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2017 Mass Communication Division Elections

Seeking Vice-Chair Elect Nominations
DEADLINE: 25 July, 2016

The division will be holding an election for candidates interested in seeking the position of vice-chair elect. Election to this office represents a four-year commitment. The winner of the election would serve as vice-chair-elect, vice chair, and chair (two years). She/He would oversee the division’s submission competition for the second and third years of this commitment. Nominees need to be an ICA member, a division member, attend the association’s annual meetings, and attend ICA’s mid-year board meetings for the two years when serving as division chair. If you are interested in the position, please contact R. Lance Holbert, division chair, r.lance.holbert@gmail.

Seeking Graduate Student Representative
DEADLINE: 25 July, 2016

The Mass Communication Division is seeking nominations for a new graduate student representative. The commitment is for one year. Graduate student representatives to the ICA Board of Directors have started to create coordinated efforts among the graduate student representatives for the association’s divisions and interest groups. The positions affords an opportunity to learn a great deal about the division and the association. If you are interested in the position, please contact R. Lance Holbert, division chair, r.lance.holbert@gmail. He is happy to address any questions. It is important for the division to maintain a strong leadership team, so please give this matter your consideration.

Kyoon Hur Dissertation Award
DEADLINE: 31 January 2017

The ICA Mass Communication Division's dissertation award, named in honor of the late Dr. K. Kyoon Hur, is designed to encourage and acknowledge the best in doctoral research and dissertation writing in mass communication. The Kyoon Hur Dissertation Award is given in odd-numbered years. Nominations for the award are invited from programs and institutions granting a PhD in any aspect of mass communication. The rules for the competition are as follows:

1) Dissertations completed between November 1 and October 31 (inclusive) for 2 years prior to the conference year are eligible for consideration. For the current competition, dissertations completed between 1 November 2014 and 31 October 2016 are...
eligible. Completion means that the final examination (dissertation defense) has been held and passed.

2) The dissertation advisor, graduate program director, or the student may make nominations. In the case of a self-nomination, a cover letter from the advisor (see below) must accompany the nomination.

3) The following materials MUST be submitted with all nominations:

- a cover letter attesting to the quality of the work which includes the name, address, telephone, and e-mail address of the nominee and his or her advisor(s),
- a manuscript that acts as an integrated summary of the thesis or dissertation not exceeding 30 (thirty) pages of text (double spaced, 12-point font, 1 inch margins) and 50 pages total (including all references, tables, appendix, etc.). Full theses or dissertations or chapters of theses or dissertations will not be accepted for review. Submissions that do not meet the guidelines will be returned. The manuscript should clearly identify and include the rationale, theoretical framework, research questions, relevant literature, methods, results, and conclusions. The submitted paper should include a cover sheet that contains only the title and the abstract. Care should be taken to mask the identity of the author within the text.

4) All materials must be received by January 31, 2017 and should be submitted via email to the ICA Mass Communication Division Chair:

Dr. R. Lance Holbert
Temple University
Department of Strategic Communication
r.lance.holbert@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: The subject matter of the dissertation is more important than the title of the department program under whose auspices it was written. Although it is expected that most nominations will come from programs in communication, speech, journalism, broadcasting, media psychology, or the like, it is possible that qualifying dissertations on mass communication topics will be submitted from other social sciences, humanities or health sciences programs.

Dissertation advisors and department administrators should be selective in their nominations. The award is for the highest level of scholarship. Although there are many good dissertations in the field, nominations should be made with an eye to their competitiveness among the very best. The award will be presented to the winner at the annual ICA meeting in San Diego. Contact Mass Communication Division Chair – R. Lance Holbert with questions (r.lance.holbert@gmail.com).
MCD Development Task Force

Division Chair Dr. Lance Holbert will be chairing a task force that will be charged with raising $1,000 by January 1, 2017 to further support the cause of aiding the division’s mission. Please contact R. Lance Holbert, Division Chair, r.lance.holbert@gmail.com with questions concerning the division’s finances.

Division Membership Approves $2 increase in annual dues

The issue of the division’s finances was raised repeatedly this past year. A recent online survey of the division’s membership revealed overwhelming support (83% in favor) for increasing the division’s annual membership dues from $3.00 per person to $5.00 per person. A formal vote on this matter was taken at the Fukuoka business meeting and an overwhelming 95% of attendees voted in favor of the increase.

