7:30 to 9:15 a.m. / Su001

Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication

Business Session 2025-26 Council of Divisions Meeting

Moderating/Presiding

Avery Holton, Utah, 2025-26 chair, Council of Divisions and Lindita Camaj, Florida, 2025-26 vice chair, Council of Divisions

9:45 to 11 a.m. / Su002

Communicating Science, Health, Environment and Risk Division

Refereed Research Paper Session Constructing Meaningful Stories: Journalists, News Frames, and Audience Impact

Moderating/Presiding

Pechulano Ngwe Ali, Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Challenges and Opportunities for Environmental Journalism Training: Experiences from Three Latin American Countries

Eric Freedman, Bruno Takahashi, Julia Belden,

Gisele Souza Neuls,

and lasmim Amiden dos Santos, Michigan State

Care-Based Practices in Health News: Why and How U.S. Health Journalists Include Exemplars in their Reporting Rachel Young and Munachim Amah, Iowa,

Amanda Hinnant, Missouri,

and María Len-Ríos, Minnesota

Unpacking Framing in Data Journalism: Analyzing Narratives of Declining U.S. Life Expectancy

Taylor Sheridan, Missouri,

and Carlo Byrd, Texas at Austin

How a "Black Swan" Fades: Diachronic and Politically-driven Frame Analysis of Philippine Media's Coverage of Local Terrorist Group (1996-2024)

Hongsheng Huang

and Hao Jiang, Shanghai International Studies University

Racial Attitudes and the Unequal Impacts of Climate Change: How Emphasizing Class or Race in News Stories Influences Public Perceptions and Support for Climate Policies

P. Sol Hart, Michigan, Lauren Feldman, Rutgers,

Soobin Choi, Ewha Woman's University,

and Annie Zhang, Michigan

News Sentiment Toward Undocumented Migrant Healthcare Coverage in the United States

Ugochukwu Madu and Erblin Shehu, Iowa

Discussant

Ronald Yaros, Maryland

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9:45 to 11 a.m. / Su003
Communication Technology Division
Refereed Research Paper Session What's New in News? Communication Technology Meets Journalism
Moderating/Presiding Anne Oeldorf-Hirsch, Connecticut
Applied AI in Broadcast Journalism Education William Kaufhold, Texas State University Heidi Makady, Mark Mederson, and Eun Jeong Lee, Texas State
Visibility for Local News Daniel Trielli, Yara Mabrouk, and Diana Krovvidi, Maryland
[EA] Perceptions of AI-Generated News: An Experiment on Disclosure Type and Timing Jacob Long, Chinwendu Akalonu, Carrie Jingyi Xiao, Ertan Ağaoğlu, and Shamira McCray, South Carolina
Seeing Through the Fake: How Users Detect and Interpret Deepfakes Don Shin, Texas Tech
When News Finds You: Algorithm Audit of Incidental Exposure to Mainstream News on Chinese Video Platforms Peiying Wu, Tsinghua University, Yunwen Sun, and Qian Liu Beijing Normal University, and Mengye Yang
Discussant Anne Oeldorf-Hirsch, Connecticut
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9:45 to 11 a.m. / Su004
International Communication Division
Refereed Research Paper Session Global Storytelling in Flux: Power, Platforms, and the New Frontiers of Communication
Moderating/Presiding Vanessa de Macedo Higgins Joyce, Texas State
Media Ethics in the Caribbean: Reporting on Natural Disasters Juliette Storr, Pennsylvania State
Winning the Hearts and Minds – Gauging the Influence of Perceived Power and Public Diplomacy on Attitudes toward the Superpowers
Benita Dederichs and Denis Wu, Boston [EA] Who Speaks When VOA Falls Silent? Critical Discourse Analysis of Media Portrayals of VOA Dismantling Sunha Yeo and Jizhou Ye, Oklahoma
The Frames of the COVID-19: How the International Press Had Covered the Worldwide Pandemic Kuang-Kuo Chang, Shih Hsin University
Three Worlds Imagined through News: A Cross-National Analysis of Country-Based Issue Ownership Networks Zhuoyu Wang and Lei Guo, Fudan University, Mengmeng Wu, Chicago University, and Chris Vargo, Colorado-Boulder

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Discussant

Margaretha Geertsema-Sligh, Butler

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9:45 to 11 a.m. / Su005

Magazine Media Division

Refereed Research Paper Session From Covers to Courtrooms: The Cultural Power of Magazine Journalism Past and Present

Moderating/Presiding Ivy Ashe, Florida Atlantic

Chilled Out: Eros and Ralph Ginzburg and How the Government Killed a Magazine

Roy Gutterman, Syracuse

Framing Foreign Power in American-Backed Warfare: Revisiting Time Magazine's Cover Portraits during the Vietnam War

