

Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Division

The Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Division invites faculty and students to submit original research (including research-in-progress submissions) on any aspect of broadcast and/or mobile news content and/or production. This may include many topics related to broadcast or mobile journalism, including television, radio, or audio (including podcasting), digital reporting, practices, mobile and app-based journalism, virtual reality/360 reporting, social media journalism, or the role of new and changing media in journalism.

Research papers for the 2026 AEJMC annual conference in New Orleans, LA, must be submitted no later than 11:59 P.M. (Central Daylight Time) on April 1, 2026. We welcome research articles that employ any methodology, including qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods. Some possible topics that may be relevant to the Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Division are:

- The impact of social media and/or broadcast news on politics, environmental issues, racial and social justice issues, crisis reporting, or other topics.
- The impact of emerging technologies on democracy.
- The role of broadcast, mobile journalism, and emerging technologies in representing marginalized communities and the changing media landscape.
- AI-driven journalism and news production.
- AI-based editing and writing tools (generative AI in journalism, storytelling, and news production).
- AI-driven fact-checking and mis/disinformation in news production.
- The role of mobile technologies in news production.
- The impact of mobile technologies on traditional broadcast news
- Global perspectives on broadcast and mobile journalism
- Diversity in the newsroom
- Audience effects in broadcast and mobile journalism
- Video news produced directly for social media or online sites
- The role of the broadcast journalist in the evolving media landscape
- The role of organizations, ownership, and sociological structures on broadcast and mobile reporting practices.

Authors of papers accepted for the conference will be encouraged to submit their manuscript for possible publication in Electronic News, the official journal for the Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Division. Papers accepted for the conference are not guaranteed publication in the journal. Papers submitted to the Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Division competition should be no longer than 25 pages of manuscript, excluding tables, figures, references and appendices, and should be submitted in one of the generally approved academic bibliographic styles (i.e. APA, Chicago, etc.). Papers should be in 12-point, Times New Roman font, double-spaced and with one-inch margins. Additionally, a separate page containing an abstract of no more than 75 words is required. Documents must be uploaded as Word, WordPerfect, or PDF files. PDF format is strongly encouraged.

Please be sure to submit a clean paper without author identifying information; otherwise the paper will be disqualified. In addition to removing author identifying information from the paper and file properties, the uniform paper call has added suggestions for avoiding identification through self-citation. If you plan to submit a paper that includes a self-citation, you should remove language that suggests the cited study is yours (e.g., “in a previous study, researchers...” rather than “in a previous study, I...”). “Simply put,” the guidance concludes, “cite your own work as if it were being cited by another author – not yourself.” If the broader scholarly community is unlikely to have access to your self-citation (e.g. it’s an unpublished pilot or a conference paper that was never made available in published proceedings), AEJMC suggests referencing a different work that can support the same argument or eliminating the citation altogether. To be clear, self-citation is not automatically disqualifying, but self-citation that obviously identifies the author through one of the ways mentioned above will be disqualifying. Please refer to AEJMC’s uniform paper call on how to upload clean papers, including guidance on self-citation.

You are encouraged to submit your paper at least a day or two before the deadline so that you can check to ensure your paper does not contain any identifying information in its properties, as can happen sometimes when documents are saved as PDFs. The Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Division accepts a total of one paper in which the author is the first author. You can submit a maximum of two papers in the division regardless of author order. For example, you can submit one paper in which you are the first author and one where you are the second author; however, you cannot submit two papers in which you are the first author. If you have additional publications outside of these guidelines, please submit one of the papers to another division.

RESEARCH-IN-PROGRESS SUBMISSIONS

The Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Division will allow research-in-progress submissions, provided that the research is still ongoing at the time of the 2026 conference. This will allow researchers to receive and incorporate feedback from the conference into the final work product. **Research-in-progress submissions should contain all sections of a full paper (e.g., a full-length intro, literature review, and methods, while results/discussion can be shortened to reflect the “in progress” nature.)**

Research-in-progress submissions will not be eligible for the division’s “Best Paper” awards.

AWARDS

The division offers cash prizes for top faculty paper submissions, split evenly among coauthors; top student papers will receive free conference admission. A **Top S2S Poster Award** will be given to the best BAMJ poster **presented in person** at the AEJMC annual conference. There will also be an award for **best research-in-progress submission**. Please note that the student papers must be completely authored by students. Students with a faculty member as a co-author will be judged in the faculty division. Papers submitted for the student paper competition must clearly contain “Student Paper Competition” on the title page to be considered for the student paper competition. Authors of all selected papers are expected to present their work in New Orleans. Cash awards for winning papers will be awarded only if the authors present their work at the conference. Questions concerning conference paper submissions should be directed to the division’s research chair, Stan Jastrzebski, at sjtyq@missouri.edu.

Questions regarding submissions to the division’s journal, Electronic News, should be directed to the editor, Dr. Debora Wenger at drwenger@olemiss.edu. All papers must be uploaded through the AEJMC All Academic portal. Once you have created an account on the AEJMC All Academic site, you will be able to choose the Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Division prior to submitting your paper.