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CCS News: Updates of the Cultural & Critical Studies Division

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Celebrating the San Fran. Conference & Moving Forward

By Katie Foss, Division Head



It's the first newsletter of the 2015-2016 CCS year. We're happy to announce the launch of our CCS homepage: aejmc.us/ccs, thanks to Robby Byrd! This is the new home of our current and archived newsletters. The website also includes announcements, current Calls for Papers, officer information, and our division's Bylaws.

The San Francisco conference was truly a wonderful whirlwind of events. As you'll read in this newsletter, we had a great variation of panels and research

sessions and a fantastic speech by the 2015 PF & R award winner, Dani McClain.

At the CCS Business meeting, we elected new officers for the year: Katie Foss (Head), Adina Schneeweis (Vice-Head), Madeleine Esch (Secretary), Suman Mishra (Lead Research Chair), Peter Gloviczki (Co-Research Chair), Jeanne Criswell (PF & R Chair), Kim Trager Bohley (Teaching Chair), Kalen Churcher (Graduate Student Outreach Coordinator), and Robby Byrd (Website Manager). Please see the "Officers" section of the website for bios and contact information.

Next year's programming is really shaping up for the conference in Minneapolis. We will have a co-sponsored pre-conference, a broad

range of interesting panels, and, based on past years, thought-provoking, salient refereed research papers.

Speaking of which, remember to submit your abstract to the Midwinter Conference (with a Dec. 1st deadline) and of course, start working on your research project for the April 1st deadline for the AEJMC annual conference.

Finally, we have some service opportunities. We are in dire need of a newsletter editor, as that position is currently vacant. If you are interested, email Katie.Foss@mtsu.edu.

Check out the new website: <http://aejmc.us/ccs/>, thanks to Robby Byrd. Also, join our CCSD Facebook page and post. We're already getting excited for next year's conference!

Programming Updates

By Adina Schneeweis,
Vice-Head

August's conference is behind us and we are already focusing on plans for next year's program.

We had wonderful research, teaching, and professional freedom and responsibility (PF&R) panels in San Francisco, many co-sponsored with other divisions and interest groups, including new partnerships for CCS, like the Media Ethics and the Media Management and Economics Divisions.

As has become tradition with our division, our program showcased discussions of timely topics such as the media's role in the coverage of the Charleston church shootings, and prison and sexuality in *Orange is the New Black*.

Look out for next year's program, currently in the works, which will build on the important conversations from the teaching panel we had in San Francisco on preparing global leaders. We are planning, together with the Internships and Careers Interest Groups, a pre-conference workshop on critical reporting, where we hope to engage the local journalistic talent of the Twin Cities area, where our convention is held next August.

Attending a pre-conference workshop allows you to devote additional time to an area of interest.



Dani McClain Receives 2015 PF&R Award, Selection of 2016 Recipient Underway

By Jeanne S. Criswell,
Professional Freedom and Responsibility Chair

Dani McClain, freelance journalist, contributor to *The Nation*, and Nation Institute fellow, was presented the Cultural and Critical Studies Division's 2015 Professional Freedom and Responsibility Award at the August AEJMC national conference in San Francisco. CCS members honored McClain for her work in numerous areas, including race, gender, reproductive health, reproductive rights and sexuality, policy and politics (http://www.nationinstitute.org/felows/3075/dani_mcclain and <http://www.thenation.com/authors/dani-mcclain>). The award was presented at the CCS Members' Meeting, at which time McClain also delivered a presentation on her work.

McClain joined some 38 past recipients of the annual award, which CCS has for more than three decades presented to individuals and organizations

demonstrating dedication, courage, leadership or achievement in one or more areas of (1) free expression, (2) ethics, (3) media criticism and accountability, (4) racial, gender and cultural inclusiveness, (5) public service, and (6) equal opportunities for students. (More information on these areas is available on the AEJMC Web site at

<http://www.aejmc.org/home/2011/03/ethics-prf/>.) Past winners of the award have included Ben Bagdikian, Molly Ivins, Noam Chomsky, Nina Totenberg, Studs Terkel, James Carey, Bill Moyers,



and many others.

Presenters at the 2015 conference

Building Connections By Kalen Churcher, Graduate Outreach Coordinator

Greetings, everyone. I hope everyone is having an exciting and productive semester.

As the faculty Graduate Outreach Coordinator for the Cultural and Critical Studies Division, I'd like to introduce myself so that students can contact me with any questions and/or ideas.

Input to the division is very important to us. Graduate student input may be even more important

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because students represent the future of the division and the field. This year, we're hoping to put together some sort of activity at the annual AEJMC conference so that graduate students can meet some of the established faculty members in our division, as well as other students. This could be a great networking opportunity, but it could also be a chance to simply relax and get feedback from a mix of different people.

