

Call for Nominations

Edward L. Bliss Award for Distinguished Broadcast Journalism Education

Nominations are being accepted through **March 15th** for the Edward L. Bliss Award. The award is presented annually by AEJMC's Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Division (BAMJ) and recognizes an electronic journalism educator who has made significant and lasting contributions to the field. Criteria for nomination and selection:

- **Teaching:** Evidence of long-standing excellent and innovative teaching and student engagement.
- **Service:** Evidence of leadership in professional or educational organizations such as AEJMC, RTDNA, SPJ, BEA, state broadcast news organizations and at the candidate's college or university.
- **Research:** Evidence of enhanced teaching and service through professional and/or academic writing and research including journal articles, articles in professional trade publications and creative work for broadcast.

Nominations are solicited from the broadcast media, professional organizations and associations, and broadcast educators or students. Letters of nomination should contain specific examples of each of the categories listed above. A complete submission packet will include:

- a detailed, thorough letter of nomination no longer than three pages;
- a complete curriculum vitae of the nominee;
- supporting letters from students/former students. These letters should be concise and **limited to no more than five.**
- supporting letters from colleagues, collaborators or co-authors. These should also be concise and **limited to no more than five.**
- supporting materials including news coverage of awards and activities. These materials should be VERY limited in number.

Files should be in .pdf format – combining materials for each category into a single file (*ex: Nomination-Johnson, CV-Johnson, Student Letters-Johnson, Colleague letters-Johnson, Supporting-Johnson*).

- Do not include a statement by the nominee in support of your nomination.
- Examples of writing or other work by the nominee should not be included.

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee selected by BAMJ officers led by past division head and 2023 Bliss winner Laura Smith. Previous submissions/nominations will remain active with the Bliss selection committee for three years. **Nominations should be sent electronically by 11:59 p.m ET, March 15th, to:**

- Laura Smith, Senior Instructor, University of South Carolina's School of Journalism and Mass Communications: lksmith@sc.edu
- 800 Sumter Street, #207, Columbia, SC. Office: (803) 777-5232. Cell: (512) 751-0361.
- Please contact Dr. Smith for any questions or for more information.

The award will be presented at a special ceremony held by the division at AEJMC's August 2026 conference in New Orleans, LA. The recipient will receive a recognition plaque and a waiver of conference registration fees. In addition, the recipient's name will be added to the permanent plaque housed in the Ed Bliss Memorial newsroom at American University in Washington, D.C, where Bliss taught following a distinguished career in broadcast journalism. Bliss was heralded for his early work in radio and served as a news producer and editor for CBS News, alongside Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite. He also authored six books. Bliss received the award in 1984 and [passed away in 2002.](#)