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A Springtime Welcome from the BAMJ Division Head

By Harrison Hove

As the flowers start to bloom and temperatures rise, many of us have already enjoyed spring break. The mad dash to the end of the semester is just around the corner. Please try to find time to give yourself breaks and take care of your own health and well-being. As educators, we naturally give so much to our students and the demands of our positions. Let's all strive to be as equally kind to ourselves.

Your BAMJ officers have been hard at work. The annual conference always looms on the horizon and so much of our time and energy goes into planning top-flight content. August will serve as a time to re-connect and see many of our friends and colleagues for the first time in three years. This newsletter will highlight many different efforts to create a memorable and educational experience.

In addition to the conference in Detroit, your team of officers is also trying something new this semester. The division wants to increase its visibility by offering programming outside of the annual conference and Southeast Colloquium. The goal here is to build a stronger BAMJ community and offer

BREAKING NEWS

All the news fit to print in our newsletter

Mark the dates: They'll be dancing in the streets, to quote a famous Motown song, in Detroit this summer from August 3 - 6

Pre-conference: Aug. 2

Paper deadline days away.....see page 4

Drum roll please.....Nine BAMJ panels to present at AEJMC

Reminder: Start thinking about article submissions for our next newsletter!

additional reasons to join our division. As always, I welcome your feedback. Please do not hesitate to reach out and let me know how we can better serve you.



**A Personal Tribute to Friend and Colleague Nancy Dupont
By Mary Blue**

Just a short time ago, I happily wrote a letter recommending Nancy McKenzie Dupont for the Burkum and the Bliss awards given by the Broadcast and Mobile News Division of AEJMC. Not long after, I recorded a video for her retirement gala at Ole Miss. It was easy to reflect on her life and career knowing she'd be around to see it. Writing this after her untimely death is hard.

When I first met her, she was Nancy McKenzie, although she was engaged to J.C. Dupont and they married not long after. She had left WDSU-TV where she was Executive Producer and had been Acting News Director, to work for the Evening Division at Loyola University New Orleans producing courses for their new "Distance Learning" program. She came to see me about enrolling in our M.A. program because she thought she might want to teach. She became my student. About a year and a half later, she became my colleague and moved into the office two doors down.

I was always amazed at how hard she worked and how tenaciously devoted she was to everything to which she committed herself. For example, she taught at Loyola while working on a Ph.D. at the university of Southern Mississippi. She had to drive about 80 miles each way, take three classes and USM while teaching four at Loyola, study, take tests and write papers while grading student tests and papers, maintain a marriage and look out for her elderly parents all at the same time. She would sometimes apologize to me for having on the same clothes two days in a row, but she never missed a class or dropped any of those balls.

As I've said over and over, working with her was a joy. She was the first real colleague I ever had. Oh, I worked in the same department with many people before her, but we had so many similar interests, similar backgrounds, and the same work ethic that we really were colleagues. My job became so much easier with her around. Students loved her and her classes and often came into my office to tell me so.

We lived two blocks from each other in New Orleans. In 2005, we were both victims of Hurricane Katrina in many ways. The most lasting of which resulted in her going to the University of Mississippi to teach and me going to Tulane. Even so, we always introduced each other as "my colleague Nancy," "my colleague Mary." We were inseparable.

We wrote several articles and conference papers together. I know many people who find writing to be a chore, but we always had fun doing it. One of her co-workers at WDSU-TV once told me no one could write a tease as well as Nancy. That skill came with her to academe but it made her the best paper title writer. I regularly asked her to come up with a title for my papers. She could do it in an instant. We always stayed together at conferences, too. There hasn't been an in-person conference because of Covid until this year. Although I'm excited to go again, somehow my heart isn't in it knowing I won't be sharing a room with her.

I last saw her when I stayed at their home in Oxford last October. Although it was difficult for her to speak, I reminded her that I am patient so she should just take her time. She talked about plans to move back to the Mississippi Gulf Coast where she grew up. I asked her if she was happy to be retired but she said "no." She wasn't done.

There are so many more things to talk about: long lunches at Galatoire's, people watching at carnival parades, her crazy purses, all the different places we went and things we did. But I can't end without saying how very smart and how very funny she

was. When I think of her, I always remember laughing.



