

AEJMC International Communication Division

June 2026 Newsletter

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Welcome from the Division Head

Hi everyone!

As we wind down the semester here at Louisiana State University, I am alternating between a chaotically busy schedule and moments of calm where I can appreciate the rhythms of academic life that mean my routines will soon be changing for the northern hemisphere's summer months. For me, AEJMC's August meeting represents the beginning of the "back to campus" season, and your International Communication Division leadership team has been hard at work programming sessions and events to make it an informative and encouraging time.



On that note, I am pleased to share that we are partnering with Texas Tech University's Morris Professorship to host our annual social in conjunction with the presentation of the Morris Professorship's annual award for excellence in international journalism and human rights. This means division members will have the great opportunity to hear from and meet two journalists who have reported extensively on and from from the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China, both of whom are currently living in exile.

We will provide light dinner and a cash bar at the social, which will be in the conference hotel immediately following the business meeting on Friday, Aug. 7. We will provide drink tickets to the first 50 people to RSVP, which you can do here.

On another future-thinking note, our journal committee, chaired by Dr. Maha Bashri, has met regularly through spring semester to plan next steps for our division journal, the International Communication Research Journal. The team polished and refined the journal's mission statement and has issued a call for editors; please read more below, share with anyone you think might be qualified and interested, and apply by October 5, 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth Moon".

Ruth Moon



International Communication Research Journal Mission Statement and Call for Editors



ICRJ, the peer-reviewed journal of the AEJMC International Communication Division, is a globally anchored, critically engaged forum that approaches international communication not as geographic scope alone but as a critical orientation – one attentive to asymmetries of power, cross-border flows, and the lived consequences of global communication infrastructures.

Committed to moving beyond Western-centric paradigms, the journal publishes rigorous, multidisciplinary, and methodologically plural research, and is particularly invested in amplifying the voices of marginalized communities.

The journal welcomes manuscripts across a broad range of topics, including global journalism, mass communication, cross-cultural and political communication, platform governance, and public opinion; substantive areas such as human rights, climate and environment, health, and migration; and scholarship centering refugees, women, children, Indigenous communities, and other underrepresented groups. Research on all forms of media and communication technologies, as well as work that bridges academic inquiry and professional practice, is also welcome.

The journal steering committee is currently soliciting applications for ICRJ editor. The incoming editor will serve a three-year term (renewable once), beginning September 2027. The editor is responsible for the overall editorial leadership of the journal, including managing the peer review process, maintaining rigorous scholarly standards, and ensuring timely publication of each issue. This role reports to the International Communication Division and works in close coordination with the division's leadership.

[Read the full call for editors, including application requirements, here.](#)



Webinars and Publications

Webinar Series

INTC At Home Hosts Webinar

Scholar roster aims to strengthen collaboration, grow membership

The International Communication Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) held its first At Home webinar on April 14, as part of a series of engagements with current and potential international scholars. The webinar was moderated by INTC At Home coordinator, Dr. Carolyn Walcott, and featured key speakers including the Head of INTC, Ruth Moon, Vice Head Maha Bashri, Research Chair Yiping Xia, and Student Research Chair Meagan Doll.

In opening remarks, Moon emphasized the mission of the division in forging collaborative engagements that reflect global scholarship. She encouraged participants to consider cross-regional collaboration to build their repertoire using Global South lens.

