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State of the Commission on the Status of Women in Journalism, Media, and Communication Education

CSW Head, Dr. Carolyn Nielsen, Western Washington University

The Commission on the Status of Women's 50th anniversary party in Washington, D.C. brought together long-time members, including many past heads, and many new members to share stories and celebrate CSW's achievements.

The 2023 pre-conference on intersectionality, which CSW co-sponsored with the Commission on the Status of Minorities, focused on the path ahead for innovative scholarship, teaching and service and addressed ongoing threats to academic freedom.

I was honored to co-facilitate this interactive workshop with Dr. Kathleen McElroy, whose hiring situation with Texas A&M made national news and inspired the Commission on the Status of Minorities and Minorities and Communication division to issue a statement on ADEI. CSW signed its support to the statement.

This celebration of our past, focus on our future, and recognition of current threats to scholars and scholarship, inform my goals as CSW head.

This is more than an update — it's a call to action. Each of these goals comes with a request for your input and/or service. Please let me know if you are willing to participate. My email address is: Carolyn.Nielsen@wwu.edu.

1. **Reconvene the CSW Rapid Response team** to 1) support our members who are dealing with workplace issues at the individual, institutional, and state levels and to 2) document incidents and patterns of discrimination and/or harassment. Article VII of CSW's 2013 bylaws calls for the head to appoint a "resource committee" of CSW members who are full professors to perform these tasks.

Which full professors are willing to serve on CSW's Rapid Response Team?

2. **Provide access to childcare at conferences.** Building on the work of previous CSW heads and committee members, I'm working with Amanda to put together a request for proposals for childcare in Philadelphia. Please communicate your needs and concerns. Although CSW has taken the lead on this, access to childcare needs to be viewed as a shared responsibility, so please also communicate this to your other DIGs.

Please email me with your needs and concerns about childcare and help spread the word to other DIGs.

3. **Continue the work we began two years ago on equity and transparency in our awards processes.** Please note that we have moved our deadlines to Dec. 15 with the hope of attracting more reviewers. Finding reviewers has been a consistent challenge.

If you are willing to serve as an awards reviewer, please contact CSW Secretary Roxane

Coche: rcoche@ufl.edu.

4. **Review our awards funding** and determine what to do with funds donated by Carol Oukrop and Ramona Rush for the creation of what the donors called an "Old Broads Award." This is too complicated to summarize here, but I will provide details once a committee is formed.

Who is willing to serve on an awards committee to create ideas for CSW to vote on at our July business meeting?



5. **Create a policy** for handling extended abstracts that do not become full papers by the due date. Covid introduced the acceptance of extended abstracts in April with the promise that they would become full papers by August. Extended abstracts are here to stay, but not all scholars are meeting the obligation of creating full papers. CSW needs a policy to address this.

Who is willing to serve on a committee to create a policy for CSW to vote on at our July business meeting?

Colleagues, we have important work to do. We are stronger and wiser when we work collectively and learn from each other. It's important we include voices at all career levels and types of institutions. Please consider contributing to the process.

CSW 2024 Awards Call



Mary Gardner Award for Graduate Student Research

Deadline: December 15, 2023

Graduate students who conduct research on women in journalism and mass communication are invited to apply for the Mary Gardner Award. This award is designed to fund research that has the potential to make an excellent contribution to the scholarship on women and journalism and mass communication. The award honors Mary Gardner, professor emeritus at Michigan State University and the first woman elected president of AEJMC. Applicants submit a digital copy of a three-to-five-page description of the project, its potential contribution and the applicant's qualifications for undertaking the project. A three-person panel evaluates the applications based on the project's expected contribution, the applicant's establishment of their qualifications, and the clarity of the proposal. Applications should be submitted via [this online form](#). Questions about the award should be emailed to Dr. Roxane Coche, Secretary of the Commission on the Status of Women, at rchoche@ufl.edu.

Mary Ann Yodelis Smith Award for Undergraduate Scholarship

Deadline: December 15, 2023

Undergraduate students who conduct research on women in journalism, mass communication, or feminist communication are invited to apply for the Mary Ann Yodelis Smith Undergraduate Research Award. The award is designed to recognize research that has the potential to contribute to the scholarship on women and journalism, mass communication, or feminist communication. The award honors Mary Ann Yodelis Smith, a past president of AEJMC and long-time advocate for women in the academy.