Remembering Nancy



Mary Bliss & Nancy Dupont

Time Flies: Less Than One Month Until Research Paper Submission Deadline **By Danielle Deavours**

This is an exciting conference season for the Broadcast and Mobile Journalism division. As our first year as BAMJ, we are encouraging faculty and students to submit research in a wider range of topics and specialties. We hope the division name change will encourage you to submit original research papers to the 2022 AEJMC Conference in Detroit, MI. Remember, the deadline is just one month away!

The division accepts faculty and students to submit research on any aspect of broadcast and/or mobile news content and/or production. Topics can include television, radio, or audio (including podcasting), digital reporting practices, mobile and app-based journalism, virtual reality/360 reporting, social media journalism, or the role of new and changing media in journalism. All methods and theories are accepted.

New this year, you can now submit up to two papers in the division, but only one first-authored paper. We hope this will allow scholars to submit more collaborative work, while maintaining the competitiveness of the division.

Papers should be no longer than 25 pages, excluding tables, figures, references and appendices. Authors should remove any identifying information for review. PDF

format is highly encouraged. **The deadline is Friday, April 1, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. (Central).** [See the full paper call for additional details.](#)

Won't have a full paper ready by the April 1 deadline? That's okay. Submit it as an extended abstract! BAMJ will accept extended abstracts for those who have completed a study (enough to write findings and discussion/conclusion sections) but have not been able to develop the full paper. Extended abstracts must be at least 750 words but no more than 1,500 words. [Please see the full extended abstract call for more information.](#)

Be sure to submit your papers and extended abstracts a few days before the deadline to ensure everything is working properly. You can do so through [All Academic.](#)

If you are interested in reviewing for BAMJ this year, please contact this year's BAMJ Division Research Chair, Dr. Danielle Deavours at ddeavour@montevallo.edu. Letters will be provided to reviewers for their service commitment to assist with tenure and promotion materials.

We look forward to seeing your excellent research this year! If you have any questions feel free to contact Dr. Danielle Deavours at ddeavour@montevallo.edu.

Nine BAMJ Panels to Present at AEJMC in Detroit

By Dylan McLemore

We are happy to be presenting *nine* panels at this year's conference. In addition to the great panels our division will be leading, we'll also be co-sponsoring ideas originally proposed to other divisions and interest groups.

The State of Black-owned Broadcasting and the Rise of OTT

Friday, August 5, 2:00 - 3:30

Lead sponsor: Commission on the Status of Minorities

According to an FCC report in 2021, progress on the number of women and minority-owned stations has been anemic. This panel will discuss the state of minority-owned broadcast stations in the United States as well as the rise of OTT. The panel also will explore how entrepreneurs of color are faring in the industry as well as the outlook for the future. In addition to scholars, the panel will include a representative from WGPR, Detroit's first Black-owned radio station.

Innovations in Analytics, Metrics, and Streaming Revenue

Thursday, August 4, 8:30 - 10:00

Lead Sponsor: Media Management, Economics and Entrepreneurship

This panel will explore the ways in which "success" is quantitatively measured in a variety of digital entertainment and news spaces, particularly as legacy media (movies in theaters; broadcast and print news) explore new digital delivery methods.

Welcome to your home: Celebrating, encouraging and mentoring the hybrid practitioner/scholar/professor model at AEJMC

Thursday, August 4, 12:30 - 2:00

Lead Sponsor: Internships & Careers

[Panelists should either be administrators or non-tenure track faculty]

This panel is designed to determine best practices for reaching out to AEJMC members who are currently non-tenure track (NTT) faculty with a focus on discussing issues, concerns, and benefits of being involved with AEJMC as an NTT. One of the benefits to this panel, and associated activities surrounding it, would be discovering how the organization could better serve the NTT. The desired outcome would be for NTTs to feel more involved and energized about their involvement with AEJMC.

Students Prepare to Navigate Job Search Maze with BAMJ's Help

By Harrison Hove

Many of our graduating seniors are putting the finishing touches on their resumes and reels. These students are about to walk into one of the best job markets I have seen. Media outlets are scrambling to fill vacancies created by the Great Resignation and out students are in position to capitalize on this job market.

