Journalism Studies Division
Business Meeting 2019
69th ICA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
ICA Board Meeting Highlights

- ICA’s fiscal health is strong.
- Record number of 3,681 pre-registered conference attendees.
- Efforts towards more inclusion and accessibility for conference attendees.
- Elimination of the 5-paper rule and a shift to a first-author-rule system.
- Each person can submit up to THREE papers as first author; no restrictions on the overall number of submissions.
ICA Board Meeting Highlights – Cont.

- Adoption of the ICA Code of Ethics.
  - Five key commitments to: human rights, scholarly and scientific integrity, open communication, inclusivity and respect, and enhancing the public good

- Establishment of a Human-Machine Communication (HMC) Interest Group.

- New Editor of Communication Theory: Betsi Grabe.

- Acceptance of the gift of the Open Access *International Journal of Communication* from the USC Annenberg School of Communication (as a 7th ICA journal).

- Approval of the redesign of ICA’s visual identity.
Next Up: Gold Coast
70th ICA Annual Conference
JSD Elections

Elected in fall 2018:

- Secretary: Edson C. Tandoc Jr. (Nanyang Technological University)
- Graduate Student Representative: Joy Kibarabara (Stockholm University)

Upcoming elections in fall 2019:

- New Vice Chair
- International Liaison
Thank you Nina and Alla!

for the magic you performed and
for a well deserved wine break...
Membership

587 members (May 2019); 4th largest division of ICA

North America: 45%
Europe: 41%
Asia: 7%
South America: 3%
Australia: 2%
Africa: 1%
Finances

Revenues

- Membership fees & ICA subsidies: $6,906
- Sponsorships: $3,500

Expenses

- Journalism Studies reception: $6,100
- Top Student Paper Awards: $500
- Graduate Student Colloquium: $2,800

Use of Conference Fee Waivers

- Winners of top student papers (first authors)
- Students from tier C countries participating in the colloquium
Our Sponsors
Paper & Panel Competition

Submissions
A record number of 414 submissions, including:
- 258 full papers (11% decrease)
- 17 panels (45% decrease)
- 139 extended abstracts

Acceptance Rates
- Overall: 50% (up from 44% in Prague), for 50 sessions
- 55% for full papers (143 papers for 29 sessions)
- 40% for extended abstracts (55 abstracts for 11 sessions)
- 59% for panels (10 panels, including 5 themed sessions)

Reviewing Process
- 266 reviewers
- from 25 countries
- 3 reviews per paper/panel
Graduate Student Colloquium

- Friday, May 24th, Georgetown University
- Organized by Alla Rybina
  
  *Special thanks to Nina Springer, Joy Kibarabara & Michael Koliska for their help!*

- **25 submissions** from 13 countries

- **18 student participants** at the colloquium from Austria (1), China/Hong Kong (2), Denmark (2), Germany (1), Israel (1), Kenya (2), Netherlands (1), New Zealand (1), Singapore (1), UK (1), US (5)

- **18 faculty respondents**: Alexa Robertson, Andreas Widholm, Avery Holton, Chris Anderson, Christian Baden, Claudia Mellado, Colin Sparks, David Ryfe, Edson Tandoc, Gunnar Nygren, Nikki Usher, Steen Steensen, Stephanie Edgerly, Stephen Cushion, Stephen Reese, Valerie Belair-Gagnon, Yariv Tsfati & Zvi Reich
Initiatives

- Taskforce for Public Engagement in Journalism Studies
  - Members: Nikki Usher (Chair), Valerie Belair-Gagnon, Caroline Fisher, Rasmus Kleis Nielsen, Oscar Westlund

- Junior Faculty Network (Thomas Schmidt)
  - Event tomorrow (May 26, 5-7 pm, roof top bar of the Embassy Row Hotel)

- Media Practitioner at Risk
  - This year’s awardee: Arzu Geybull

- Diversity in award nominations

- Presentation formats
Extended abstracts & Works-in-Progress Sessions

- We will evaluate the pilot following the conference through a member survey
- Any preliminary thoughts, based on your experience so far?
Any other business?
AWARDS

Journalism Studies Division Business Meeting, 69th ICA Conference

25 May 2019

The
International Communication Association
Journalism Studies Division
awards
Top Conference Papers
at the 69th ICA Annual Conference
Top 3 Faculty Papers

1. Christian von Sikorski, Desiree Schmuck, Jörg Matthes, Claudia Klobasa, Helena Knupfer, Melanie Saumer (U of Vienna)
   “Do Journalists Differentiate Between Muslims and Islamist Terrorists? A Content Analysis of Terrorism News Coverage”

2. Mel Bunce (U of London)
   Kate Wright (U of Edinburgh)
   Martin Scott (U of East Anglia)
   “Foundation funding and the boundaries of journalism”

3. Neil Thurman (LMU Munich)
   Thiemo Hensmann (LMU Munich)
   Richard Fletcher (U of Oxford)
   “Large, loyal, lingering? An analysis of online, overseas audiences for UK news brands”
Top 3 Student Papers

1. Phoebe Maares, Esther Greussing, Fabienne Lind (U of Vienna)
   “Showing off your social capital: Homophily of professional reputation and gender in journalistic networks on Twitter”

2. Vaios Papanagnou (London School of Economics)
   “Values and evaluations: the distribution of worth in journalism”

3. Jennifer Henrichsen (U of Pennsylvania)
   “Reconceptualizing Indigenous Journalism Through Information Poverty Theory”
Top Poster Award

Nicole Gesualdo
(Rutgers U)

Matthew Weber
(U of Minnesota)

Itzhak Yanovitzky
(Rutgers U)

