

AEJMC 2021 Conference Paper Call Law and Policy Division

The Division welcomes a variety of theoretical orientations and any method appropriate to the research question. Research that addresses matters of race, class, and gender in communication law and policy is welcome. A panel of judges will blind-referee all submissions, and selection will be based strictly on merit. Authors need not be AEJMC or Law and Policy Division members, but they must attend the conference to present accepted papers.

Paper authors should submit via the online submission process as described in the Uniform Paper Call. Law and Policy Division papers should be between 25–50 double-spaced pages with one-inch margins and 12-point font, including cover page, appendices, tables, footnotes and/or endnotes, and end-of-paper reference list, if applicable. (Footnotes and/or endnotes and reference list may be single-spaced.) Papers that exceed 50 total pages or are not double-spaced will be automatically rejected without review. Bluebook citation format is preferred, but authors may employ any recognized and uniform format for referencing authorities, including APA, Chicago, or MLA styles.

Papers that include author-identifying information within the text, in headers, or within the embedded electronic file properties will be automatically rejected. Before submitting your paper, please make certain that all author-identifying information has been removed and that all instructions have been followed per the AEJMC uniform paper call. Submitting before the conference deadline will allow you to fully check your submissions as they are entered into the system so that a resubmission prior to the deadline is possible if necessary.

There is no limit on the number of submissions authors may make to the division. Any paper previously published or presented at a conference, except the AEJMC Southeast Colloquium or the AEJMC Midwinter Conference, is not eligible for the competition.

Top Debut Faculty Paper

The division will award a Top Debut Faculty Paper. The top paper accepted by a faculty member who has never had a paper accepted by the Division will be awarded a prize of \$150 and will receive free conference registration. For papers with multiple authors, multiple faculty and/or faculty and student, to be eligible none of the authors of the paper may have previously had a paper accepted by the division at the national conference. In addition, only the faculty author presenting the paper will be eligible for free conference registration.

Top Student Paper

Student authors should clearly indicate their student status on the cover page. Student-only submissions will be considered for the \$100 Whitney and Shirley Mundt Award, given to the top student paper. Co-authored papers are eligible for the competition so long as all authors are students. The Law and Policy Division will also cover conference registration fees for the top three student paper presenters. In the case of co-authored student papers, only the student author presenting the paper will be eligible for free conference registration.

Extended abstracts

The Division will again accept extended abstracts this year. Extended abstracts are for authors who are sufficiently along in the research process to address the content elements described below, but have not had sufficient time to prepare the full paper.

Extended abstracts have the same submission process and deadlines as full papers. Authors whose extended abstracts are selected for presentation at the conference must still submit their full paper, with all identifying author information, to the All-Academic site by 11:59 p.m. CDT, July 15, 2021.

Content and Formatting Guidelines

- 1) Extended abstracts must be 750 to 1,500 words. A 75-word summary of the abstract should precede the abstract itself. References and summary are excluded from the word count.
- 2) Extended abstracts should contain all of the content sections/elements that would normally be used in a Law and Policy Division paper. The main difference, however, is the length of this submission format.
- 3) For authors considering an extended abstract, research must be at least 75% complete in order to meaningfully report tentative findings and conclusions. Extended abstracts will be reviewed and scored using the same evaluation rubrics as currently used for full papers, but will be evaluated as to how well each of the criteria are achieved given the relative length of an extended abstract
- 4) When submitting in this format, authors must include the words “Extended Abstract” at the start of their paper title (e.g., “Extended Abstract: [Your paper title]”). Authors should clearly indicate the same on the title page of their submission. Submissions that are not appropriately labeled may be rejected.
- 5) When creating the file for upload, please insert the 75-word summary of the abstract at the beginning of the extended abstract, so that this is what readers and reviewers see first.
- 6) As with full paper submissions, please ensure all identifying author information has been removed for extended abstract submissions and that title pages do not contain author information. Please reference the AEJMC Uniform Paper Call for information about how to ensure this information is removed in order to ensure a blind review.

Instructions/Logistics

All research papers and extended abstracts must be uploaded through an online server to the group appropriate to the paper’s topic via a link on the AEJMC website: www.AEJMC.org. The following uniform call will apply to ALL AEJMC paper competitions. Additional information specific to an individual group’s call is available at the end of the uniform call information.

1. Submit the paper/abstract via the AEJMC website link (www.aejmc.org) to the AEJMC group appropriate to the paper’s topic. Format should be Word, WordPerfect, or a PDF. PDF format is strongly encouraged.
2. The paper must be uploaded to the server no later than 11:59 P.M. (Central Daylight Time) April 1, 2021.
3. Also upload a paper abstract of no more than 75-words.
4. Completely fill out the online submission form with author(s) name, affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, and email address. The title should be printed on the first page of the text and on running heads on each page of text, as well as on the title page. Do not include author’s name on running heads or title page.
5. Papers uploaded with author’s identifying information will not be considered for review and will be disqualified from the competition. All AEJMC divisions, interest groups, and commission paper submissions will abide by this rule without exception. We encourage everyone to submit at least a day before the conference deadline so that there is time to do a final check of the documents for self-identifying information, and time for resubmission prior to the deadline if necessary.

We are also in need of reviewers. If you are not writing a paper, please contact Jared Schroeder, jcschroeder@smu.edu, if you are willing to serve the division as a reviewer.