ICA Headquarters will be implementing this change for the next membership cycle. The support of the membership on this issue is deeply appreciated. All proceeds from this $2.00 per member increase go directly to the division. In addition, the ICA Board of Directors voted in favor of a task force recommendation to increase ICA general fund allocations to divisions. The previous policy was for ICA to give $3.00 per member to the divisions. The new policy is for $5.00 per division member to come from the ICA general funds. The combination of the individual member dues increase from $3.00 to $5.00 and the $2.00 per member increase from the ICA general funds creates a much stronger financial foundation for the division. Many thanks to the division membership for providing such strong support for the division. In addition, I want to thank the current ICA leadership for listening to the needs of the divisions. I served on the task force that made the ICA general funds recommendation and it was a pleasure to see the association’s willingness to support the mission of its divisions and interest groups.

Mass Communication Division will be Accepting Extended Abstracts

In addition to the traditional full paper and panel submissions that have served as a foundation for the division’s previous competitions, the 2017 (San Diego) and 2018 (Prague) competition will include the following submission type:

Extended Abstract Submission Criteria: Maximum five-page double-spaced submission (includes all tables, figures, references). Extended abstract of a project where data have been collected should include clear discussion of theory with literature foundation, method and data summary, and potential outcomes. Works reflecting a wide range of epistemological foundations (e.g., critical-cultural, quantitative-empirical,
extended abstract submitters will be asked to address two questions: (1) does project involve data collection?; (2) if yes to #1, have data been collected? feasibility of the completion of a study will be weighted highly in the selection process.

extended abstracts will only be paneled for extended, poster, or round-table sessions. these alternative sessions will make up no more than 10% of the division’s total session allotment for 2017 (san diego) and 2018 (prague). extended abstracts are not eligible for any awards.

summary of the two-year trial period will be presented at 2018 prague business meeting with a vote from the division membership on whether to make the submission option permanent.

please be on the lookout for the division’s formal call for submissions for the san diego meeting when ica announces the competition.

new division award announcement - innovation award

breaking a tie from the january 2016 online division voting, attendees for the 2016 division business meeting voted in favor of the innovation award (63% voted in favor of this option). the wording for the award from the ballot is as follows:

innovation award. the innovation award will address both theory and method, but in alternating years. innovation nominees for even-numbered years will be put forward for their work advancing theory, while nominees during odd-numbered years will be singled out for their methodological advancements. innovation in theory development can manifest itself in many ways – presentation of a new theory, the articulation of weaknesses of an existing theory and how a research effort addresses those weaknesses, approaching a mass communication phenomenon from a new explanatory principle that undergirds theory, or arguing for a paradigm shift. innovation in method could reflect the creation of new analytical tools and/or procedures, the offering of an improved design to address a long-standing mass communication phenomenon, the creation of novel stimuli to address a mass communication question, presentation of an advancement in comparative research methodology, or the use of mixed methods in a novel, but productive manner. nominations for theory or method innovation will focus on a single work of innovation, whether it be a peer-reviewed journal article, book chapter, or book. both other- and self-nominations are welcome. nominee packets must include a letter summarizing the scope and impact of the innovation in research (theory or method), the nominee(s) cv’s (will include all authors of innovative work being put forward for nomination), and a copy of the research piece that is the centerpiece of the nomination (journal article, book chapter, or book).

so, the 2017 award will focus on method. please be on the lookout in september 2016 for formal language concerning this award. the due date for nominations will be january 2017.

many thanks to everyone who played a role in seeing the adopting of this new award by the division. if you have any questions concerning the mass communication division’s innovation award, please contact r. lance holbert, division chair, r.lance.holbert@gmail.com.
2016 Mass Communication Division Business Meeting Minutes

Notes from the 2016 Business meeting in Fukuoka, Japan are posted.

- Minutes from MCD Annual Business meetings since 2012 are posted here.

**AWARDS**

Jenny Ungbha Korn won the Graduate Prize in Gender Studies from University of Illinois Chicago. “The Gender and Women’s Studies Graduate Prize is awarded annually to one outstanding graduate concentrator in recognition of the student’s commitment to interdisciplinary scholarship in Gender and Women's Studies.”

Dr. Victor Pickard wins the Mott Book Award for his book America's Battle for Media Democracy, Cambridge University Press. The award is named after Pulitzer Prize winner Frank Luther Mott and is offered by Kappa Tau Alpha to honor the best research-based book about journalism or mass communication published each year.

