
- **Research Committee Co-Chairs:** April Spray Newton and Deepa Fadnis; elected as officers.
- **Midwinter Conference Co-Chairs:** Sreyoshi Dey and Janet Kwami; elected as officers.
- **Secretary:** Joy Jenkins; elected as officer.
- **Newsletter Co-Editors:** Khadija Ejaz and Kelli Boling; elected as officers.
- **Social Media:** Kim Fox to continue as chair with committee members Jade Metzger, Janice Collins, and Teri Finneman.

New Business:

- Spray Newton requested reviewers for AEJMC 2019.
- Clark recognized Carter Olson for her service as chair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.