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CfP: Communication Theory

Communication Theory has issued a CfP for a special issue on “Reconceptualizing Public Sphere(s) in the Digital Age? On the Role and the Future of Public Sphere Theory”, edited by Mark Eisenegger and Mike S. Schäfer. The call can be found here: https://academic.oup.com/ct/pages/call-for-papers-reconceptualizing-public-sphere

Deadline for extended abstract submission is May 15, 2022
Call for Nominations
ICA Mass Communication Division 2022 Innovation Award for Theory

Deadline for nominations: April 15, 2022

Background. The Mass Communication Division membership approved the creation of a new award, the ICA MCD Innovation Award, at the 2016 ICA annual meeting in Fukuoka, Japan. This award honors mass communication theory innovations in even numbered years and method innovations in odd numbered years. Innovation in theory development can manifest itself in many ways – the 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, the presentation of an advancement in comparative research methodology, or the use of mixed methods in a novel, but productive manner. An innovation is often defined as something “new”, but we all know that our theory and method advancements build on the work of others. Nevertheless, there are those instances when a particular work signals not just a step, but a leap forward that is worthy of being defined as an “innovation”. It is those works that represent a unique advancement that the division is seeking to identify for this award.

Call for Nominations. All nominations will focus on a single work of innovation, whether it be a peer-reviewed journal article, invited journal article, book chapter, or book. Both self-nominations and nominations by others are welcome. Only those individuals who are current members of the International Communication Association (ICA) can put forward a nomination or offer a letter of support. A nominated work can be by one or more author(s) and published anytime within fifteen years prior to the nomination deadline. For the 2022 award (and its April 2022 nomination deadline), this would include works published from April 2007 to the present. A nomination packet will include the following: (1) a primary nomination letter arguing why this piece of research represents a true theoretical innovation and a summary of the scope and impact of the innovation on mass communication research; (2) a copy of the peer reviewed journal article, invited journal article, book chapter, or up to two chapters of the book being nominated; (3) the Curriculum Vitae of the sole- or lead-author of the work being considered for the award; and, (4) as many as two additional letters of support for the nomination may be included in the packet, but are not necessary for award consideration.

Directions for Nomination Submission. All nomination materials should be included in a single Adobe Acrobat PDF attachment sent by April 15, 2022 to the Vice Chair of the ICA Mass Communication Division, Prof. Dana Mastro via email, at mastro@comm.ucsb.edu. The award committee consisting of four members who represent diverse methodological backgrounds, ranks, institutions, and nationalities will review the materials.
A Public Interest Communications Summer Institute at Howard University on June 22-24

Scholars, professors and others will gather to learn, share and collaborate in defining and building the emerging academic field of public interest communications. Whether you’re just curious about public interest communications or have taught or done research in the area, this institute is for you!

You’ll have an opportunity to sit down with colleagues from journalism, public relations, strategic communications and other fields as we grow this diverse, inclusive and accessible field together. The institute’s focus will be on curriculum development; we’ll share resources, help attendees integrate public interest communications into existing courses and develop standalone courses. The event – which is being organized by faculty from a dozen universities around the country – is designed to result in practical outcomes. People will leave with resources in hand to help them offer classes at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

You can learn more here and sign up to be notified when registration opens. Please email Jennifer Gregg (jennifer.gregg@umb.edu) know if you have any questions.
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