Book Description

This innovative text bridges media theory, psychology, and interpersonal communication by describing how our relationships with media emulate the relationships we develop with friends and romantic partners through their ability to replicate intimacy, regularity, and reciprocity.

In research-rich, conversational chapters, the author applies psychological principles to understand how nine influential media technologies—theatrical film, recorded music, consumer market cameras, radio, network and cable television, tape cassettes, video gaming, and dial-up internet service providers—irreversibly changed the communication environment, culture, and psychological expectations that we then apply to future media technologies. With special attention to mediums absent from the traditional literature, including recorded music, cable television, and magnetic tape, this book encourages readers to critically reflect on their own past relationships with media and consider the present environment and the future of media given their own personal habits.

20th Century Media and the American Psyche is ideal for media studies, communication, and psychology students, scholars, and industry professionals, as well as anyone interested in a greater understanding of the psychological significance of media technology, usage, and adoption across the past 150 years.
The University of Michigan
Department of Communication and Media
Faculty Opening Beginning Fall 2022
Media and Marginalized Communities, Open Rank

The Department of Communication and Media in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts at the University of Michigan invites applicants for one tenure-track or tenured position to complement and expand our strengths in Media and Marginalized Communities.

We welcome applications from scholars who analyze media texts, audiences, industry practices, and/or technologies as they intersect with issues related to race and ethnicity in either a U.S.-national or global context; who study trans-national flows of media and information, including from a comparative perspective; and/or study the relationship between the media and those excluded from mainstream social, economic, educational, and/or cultural life. We seek a scholar whose research methods include one or more of the following: textual and discourse analysis, archival research, close analysis of industry records, trade press, and government documents, or ethnographic methods including participant-observation, in-depth interviews, and focus groups. This position will play an important role in further strengthening our qualitative and critical study of media, culture, and society.

The department is particularly interested in applicants who contribute to the diversity of the unit through research, teaching, and service.

Job duties include research activity, teaching of graduate and undergraduate courses, and service to the department, school, university, and profession. The anticipated starting date for this university-year appointment is August 29, 2022. All applicants should send a cover letter, a vita, two representative publications, a statement of teaching philosophy and experience, evidence of teaching excellence, a statement of current and future research plans, and a statement of contributions to diversity. Completed Ph.D. by September 2022, required. Junior applicants should provide names of three references.

Information on our research initiatives and scholarly interest of current faculty can be found on the Department's website: http://www.lsa.umich.edu/comm. All applications must be submitted electronically to: https://webapps.lsa.umich.edu/Apply/1424

For full consideration, complete applications should be submitted by August 23, 2021.

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For questions about your application please email media.marginalized@umich.edu.
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Faculty Opening Beginning Fall 2022
Political Communication, Open Rank

The Department of Communication and Media in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts at the University of Michigan invites applicants for one tenure-track or tenured position to complement and expand our strengths in political communication.

The department seeks a scholar who studies political communication in the context of digital and/or traditional media and whose methods include experiments, surveys, longitudinal studies, content analysis, meta-analyses, data analytics, network analysis, or other quantitative social science techniques. We are particularly interested in political communication scholars who are able to contribute meaningfully to the teaching and mentoring mission of the department.

Sub-areas of particular interest in political communication include but are not restricted to: the effects of digital and/or traditional media on political attitudes, beliefs, and behavior; the role of communication technologies in the political process; platforms and politics; the contemporary news media environment and politics; journalism and politics; political misinformation and disinformation; the effects of political communication on attitudes towards social identity groups (e.g. race, gender, religion, class, or immigration status); media and political movements; political communication, authoritarianism, and autocracy; public opinion and civic engagement; the interplay between politicians and the media; and political communication in a comparative context.

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