Huyen Nguyen, Kansas State

[EA] Lifestyle Journalists, Influencers ... Newsfluencers? How Audiences Perceive Lifestyle Journalists Versus Social Media Influencers

Lydia Cheng, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Discussant

Ivy Ashe, Florida Atlantic

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9:45 to 11 a.m. / Su006

Mass Communication and Society and Communication Theory and Methodology Divisions

PFR Panel Session

The Trump Effect on Journalism: Revisiting the Social Responsibility Theory of the Press

Moderating/Presiding Kathy R. Fitzpatrick, South Florida

Panelists

Rafael Lorente, Maryland Wendy Whitt, South Florida Judith Rosenbaum, Maine Janet Coats, Florida Stephen D. Reese, Texas at Austin

This panel will examine the effect that Donald Trump's approach to news and information has had on journalism and consider the social role and responsibilities of journalists in modern society.

9:45 to 11 a.m. / Su007

Media Ethics and Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Divisions

Research Panel Session Care Ethics and DEI in Media

Moderating/Presiding Tara Walker, St. Bonaventure

Panelists

Tammy Rae Matthews, St. Bonaventure Kati Berg, Marquette Mark Heisten, Colorado at Boulder Joseph Jones, West Virginia

Care ethics is a lens through which to understand diversity, equity and inclusion issues in media. The scholars on this panel present perspectives on care ethics from an array of media disciplines. Tammy Matthews will discuss how care ethics relates to various gender-based representations. Tara Walker's research focuses on mental health and public health representations in media, and how care is or isn't a part of these representations. Joseph Jones looks at how care ethics can decolonize traditional journalism and conceptualizes care ethics as applied to food journalism, fashion journalism, and the use of AI in the political economy of digital media.

9:45 to 11 a.m. / Su008

Media Management, Economics and Entrepreneurship Division

Research Panel Session Al and Creator Economy

Moderating/Presiding Louisa Ha, Bowling Green State

Panelists

Balancing Innovation and Fairness in AI in the Creator Economy
Changfeng Chen, Tsinghua University, China
Why Celebrities Underperform as Brand Influencers on TikTok: Insights from AI-facilitated Studies
Kineta Hung, Hong Kong Baptist University
AI to Generate Content for Journalists for Religious Occasions
Mohammad Abuljadail, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia
News Media's Coverage of AI and Creator Economy on Facebook, Instagram, X and TikTok
Hyacinth Bangero, Bowling Green State
Why Audiences Like to Watch AI Generated Videos (Rather than Human Created Videos)
Man Luo, Bowling Green State

This panel will showcase research on how artificial intelligence is affecting the Creator Economy. The five panelists will present the topic from different perspectives.

9:45 to 11 a.m. / Su009

Public Relations Division

High-Density Refereed Research Paper Session **GIFTS High Density Session** Moderating/Presiding Minhee Choi, Texas Tech Developing Critical Thinking Skills in PR courses: Teaching Students to Be Gatekeepers of Generative AI-Created Content Nandini Bhalla and Paul Villagran, Texas State Teaching Outside the Classroom: Conducting Research or PR Brand Activation through Ethnographic Exploration Janis Page, Illinois, Chicago Analyzing Corporate Communication through an Examination of Website Content Nagwan Zahry, Tennessee at Chattanooga Bridging Student Learning to Professional Development: Fostering Personal Brand **Building through LinkedIn Articles** Amanda Weed, Kennesaw State Enhancing Writing Through Research: Motivating Students to Use the University Writing Center Nandini Bhalla, Texas State Enhancing Target Audience Development with AI and Data Integration Hunter Overton, Pennsylvania State Podcasts for Teaching PR: Using Student-Created Podcasts to Introduce Career **Opportunities in Public Relations** Brenda Wilson, Tennessee Tech Reacting to the Past to Engage the Present: Teaching PR with Greenwich Village 1913 Josh Watson, Oklahoma Christian Discussant

Erika Schneider, Syracuse

9:45 to 11 a.m. / Su010

Visual Communication and Minorities and Communication Divisions

PFR Panel Session

Diversity in Leadership: Exploring the Role of Inclusive-Minded Leaders in Transforming Visual Communication

Moderating/Presiding Lisa Krantz, Montana

Panelists

Lisa Krantz, Montana Nicole Frugé, Director of Visuals, San Francisco Chronicle Deborah Chung, Kentucky

This panel will explore the critical role that diverse and inclusive-minded leadership plays in shaping the future of visual communication across various media industries—such as journalism, advertising, and media production.

