



Thoughts from the Division Head

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As we approach the end of the fall semester and the holidays, we at CT&M are reflecting on our successes and lessons learned in 2024. In October, we welcomed our new leadership team, and it is my pleasure to serve with this group in 2024-2025. You can learn more about each member of our team at the end of this newsletter.

We're also looking back in this newsletter to our AEJMC 2024 conference in Philadelphia. This year, we co-hosted five fantastic panels, as well as multiple research presentations. In this newsletter, we've highlighted the winners of our Best of CT&M Awards. It was a pleasure to, along with current Vice Head Judith Rosenbaum-Andre, award our student and faculty research winners. As a division, we want to thank all the presenters, moderators, discussants, and reviewers who made CT&M's sessions possible, as well as the amazing AEJMC staff for another outstanding conference. In this newsletter, you can find our call for submissions for the 2025 AEJMC conference in San Francisco. We'll be announcing our accepted panels soon, and I think you'll agree, we've got some great programming in store for this year.

I would also like to use this space to thank all of you, our loyal CT&M members. Like most AEJMC divisions, we've experienced membership declines in the last few years, so we are appreciative of those of you who have continued to stay involved. We intend to continue offering our members a subscription to *Communication Methods & Measures*, one of the top journals in communication, and are actively looking for new ways to engage with our CT&M colleagues. Stay tuned as we continue to explore ways to serve our members, including introducing spotlights to highlight and celebrate the accomplishments of our members, including graduate students. If you would like to share a highlight, you can submit to our [survey](#) or reach out to our [Newsletter Editor](#).

Thank you again for your continued support of AEJMC and the Communication Theory and Methodology Division. From my desk to yours, have a joyous holiday season and a restful break!

Best of CT&M at AEJMC 2024, Philadelphia

Open paper competition



First Place Open Competition Paper

Social Media Influencers Can Increase Collective Political Beliefs and Actions: Findings from Experiments and a Field Study by **Pascal Merz** and **Christian von Sikorski**,



Second Place Open Competition Paper

Social Dominance Orientation and Information Seeking about the Monkeypox Outbreak by **Xinxia Dong** and **Janet Yang**, University at Buffalo



Third Place Open Competition Paper

The Dark Side of the Rainbow: A Mobile Experience Study on Community Members' Exposure Frequency and Processing of LGBTQIA+ Directed Digital Hostility by **Melanie Summer**, **Kevin Koban**, and **Joerg Matthes**, University of Vienna

Best of CT&M at AEJMC 2024, Philadelphia

Top Method Paper Award



All Roads Lead to Hate? Five Prediction Paths for Online Incivility and Intolerance Perpetration by **Kevin Koban**, **Stephanie Buhrer**, and **Jeorg Matthes**, University of Vienna

Top Theory Paper Award



Validation of the Character Morality-as-Cooperation Questionnaire (CMACQ) by **Charles Monge**, **Matthew Grizzard**, The Ohio State University, **Rebecca Frazer**, University of Florida, **Charles Francemone**, **Annie Dooley**, **Lucy Brown**, and **Samantha Flanagan**, The Ohio State University

Best of CT&M at AEJMC 2024, Philadelphia

Student paper competition



Chaffee-McLeod Top Student Paper Award

Influencer Media Logics by **Fatima Gaw**,
Northwestern University



Second Place Top Student Paper Award

Conceptualizing and Validating Personal
Curation within Curated Flows in Social Media
by **Biying Wu-Ouyang**, Chinese University of
Hong Kong

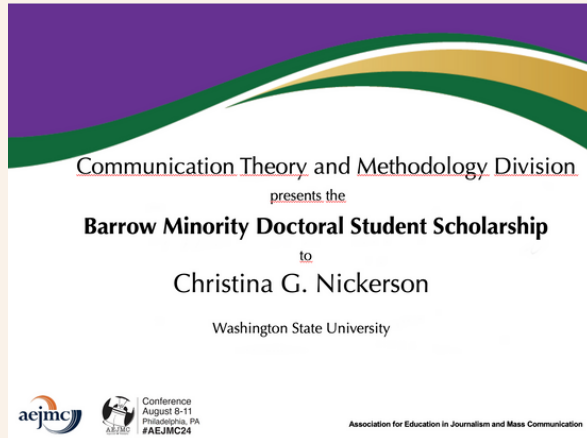


Third Place Top Student Paper Award

Perceived Sincerity in Public Discussion:
Rethinking Its Value and Empirical Research
Paths by **Youjia Huang**, Shanghai Jiao Tong
University

Best of CT&M at AEJMC 2024, Philadelphia

Barrow Minority Doctoral Student Scholarship



Christina G. Nickerson, Washington State University

CMM 2024 Article of the Year



Conceptualizing and Examining Change in Communication Research by Miriam Brinberg and David M. Lydon-Staley, The Ohio State University and University of Pennsylvania

Top Reviewer Award



Eliana DuBosar, Auburn University



Planning for the AEJMC 2025 Research Competition

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While it may still seem like a while until the 2025 AEJMC conference in San Francisco, CA, it is time to start thinking about your paper and abstract submissions.

