Dear ICA Mass Communication Members,

This is the "All Things Media" newsletter for February 2024.

The news of this month can all be found below:

2. Update on MCD member survey
3. “MassCommer In the Spotlight” Interview Series
4. Call for Authors for the Database for Variables of Content Analysis (DOCA)

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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by Mark Boukes, division vice-chair and conference planner

As we gear up for ICA 2024 in Gold Coast, it's important to note that our conference venue will be somewhat smaller than last year's in Toronto. This limitation translates to less available physical space for hosting sessions, consequently leading to a highly competitive review process and a reduced acceptance rate across all divisions, including ours.

Let's delve into the specifics: The Mass Communication division received a total of 171 paper submissions, comprising 143 in-person submissions and 28 remote submissions, along with one in-person session submission. In light of this, we were allocated 15 panel sessions and 3 poster presentations. Following the November 1st deadline, papers were assigned to three reviewers each by November 7th. By December 6th, almost all papers had already received their three reviews. A heartfelt thank you to all reviewers who diligently and promptly fulfilled their reviewing duties! For the few papers that had received 2 (or only 1) review, we turned to the generous volunteers who stepped in as emergency reviewers. Thanks to their timely assistance, we were able to ensure that each paper received a minimum of three reviews when the reviewing system closed.

Ultimately, out of the pool of submissions, 65 papers along with the session submission were accepted for the conference. This reflects an acceptance rate of 38%, mirroring the overall ICA acceptance rate. Similar to other divisions, the acceptance decisions were based on a combination of the average reviewers' scores, overall reviewer recommendations, and their alignment with the goals of the Mass Communication division. From these accepted papers,
we were able to curate 14 cohesive panels, which hopefully will ignite stimulating discussions during the conference in June 2024. Looking forward to see many of you there.

(2) Update on MCD member survey

The Officers of the Mass Communication Division of ICA would like to thank you for taking our MCD member survey. Although we did not receive enough responses to provide generalizable insights, we intend to use the feedback to shape ongoing discussions aimed at improving our division. If you are curious about the survey or have specific questions about the results, please reach out to Meghnaa Tallapragada (meghnaa.tallapragada@temple.edu).

(3) “MassCommer In the Spotlight” Interview Series

Dear members of the Mass Communication Division,

We are excited to announce the launch of our new interview series: “MassCommer In the Spotlight.” Through these interviews, we aim to invite Student-and Early Career Scholars to introduce themselves and share insights into their research and other experiences in their career trajectories. The goal is to enhance visibility for junior scholars while fostering closer connections among members of the Mass Communication Division through learning more about one another’s research. Bimonthly, we will feature a Student-or Early Career Scholar who will be asked a few questions about their work and experiences as a junior Mass Comm scholar. If you are interested in participating in this interview series, please reach out to femke.konings@kuleuven.be. We are looking forward to learning more about you!

(4) Call for Authors for the Database for Variables of Content Analysis (DOCA)

The database serves as a foundation for answering questions about research designs and operationalizations resorting to content analysis and helps standardize and compare studies. It also promotes equal opportunity among researchers by providing free access to important resources.

Link to call: https://t.uzh.ch/1Bn

Deadline: March 20, 2024

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