In order to be considered for the award, undergraduates must fill out [this form](#) and upload in a single PDF file:

- An explanation of the article's contribution to the field (300-500 words).
- A letter of recommendation from their mentor/faculty about the work's potential to impact the academy.
- A digital copy of the article.

A panel of three judges will evaluate all submissions based on the expected contribution to feminist scholarship, ability to improve on the project, and potential for the applicant to influence the academy.

Projects that include either a solo-authored undergraduate researcher, undergraduate student research team, or (an) undergraduate student(s) and a faculty mentor will be considered for the award. However, an undergraduate researcher must be the first author.

The winning submission will receive \$500 and winners will be recognized at the AEJMC Commission on the Status of Women meeting in August. Questions about the award should be emailed to Dr. Roxane Coche, Secretary of the Commission on the Status of Women, at rchoche@ufl.edu.

Mary Ann Yodelis Smith Award for Feminist Scholarship

Deadline: December 15, 2023

Applications are invited for the Mary Ann Yodelis Smith (MAYS) Award, which funds feminist scholarship that has the potential to make significant contributions to the literature of gender and media. First presented in 1995, it honors Mary Ann Yodelis Smith, a past president of AEJMC and long-time advocate for women in the academy. The submission, which should be between five and seven pages, should include a description of the project and its potential contribution to the scholarship on gender and media. Additionally, a brief one-page description of the applicant's qualifications for undertaking the project should be included. A three-person panel, including a past recipient of the award, judges applications. Scholars at all levels, including graduate students, are encouraged to apply. Applications should be submitted via [this online form](#). Questions about the award should be emailed to Dr. Roxane Coche, Secretary of the Commission on the Status of Women, at rchoche@ufl.edu.

Donna Allen Award for Feminist Advocacy

Deadline: December 15, 2023

The Donna Allen Award recognizes feminist advocacy by a woman or non-binary person or group. This award honors Donna Allen, founder of the Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press in Washington, D.C. Nominations should be between 3-5 pages and demonstrate how the nominee's feminist media activism promotes the rights and freedoms of women and minorities across the world. Nominees need not be AEJMC members. Applications should be submitted via [this form](#). Questions about the award should be emailed to Dr. Roxane Coche, Secretary of the Commission on the Status of Women, at rchoche@ufl.edu.

Outstanding Woman in Journalism & Mass Communication Award

Deadline: December 15, 2023

This award honors a woman or non-binary scholar who has supported women well through excellence in scholarship that explores gender in mass communication, mentorship, and high standards for collaboration. Nomination letters, each between one and four pages, must detail that individual's contributions to journalism and mass communication education. Applicants may submit multiple letters from multiple people for this nomination packet. The more support a person has from a variety of people, including administrators, colleagues, and students, the more convincing an application. Applications should be submitted via [this form](#).





Lillian Lodge Kopenhagen Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication

2024 Lillian Lodge Kopenhagen Outstanding Early-Career Woman Scholar Award Call

Deadline: April 1, 2024

Nominations are accepted for the 2024 Lillian Kopenhagen Award honoring an early-career woman scholar who demonstrates outstanding research and potential for future scholarship.

Sponsored by The Lillian Lodge Kopenhagen Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication at Florida International University, and the AEJMC Commission on the Status of Women, this recognition is designed to honor early-career women faculty researchers and encourage them as they pursue their research agendas in the academy.

An early-career faculty member is defined as a scholar who has a PhD, but does NOT have tenure, and is preferably on a tenure-track, but might also be considered if a collegiate-level instructor/lecturer. Nominees must be current members of AEJMC.

To nominate a scholar, please send:

- A letter outlining qualifications
- A one-page summary of her research agenda
- A curriculum vita

We welcome nominations for scholars from various cultural backgrounds and institutions, including international scholars. We realize that outstanding scholarship can manifest itself differently from scholar to scholar, so we encourage the nomination letters and research statements to be explicit about highlighting the candidates' unique strengths. Both quantity and quality will be considered. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged.

The winner will be chosen by a panel of scholars and honored with a check for \$250 and a plaque in August 2024 at the AEJMC conference in Philadelphia. Lillian Lodge Kopenhagen, dean emeritus and professor at Florida International University's School of Journalism and Mass Communication, will present the award.