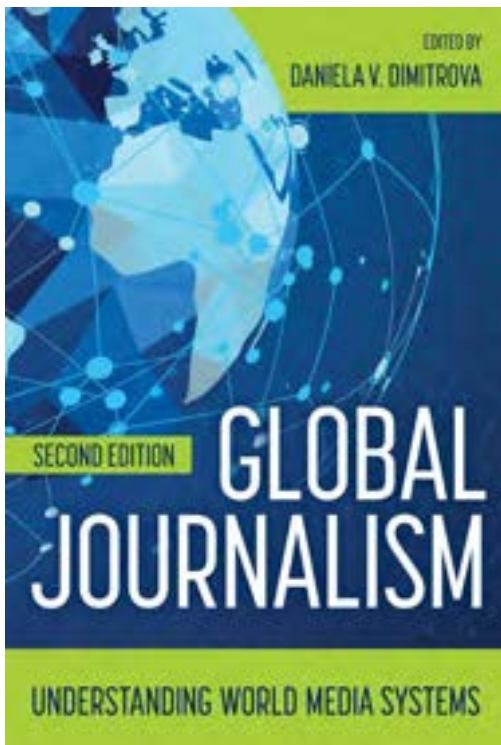
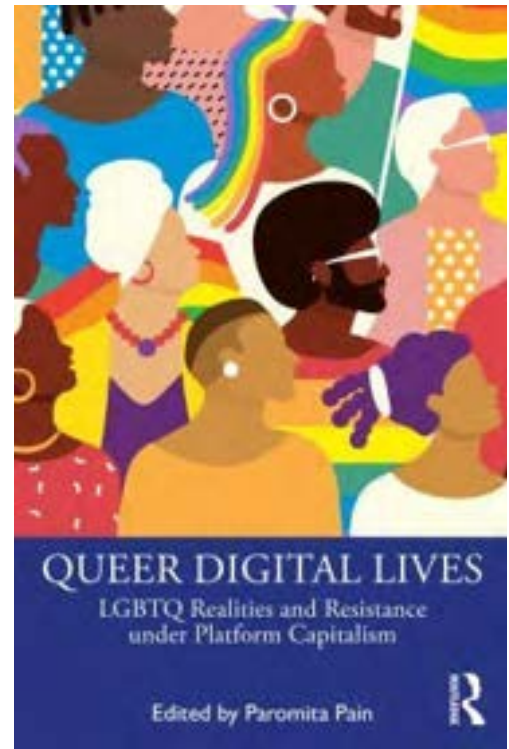
In her presentation, Bashri highlighted the division's ongoing efforts to recruit a new editor for the International Communication Research Journal (ICRJ), the division's quarterly journal. She also underscored the significance of the journal to housing and amplifying scholarship relevant to underrepresented regions situated in the Global South.

Several participants expressed interest in collaborative research and are now part of a pool being developed by the division to support emerging scholars and establish peer to peer and faculty-student mentorship. The ICD encourages its membership to join the roster of scholars using the link <https://community.aejmc.org/internationalcommunicationdivision/home>

As the division continues to amplify its work, the ICD will be represented at this year's International Communication Association conference in Capetown, South Africa, as part of a pre-conference panel, Beyond the Divide: Global South Agendas for a Plural Journalism Studies. The panel takes on a participatory approach, drawing on expertise from the Asian, African, Latin American and Caribbean regions, with the goal of creating strategies for Global South scholarship while engaging conversations with the North.

Publications

Dr. Paromita Pain has edited a forthcoming collection: **Queer Digital Lives: LGBTQ Realities and Resistance under Platform Capitalism** (Routledge, NY). *Queerly Platformed* with contributions from countries as diverse as Sri Lanka, Brazil and Iran is a scholarly collection that focuses specifically on the relationship between LGBTQ users and platform architectures. *Queerly Platformed* interrogates how platform logics—algorithms, moderation policies, monetization, and visibility protocols—are experienced, resisted, and co-opted by LGBTQ users in global contexts.



Now in its second edition, **Global Journalism: Understanding World Media Systems** provides a comprehensive overview of media developments in all world regions, capturing their unique political, cultural and economic context as well as the role of journalistic factors and technological change across media industries. With timely case studies, a new chapter on AI, and expanded contributions from leading experts, the book offers a cosmopolitan exploration of media systems presented in an accessible and engaging style. This makes the second edition of *Global Journalism* a valuable resource for students learning about the practice, growth, and impact of global media. The book is available for adoption now in either print copy or as an e-book. The editor is working on developing a podcast to go along with the key chapters. There is also a dedicated website with instructor resources such as documentaries and in-class activities:

www.globaljournalism.org and

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/global-journalism-9781538193587/>

Multimedia Journalism Award Call 2026

In the 2025-2026 academic year, did you, either as an undergraduate or graduate student produce a newsworthy, multimedia supported non-fiction story with an international angle on a local issue or an international story with a local angle?