And, you'd get to meet more students...the people who best understand what you're going through as you navigate your master's or doctoral programs.

If there is something specific you'd like to see the C&CS Division do in August, please let me know. I'm here to serve you and help make your conference experience more enjoyable and helpful.

Please reach out to me at kalen.churcher@wilkes.edu.



Forging New Partnerships in AEJMC Teaching Panels

By Katie Foss

The 2015 conference programming including an array of partnerships with different divisions and interests groups. In particular, the "Preparing Global Leaders in Journalism and Mass Communication" Teaching panel united three divisions: CCS, Mass Communication & Society, and Media Management and Economic. The panel addressed the need for integrating leadership courses into mass communication curriculum. Specifically, participant Carolyn Bronstein emphasized the importance of courses in gender and leadership, explaining how such classes have been useful for Public Relations students and other majors.

Overall, this tri-sponsored panel highlighted new approaches to teaching in mass communication, bringing together multiple perspectives and approaches.

The other teaching panel, co-sponsored by the Small Programs Interest Group, suggested new ways of instruction through high impact practices. This panel offered proven assignments and projects that utilize experiential learning in journalism and mass

communication, showcasing the benefits of reshaping curriculum for the 21st century.

Given these interdisciplinary and thought-provoking sessions, we encourage CCS members to think of teaching-specific research projects to write about and submit to both the Midwinter and annual AEJMC conferences.

Submit Your Abstract for the Midwinter Conference

By Madeleine Esch (Secretary)

Call for the Midwinter Conference

For the 8th consecutive year, the University of Oklahoma's Gaylord College will host the annual winter forum with nine divisions and interest groups participating, from Feb. 26-27, 2016.

Submit a 600-800 word abstract of your research to be considered for the 2016 Midwinter Conference at the Gaylord College of Journalism & Mass Communication (University of Oklahoma). Use the new OU online submission portal to submit. We especially encourage graduate students to submit and present their work. Many of us attended the Midwinter Conference as one of our first conferences.

Participation in this conference does not exclude the project from the annual conference. You can present the same research at both conferences. See the general call on our CCS website for more information. This is a great opportunity to gain experience and feedback on your projects. For questions, contact Madeleine Esch (Madeleine.esch@salve.edu).

For any faculty members interested in helping with a graduate student event, I encourage you to contact me, too. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Abstract Reviewers Needed

By Madeleine Esch, Secretary

CCS is seeking reviewers for the 2016 Midwinter Conference. Could you help out? Since submissions for Midwinter are only 500-word abstracts rather than full papers, reviewing is a fairly easy task. Last year, most reviewers looked at three abstracts (If we have more volunteers, it could be just one or two!) and there's a simple form to provide structured feedback. Reviewing for Midwinter is a great low-commitment way to help our division. Your feedback helps us put on a great mini-conference and helps authors revise their work to submit to CCS for the annual convention next August.

If you'd be willing to review, email Madeleine.esch@salve.edu with your contact information and a few areas of CCS research that interest you.

Cultural and Critical Studies Division 2016 CFP

By Suman Mishra & Peter Glociczki, Research Chairs

The Cultural and Critical Studies Division welcomes faculty and student submissions of original research that contributes to the study of journalism and media communication from a cultural and critical perspective. The Division accepts submissions that include critical inquiry that cuts across theoretical and methodological boundaries. Papers that do not meet the **AEJMC Uniform Call for**

Papers requirements will not be accepted.

The Division invites research on a variety of topics and approaches including, but not limited to, historical studies, gender, race and class analyses of media, news analysis, audience analysis, political economy, literary analysis with a media foundation, philosophy of communication, ethics, and media criticism in general. CCS also encourages work that challenges conventional approaches to media, examines paradigmatic assumptions, and explores innovative ways of theorizing both news and entertainment media.

The Division presents awards to the authors of the top-ranking faculty and student submissions. Only one paper per author is accepted for review and submissions must not be under consideration elsewhere for presentation or publication.

Faculty and student submissions undergo separate blind review processes by faculty-only judges. Student authors – undergraduate and graduate students enrolled during the 2015-2016 school year – should include a cover sheet that clearly states that the paper is a student submission. Student papers with faculty co-authors are reviewed in the faculty competition and should not be designated as student-authored papers.

Paper length should not exceed 25-pages excluding tables, figures, and references. Abstracts must be no more than 75 words. Be sure that submissions contain no identifying information, such as

name, university affiliation, job title, etc. either in the text of the paper or in the document properties. **Any identifying information found on the submission results in an immediate disqualification of the paper.**

Other Announcements

Robert Gutsche, Jr.'s new book, *Media Control: News as an Institution of Power and Social Control* (Bloomsbury), examines the role of media in recent cases involving race and police shootings, as well as citizen surveillance. Read more about the book at <http://tinyurl.com/otz863h>.

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