

Journalism Studies Division Business Meeting ICA 2016

Minutes from the business meeting at the 2016 annual convention of ICA, Fukuoka, Japan, 12 June 2016.

1. Opening

Chair Matt Carlson opens the annual business meeting of the Journalism Studies Division.

2. ICA Board Meeting highlights

- Publications: Switch from Wiley to Oxford.
- Bylaws vote in the fall election: There will be changes to the rules governing division/interest group formation.
- Division funding: ICA is adding \$2 per division member.
- The Fukuoka conference had 2394 preregistrations, and is one of the largest conferences ever.
- Future conference sites: San Diego (2017), Prague (2018), Washington D.C. (2019), Gold Coast, Australia (2020), Denver (2021), Europe TBD (2022), Toronto (2023). Future conferences will be scheduled around Memorial Day.

The 2017 conference will be held 25-29 May. The theme for the conference is “Interventions”. Francios Heindryx dropped by later to inform the meeting that next year’s conference is likely to feature a few new innovative formats for communicating research, e.g. exhibitions. Selection criteria are to be decided.

3. Matt Carlson steps down as Division Chair

Vice Chair Henrik Örnebring takes over as Chair of the Journalism Studies Division.

4. Journalism Studies budget

The Division budget comes from membership dues, which stands at \$6. This fee will be increased by \$2. Most of the budget goes towards the Journalism Studies Division reception, and the Division awards.

2015 budget: \$4629

- Outstanding article award: \$500
- Top 3 student papers: \$526
- Journalism Studies reception: approx. \$2900

Membership: 629 members as of 10/2015. The Journalism Studies Division is the third largest Division of ICA.

5. Conference paper and panel competitions

The Journalism Studies Division received 258 papers and 20 panel proposals for the 2016 conference.

Acceptance rate:

- 45.9% for papers (121)
 - 52% for faculty (102), 36% for students (19)
- 50% for panels (10)

The Division was allotted 33 sessions and 17 poster slots. The number of papers the division can accept depends on the number of slots allocated to the Division by the Association.

For the third time in a row, the Division had triple blind review. This means we need around 200 reviewers to get through the papers. Thanks to those who signed up to review.

6. Division news

New Vice Chair: Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt.

Graduate Student Representative: Raul Ferrer Conill

New positions:

- A new Secretary will be elected in the fall.
- A new Graduate Student Representative will be elected in the fall.

More information about these positions will be distributed through the newsletter. Anyone interested in either serving as Secretary or Graduate Student Representative, please contact the Division Chair.

7. Graduate student colloquium preconference

The Graduate Student Colloquium Preconference was organized by Valerie Belair-Gagnon. This is the second time the Colloquium is organized, and it is the recommendation of the Division leadership that we continue with this format also in future conferences. For the San Diego conference in 2017 we will however need to look for alternative locations to avoid the high cost of the conference location. Thanks to Valerie for her outstanding job in fundraising for the colloquium.

The preconference received 45 submissions from 14 countries. (9 US, 9 HK, 4 Netherlands, 4 Germany, 4 Israel, 4 Sweden, 3 UK, 2 China, 1 Canada, 1 Denmark, 1 Portugal, 1 Japan, 1 Australia, 1 Chile). All submissions were reviewed by Henrik Örnebring, Matt Carlson and Valerie Belair-Gagnon. 21 submissions were accepted, of which 20 were presented.

The following people served as respondents:

Erik Albæk, Stuart Allen, Mike Annany, Stephanie Craft, Mark Deuze, Chris Peters, Matthew Powers, Michael Schudson, Jane B. Singer, Helle Sjøvaag, Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt, Tim Vos, Barbie Zelizer.

Special thanks to Raul Ferrer Conill for helping with the organization. Raul created the pre-conference website: <http://ica-phd-colloquium.news>.

Special thanks to preconference donors:

- Hong Kong Baptist University School of Communication
- Information Society Project at Yale University
- University of British Columbia Graduate School of Journalism
- University of Missouri School of Journalism
- Karlstad University Department of Geography, Media & Communication
- Boston University College of Communication

- Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism at the University of Oxford
- Nanyang Technological University
- University of Minnesota School of Journalism and Mass Communication
- University of Virginia Department of Media Studies
- USC Annenberg
- Culture Digitally

Valerie Belair-Gagnon raised approx. \$3000 to help cover the event.

8. In memoriam

The Division lost two members in the last two years: Wolfgang Donsbach (1949-2015) and Kevin Barnhurst (1951-2016). Barbie Zelizer said a few words about them both and what they meant for the Division and the Association.

9. Outstanding Article of the Year

The Outstanding Article of the Year Award will be named after Wolfgang Donsbach.

10. Discussion items

Fall elections: The division will elect a new secretary and student representative in the fall. Please contact the Chair of the current representatives if you are interested or have any questions about the positions.

Triple review policy: The leadership wants to continue with the triple review policy, but it is sometimes difficult to recruit enough reviewers. The question to the room is whether it is worth maintaining it.

The transparency of the review process is brought up. There is growing impression that acceptance to the ICA is a bit of a lottery. The transparency issue relates to reviewers not having insight into the reviews of other assigned reviewers. There is also a question of who are doing the reviews and what their background is.

To this, Henrik Örnebring notes that reviewers are pulled from survey volunteers and from the Division membership. Generally, senior members do a lot of the reviewing for the division. Grad students normally review only other grad student papers, while these also receive reviews from senior members. The review process is open to improvement, and while the all-academic system is somewhat inflexible, this is something that the Division leadership will look into.

