Dear ICA Mass Communication Members,

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

The news of this month can all be found below:

(1) MCD member survey

(2) Survey on studying Twitter/X

(3) Assistant Professor, Department of Emerging Media, University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota

(4) Post-Doc Research Fellow in Communication, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

(5) Research Fellow (Communication/Science Communication/Psychology), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

(6) Assistant Professor of Political Communication and Health, Department of Communication Studies, University of Kansas

(7) Call for submissions: Special Issue of Behavioral Science on Social Media as Interpersonal and Masspersonal

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.

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(1) MCD member survey

Dear MCD Members,

We, your Mass Communication Division (MCD) officers, would like to hear from you. Please take our short survey (3-5 minutes) to help us better understand the identity, needs, and vision of our membership. We will use the results from this survey to help us better align the MCD’s priorities with our current and future objectives, as well as solidify the significant role of the Division within ICA.

Link to survey: https://templeklein.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8cEmXw0mwbK4V4a
Your MCD officers, Dana Mastro (Chair), Mark Boukes (Vice Chair), Isabelle Freiling (Secretary), and Meghnaa Tallapragada (International Liaison)

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(2) Survey on studying Twitter/X

Dr. Josephine Lukito, Megan A. Brown, and Dr. Kaicheng Yang are requesting your participation in a survey being conducted with the Coalition for Independent Technology Research about the challenges of studying Twitter/X as a result of recent changes to API and data access.

If you would like to participate, please fill out this survey here: https://shorturl.at/rzL26.

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(3) Assistant Professor, Department of Emerging Media, University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota

The Department of Emerging Media at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor in Strategic Communication: Advertising and Public Relations. The ideal candidate will show evidence of a strong record of accomplishments in teaching at the undergraduate level, scholarly work and publication, professional experience, and ability to bring diverse perspectives to bear on the practice of strategic communication. The successful candidate will be part of an innovative faculty that includes Journalism, Digital Media Arts, and Strategic Communication in the department, with the opportunity and encouragement for the development of interdisciplinary courses.

Job ad: https://facultyemployment-stthomas.icims.com/jobs/7334/tenure-track%2c-assistant-professor%2c-emerging-media/job

Application review begins October 16, 2023 and will continue until the position is filled.

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(4) Post-Doc Research Fellow in Communication, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

DesCartes Program (Work Package 7) is looking for a Research Fellow position in Communication (public perceptions, expectations and communication of AI systems). The DesCartes programme is developing a hybrid AI, combining Learning, Knowledge and Reasoning, which has good properties (need for less resources and data, security, robustness, fairness, respect for privacy, ethics), and demonstrated on industrial applications of the smart city (digital energy, monitoring of structures, air traffic control).

WP7 focuses on the ways in which AI is embedded in, shaped by, and responds to societies and their diverse cultures, values, and environments. WP7 adopts an integrative contextualised approach and incorporates social & legal concerns on fairness & privacy in AI technology design to generate comprehensive and fresh human-centred frameworks and
guidelines to ensure positive societal and cultural take-up and impact. WP7 aims to elaborate recommendations to promote creative & effective ways for communicating & collaborating about AI systems and increase AI literacy.

Job ad: [https://www.cnrsatcreate.cnrs.fr/post-doc-research-fellow-in-communication/](https://www.cnrsatcreate.cnrs.fr/post-doc-research-fellow-in-communication/)

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(5) Research Fellow (Communication/Science Communication/Psychology), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

The Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information (WKWSCI) is looking for a Research Fellow to join the research project “ATTAIN*SG: Achieving public TrusT in AI in autoNomous vehicles in SinGapore”. ATTAIN*SG is an interdisciplinary, multi-pronged, and multi-stakeholder investigation of factors motivating and hindering the achievement of public trust in artificial intelligence governance in autonomous vehicles in Singapore. This includes analysis of policies in place, how they can be improved, how they are communicated to the public, and the role of policy, governance, communication, and other factors in achieving public trust.


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(6) Assistant Professor of Political Communication and Health, Department of Communication Studies, University of Kansas

We seek a colleague who works at the intersection of political communication and health. Political communication is central to local, state, national, and international public and policy related health processes and contexts. Candidates for this position may have scholarly interests in subjects such as health-related messages generated by political actors in mediated contexts; health (mis)information shared through mass and digital media; the effects of political messages on health attitudes, knowledge, behavior, and policy; among other topics. The ideal candidate will build on the department’s core strengths, including a focus on disadvantaged social groups in political and health settings (e.g., underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, people of the global majority, LGBTQIA+ identified populations, women, people with diverse abilities and health conditions, food insecure populations, etc.). For this position, we seek a social scientist who brings innovative quantitative and/or qualitative methods to the department (e.g., computational social science, field experiments, qualitative analysis).

Job ad: [http://www.employment.ku.edu/academic/26149BR](http://www.employment.ku.edu/academic/26149BR)

Application review begins October 10, 2023 and will continue until a pool of qualified applicants has been obtained.

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The emergence of social media platforms has not only altered the way that individuals are informed and entertained but has also shifted the means by which relationships are developed and maintained. Social media platforms have provided new windows through which individuals engage with those with whom they have offline relationships. The same platforms have also allowed for parasocial connections to develop between social media influencers and their followers. Many canonical theories of interpersonal communication have been mapped onto social media to explain how social media affordances have woven into our interpersonal relationships. Moreover, new terminology such as “masspersonal” has been developed to explain links between new media, interpersonal relationships, and how each has redefined the other. The purpose of this Special Issue is to highlight insightful, innovative research that uses social scientific approaches to further our understanding of interpersonal and masspersonal perceptions in social media. Authors should note that “social media,” “relationships,” “interpersonal perceptions,” and “masspersonal” are broadly defined for the purpose of this special issue. All social scientific methodological approaches are welcome.

Scholars challenging the application of interpersonal theories to social media platforms are particularly encouraged to submit. Scholars investing interpersonal perceptions, social media, and IDEA (inclusion, diversity, equity, and access) are also strongly encouraged to submit.

Submissions will be considered on an on-going basis until July 31, 2024. Visit https://www.mdpi.com/journal/behavsci/special_issues/D0G90818L2

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