**CALLS FOR PAPERS**

Chapter Proposals – Handbook of Deceptive Communication

Editor: Dr. Tony Docan-Morgan, Department of Communication Studies, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, tdocan@uwlax.edu

Working title: The Handbook of Deceptive Communication

Working description of the handbook: Issues of deception and truth-telling weave through the fabric of communication more commonly than we realize. The Handbook of Deceptive Communication unravels the topic of deception in human communication,
offering a comprehensive examination of the field, rethinking current approaches to the subject, and presenting original, innovative research. Highly prominent and emerging deception scholars from around the world investigate the history of the study of deception, the myriad forms of deceptive behaviour, cross-cultural perspectives on deceit, and strategies for detecting and deterring deception. As truth-telling, deceit, and the many grey areas in-between (e.g., half-truths, concealment, dodging, spin) are at play in nearly every context of communication, individual chapters are devoted to deception in social and personal relationships, deception to gain sex and during sexual intercourse, deceit in the workplace, the production of deception in online environments, deception in criminal interrogations, visual deception, and lies that occur in the realms of in politics, public relations, and mass media. This interdisciplinary handbook is meant for advanced undergraduates, graduate students, academics, and researchers who are interested in the pervasive nature of deception, truth, and ethics.

Competitive submissions are currently being accepted: Interested contributors should email a working title, abstract with source citations (maximum 300 words), and author names and affiliations to Dr. Tony Docan-Morgan at tdocan@uwlax.edu by July 3, 2016. Interested contributors are also encouraged to email preliminary questions and ideas before this deadline. Notification of acceptance will be in summer 2016. Contributors who receive acceptance of their proposals will be expected to submit complete chapters early in 2017. Complete chapters will be approximately 6,000 words in length. In most cases, chapters should provide a comprehensive overview of the literature on the specific topic being explored, while also setting the agenda for future directions.

Chapter proposals currently sought include:
- Defining deception and truth
- Communicating or telling the truth
- Ethical perspectives regarding deception
- Deception and trust
- Review of theories/models of deception
- Proposed theories/models of deception
- Review of research methods used to study deception and/or its detection
- Nonverbal indicators of deception
- How laypersons and/or professionals can improve deception detection accuracy
- Individual contexts and/or applications of deception (e.g., deception in close relationships such as family relationships, deception involving children, deception in the workplace, deception in group contexts, deception in health contexts)
- Individual differences in deception and its detection (e.g., sex, age, personality characteristics)
- Cutting-edge research and/or arguments examining issues of deception/truth

Other topics related to deception and truth will also be considered.

Progress to-date: Palgrave Macmillan has expressed strong interest in publishing this handbook; a formal book proposal containing contributor names, chapter titles, and chapter abstracts will be submitted to Palgrave mid-July 2016. Approximately 40
deception scholars from seven countries have submitted or committed to submitting invited chapter proposals addressing the topics listed below. Competitive submissions should not replicate the below topics, but instead add to the breadth and depth of the handbook.

THE PRACTICE OF DECEPTION

1. The Study of Lying and Deception: Historical Perspectives
2. A Review of Meta-Analyses of Deception Research
3. True and False Intentions
4. Suspending Concern for Factual Accuracy: Communicating Bullshit
5. Cultural Perspectives on Lying and Deception
7. Unchallenged Deceptions in Social and Professional Relationships
8. Correlates of Self-Assessed Abilities to Tell Lies and Truths
9. Effects of Deception on the Deceiver

DETECTING AND DETERRING DECEPTION

10. An Overview of Detecting Deceptive Behavior
11. Promising New Techniques in Lie Detection
12. Multitasking, Cognitive Load, and Deception
13. Brain Activity When Providing Correct, Incorrect and Deceptive Responses
15. An Investigation Into the Potential Role of Formulaic Sequences as a Marker of Deception
16. Verbal Cues Fostering Perceptions of Credibility and Lie Detection Rates
17. Detecting Malicious Intent: Evaluation of Large-Scale Applications
18. The Concealed Information Test: Past, Present, and Future
19. Deterring Deception: Theory and New Directions

DECEPTION IN CONTEXT (OR APPLICATIONS)

20. Deceptive Affection in Relationships
21. Deceiving for and During Sex
22. Deception Production, Detection, and Beliefs in Online Environments
23. Deception at a Distance: Long-Distance Deception and Romantic Relationships
24. Deception and the Art and Science of Criminal Interrogation
25. Police Approaches to Detecting Deception
26. Ethics of Deception in Mass Communication
27. Audience Acceptance of Deceptive News Content
28. From Caligula to Obama: The Long Term Effectiveness of the Smear Campaign
29. Language of Lies in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Race
30. Visual Deception: From Camo to Cameron