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## Thoughts from the Head



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The deadline to submit to AEJMC is approaching rapidly, so I hope scholars will consider submitting their theoretical or methodological research to CT&M. As usual, we have a series of top paper competitions available for submitters to consider, including both top theory and top methods paper competitions.

While paper submitters are no doubt working hard on final edits to submissions, the CT&M executive board is also hard at work to ensure that AEJMC 2021 is a great conference! I'd like to sincerely thank those involved who have worked through unusual and uncertain circumstances to help guarantee AEJMC 2021 will be another successful year for this storied organization.

You may already know that AEJMC 2021 will be completely virtual again. This decision reflects best practices surrounding COVID-19 protocols, and is also designed to alleviate concerns of participants who may not have typical access to travel funds or other resources. To help with that second concern, please note that conference registration fees have been lowered to \$69 for regular members and \$39 for student members.

Finally, I would like to encourage all of our readers to consider continuing or increasing their involvement in CT&M. We are always looking for new people and new ideas to help the division grow. If you are interested in getting more involved in CT&M, please consider attending our members' meeting, which will be held during the conference week.



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# CT&M Call for Papers AEJMC 2021



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The **Communication Theory and Methodology (CT&M) Division** invites submissions of original research papers that advance the literature in mass communication theory, research methods, or both. CT&M welcomes both conceptual and empirical papers and is open to all methodological approaches, quantitative and qualitative.

## Paper Competitions

CT&M sponsors four paper competitions. Papers can be submitted to the *open-call competition* or the *student paper competition*. Any paper can also be considered for the theory paper competition or the method paper competition. Winners of all awards will be recognized in the conference program and at the 2021 CT&M members' meeting in New Orleans, LA.

CT&M strongly encourages submissions by students. Winners of the Chaffee-McLeod Award for Top Student Paper will be awarded \$250; two additional top student papers will also receive cash prizes. To be considered for the student paper competition, all authors must be students, and the author(s) must type "Student Paper Competition" in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of text.

CT&M also recognizes the top theoretical and methodological submissions to the division each year. Papers submitted to the theory and method paper competitions will also be considered for awards in the open-call and student competitions, as applicable. A theory paper may extend what is known about the current workings of a theory by including a data analysis section, or strictly extend the current theory literature without including data. A method paper may discuss, develop, or apply measurement, statistical approaches, sampling techniques, or field methods that demonstrate research method innovation. To be considered for the theory paper competition, the author(s) must type "Theory Paper Competition" in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of text; to be considered for the method paper competition, the author(s) must type "Method Paper Competition" in the upper right-hand corner on the first page of text.

## Requirements

Please limit papers to no more than 25 pages (double-spaced) in length, excluding tables and references. Papers should follow APA style 7th edition, have 1-inch margins, and use 12-point Times New Roman font. Please limit papers to a total of 35 pages (including text, tables, and references). Refer to the AEJMC general paper call for this year's online submission guidelines.

It is critical that there is no self-identifying information of any kind, such as in the body of the paper or in the document properties. Please also pay attention to the issue of self-citation. The Uniform Call for Papers lists possible solutions for self-citation.

We strongly encourage you to submit your paper at least a day or two prior to the deadline so that we can check to make sure there is no self-identifying information in the properties of the files you submit. An early submission will allow any and all individuals to fully check submissions so that a resubmission prior to the deadline is possible.

Co-authors cannot be added after a paper has been reviewed. At least one author of an accepted faculty paper must attend the conference to present the paper. If student authors cannot be present, they must arrange for the paper to be presented by someone else. Failure to be present or provide a presenter for any paper will result in a one-year ban on the review of papers for all of the authors involved. Authors of accepted papers are required to forward papers to discussants prior to the conference.

For any questions related to paper submission or competition, please contact **Benjamin Johnson**, CT&M's research chair, at [benjaminkjohnson@ufl.edu](mailto:benjaminkjohnson@ufl.edu).

# Call for 2021 Barrow Minority Scholarship Applications



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Applications are now being accepted for the 2021 Barrow Minority Doctoral Student Scholarship. The scholarship includes a cash award and a free one-year membership in the Communication Theory & Methodology (CT&M) Division and the Minorities and Communication (MAC) Division of AEJMC.

The scholarship honors the late Professor Lionel C. Barrow, Jr., of Howard University, in recognition of his pioneering efforts in support of minority education in journalism and mass communication. The award is designed to aid doctoral students in journalism or mass communication programs to complete their dissertation research and academic studies. The student's work does not need to address issues of race or ethnicity.

The award is sponsored by the CT&M Division and is made possible in part through contributions from the MAC Division, the Commission on the Status of Minorities, the Mass Communication & Society (MC&S) Division, and personal donations. Racial or ethnic minority students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and are

enrolled in a Ph.D. program in journalism or mass communication are encouraged to apply. Applicants need not be members of AEJMC or the CT&M Division.

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of each candidate's capacity for making significant contributions to communication theory and methodology. To be considered for this scholarship, please provide the following: (1) a letter outlining research interests and career plans, (2) a curriculum vitae, and (3) two letters of recommendation. The letter and CV should be sent as attachments via email to Dr. Lindsey Sherrill, CT&M Membership & Barrow Award Chair, at [Isherrill2@una.edu](mailto:Isherrill2@una.edu). Please use the subject line "Barrow Minority Scholarship." The letters of recommendation should be sent directly by the recommender to the same email address.

The deadline for receipt of submissions and recommendations is **May 1, 2021**. Questions may be addressed to Dr. Sherrill at the email listed above. The winner will be notified in mid-May.

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