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WELCOME FROM AEJMC'S NEWEST COMMISSION

AEJMC is proud to now include a commission dedicated to graduate students and their educations—the Commission on the Status of Graduate Education (CSGE). And I am both grateful and honored to serve the graduate student membership of AEJMC as the head of the CSGE. I welcome you to the first issue of Hidden Curriculum, the newsletter of CSGE that's purpose is to help uncover myths, share tips and tricks, and share announcements and updates of the CSGE. In this issue, I want first to introduce myself to our members and then share the goals of the CSGE and its leadership team for this academic year. Additionally, I will close with a wonderful announcement that will give graduate students even more support in the organization.

My name is Patrick R. Johnson. I am a Ph.D. candidate in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Iowa, where I study the intersection of news literacy, journalism practice, and journalism education, emphasizing ethics. AEJMC is a scholarly and teaching home for me, especially with my involvement with the Media Ethics Division. AEJ has given me so much in such a short time that I am eager to give back to the organization in this role.

The Commission will focus on advocacy and ensuring more equitable and just experiences for graduate students. The August conference will include double the sessions we offered last year. And we are working with other DIGS to streamline messaging to ensure ample opportunities to fund travel to the conference. Our second goal is to host at least three virtual programs in 2023, one each representing the pillars of AEJMC. Third, we want to connect CSGE and other DIGs through liaisons. Lastly, we want all student

members to be members of CSGE. Our announcement is about that last goal—for this year, the AEJMC board voted to approve funding to enroll ALL AEJMC student members in CSGE. AEJMC will cover the \$9 cost for each student this year in hopes that we encourage continued participation in the group in future years. This change is incredibly important because we will now be able to elevate communication among graduate student members and give members programming opportunities that would not have been available before this vote.

We are excited for this year, our first as a commission, and look forward to working with the students of AEJMC to improve their experiences. I will be at both Midwinter and the Southeast Colloquium, and I look forward to meeting many of you there. Until our following newsletter in January, I wish you a wonderful holiday break.

Cheers, PRJ



Patrick R. Johnson, Iowa



FULL STEAM AHEAD TO MIDWINTER

My name is Bobbie Foster (Univ. of Maryland), and I am pleased to introduce myself as the Vice Head of the new Commission on the Status of Graduate Education (CSGE). One of my responsibilities is the programming side of the conferences, and I wanted to highlight the upcoming AEJMC Midwinter Conference.

Midwinter is in Norman, Oklahoma, at Gaylord College. It's a perfect space to debut a paper or idea. Because it's smaller, it's ideal for networking and feedback. Midwinter will be in February this year, providing time to work on an idea before the AEJMC April deadline.

In addition to being a great space to network with faculty in a smaller, less chaotic space,

Norman is near Oklahoma City, which offers some exciting things for off-site fun. Some of my favorites include the 99's Museum of Women Pilots, the Blue Zoo Aquarium, the Bricktown River Walk, and the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History. You can explore more events with the OKC Winter calendar. Both Patrick and I plan to attend Midwinter next year. We hope to see you there too!



Bobbie Foster, Maryland

AEJMC COMMUNITY: CONNECTING FURTHER, BETTER

This year we will be transitioning to using the AEJMC Community for most of our communication, including the posting of this newsletter. This means that we need YOU, our members, to make sure you sign up and update your profiles.

The hope is that the Community space will provide us with places to connect, network, and share valuable resources. It will also be a space for the Executive Committee to share updates, programming opportunities, and funding resources.

We encourage you to use the AEJMC community to make the valuable connections we know we all need as graduate students. See you there.



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PF&R: ELEVATING VOICES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL GRAD STUDENTS

Hello, my name is Kimi Conro, and I am a second-year Ph.D. student in the department of Journalism and Media Communication at Colorado State University. My research addresses the polarization of scientific information, gendered participation in politics, and their implications for democracy.

I am honored to serve as PF&R Chair alongside the Commission on the Status of Graduate Education's team of inspiring student leaders. My goal for this year is to expand opportunities for graduate students to learn about and engage with alt-academic career paths and provide professional development opportunities for students approaching the academic job market. In this way, I hope to help my fellow graduate student community become more confident in its future roles and opportunities as professionals and leaders of tomorrow.



Kimi Conro, Colorado State

JMCQ CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF JMC RESEARCH WITH REVIEWS INITIATIVE



AEJMC's flagship journal will be celebrating its 100th birthday (it was first published in 1924), and a part of the celebration will include a series of book reviews that JMCQ book reviews editor and Appalachian State Associate Professor Gregory Perreault shared is "to provide a retrospective look at the evolution of journalism and mass communication as a field."

The centennial issue of the publication will include review suggestions from all AEJMC divisions, interest groups, and commissions. To accomplish this, Perreault is searching for "three key texts central to scholarship" of our commission. He is also hoping to solicit members to write these reviews.

If you have suggestions for "the most influential texts in our field" for the JMCQ centennial issue, please contact Patrick R. Johnson at patrick-r-johnson@uiowa.edu.

RESEARCH: BUILDING PROFILES AND AGENDAS

Hey!

My name is Nisha Sridharan. I am a Ph.D. candidate in the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, where my research focuses on the role of media in society, organizational communication, and DEIB issues in news media.

As the Research Chair of the Commission on the Status of Graduate Education, my goals are to promote more graduate student participation and collaboration in conferences, while creating an inclusive and helpful research environment. It is my

hope that through my role I am able to allow space for graduate students to grow as scholars, researchers and academics.

Our annual conference CFP will appear in AEJMC's next newsletter. We encourage you to start planning how to turn some of those seminar papers into conference papers for our annual meeting in Washington, D.C. this Aug.



Nisha Sridharan, Arizona State



TEACHING: FINDING OUR PLACE IN CLASSROOMS

Hi there!

My name is Briana Trifiro, and I am a fourth-year Ph.D. student in the Division of Emerging Media Studies at Boston University's College of Communication. Currently, my research interests focus on the intersection of political communication and media psychology, particularly focusing on the societal impacts of social media use.

As the Teaching Chair for the Commission in the Status of Graduate Education, my goal this year is to foster

collaboration amongst our commission and other divisions to afford graduate students more significant opportunities to strengthen and hone their pedagogical skills. I hope to use this role to foster greater connections and empower graduate students in their journeys as educators.



Briana Trifiro, Boston U

AEJMC MIDWINTER CONFERENCE 2023

SAVE THE DATE
FEBRUARY 24-25, 2023

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACTS BY DECEMBER 15, 2022.

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