9:45 to 11 a.m. / Su011

Commission on the Status of Women

Refereed Research Paper Session Images of Women in Entertainment, News, and Social Media

Moderating/Presiding Cara Hawkins-Jedlicka, Washington State

Reel Mothers: Millennial Perceptions of Motherhood in Television and Film Brandale Mills Cox, Howard
Unfinished Revenge: (Un)Popular Feminism, Class Politics, and Indignant Rage in Contemporary Chinese Dramas Eva Liu, Ohio
Digital Discourse on Motherhood and Vaccination: A Twitter/X Thematic Analysis Ying Zhuang and Traci Hong, Boston
"I want to be home.": A critical discourse analysis of #TradWife and #Stay-at-home-girlfriend through a postfeminist lens on TikTok Shuo Yao and Zehui Dai, Radford
A Lively Lawsuit: Exploring gender bias in Blake Lively's and Justin Baldoni's media battle Andrea Hall, Middle Tennessee State, Lauren Furey, Teresa Acosta, and Kristine Pascual, California Poly Pomona

Discussant

Anne Osborne, Syracuse

9:45 to 11 a.m. / Su012

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication

Business Session

Incoming AEJMC Board of Directors Meeting

Moderating/Presiding

Bey-Ling Sha, Texas Tech, President-Elect, 2024-25

By invitation only.

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. / Su013

Advertising Division

Teaching Panel Session Teaching with AI: Innovative Strategies for AI Integration in Advertising Curriculum

Moderating/Presiding Sujin Kim, Oklahoma State

Panelists

Rachel Lim, Oklahoma State

Sumin Shin, Oklahoma State Soojin Kim, Louisiana State Lori McKinnon, Oklahoma State Lucy Atkinson, Texas at Austin

This panel explores how AI-driven tools can transform advertising education—from creative strategy development to campaign execution and management. It aims to (1) help educators efficiently integrate AI into curricula, (2) prepare students for AI-driven advertising careers, and (3) address ethical issues like student over-reliance on AI and biases in AI-generated content. Panelists will introduce key AI technologies (e.g., ChatGPT, predictive analytics, AI-powered media planning, and visualization tools) and show how they enhance brainstorming, prototype creation, and data-driven refinements. They'll share case studies of successful classroom integrations and provide a live demonstration of AI-powered creative generation. Ethical considerations such as plagiarism, AI bias, and responsible usage will also be discussed.

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. / Su014

Cultural and Critical Studies Division

Refereed Research Paper Session Critical Reflections in Media Research and Social Theory

Moderating/Presiding Raiana de Carvalho, Furman

Paranoid Research, Anxious Public: The Legacy of Fear in Mass Communication Studies **Natalie Ngai**, TBA Substance and shadow: Conceptualizing Hauntic media frames **Jason Cain**, Mississippi

Eugene Debs, Bernie Sanders, and the Case of the Shrinking Socialist Imagination

Jesse Benn, Wisconsin - Madison

American Glory, Faded Before Me: The Illusion of Prestige and the Crisis of Legitimacy of the American Award Show

Kyle Stanley, affiliation, and Chris DeFelice, Florida

Rejection of the Cyborg: Posthumanism and Labor in the Age of Al Alfonso Hegde, Southern California

Discussant

Anne Osborne, Syracuse

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. / Su015

Law and Policy Division

Refereed Research Paper Session Political Speech, Press Freedom, and Legal Constraints

Moderating/Presiding Alexis Shore Ingber, Michigan

[EA] The Right to Lie in the Age of Trump: Political Crimes and Campaign Communications William Davie, Louisiana

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Criminalizing Journalism: Rethinking Global Press Typologies Through the Lens of Defamation Laws **Ershad Khan**, Colorado-Boulder **[EA]** A Grave Threat Against Press Freedom

Sheila Lalwani, affiliation

Seditious Libel in Trinidad and the Controversial Savings Clause

Roxanne Watson, South Florida

Discussant

Erin Coyle, Temple

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11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. / Su016

Mass Communication and Society Division

Refereed Research Paper Session Digital Media Risks and Regulations

Moderating/Presiding Ruoxu Wang, Memphis

Perceptions of Uncivil and Intolerant Anti-Immigration Content and the Role of Digital Hate Perpetration Stephanie Bührer, affiliation, Kevin Koban, affiliation, and Jörg Matthes, University of Vienna Empowering or Hindering? How Today's Digital Media Consumers Really Feel About Data Privacy Issues and Privacy Protection Regulations Wonsun Shin, University of Melbourne, Jisu Huh, Minnesota, Bo Chen, University of Melbourne, and Wenwen Cao, Minnesota-Twin Cities Beyond Censorship: Understanding the Complexities of Social Media Bans and the Rejection of Regulation Gabriella Jensen, affiliation, and Fanny Ramirez and Morgan Badurak, Louisiana State How Do Scholars Targeted by Digital Hate Perceive Perpetrators and Bystanders? A Qualitative Study Maryam Khaleghipour, Kevin Koban, and Jörg Matthes, University of Vienna [EA] Do Unwanted Visits Heighten My Vigilance? A Dynamic Privacy Management Perspective on Self-Disclosure on Sina Weibo Xi Zhang, affiliation Discussant Gina Masullo, Texas at Austin **[EA]** = This submission was accepted as an extended abstract.