Broadcast journalism students were offered a crash course on the job preparation process by three industry leaders on Saturday, February 19. WFTV Traffic Anchor and Reporter Alexa Lorenzo shared insight on how to approach the job search as a first-time applicant. WTXL News Director Vicki Bradley discussed how job applicants can stand out and shared tips on how to prepare for an interview. TEGNA's Senior Recruiter Neal Bennett highlighted opportunities within TEGNA while explaining the differences between recruiters, agents, and consultants. Lastly, I shared tips with students about negotiating an offer and understanding contract basics.

About three dozen students from various universities attended the three-hour long workshop. Students asked great questions and our guests were impressed. I have

no doubt that the exchange of information in this setting will help our aspiring broadcast journalists navigate the job search maze.

Watch WTXL News Director Vicki Bradley's session here:

<https://youtu.be/Sx7Cs-vLmyY>

BAMJ Division at the 47th Annual AEJMC Southeast Colloquium

By Volha Kananovich

BAMJ had a strong representation at the 47th Annual AEJMC Southeast Colloquium, which was held March 17-19 at the University of Memphis and offered sessions in person and via Zoom.

Titled “In the face of crisis: Journalistic practices and effects in the era of COVID-19, global upheaval and political polarization,” the BAMJ research session brought together nine scholars from five universities to discuss their recent and ongoing projects.

One of the projects, “The Effects of Gender and Race on Nonverbal Behaviors during Crisis Coverage” by Dr. Danielle Deavours (University of Montevallo), was recognized with the Top Paper Award. Congratulations, Dr. Deavours!

My special thanks go to our team of dedicated reviewers: Drs. Larissa Doroshenko, Harrison Hove, Kylah Hedding, Tatsiana Karaliova, Lea Hellmueller, Lindsey Maxwell, Kaitlin Christian Miller, Kyle Miller, Subin Paul, Kirstin Pellizzaro, and Gregory Perreault. Thanks to their service, each of the submissions went through a triple review, which not only helped our division maintain its high standards of scholarship but contributed to promoting a collegial, supportive scholarly culture.

Last, but not least, I'd like to thank Kix Patterson and Dr. Roxane Coche, our colleagues from the University of Florida, for serving as the panel's moderator and discussant, respectively.

Along with our division, five more participated in the colloquium: History; Magazine Media; Newspaper and Online News; Law and Policy; Visual Communication. Please

check out our lineup of panelists below and consider joining us at the 48th Southeast Colloquium next year!

**Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Division
Refereed Paper Research Session
In the face of crisis: Journalistic practices and effects in the
era of COVID-19, global upheaval and political
polarization**

Moderating: **Kix Patterson**, Florida

The Effects of Gender and Race on Nonverbal Behaviors during Crisis Coverage

Danielle Deavours, Montevallo (**Top Paper Award**)

How Afghan Female Journalists are Responding to the U.S. Withdrawal and Taliban Takeover of Afghanistan

Flora Khoo, Regent, & **Madeleine Liseblad**, California State, Long Beach

Extreme Threats to Journalists' Safety: Examining Anti-Media Sentiment against Broadcast Journalists in the United States

Mark A. Poepsel, SIU-Edwardsville

Coronavirus and Journalism: A Meta-analysis of Early Research on Journalism in the COVID-19 Pandemic

Ella Hackett, **Alexis Handler**, & **Gregory Perreault**, Appalachian State

Agenda melding and COVID-19: Explaining the Polarization in COVID Coverage **Milad Minooie** & **Benjamin Taylor**, Kennesaw State

Discussant: **Roxane Coche**, Florida

Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Division of
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TEACHING AGAINST BURNOUT: MEETING STUDENTS WHERE THEY ARE DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

March 25, 2022 / 12-1 PM Central

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

[https://ua-edu.zoom.us/j/86933997109?
pwd=Z3NzYXhYNkZDcjZ2cnZYOUZrZ05EZZz09](https://ua-edu.zoom.us/j/86933997109?pwd=Z3NzYXhYNkZDcjZ2cnZYOUZrZ05EZZz09)

Join us as a panel of journalism educational professionals from across the U.S. discuss how to best support the education of students during times of uncertainty and near constant podality shifting.



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