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*AEJMC International
Communication Division*

July 2024 Newsletter



Update from the Division Head

Dear ICD Members and Friends,

Leading the division over the last year has been a great privilege, one that I am acutely aware of. When I started attending AEJMC in 2010, leading a division with over 100 members seemed unimaginable to me. Now, older and wiser, I believe that one of the key questions concerning privilege is how it impacts the way we lead.

This year, as a collaborative effort, our leadership team has made every effort to internationalize our division, becoming more inclusive of scholars from diverse backgrounds and at various stages in their careers. For us, acknowledging inequality and inequity in the system means confronting them directly by implementing new paths forward that put inclusivity at the forefront rather than as an afterthought. For example, we actively sought out mentorship opportunities and the inclusion of junior scholars



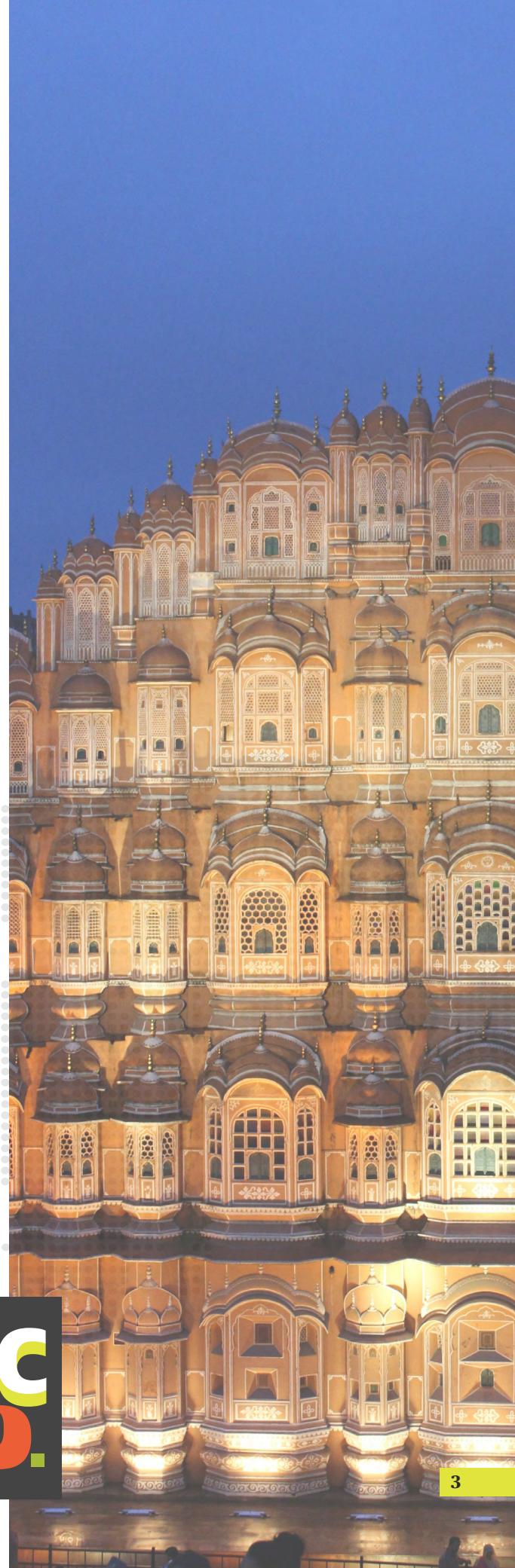
and graduate students as active members of our division. I think we can still do more—and we need to—but we have made many visible efforts to foster inclusivity and grow our division over the last couple of years. This includes offering a new top faculty and student award in global communication and offering ICD-at-home panels that focus on international career development and challenges.

With that, I would like to thank our past ICD heads who have shaped ICD into what it is today and our leadership team who will shape ICD in the future. Leaving the division as head is not an easy task, as I have many more ideas about what we can achieve together, but knowing that the division is in excellent hands makes this goodbye much smoother. Thank you for everything and keep up the good work at ICD. You can count on my support in the years to come.

And please join our business meeting on July 22 at 10:30 Eastern Time. [You can register here.](#)

Sincerely,

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ICD at Home Initiative This Year

ICD at Home Panels is an initiative designed to engage members of the international academic community beyond the annual AEJMC conference. This year the panel “Navigating the International Job Market” was held via Zoom on March 20, 2024.

The panel gathered the expertise of Dr. Mel Bunce from the City University of London, Dr. Claudia Kozman from Northwestern University in Qatar, Dr. Maha Bashri from United Arab Emirates University, Dr. Lea Hellmueller from the City University of London and was moderated by Dr. Melissa Santillana from Texas Tech University.