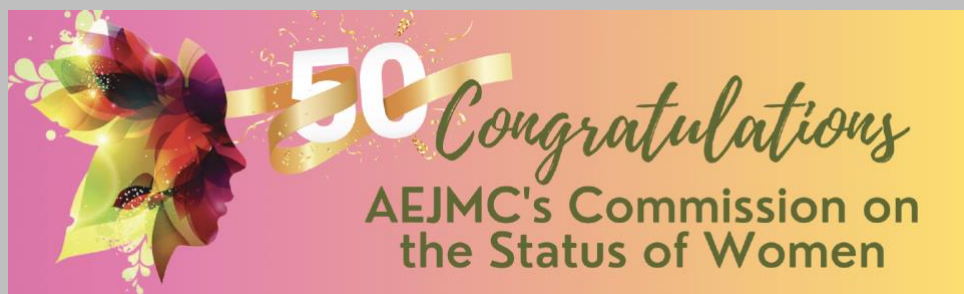
Please send any questions to the award committee chair, Sonali Kudva, at skudva@methodist.edu.

Award nominations can be submitted using [this online form](#).

HIGHLIGHTS from AEJMC 2023 in WASHINGTON D.C.

CSW's Impact:

- Pre-conferences:
 - *Women Faculty Moving Forward: Taking the Lead* (hosted by the Lilian Lodge Kopenhaver Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication)
 - *Reception for Kopenhaver Center Fellows, Present and Past*
 - *Intersectionality Beyond Theory* (co-hosted with the Commission on the Status of Minorities)
- Paper Panels:
 - *Top Paper Panel*
 - *Talking Back and Speaking Up: Women Challenge Bodily Control, Violence, and Stigma*
 - *Not all Roses and Unicorns: Questioning Postfeminist Notions*
- Poster Sessions I and II
- CSW celebration of 50 years! Event honored the contributions of founding members that highlighted the necessity for AEJMC to focus on issues that require attention—like equity and inclusion, equal pay, parental leave, access to reproductive care, and legislation--concerning women's roles in media and communication scholarship, service and teaching!



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PF&R WRITING GROUP

Research and writing are crucial to the work of an academic in order to learn and grow, to contribute to the knowledge of the field, and to achieve tenure goals. In mass communication education, even those who are not on the tenure track and have no pressure to publish often would like to continue to do professional or creative writing. However, the time to write and the time to think are often the last piece of time we carve out of schedules packed with classes, feedback and grading, advising, committee work, administrative duties and all the other tasks that have us scrambling from late August to mid-May.

To help facilitate research and writing for colleagues who often discuss the need for focused time and a bit of accountability, we polled CSW members via the Facebook group and set up five writing groups on three days of the week. The groups are informal and people come and go as their schedules allow, joining others on Zoom and setting a small goal, then working with cameras and mics off for about 45 minutes before coming back on camera to share progress. Already, the groups are getting some helpful results for those participating, and some say it has just been a nice way to connect with CSW friends for a few minutes. The schedule for this Fall is:

Mondays at 3pm EST

Tuesday at 11am EST

Wednesdays at 10am EST

Thursdays at 11am EST

Fridays at 8am EST & 9am EST

Please email April Newton at aanewton@umd.edu if you would like to be added to one of the groups and receive the calendar invite.



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Kopenhagen fellows and Kopenhagen award: Who is Lillian Lodge Kopenhagen?

By Dr. Tracy Everach

Many members of the Commission on the Status of Women have been named Kopenhagen Fellows, meaning you have been accepted into and participated in an AEJMC pre-conference workshop for early-career women in academia.

We recently sponsored the 11th annual workshop in Washington, D.C., with more than 40 participants who received advice, support, and advocacy from senior women faculty and administrators. These workshops are known for their honest, straightforward talk about women's experiences in academia and ways to navigate pitfalls and opportunities women and non-binary faculty face.

You also may have heard of the Lillian Lodge Kopenhagen Outstanding Early Career Woman Scholar Award, given each year to an accomplished woman to honor her research work. The award is administered by CSW and endowed by Dr. Kopenhagen.

But who is Lillian Lodge Kopenhagen? Many of you have met her and know her as a brilliant scholar, strong leader, generous mentor, and a fierce advocate for women. She has dedicated her work to empowering us.

She is a former journalist and a current professor and has served as past president of several important journalism and education organizations: AEJMC, College Media Advisers, Student Press Law Center, and the Community College Journalism Association.

She was inducted into the National Hall of Fame of both College Media Advisers and the Community College Journalism Association.

