

Participatory Journalism

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Message from our chair

Dear PJIG members,

I hope the summer is treating you well. Thanks to our officers' and your contribution, PJIG has an exciting and productive program coming up at the AEJMC convention in August. This year, we will lead five panels, co-sponsored by other divisions/groups, and address a variety of trendy topics. We have a teaching panel that intends to make journalism education more inclusive and less extractive, co-sponsored by Commission on the Status of Minorities; a PF&R panel about growing a national participatory civic media network, co-sponsored by Mass Communication and Society; a second PF&R panel that explores how journalism support organizations are using data and research to connect with communities of color, co-sponsored by Communication Technology; a research panel that explores collaborative journalism experiments with community media resources, co-sponsored by Community Journalism Interest Group; a second research panel that discusses the impact of immersive technologies on news production and consumption, co-sponsored by Newspaper and Online News. Among the 29 panelists and moderators in our non-referred panels, 14 are people of color, and 17 are women.

We also had twice as many submissions to our paper competition this year than last year. The two peer-reviewed research sessions will feature our top papers and five other studies that cover solutions journalism, citizen journalism, digital media participation, and revenue models.

Following our successful pre-conference program last year, this year we continue to collaborate with the Engaged Journalism Exchange project to organize a half-day pre-conference workshop. The pre-conference focuses on efforts to help journalism education to incorporate best practices for more equitable and engaged journalism. It quickly reached capacity with 40 registrants—a mix of educators, journalism support groups, and funders.

All of those exciting achievements couldn't be accomplished without your attention and support. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new faces at the annual convention in Washington D.C.!

Dr. You Li

Associate Professor of Journalism at Eastern Michigan University

Head of PJIG 2022-2023

Join PIJG at AEJMC August 6th-10th in DC

We have a lot going on! Here's a snapshot of what to expect:

- **Sunday 8/6 from 1-4:30pm** we're co-sponsoring the Engaged Journalism Exchange's "**Reimagining Journalism Education**" preconference at Northwestern's Medill Washington Bureau (a short walk from conference hotel). If you're interested in getting curriculum in your courses or department to better reflect best practices for equitable and community engaged journalism, join us. We already have around 50 people signed up and will hear about some exciting initiatives—but it will be less listening to traditional panels and more brainstorming and troubleshooting in small groups. More info and RSVP here: The RSVP link for preconference is bit.ly/EJE2023.

- **Monday 8/7 from 10:30am- 12pm** come find out about the [Documenters Network](#)—the rapidly growing national initiative started by Chicago's City Bureau. Documenters trains people to attend under-reported public meetings and publishes the results. Featuring managers and partners from the network, the panel "**Documenters: Growing a National Participatory Civic Media Network,**" will explore how the project has evolved and how it adapts to the needs of local communities in places like Cleveland and Atlanta.



Monday 8/7 from 2:30pm- 4pm we will continue exploring questions around equity and access in journalism education with "**Making Journalism Education More Inclusive and Less Extractive,**" featuring a panel of innovators in this work. You'll get to learn about both wins and pitfalls from educators and practitioners who have started projects like [Kensington Voice](#), the [Journalism of Color Training Center](#) and more. And the panel features two of our officers—[Carrie Brown](#) and [Jillian Bauer-Reese](#)!

Tuesday 8/8 from 2:30pm to 4pm join "**From Witness to Participants of News: The Impact of Immersive Technologies on News Production and Consumption.**" Our very own Chair [You Li](#) will guide us on an exploration of what augmented reality, virtual reality and the Metaverse mean for journalism—along with scholars and practitioners, including from [National Geographic](#).

- **Tuesday 8/8 from 4:30pm to 6pm** stick around to learn about “**Collaborative Journalism Experiments with Community Media Resources.**” PJIG’s [Antoine Haywood](#) is himself a veteran community media maker and will lead this discussion with other scholars and practitioners to think about the potential of partnerships to pursue engaged journalism in collaboration with community access media centers.
- **Tuesday 8/9 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm** come check out “**New Research in Participatory Journalism,**” our top paper session! We’re so grateful to everyone who submitted papers this year—come check some of them out. Including work from [Zivile Raskauskaite](#), [Patrick Ferruci](#), and [Mirjana Pantic](#).
- **Wednesday 8/9 from Noon to 1:30pm** stretch your legs and check out some **posters**—including PJIG posters from [Serena Miller](#), [Catherine Luther](#), [Doug Mendenhall](#), and [Yige Lian](#).



- **Wednesday 8/9 at 2:30pm** come on a field trip with us to tour Arlington Independent Media! Join [Antoine Haywood](#) to see an example of a long-running community access media center that creates powerful community television and other local media content highlighting people, places, organizations, businesses, and events in Arlington. RSVP and more info here: <https://bit.ly/PJIG-tour>
- **Thursday 8/10 at 11:30am to 1pm**, we’re finishing the conference strong with, “**How Journalism Support Organizations Are Using Data and Research to Connect with Communities of Color.**” The panel will explore efforts of organizations like the [American Press Institute](#) and [Trusting News](#) to make newsrooms more accountable to meeting diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) and community engagement goals. We’ll learn about community listening tools and efforts like former PJIG officer [Letrell Crittenden’s Inclusion Index](#) program.