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. / Su017

Public Relations and History Divisions

Teaching Panel Session Essential Change: Adding Diverse Role Models to Public Relations History

Moderating/Presiding Jeffrey S. Morosoff, Hofstra

Panelists

Melody Fisher, Mississippi State Karla Gower, Alabama, Director, Plank Center for Leadership in Public Relations David Brown, Temple Shelley Spector, CEO and Founder, Museum of Public Relations

The history of public relations as taught in textbooks and classrooms has been whitewashed for 75 years. In nearly every example, PR pioneers sited in texts have been three white men: P.T. Barnum, Ivy Lee and Edward Bernays. Women and people of color have been almost universally ignored.

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. / Su018

Political Communication Division

Refereed Research Paper Session Political Media Consumption and Effects

Moderating/Presiding Bingbing Zhang, Iowa

FOI-nding value: An analysis of perceived value of information from freedom of information requests
 A.Jay Wagner, Marquette and Jessica Sparks, Auburn
 Diversify Yourself: Receptiveness to Opposing Views, Media Diet Diversity, and Polarization
 Eliana DuBosar, Auburn and Jay Hmielowski, Florida
 Would Personal Curation Strategies Improve Political Disengagement? Examining The Politics of Personal (

Would Personal Curation Strategies Improve Political Disengagement? Examining The Politics of Personal Curation (PPC) Model

Biying Wu-ouyang, The Education University of Hong Kong

Identifying and Developing a Research Agenda to Address Structural Weaknesses in Political Socialization Research Lance Holbert, Pennsylvania, Huma Rasheed, Pennsylvania, Mya McKeown, Ohio State, Kara Fort, Ohio State, and Bruce Hardy, Temple

How Political Advertising Shapes Candidate Image and Brand Identity Attributes

Freddie Jennings, Arkansas, Josh Bramlett, Alabama

and Benjamin Warner, Missouri

Discussant

Leping You, Miami

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. / Su019

Scholastic Journalism Division

Refereed Research Paper Session

'It Depends on How You Use the Tool': Preparing Future Journalists and Exploring Public Understanding of AI in the News Industry

Moderating/Presiding Hanbo Liu, Kansas

[EA] Empowering Journalism Students: Knowledge, Confidence and Ethical Use of Generative AI in Capstone Projects

Lourdes Cueva Chacón and Alanna Peebles, San Diego State

[EA] From Classroom to Newsroom: Drivers and Constraints to AI Literacy Development in Journalism Training Sina Thäsler-Kordonouri and Vera Katzenberger, Leipzig University

[EA] Reconstructing an Integrated Measurement Framework of News Literacy in the AI Era Xiaojing Li, Ziwei Feng, and Habin Noh, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Integrating Generative AI into Media Education: Action Research on Digital Literacy for Future Communicators Lin Siew Chin, New Era University College Malaysia,

and Tan Huey Shyh, Malaysia Multimedia University

Discussant

Sarah Cavanah, Kansas

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From capstone courses to hands-on classroom lessons, this session explores the integration of generative AI tools in journalism education, featuring student perspectives on how these tools are shaping their skills and newsroom readiness. It also examines public perceptions and news literacy in the AI era, offering insight into how audiences understand and engage with AI-driven news content.

11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. / Su020

Commission on the Status of Women and Internships and Careers Interest Group

PFR Panel Session

Navigating Personal Ethics When Researching Power Dynamics as Emerging Scholars

Moderating/Presiding Jocelyn McKinnon-Crowley, Syracuse

Panelists

Shannon Burth, Syracuse Kandice N. Green, Fairfield Tiara Johnson, Syracuse Di Mu, Texas A&M International Amanda Ni, Syracuse Andrea Gambino, California, Los Angeles

With increased pressure on emerging scholars to "produce" in numerically driven neoliberal academic spaces, ethical research decisions are shouldered by individuals whose academic freedoms are under threat. When researching power and power structures in stubbornly patriarchal US contexts, these ethical dilemmas confront women, especially women without the protection of tenure, and especially women dependent on "playing the game" to attain social status.