You could be eligible for an Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) International Communication Division multimedia award. The story should have been submitted either as a class assignment or published on your university's or news media website. Collaborative work with a faculty member should feature the student as lead author. [Check the link for more details and apply by June 1.](#)





Renewed Initiative: Graduate Students and Early Career Scholar Outreach

Join Our WhatsApp Group



The ICD Graduate Student Interest Group (GSIG) now has a new WhatsApp group for graduate students and early career researchers. Unfortunately, after the original group link was posted publicly online, the group was quickly flooded with cryptocurrency advertisements and spam., so we created another one.

To avoid further issues, we will not publish the new group link in this newsletter. Instead, please feel free to reach out to any ICD member, who will be happy to add you to the group!

Meet a Few Members Of Our Leadership Team



Meagan Doll serves as the International Communication Division’s James W. Markham Student Competition Chair. Outside INTC, she is a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Minnesota and an incoming assistant professor at the University of Colorado Boulder. She is also a research fellow at the University of Washington’s Center for Journalism, Media, and Democracy. Her research explores international news consumption and production.

In one of her recent publications, “Expectations of journalists and journalism in Uganda:

Advancing a theory of relative institutional trust in journalism,” Meagan explores factors driving news media trust in Uganda. She finds that although respondents desire for media professionals to expose corruption, serve the public, and provide social support to communities, they expect in practice that journalists will accept bribes and produce government-leaning content – yet trust journalists nonetheless. The paper is published in the International Journal of Communication here: <https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/24606>.

Nicole Marie Klevanskaya serves as a communications assistant for AEJMC’s International Communication Division. Nicole is a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, where she does research on how Russian exiled journalists perceive their roles and cope with challenges to their work. At her University, she has taught classes on media, pop culture, and digital games.

Nicole’s Masters Thesis, which she defended in 2024, studied the ways in which pro-Russian bloggers used the messaging app Telegram to mix seemingly objective news reports of combat on the frontlines of the war in Ukraine, with radical propaganda.





Josie Liu serves as the International Communication Division's Professional Freedom and Responsibility Chair. Previously she served as the Membership Chair of INTC for several years. Outside INTC, Josie is the de Lozano Chair of Journalism and the chair of Board of Campus Publications at Trinity University, where she teaches as a professor of Media and Communication. She has taught courses such as pop culture and environmental communication in Asia.

Josie's research focuses on pop culture in Asia, particularly China. She has published many peer reviewed articles and book chapters on topics such as Chinese rappers, women portrayed in Chinese TV shows, and the global reach of Chinese streaming services. She is currently writing a book on Chinese pop culture in the digital age.





ICD Membership Update for 2026

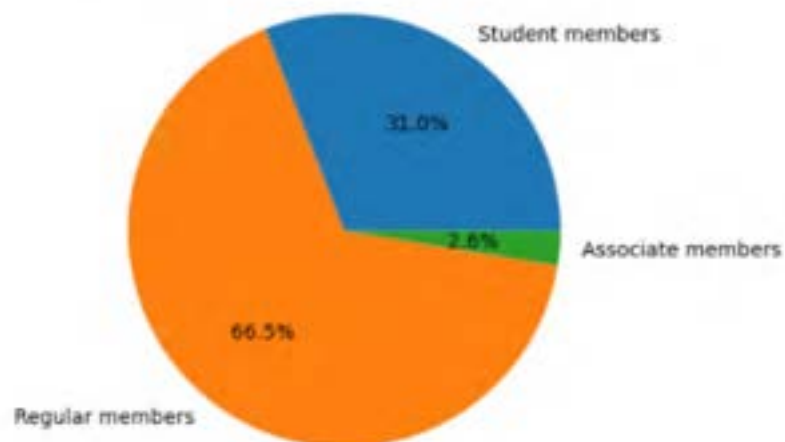
The International Communication Division had 155 members as of January 2026 – a number that had remained steady (fluctuated by 1 or 2) since October. Of those, the bulk (67%) are regular members, followed by student members (31%). Interestingly, our members only slightly prefer online-only publication access; many prefer to maintain both online and print access (54% compared to 46%). One data point that stood out was the U.S. dominance of our members, of which 84% reside in the states. Within the U.S., members come mostly from the South, followed by the Midwest. Outside of the U.S., the Division has 10 members from China and one member each from a dozen other countries. Those countries cover Asia, North America, Europe, and South America. The Division does not have a single member from Africa. These numbers suggest that the Division might focus on recruiting global members in an effort to make its membership more representative of the regions its members study.