Award amounts: The question of rewards concerns resource allocation within the division. This year, the Division did not give out any travel money. While this money was spent on awards, award amounts could be reduced. The Division therefore suggests lowering the amount of money that go to the top faculty awards. The awards for student awards will not be altered. The suggestion is put to a vote whereby the Business Meeting gives the Division leadership the authority to lower the amount on behalf of the Division.

Annual or biennial book award: The leadership suggests the Division should establish a book award. The suggestion is fully supported by the Business meeting. A committee is established consisting of Thomas Hanitzsch, Chris Peters, Barbie Zelizer and David Ryfe.

11. Division awards

Gene Burd Outstanding Dissertation in Journalism Studies Award

- Tanja Aitamurto, University of Tampere: “Collective Intelligence in Open Journalism: Power, Knowledge and Value”

Committee: Heikki Luostarinen (chair, faculty supervisor), Kaarina Nikunen (faculty supervisor), Mikko Villi, Chris Anderson, and Juha Suoranta

\$1,000 USD award from the Urban Communication Foundation

The award was presented by Tim Vos who also revealed the other finalist for the 2016 award, as well as the finalists for the 2014 and 2015 awards.

2016 Finalist:

Mark Coddington, University of Texas-Austin: “Telling Secondhand Stories: News Aggregation and the Production of Journalistic Knowledge”

2015 Finalists:

Jihyang Choi, Indiana University
Le Han, University of Pennsylvania

2014 Finalists:

Edson Tandoc, University of Missouri
Avery Holton, University of Texas-Austin

Outstanding Journal Article of the Year

- Seth C. Lewis, University of Oregon and Oscar Westlund, University of Gothenburg: “Actors, actants, audiences, and activities in cross-media news work: A matrix and a research agenda. *Digital Journalism*, 3(1), 19-37. (2015)

The award was presented by Karin Wahl-Jorgensen. A record 12 nominations from a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches was received this year. The committee consisted of Kevin Barnhurst, Lilie Chouliaraki, Cherian George, Claudia Mellado, Zvi Reich and Karin Wahl-Jorgensen.

The committee says of the article: “This article makes a vital contribution in outlining theoretical framework for developing ANT in journalism studies which could have a tremendous impact on future agendas for research in the field. The paper produces robust, original and nuanced theorising of the sphere of journalism as an integrated space of technology, human actors and market forces. Well-informed about relevant literature and thoroughly argued, it is an exemplary piece of how the field of JS should proceed: as a field of substantial theory production, not simply empirical research and conceptual fine-tuning. The paper develops an ambitious yet simple theoretical framework that integrates parsimoniously major aspects of journalism (actors, actants, audience and activities). The suggested framework can inspire future studies and help generate multifaceted and integrative insights on changes in the journalistic field.

Honorable mentions/runners up:

Ananny, M., & Crawford, K. (2015). A Liminal Press: Situating news app designers within a field of networked news production. *Digital Journalism*, 3(2), 192-208.

Cushion, S., Lewis, R., & Roger, H. (2015). Adopting or resisting 24-hour news logic on evening bulletins? The mediatization of UK television news 1991– 2012. *Journalism*, 16(7), 866-883.

Schlesinger, P., & Doyle, G. (2015). From organizational crisis to multi-platform salvation? Creative destruction and the recomposition of news media. *Journalism*, 16(3), 305-323.

Top 3 Student Paper Award Winners

- “Enlivening illustration or public opinion? An analysis of vox pop statements in political television news”
Kathleen Beckers; University of Antwerp
- “A Question of Newsworthiness: Identifying and Reasoning the Common Selection Criteria of Science Writers from Argentina, France, and Germany”
Lars Guenther; CREST/ Stellenbosch University
Cecilia Rosen; Center for Studies on Science, Development and Higher Education
Klara Froehlich; University of Paris 8
- “Who Takes the Lead? Investigating the Dynamic Interplay of Organizational and News Agendas”
Anne Kroon; University of Amsterdam, ASCOR
Toni van der Meer; University of Amsterdam

Each paper receives an award worth \$500 USD

Top 3 Faculty Paper Award Winners

- “A general pattern of newsworthiness?: Analyzing news factors in tabloid, broadsheet, financial, and regional newspapers”
Mark Boukes; University of Amsterdam / ASCoR
Rens Vliegthart; U of Amsterdam
- “Journalism beyond Democracy: A new look into journalistic roles in civic and everyday life”
Thomas Hanitzsch; LMU Munich
Tim Vos; U of Missouri – Columbia
- “The Losing Media? An Empirical Study of Defamation Litigation in China”
Fen Lin; City University of Hong Kong
Xin He; City University of Hong Kong

Top Poster Award

Selected based on paper reviewer scores.

- “Why Contribute to the Online Public Sphere? The Effect of Communication Infrastructure on Citizen Journalism”
Seungahn Nah, U of Kentucky
Masahiro Yamamoto, U of Wisconsin-La Crosse

IJPP Book Award

- Andrew Chadwick: The Hybrid Media System: Politics and Power. Oxford University Press, 2013.

Committee: Jesper Strömbäck, Matt Carlsson and Rasmus Kleis Nielsen.

Business meeting close.

Bergen, 21 June 2016.
Helle Sjøvaag
Secretary