Among the awards she has received are the Wells Memorial Key from the Society of Professional Journalists, SPJ's highest honor. She was the second woman in SPJ history to win. Her other awards include the College Media Advisers Distinguished Service Award, the AEJMC Newspaper Division Distinguished Service Award, and the AEJMC Outstanding Leadership Award.

Dr. Kopenhagen joined the faculty of Florida International University in 1973 and eventually became dean of FIU's School of Journalism and Mass Communication. She served as dean from 2003-2012.

In 2013, she founded and currently serves as executive director for the Lillian Lodge Kopenhagen Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication at Florida International University. The center's mission is "to empower both women professionals and academics in all the fields of communication in order to develop visionaries and leaders who can make a difference in their communities and in their professions."

In addition to the AEJMC workshop and the award, the center sponsors conferences on women's leadership, maintains a women experts list, and sponsors virtual workshops. All Kopenhagen fellows are invited to these events.

Dr. Kopenhagen has received the FIU Alumni Association Outstanding Faculty Torch Award, the FIU Distinguished University Service Medallion and the Distinguished Alumnus Award and Lifetime Service Award from Rowan University.

FIU calls her an "exemplary role model" of the industry and the community, demonstrating "a vision, initiative and drive that have been instrumental for almost four decades in the development of the university and the school."

In 2022, she was designated a Pioneer by the Associated Collegiate Press, its highest honor to journalism educators. In 2023 she was honored by the City of Miramar, Florida, recognizing her commitment and dedication to the empowerment of women through education and professional development.

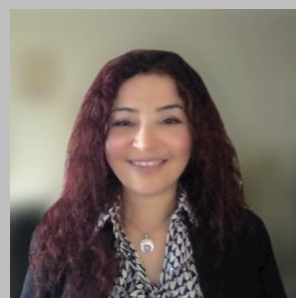
CSW members: Keep an eye out in the spring for a call for the 2024 workshop in Philadelphia and the 2024 outstanding early-career woman award. Your nominations and self-nominations are welcome.



PROMOTIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Carol Terracina-Hartman, Assistant Professor at Murray State University

Award: At the fall national convention of the College Media Association, she was honored with the Louis E. Ingelhart First Amendment Award.



Dr. Nagwan Zahry, Associate Professor of The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Publication: *A Novel Collaborative Interdisciplinary Teaching Model for Science Education: Engaging Non-STEM Students in Science Communication to Counteract Negative Stereotypes of Scientists* (6th World Conference on Teaching and Education)

*Developed as part of a NSF \$1 million grant in collaboration with Dr.

Dr. Sahar Khamis, Associate Professor of Communication at the University of Maryland

Award: 2023 Mellon/Maryland Breaking the M.O.L.D. Leadership Development Award; Department of Communication at the University of Maryland's "Communication Research Award" for the second time; and the "Faculty Research Advancement Award" from the College Arts and Humanities (ARHU) at the University of Maryland



We Want to Hear From You!

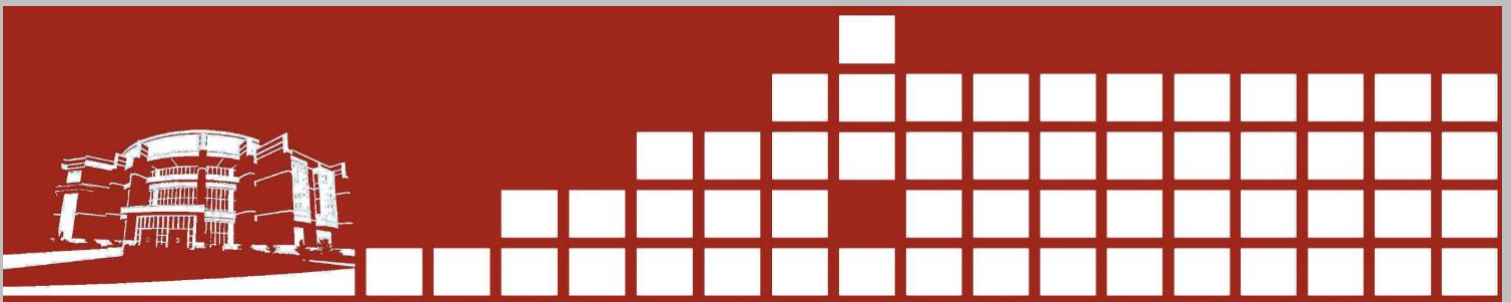
Have you been promoted? Do you have any new publications?