The Communication Theory and Methodology (CT&M) division is open to submissions of original research that advance scholarship in mass communication theory, research methods, or a combination of both. The CT&M division welcomes empirical as well as theoretical papers and is open to all methodological approaches, including qualitative and quantitative methods.

The CT&M division accepts full papers as well as extended abstracts. The submission portal will open January 15 and the last day to submit your work is April 1.

Paper competitions

CT&M sponsors four paper competitions. Papers can be submitted to the **open-call competition** or the **student paper competition**. Any paper can also be considered for the **theory paper competition** or the **method paper competition**. Winners of all awards will be recognized in the conference program and at the 2025 CT&M members' meeting in San Francisco, CA.

CT&M strongly encourages submissions by students. Winners of the Chaffee-McLeod Award for Top Student Paper will be awarded \$250; two additional top student papers will also receive cash prizes. To be considered for the student paper competition, all authors must be students, and the author(s) must insert the words "Student Paper Competition" in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of text.

Reviewers

To ensure a successful paper submission process, CT&M is looking for reviewers. Even if you are not planning to submit to CT&M or AEJMC, please consider signing up to review our papers. When you sign up to review, please make sure you indicate your area of expertise using 3-5 keywords. This will help us match papers with reviewers so that authors get the best feedback possible, and reviewers read about projects that align with their interests. A successful conference hinges on the acceptance of the best papers, so please [sign up to review](#) today!



CT&M Division Membership and Journal Subscription

The annual membership fee for the Communication Theory and Methodology (CTAM) division is \$26.00, which includes both print and online access to the CM&M Journal.

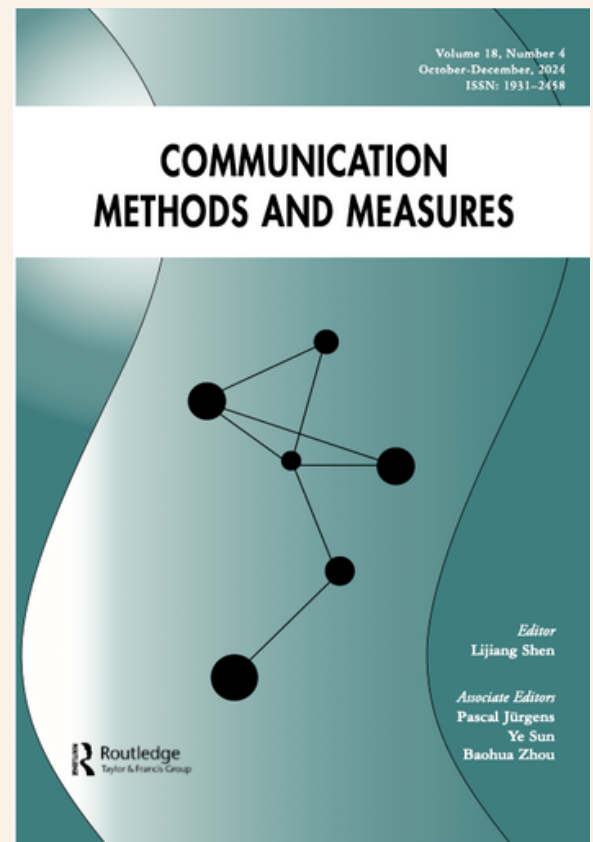
A reduced membership fee of \$11.00 is available for students, which provides online-only access to the journal.

These membership fees are vital in supporting the division's activities, including our presence and programming at AEJMC conferences.

For those interested in joining the Communication Theory and Methodology (CTAM) division, please visit the AEJMC's online membership community to initiate your membership <https://aejmc.users.membersuite.com>.

Volume 18, Issue 4 of Communication Methods and Measures is available [online](#) now.

1. Message-level Claims Require Message-level Data Analyses: Aligning Claims and Evidence in Communication Research, **Daniel J. O'Keefe**
2. Speaker landscapes: machine learning opens a window on the everyday language of opinion, **Maria Schuld, Kevin Durrheim & Martin Mafunda**
3. WordPPR: A Researcher-Driven Computational Keyword Selection Method for Text Data Retrieval from Digital Media, **Yini Zhang, Fan Chen, Jiyoun Suk & Zhiying Yue**
4. What's in a name? The effect of named entities on topic modelling interpretability, **Petro Tolochko, Paul Balluff, Jana Bernhard, Sebastian Galyga, Noëlle S. Lebernegg & Hajo G. Boomgaarden**
5. Automatically Finding Actors in Texts: A Performance Review of Multilingual Named Entity Recognition Tools, **Paul Balluff, Hajo G. Boomgaarden & Annie Waldherr**



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