The discussion addressed the evolving landscape of academic hiring, diverse hiring practices across different regions, strategies for negotiating job offers, and best practices for interviews.

NAVIGATING THE INTERNATIONAL JOB MARKET

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
11 a.m.–12:30 Central | 12-1:30 p.m. Eastern | Zoom



Dr. Mel Bunce
City, U. of London
Dr. Claudia Kozman
Northwestern
University in Qatar
Dr. Maha Bashri
United Arab
Emirates University
Dr. Lea Hellmueller
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Dr. Melissa Santillana
Texas Tech, USA

Communication scholars share their experiences and strategies navigating the international job market

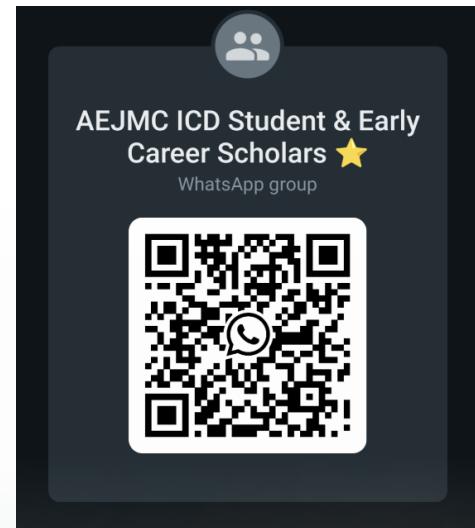
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Join Our WhatsApp Group

Want to stay up-to-date with the latest ICD GSIC events and news? Join our WhatsApp group! The group is open to junior and early-career scholars. You may join the WhatsApp group by clicking on the link below or scanning the QR code. All announcements will continue to be distributed via ICD social media and list-serv emails.

[Click Here to Join AEJMC ICD Student & Early Career Scholar Group on WhatsApp](#)



New in 2024: Online Media and Global Communication Best Paper Award



Online Media and Global Communication, the English language quarterly journal founded in 2022 by former editor of Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly, Louisa Ha, will begin sponsoring a new faculty paper and a student paper award for ICD annually starting 2024.

The journal is sponsored by Shanghai International Studies University School of Journalism and Communication Studies and published by Walter de Gruyter in Germany. Read the journal at <https://www.degruyter.com/journal/key/omgc/html> and its seven non-English language abstracts (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish) and activities at <https://omgc.shisu.edu.cn/12335/list.htm>.

The award aims to promote online media and global communication research especially cross-national comparison research and online media research with global communication implications. Preference will be given to paper collaboration between Global North and Global South scholars. There will be two awards. All papers submitted to ICD's Stevenson open paper competition are eligible for the OMGC Best Open Paper Award and all papers submitted to the ICD's Markham student paper competition are eligible for the OMGC Best Student Paper Award after committee selection. All research methodologies are welcome. OMGC has the first right of refusal to publish the paper in OMGC. Please note that only authors who agree to submit the paper for OMGC review and publication will receive the award.



Panels at AEJMC

Coming up: AEJMC with a message from our Vice Head: Vanessa de Macedo Higgins Joyce, Texas State University, TX.



What a lineup of panels and pre-conference workshop!

We are gearing up for our annual conference and would like to invite you to join us in attending our panels and pre-conference workshops (all free).

We are pleased to offer a teaching panel, in partnership with the Cultural and Critical Studies Division, entitled **“Teaching Students to Decolonize Journalism Practice: Resisting Dehumanizing Portrayals of the “Other.”** Dr. Sara Shaban will preside over this panel aimed at journalism educators, discussing how to teach decolonization as a journalism norm in coverage, **on Saturday, August 10, from 8:30 to 10 am.**

On Friday, August 9, from 2:30-4 pm, we will offer a PF&R Panel entitled **“Elevating Female-Identified Voices on the Job Market: How Can We Support Women Scholars Making Career Choices in Academia?”**



Dr. Lea Hellmueller, Dr. Magdalena Saldaña and Dr. Hanan Badr will preside over this panel, co-sponsored with Minorities and Communication Division, enabling a discussion about the struggles women face when going on the job-market, interviewing for a professor position or negotiating their academic progressions. This is the third year we are organizing a panel specifically aiming at elevating female-identified voices.

In addition, we are proud to partner with the Advertising Division on a panel on **Friday, August 9, from 8:30 to 10 am**. The panel “**Social Media Influencers Around the World: Issues and Impact**” will address hot topics for influencers within different cultures and political systems.