“Journalists as Knowledge Brokers”
Top Extended Abstract

Andrea Wenzel *(Temple U)*

“Building Local News Capacity to Strengthen Community Trust”
Top Reviewer Award

Rachel Mourao  
*(Michigan State U)*

Dr. Mourão reviewed a standard allotment of papers, but her reviews stood out for their depth and breadth, covering both a wide array of issues for the authors to consider as well as going into particular detail regarding specific suggestions for improvement. Her reviews were not only thoroughly substantive but also highly constructive and encouraging in tone — offering precisely the kind of feedback that anyone would benefit from receiving.
Outstanding Dissertation in Journalism Studies Award
Award Committee

Committee Chair: Adrienne Russell

Committee members:
- David Domingo
- Celeste González de Bustamante
- Francis Lap Fung Lee
- Mervi Pantti
- Matthew Powers
- Silvio Waisbord

8 dissertations were nominated for the award.
Outstanding Dissertation Award Finalist

Tara Pixley
(PhD, U of California San Diego)

Making Pictures: Framing the Photographer in News Image Production

Supervisors:
Zeinabu Davis (Chair)
Daniel C. Hallin (Co-Chair)
Outstanding Dissertation in JS Award

David Conrad
(PhD, U of Pennsylvania)

Misguided Benevolence: How ‘Moments of Need’ Came to Motivate American Journalism

Supervisor:
Barbie Zelizer

Misguided Benevolence traces the origins of nonprofit influence on news, examining the mechanics and impact of foundation financing, and considering its long-term implications for journalism. Masterfully researched and eloquently written, Conrad’s dissertation makes an outstanding contribution to Journalism Studies by bringing nonprofit practices to the foreground of a discussion of contemporary news.
Journalism Studies Division
Book Award
Award Committee

Committee Chair:
- Barbie Zelizer

Committee members:
- Thomas Hanitzsch
- Chris Peters
- David Ryfe
JSD Book Award

Matthew Powers (University of Washington)
“NGOs as Newsmakers: The Changing Landscape of International News”
Columbia University Press 2018

Matthew Power’s NGOs as Newsmakers is a theoretically-compelling and comprehensive application of field theory to explain the growing prevalence of NGOs in the news. Using literature in journalism studies, NGO communication and institutional field theory, the book provides a timely, useful and persuasive examination of how non-journalistic institutions increasingly perform ‘acts of journalism’ in today’s news. Well-written and eloquently argued, it enhances our understanding of a key challenge to journalism’s autonomy.
Wolfgang Donsbach Outstanding Journal Article of the Year Award
Award Committee

Committee Chair:
- Karin Wahl-Jorgensen

Committee members:
- Matt Carlson
- Lilie Chouliaraki
- Stephanie Craft
- Cherian George
- Zvi Reich

Nominations

13 nominations, representing 8 journals:
- Digital Journalism (3),
- Journalism Studies (3),
- New Media and Society (2),
- American Journal of Sociology (1),
- Communication Theory (1),
- International Journal of Press/Politics (1),
- Media and Communication (1),
- Political Communication (1)
Honorable mentions

Andrew Chadwick
Cristian Vaccari
Ben O’Loughlin

“Do tabloids poison the well of social media? Explaining democratically dysfunctional news sharing”

New Media & Society
2018

Angèle Christin

“Counting clicks: quantification and variation in web journalism in the United States and France”

American Journal of Sociology
2018
Wolfgang Donsbach Outstanding Journal Article of the Year Award

Henrik Örnebring
Michael Karlsson
Karin Fast
Johan Lindell

“The space of journalistic work: A theoretical model”

Communication Theory
2018

“The paper represents an ambitious and innovative effort to develop a conceptual map of journalism as a venue for different types of employment, elegantly connecting elegantly journalistic capital, access to resources and material security.”

“A significant and helpful advance on field theory as a way to understand journalism, focusing on material as well as symbolic factors. Proposes an elegant and intuitively appealing model that is likely to stimulate and guide future empirical research on topics such as citizen journalism, journalistic labour, and the future of journalism.”
The ICA Journalism Studies Public Engagement Award
Award Committee

Committee Chair:
- Nikki Usher

Committee members:
- Valerie Belair-Gagnon
- Caroline Fisher
- Oscar Westlund
First year of contest

- What is public engagement (not just tweets or quotes but why not?)
- Refine the call itself (past year?), how to account for non-English engagement (we did, suggestions though?)
- Final rounds of "recommendations" including one non-academic
- 9 nominations (11 nominees) from Argentina (1), Belgium (1), Canada (1), UK (1), US (5)
Runners-up

Robert (Ted) Gutsche Jr
Lancaster University

Alfred Hermida & Mary Lynn Young
University of British Columbia
ICA Journalism Studies Public Engagement Award

Talia Stroud  
*U of Texas at Austin*

“In many ways one can imagine Prof. Stroud and her team and those she has trained as powerfully bilingual, fluent in the language and discipline of scholarship and the rough and ready code talk of newsrooms that now navigate in an uncertain environment.”

Sue Robinson  
*U of Wisconsin-Madison*

“Robinson [also] took her spirit of innovation back into the classroom where she created an entire service-learning class that sends advanced journalism students out into after-school youth organizations to train these kids in journalistic skills. This work, supported and encouraged by Kettering, brings a public-facing aspect to curriculum that normally can be overly inward-gazing.”
International Journal of Press/Politics Best Book Award
The Award

The *International Journal of Press/Politics* Best Book Award honors internationally-oriented books published in the past ten years that advance our theoretical and empirical understanding of the linkages between news media and politics in a globalized world in a significant way.

Award Committee

- Cristian Vaccari
- Kimberly Gross
- Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt
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