Have you been the recipient of an award? Share your achievements with us so we can celebrate your success in our next CSW Newsletter! Email Newsletter Editor Mikayla Pevac (mikaylapevac@yahoo.edu) with your updates and keep an eye out for the next newsletter call.

Job Announcements:

The Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of South Florida in Tampa is searching for two faculty positions to begin August 2024. USF is an AAU institution. To learn more about our 51-year-old program with a BA, 2 minors, an MA, and a graduate certificate, visit wgs.usf.edu:

- A tenure-track assistant professor in race, gender, and health (position #35209). Review of applications begins Nov. 15, 2023; position closes Nov. 22, 2023. <https://www.usf.edu/work-at-usf/careers/browse-apply-for-job-openings.aspx>
- An assistant professor of instruction with an open specialty that might include among other things media and/or popular culture (position #35185). Review of applications begins Nov. 2, 2023; position closes Nov. 11, 2023. <https://www.usf.edu/work-at-usf/careers/browse-apply-for-job-openings.aspx>



AEJMC MIDWINTER CONFERENCE 2024

March 1-2, 2024

Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
University of Oklahoma

General Call for Paper Abstracts and Panel Proposals:

The AEJMC Midwinter Conference is an annual forum for the presentation of research and debate in areas relevant to the AEJMC groups (divisions, interest groups and commissions) sponsoring the event. The conference provides a platform for presentations and extended discussions in a relaxed setting.

We are happy to host the upcoming conference again at the Gaylord College, University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma between March 1 and 2, 2024. Conference participants will be able to enjoy the College's state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities, as well as the city's and campus' world-class museums, art galleries and restaurants in person.

Paper abstract submissions:

Authors are invited to submit research paper abstracts of between 600 and 800 words (word count excludes author information and references) appropriate to one of the Divisions or Interest Groups represented at the conference. Abstracts should give a clear sense of relevant literature, research objectives, methodological approach, stage of research project (conceptual, data gathering, data interpreting), findings and conclusions.

Submissions should be done online and by the **December 15, 2023** deadline at:

<https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/AEJMCMW2024> or <https://tinyurl.com/AEJMCMW24>.

When submitting an abstract, please follow these steps:

1. Go to the abstract submission website (<https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/AEJMCMW2024> or <https://tinyurl.com/AEJMCMW24>).
2. In the "AEJMC Midwinter 2023 Login" box, click on "Sign up here" as new user if you have not used this service before. Otherwise, just log in using your existing login.
3. It will take you to a sign-up wizard, which is self-explanatory and guided. Finish signing up by confirming your email address.
4. Once the account is set up, sign in using your email address and password.
5. To submit the abstract, click on "Create a new Paper Submission", and select the division/interest group you want to submit your abstract to.
6. The next step will require you to provide the title of the paper, an abstract (9,000 **characters** maximum). If your abstract's character count exceeds 9,000 **characters**, you can also attach it as a Word doc or PDF file.

However, you cannot leave the abstract box empty. Write a brief abstract or keywords for your paper, if you choose to upload it as an attachment.

7. Next you can add additional authors, if there are any. You can add as many authors as you need.
8. Finally, click the submit button to upload the abstract.
9. You can log in to the site at any time to check the status of your submission or if you need to edit something. You can only do this up to the submission deadline of **December 15, 2023, 11:59 p.m. Central Time.** You would not be able to make any changes to your submission after the deadline.

Note that authors can submit any specific paper abstract to only **one** participating group – submitting the same paper abstract to more than one group will result in disqualification and withdrawal from the review process. **Do not submit full papers** but please ensure that abstracts are between 600 and 800 words; shorter abstracts (i.e., 75 words) don't allow for adequate consideration with longer abstracts. **Authors must ensure that they remove any identifying information from their document.**

Authors of accepted papers will be notified by early January 2024. Papers presented at the midwinter conference are also eligible for presentation at the AEJMC national convention in August. Authors are encouraged to use the midwinter conference as an opportunity to get feedback on their research, to improve and finalize it for submission to the national conference.

Authors of accepted abstracts must submit complete papers (not exceeding 30 pages) to the discussant of their conference session at least **two weeks before the midwinter conference.** The midwinter chair for the relevant group will send authors the names and contact details of the discussant for their session.

At least one author of each accepted paper must register and attend the conference to present the paper. **Failure to register by the deadline will result in authors' names and papers being removed from the program. NO onsite registration will be available.**

Some groups participating in the midwinter conference have award opportunities (e.g., for travel). Authors are encouraged to contact the groups' individual midwinter chairs for details.