We are partnering with the History division on a panel presided by **Dr. Will Mari** entitled “**The Politics of the Archive: From 1946 to the Trump Administration**” discussing how memory constructs national identities and international relationships. **This panel will be on Sunday, August 11 from 9:30 to 11 am.**

We encourage you to get to the conference early and attend our free Pre-conference Workshop “**Conducting Comparative and Collaborative Journalism Research**” taking place **Wednesday August 7 from 1 to 5 pm**, exploring methodologies behind and preliminary empirical results from the Worlds of Journalism Study (2021-2023). **This pre-conference has limited participation of 40** so please contact Dr. Summer Harlow at summer.harlow@austin.utexas.edu to guarantee your spot.

Looking forward to seeing you in August!

Vanessa de Macedo Higgins Joyce



Our 2024 Research Program at AEJMC

Hello / Bonjour / Hola / こんにちは
(Konnichiwa) / مرحبا (Marhaba)
/shalom/ 你好 (Nǐ hǎo),

We are pleased to share a rich conference program that spans geographic regions and communication topics, and we are grateful to all the reviewers who made it possible for us to assess the submissions and make programming decisions.

We had nearly 150 submissions across the student and faculty competitions with more than 400 reviews assigned and our members delivered some really thoughtful feedback across this Herculean task - thank you! This year, we are excited that submissions showcased a remarkable diversity of research topics and innovative methodologies. This diversity points to the breadth of perspectives and different lenses through which important global issues are being examined by our seasoned and emerging scholars.

As always, programming reflects our best attempt to sort submissions into coherent topic areas and appearing in a poster session, high-density session, or traditional paper session reflects this attempt. We encourage you to stop by as many ICD sessions as possible to support your fellow members and learn about the cutting edge of international communication research.





News from our members

Melissa Santillana, Assistant Professor at Texas Tech University, was awarded the 2024 Outstanding Dissertation Award by the Graduate School at the University of Texas at Austin for her dissertation “Destruyelo todo: The women behind the Mexican feminist spring.”

Linda Steiner and **Stine Eckert** are happy to share that their edited volume is in press to be published: *We must do better. Feminist manifestos for media and communication.* Rutgers University Press.

Janis Chakars is co-editor and contributing author with **Indra Ekmanis** for *Information Wars in the Baltic States: Russia's Long Shadow* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2023) which is now being translated into Ukrainian (Academic Studies Press).

Daniela Dimitrova is pleased to share the upcoming publication of the second edition of *Global Journalism* (www.globaljournalism.org). The edited volume features the works for 26 media scholars from 15 countries.

Marwan M. Kraidy, Dean and CEO of Northwestern University in Qatar and the Anthony Shadid Chair in Media, Politics, and Culture at Northwestern University, was elected Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Council of Learned Societies for a three-year term (2024-2027), after serving on the board since 2017, as Member, Secretary, and Co-Chair of the Finance Committee.



Marwan M. Kraidy, Dean and CEO of Northwestern University in Qatar and the Anthony Shadid Chair in Media, Politics, and Culture at Northwestern University, has two recent single-authored publications. The first is: *Northwestern University in Qatar: A Distinctive Global University*, in Wendy Fischman, Howard Gardner, and William Kirby, Editors, “Advances and Challenges in International Higher Education,” *Dædelus* 153(2) [Spring 2024], 63-67. The second is: “Neo-anachronism? The Coiled Temporalities of Turkish Television Drama in Latin America,” *Media, Culture, and Society*, 46(3) (April 2024), 648-658.

Joseph Weber, Professor Emeritus at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, coedited *The Routledge Companion to Business Journalism*, released in 2024. This 40-chapter, 498-page edited volume, done with coeditor Richard S. Dunham of Beijing’s Tsinghua University, features the work of 44 scholars and journalists from a broad array of countries. ISBN: 978103228864

7th World Journalism Education Congress

Abstracts are now being accepted for the 7th World Journalism Education Congress* (WJEC), which will take place next summer - July 1-3, 2025 - in Perth, Australia.

Abstract deadline: Oct. 25, 2024. Please see the attached call for details or visit <https://www.wjec2025.com/callforabstracts>.

For ICD members not familiar with the WJEC, it's the first known international congress/conference focused on journalism education worldwide. ICD members not only helped create it, but they are still very actively involved in its administration and day-to-day activities.

For more abstract/paper information, contact Paper Competition Chair Elanie Steyn (elanie@ou.edu). For 2025 WJEC conference information, visit <https://www.wjec2025.com>.

*The World Journalism Education Council (WJEC) is a coalition of academic associations worldwide that are involved in journalism and mass communication at the university level.

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