



LETTER FROM THE DIVISION HEAD

Wrapping up and looking ahead: Introducing BAMJ's summer newsletter

By Volha Kananovich, BAMJ Division Head, Appalachian State University

As we wrap up the summer break and transition into a new academic year, I hope this message finds you excited and ready to return to the classroom. For our association, the last month of summer traditionally marks an opportunity to meet at the AEJMC annual conference, catch up with colleagues, form new partnerships, and generate ideas for teaching, research, and service to our students and the discipline at large.

This August was no exception. Now that the 2024 AEJMC conference is officially in the books, I want to extend my gratitude to everyone who made our experience in Philly—with our nine co-sponsored panels, three refereed-research sessions, one scholar-to-scholar session, and the Bliss Award ceremony and social—a success. Thank you for presenting your work and sharing your expertise on our panels, for serving as discussants and moderators, for helping recruit new officers and brainstorm ideas for the future of the division, and for attending our sessions to support colleagues with encouragement and feedback.

This conference has once again demonstrated how much our division has to offer the broader AEJMC community.

At our sessions, we debated the impacts of technology on labor in TV newsrooms; looked for ways to cultivate fair relationships with industry partners to train future sports journalists; discussed revisiting the past in modern podcasting; brainstormed actionable strategies to overcome horse-race election coverage and pedagogical ideas that could be implemented in our classrooms during this electoral cycle; shared best practices of teaching students soft skills and empathetic reporting; considered how to address hostility toward journalists in an ethical way that doesn't put the full burden on them to protect themselves or compromise their integrity or safety; explored how we, as communication scholars and practitioners, can leverage social media to cultivate a sense of belonging and foster inclusive spaces; and much more.

Judging by what I heard throughout the conference, many of you are eager to continue these conversations. Fortunately, we have a way to make that happen. Later this fall, Dr. Heidi Makady, our incoming vice head and program chair, will reach out with a call for panel proposals inviting you to pitch ideas for panels in research, teaching, and professional freedom and responsibility to be included in the 2025 AEJMC conference. I hope you consider applying.

At the conference, we also recognized the accomplishments of our colleagues, including the winners of our paper competition, announced in our spring newsletter, and the 2024 recipient of the Edward L. Bliss Award for Distinguished Broadcast Journalism Education, Dr. Stacey Woelfel. A professor emeritus at the Missouri School of Journalism, Dr. Woelfel was honored at the Bliss Award ceremony, hosted by Dr. Lee Hood, the chair of the Bliss Committee, and supported by Ross Video. The ceremony was followed by a social, co-hosted with Mizzou, that brought together Dr. Woelfel's past and present colleagues and students to celebrate his contributions to nurturing generations of broadcast journalists.

Finally, the AEJMC conference gave us the opportunity to welcome our new members and finalize the slate of BAMJ officers for 2024-2025. Thank you to our new officers for their willingness to serve! The incoming officers will begin their terms on Oct. 1, and I am excited about the enthusiasm and energy they'll bring to the division.

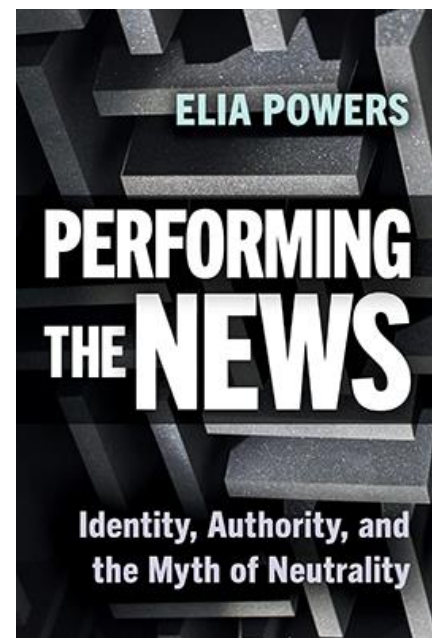
Before their term begins, the members of our division will need to meet once more to vote on the full slate of incoming officers. Please mark your calendars for 2:30 p.m. EST on Friday, Sept. 6. We will meet on Zoom [at this link](#).