Panel submissions:

In addition, the organizers are also inviting panel proposals. These panel proposals should **NOT** be done through the online abstract submission system. Instead, submissions for panels should be sent to the relevant midwinter chair directly via email (see list of participating AEJMC groups and the midwinter chair for each group below). The deadline for panel submissions is the same as for abstract submissions, December 15, 2023, 11:59 p.m. Central Time.

Panel submissions should include the panel title, a description of the session's focus, the issues to be discussed, and a list of panelists (potential

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and confirmed), including affiliation. Proposals should not exceed two double-spaced pages.

The University of Oklahoma is located in Norman, 20 miles south of Oklahoma City, with easy access to the Will Rogers World Airport. Details on conference registration, hotel accommodation and airport transportation will be available at <http://www.ou.edu/gaylord>.

For more information, please contact Elanie Steyn, Conference Site Host (elanie@ou.edu).

Note from the Commission on the Status of Women AEJMC Mid-Winter Conference Chairs:

The Commission on the Status of Women recognizes that the Mid-Winter Conference is held in an abortion-ban state, and for that reason members may not feel comfortable attending the conference in person. Members with accepted abstracts will have the option to present their work virtually.

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AEJMC CSW OFFICER MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2023

In attendance: **Shola Aramona**, **Zehui Dai**, **Dinfin Malupi**, **Katie Olsen**, **Mimi Perrault**, **Miglana Stenadori**, **Andre Weare**, **Erin Whiteside**, **Nagwan Zahry**.

Perrault opened the meeting and reminded everyone that her term as CSW head ends Oct. 1 and noted that **Carolyn Nielsen** will be the new head, **Erin Whiteside** will be the new vice head and **Roxane Coche** will be the new secretary starting on that date. Perrault stated that she was grateful for everyone who has volunteered to serve.

Perreault encouraged all CSW members to vote and noted that voting members are those who are up to date on their dues. She also explained that not everyone is receiving information from the AEJMC Community. This is the way AEJMC and CSW communicates with members. If you are not receiving messages from the AEJMC Community, please reach out to CSW leadership.

Perrault noted that **Cara Hawkins-Jedlicka** and **Nagwan Zahry** are going to be serving as our research chairs.

Whiteside (incoming Vice head) noted the deadline for panel submission is Oct. 6. She explained the necessary items for inclusion in the proposal and shared that she has written the call and that it will be sent out to members shortly.

Dinfin Malupi (incoming social media co-chair) reminded faculty to share their good news. **Perrault** added that it is important in building community to stay up-to-date on what members are accomplishing and we want to spread that news via our social channels.

Perrault stated that the parent committee needs a chairperson to work on AEJMC childcare in Philadelphia. If anyone is interested in serving in a short-term but impactful capacity, please contact CSW leadership. She added that childcare should be something that the AEJMC organization should be advocating for, not just CSW.

Whiteside (current Secretary) provided an update on awards that the new deadline would be moved to Dec. 15. She explained we were doing that for three reasons: 1) the Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Center wants that award timeline to be in line with AEJMC awards; 2) we want to increase the number of award submissions, so to have our award call go out with that of other AEJMC awards may help raise awareness about our awards 3) by moving the deadline earlier, we can spread out the reviewing work, so people are not reviewing for the paper competition and awards at the same time in the spring.

Perrault shared that one of CSW's outreach projects is the writing groups and encouraged people to join.

Katie Olsen (Mid-winter chair) stated that the mid-winter conference is a great opportunity to learn about the conference experience. She reminded everyone that the requirement is only a 600-word abstract. It is permissible to submit the same work to the mid-winter and annual AEJMC conference. **Olsen** noted that it has been notoriously challenging to get reviewers for mid-winter and asked for volunteers.

Perrault stated that if you would like a 50th anniversary bag, please reach out to **April Newton**. They are \$25 plus \$5 shipping.

Perrault ended the meeting with many thanks for the opportunity to lead CSW and remarked that it has been a tremendous pleasure to serve.

Join the CSW Community!

Please join the Commission on the Status of Women community on the [AEJMC website](#). Login to the new AEJMC website to update your memberships. You can also join when you register for the 2024 AEJMC Conference that will be held in Philadelphia this year.

Free Graduate Student Membership

Also, graduate students' memberships are always free! This will be reflected when you register for the conference and add the CSW membership to your cart.