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ICA Mass Communication Division: "All Things Media" newsletter, July 2023

Dear ICA Mass Communication Members,

This is the "All Things Media" newsletter for July 2023.

The news of this month can all be found below:

(1) Introductions and goals of new leadership positions

(2) Election nominations reminder

Feel free to always contact me with any news you’d like me to share in the next newsletter. Please don’t hesitate--we are excited to know about calls for papers/book chapters/etc., calls for nominations/applications for awards, and much more! If you have any news to be included in the upcoming newsletter, please email me at isabelle.freiling@utah.edu.

Isabelle Freiling

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(1) Introductions of new leadership positions

**Dana Mastro, Chair:**

Dear Mass Communication Division Members,

I am honored to be serving as Chair of the ICA Mass Comm Division and look forward to working with our MCD Officers to build and enhance the strengths of our Division. On the agenda for this coming year, we plan to survey the MCD membership to get a better sense of the identity of and vision for the Division. We hope this will help us better align MCD’s goals with our current and future objectives as well as solidify the significant role of the Division within ICA. In a brief questionnaire, we will tackle questions such as: How do we define ourselves? Who are the members of our division? What are our central domains of scholarship and our research strengths? What do we see as the future of the discipline and how can the MCD be a leader in this forward movement? In what areas would we like to see growth or change? How can we best ensure the strength and impact of the scholarship in the division?

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Division and your engagement with these efforts.

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**Mark Boukes, Vice-Chair:**

Hi all, I’m Mark Boukes, Associate Professor at the University of Amsterdam and the new Vice-Chair of the Mass Communication division. It was a pleasure to be the Secretary in the past and an even greater honor/surprise to now already become the Vice-Chair of this
division. In the coming two years, I will therefore be the programme planner for the Mass Comm Division and I am very much looking forward to see all the work that is produced and submitted by our members.

Already as a gentle heads-up while you are preparing the #ICA24 submission (but I hope you soon start a deserved holiday!), I have decided to not offer the option of extended abstracts for our division with the goal to only receive submissions that are deliberately submitted to our division and thereby to let quality prevail over quantity. It also has a secondary goal, because for the longer-term, I am planning to explore what the identity of the Mass Comm division should be in a time of increasingly fragmented media landscapes: Do ‘mass media’ still exist, and how should that reflect on the mission and identity of our division?

Having people’s most important submissions that are consciously submitted to the Mass Comm Division, will help us to get a better image of what Mass Communication still is in the eyes of our colleagues. I will also use the coming years to — together with our members — develop a sharper definition of what the Division should focus on. If you have some ideas about this or would like to explore this together with me, please send me an email (m.boukes@uva.nl), so we can kick-off a strong initiative about this. Any input and support is welcome, and it will be a nice way to get acquainted with ICA and this division specifically.

Isabelle Freiling, Secretary:

Hi everyone, I’m an Assistant Professor at the University of Utah, and the new Secretary of our division. After having been the student and early career representative, I am looking forward to continuing my work for the division, and to shape the division together with not only my fellow officers, but also input from all of you. As I’ll be sending out the newsletter, feel free to always reach out to me at isabelle.freiling@utah.edu with any news you’d like me to share in the next newsletter. Please don’t hesitate—we are excited to know about calls for papers/book chapters/etc., calls for nominations/applications for awards, and much more!

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(2) Election nominations reminder

Below, you’ll find the message sent around last week. Note the upcoming deadline on July 12:

Dear Mass Communication Division Members,

I’m writing on behalf of the ICA Mass Communication Division leadership team to solicit interest in running for three roles in the Division, in the upcoming ICA election: Secretary; Student & Early Career Representative; and International Liaison.

To see the official ICA job description and eligibility requirements, visit: https://www.icahdq.org/general/custom.asp?page=div_ig_candidate_info

Please reach out to me as soon as possible if you would like to be on the ballot for one of these positions, or if you have a suggestion of someone in our division who you think would
be a strong candidate. We would also like to encourage candidates from the Global South, in light of the internationalization goals of ICA and Mass Comm. I'm happy to field any questions if you would like to know more.

If you are interested in being on the ballot, please send your Candidate Statement to me at mastro@comm.ucsb.edu by *Wednesday, July 12, 2023* to ensure we meet the submission deadline. Statements are limited to one paragraph with 2,000 characters including spaces (approximately 300 words). They should be submitted in plain text with no special formatting (e.g., no bold, no underline, no bulleted items). The election will be held in September/October.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,
Dana Mastro
Chair, ICA Mass Communication Division

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