

### **Small Programs Interest Group**

The AEJMC Small Programs Interest Group invites submission of original, non-published research papers that focus on the relationship between teaching and research, to be considered for presentation at the AEJMC Conference, August 6 to 9, 2020, in San Francisco. We invite members of all divisions and interest groups to contribute research papers – using any methodology, whether quantitative or qualitative—that focus on telling a story across many platforms (convergence) in journalism and mass communication. We especially encourage authors to submit studies on pedagogy approaches and the effects on students and faculty inside and outside of the classroom. Members of this division are particularly interested in smaller, teacher-oriented programs. Accepted papers will be presented in a poster session during the conference.

**GUIDELINES:** See the AEJMC General Paper Call for instructions to upload to All-Academic Site. The paper must be uploaded to the server no later than 11:59 p.m. (Central Daylight Time) Monday, April 1, 2020. The competition is open to faculty and to graduate students; no separate student competition is held.

The paper must be formatted in Microsoft WORD or PDF. PDF format is strongly encouraged. Authors must completely fill out the online submission form, including author's name, affiliation, mailing address, telephone numbers (academic, home and cell), and preferred email address. The title must be on the first page of the manuscript and on the running heads on every page. However, **DO NOT INCLUDE** author's name or affiliation within the running heads or title page or any pop-up options that may be contained in PDF submissions. Papers uploaded with author's identifying information **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR REVIEW AND WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE COMPETITION.** Follow instructions on how to submit a clean paper for blind reviewing that are in the AEJMC uniform paper call.

SPIG requests a paper length of **NO MORE** than 25 pages (excluding references) and the document must be double-spaced and typed in 11-point Arial font or Times Roman font-and follow APA style guidelines. Researchers must also upload an Abstract of no more than 75 words. Authors must heed the AEJMC General Paper Regulations and Deadlines. For example, papers submitted to the wrong division or that do not meet **ALL** the above guidelines will not be reviewed (for example, submission of an abstract by the deadline but a paper **AFTER** the deadline, will result in the paper **NOT** being accepted). However, SPIG research co-chairs will make every effort to contact authors who do not meet guidelines so that they will be aware as early as possible that their paper has not been accepted and the reasons why.

Paper submitters are encouraged to submit at least a day or two before the deadline. An early submission will allow any and all individuals to fully check submissions for self-identifiers after they are entered into the system so that a resubmission prior to the deadline is possible.

Papers are accepted for peer review with the understanding that they are **NOT** under review (or being submitted during the AEJMC review period) to a second division or interest group **OR** to a journal or other publication. Papers submitted to the 2020 conference should **NOT** have been presented to another conference and neither should they have been published or be in the publication process **BEFORE** the date of the 2020 Conference in August.

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