Total members: 155

48 student members

103 regular members

Membership Composition (Total = 155)



Country of preferred address (n=136)

114 (84%) - US

10 - China

1- Canada

1- Colombia

1- France

1- India

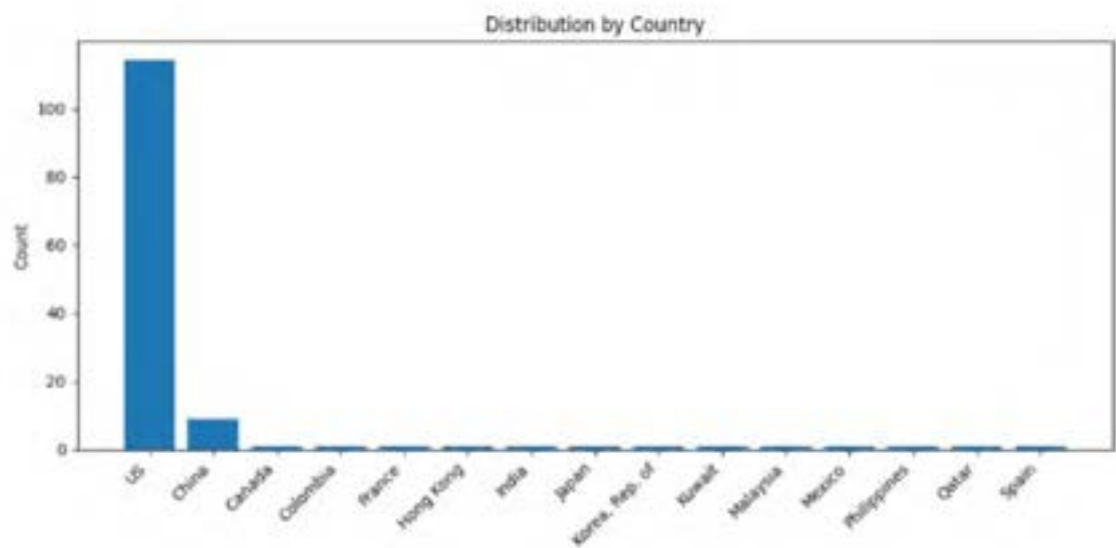
1- Japan

1- Korea

1- Kuwait

1- Malaysia

1- Mexico



Regions within the US (n=113)

South: 49 (43.4%) (AL, DC, FL, GA, LA, MD, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA)

Midwest: 37 (32.7%) (IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, WI)

West: 23 (20.4%) (AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, OR, UT, WA)

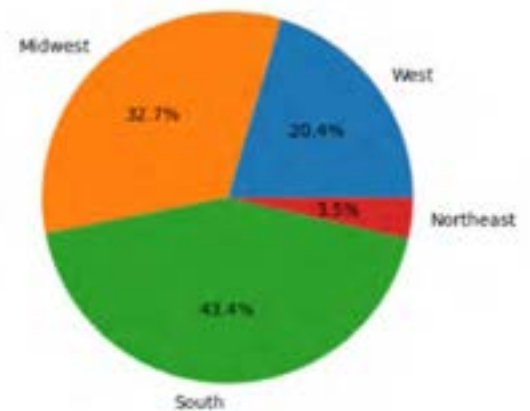
Northeast: 4 (3.5%) (NY, PA)

-Karen McIntyre, Membership Chair

Publication delivery

65/141 (46%) - Both (hard copy & online)

76/141 (54%) - Online only



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