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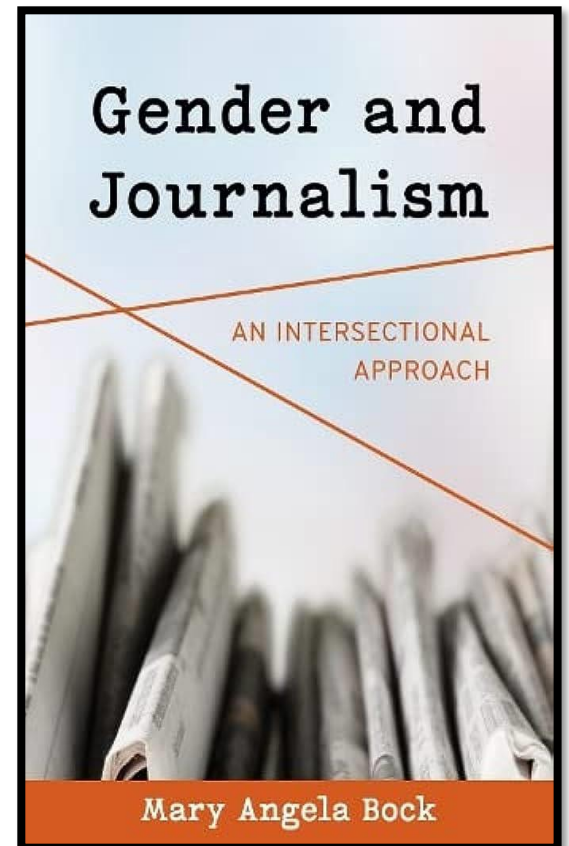
Member News

Gender and Journalism: An Intersectional Approach is designed to humanize media institutions and highlight the real lives of individuals who have worked as writers, journalists, activists and media producers. While the media are often considered as a giant, single entity, they are a diverse group of organizations staffed by individuals living in a world full of gender stereotypes, implications, and expectations. Promoting media literacy, the book empowers students to look behind a media story at the many factors that have influenced it. Ultimately, understanding the way gender affects media can help us to understand how it affects our own lives.

While the book centers on women's experiences in the United States, it also presents international context and considers the political, economic, and cultural aspects of gender and journalism globally. It also addresses experiences of BIPOC individuals across the gender spectrum to give an intersectional frame of reference.

Chapters include profiles of key journalists and activists and primary source excerpts, as well as reflection and media critique chapter-ending questions. Highlighted keywords in each chapter culminate in a comprehensive glossary. Instructor materials include suggested activities and sample quizzes.

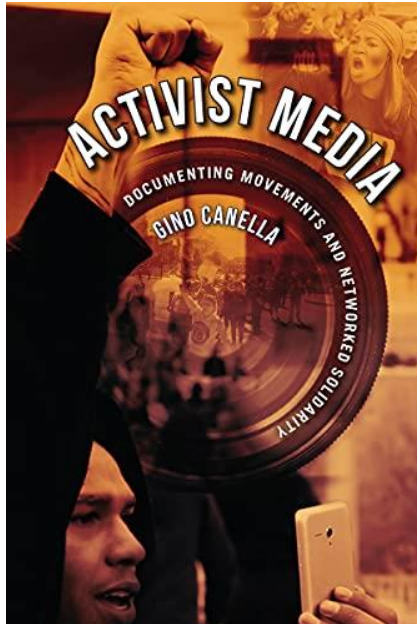
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Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's Chaya Gopalan, PhD, professor in the Departments of Applied Health, Nurse Anesthesiology, and Mark Poepsel, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Mass Communications, have both received the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) Support for Creation of Open Educational Resources (SCOERs) grant. The grant is awarded to develop, improve and expand open educational resources by focusing on "The Human Condition: Care, Development, and Lifespan". The \$65,457 award for Gopalan is to develop a physiology textbook for students in the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia (CRNA) and ancillaries. Poepsel received \$62,790 for his textbook that will focus on media writing. Read more at:

<https://www.siu.edu/news/2023/05/TwoSIUEProfessorsareRecipientsofCARLISCOERsGrant.shtml>

What are you reading?



[Gino Canella's *Activist Media: Documenting Movements and Networked Solidarity*](#) offers a deeply self-reflexive ethnography rich with theory. Canella's participatory observation research with labor and racial justice activists goes beyond technological determinism to describe the role of social interaction and power in the construction of cultural meaning. (Mary Bock, [Associate Professor and Graduate Advisor](#), School of Journalism and Media, [The University of Texas at Austin](#))

[Sue Robinson's](#) (University of Wisconsin) new book [How Journalists Engage: A Theory of Trust Building, Identities, and Care](#) (Oxford) chronicles the rise of engaged journalism practices, drawing on her own work collaborating with journalism organizations around the U.S. In addition to her theory of trust building, Robinson puts forward helpful concepts like "identity-aware care," while outlining new roles and skill sets that offer value for practitioners. Andrea D. Wenzel, Journalism, Associate Professor, Lew Klein College of Media And Communication, Temple University .