Until then, have an exciting start to the new semester!

ELSEWHERE ON THE DIAL...

Dr. Elia Powers, an associate professor at Towson University, is excited to announce the publication of his first book. *Performing the News: Identity, Authority, and the Myth of Neutrality* explores how journalists from historically marginalized groups have long felt pressure to conform when performing for audiences on radio and television. Through in-depth interviews with journalists in broadcasting and podcasting, and those who shape their performance, Powers suggests ways to make journalism more inclusive and representative of diverse audiences.

He would love to speak about the book with BAMJ members and is open to virtual class visits if the topic aligns with courses members are teaching. Feel free to e-mail him at epowers@towson.edu.



ELECTRONIC NEWS JOURNAL UPDATE

By Editor-In-Chief Dr. Deb Wenger (Ole Miss), in partnership with Co-Editor Dr. Keren Henderson (Syracuse) and Founding Editor Dr. Bob Papper (Syracuse).

Our division's journal is on track for another successful year. For 2023, the journal had an acceptance rate of 39% and an impact factor of 0.7, with more than 36,000 manuscript downloads. Thank you to our outstanding editorial board: <https://journals.sagepub.com/editorial-board/ENX> for their insights and reviewing help.

Our editorial team is pleased to announce the publication of an upcoming special issue – News and Racial Reckoning: Electronic Journalism practices, production and presentation – edited by Dr. Ken Campbell (South Carolina) and Dr. Keonte Coleman (Syracuse). The issue will be published in September 2024.

In addition, we are delighted to share news of a new special issue. Please share the following information widely.

Call for Manuscripts: Special Issue on Journalism Education Trends and Techniques in Broadcast and Mobile Journalism

The editorial board of Electronic News, the official journal of the Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), is pleased to announce a call for manuscripts for our upcoming special issue focused on Education in Broadcast and Mobile Journalism. This special issue aims to explore innovative approaches, challenges, and opportunities in the education and training of journalists within the rapidly evolving fields of broadcast and mobile journalism.

Special Issue: Journalism Education in Broadcast and Mobile Journalism

Deadline for submissions: June 1, 2025

Expected publication: March 2026

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Electronic News invites submissions encompassing conceptual and empirical approaches to broadcast and multimedia journalism education. This special issue aims to provide a comprehensive overview of current trends and future directions for preparing the next generation of multimedia journalists for the unique demands of broadcast and mobile news environments.

We welcome diverse methodological approaches and theoretical frameworks, including qualitative and quantitative research, case studies, and conceptual papers. Submissions should enhance the understanding of effective teaching strategies and skills necessary for broadcast and mobile journalism at the undergraduate and graduate levels for today's broadcast journalism landscape.

We encourage submissions including, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Case studies of successful educational programs and initiatives in broadcast and mobile journalism.
- Cross-national comparisons of broadcast and mobile journalism education practices.
- Uses of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in transforming broadcast and mobile journalism education
- Innovative pedagogical strategies and curricula for broadcast and mobile journalism.
- Integration of new technologies and multimedia tools in broadcast journalism education.
- A systematic literature review, including traditional textbooks and new video-delivered learning platforms and/or bibliographies encompassing broadcast and mobile journalism education.

Submission Guidelines:

Manuscripts should be submitted through the Electronic News submission portal by the specified deadline. All submissions will undergo a rigorous peer-review process. Authors should follow the journal's standard guidelines for formatting and length. For detailed submission guidelines and to submit your manuscript, please visit <https://journals.sagepub.com/author-instructions/ENX>. Thank you to Drs. Silcock, Guo and Davie for their service to the journal!

INCOMING OFFICER SLATE

The following people have either won election to or been appointed to leadership positions within the BAMJ Division for the 2024-2025 academic year, which runs from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025:

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