Journalism Studies Division
Business Meeting 2020
70th ICA Annual Conference, Australia [Virtual!]
Where we are as a division

- 613 members
  - From 39 countries
  - Highly engaged as reviewers, presenters, chairs, respondents, committee members, and initiators (THANK YOU ALL!)

- Two main developments in recent years:
  - Introducing the works-in-progress format, based on extended abstract submissions
  - Developing an emphasis around ‘public engagement’, including a new divisional award
Thank you for your service, Keren!
JSD Elections

Elected in fall 2019:

- Vice Chair: **Annika Sehl** (University of the Bundeswehr Munich)
- International Liaison: **Eddy Borges-Rey** (Northwestern University in Qatar)

Upcoming elections in fall 2020:

- New secretary
- New graduate student representative

(Let us know if you’re interested in serving in either role)
Division leadership team

Seth C. Lewis  
U of Oregon  
Chair  
2020-22

Annika Sehl  
U of the  
Bundeswehr  
Munich  
Vice Chair  
2020-2022

Edson Tandoc Jr.  
Nanyang Technological  
Secretary  
2019-2021
Division leadership team

Joy Kibarabara
Stockholm U
Grad Student Rep 2019-2021

Eddy Borges-Rey
Northwestern U
International Liaison 2020-2022
Finances

**Revenues**
- Membership fees & ICA subsidies $ 6,110

**Expenses**
- ICA Hardship Fund $ 3,500
- Top Student Paper Awards $ 750

**Use of Conference Fee Waivers**
- Winners of top student papers
- Students from Tier C countries participating in the colloquium
Graduate Student Colloquium

- Thursday, May 21st, Griffith University (virtual format)
- Organized by Joy Kibarabara
  *Special thanks to Edson C. Tandoc Jr. and Raul Ferrer Conill* for their help!
- **24 submissions** from 15 countries
- **13 student participants** at the colloquium, representing Austria (1), China (1), Denmark (1), Finland (1), France (1), Israel (1), Kenya (1), Denmark (1), New Zealand (1), Singapore (1), South Africa (1), UK (1), US (2)
- **14 faculty respondents**: Annika Sehl, Christian Baden, Henrik Bodker, Jan Boyles, Karen McIntyre, Kristy Hess, Linda Steiner, Stephanie Craft, Stephanie Edgerly, Stephen Reese, Susan Keith, Tim Vos, Yariv Tsfati & Zvi Reich
Thank you to our Colloquium sponsors
Paper and Panel Competition

Submissions
A lower but still robust number of submissions (303), including:

- 205 papers (21% decrease)
- 9 panels (47% decrease)
- 116 abstracts (17% decrease)

- But we had third-most submissions across ICA
  - 7.6% of all submissions vs.
  - 7.5% for Pol Comm and 9.2% for Health Comm and CAT

Reviewing Process

- 229 reviewers (14% decrease from the D.C. competition but still 22% more than for Prague)

- Average of 4.2 reviews per reviewer (slightly down from prior year)

- Each submission again received 3 reviews, which is the “JSD standard”
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Potential areas of future/continued focus

- **Public Engagement**
  - We have developed an award—but what’s next?

- **Internationalization**
  - How can we build on progress via the grad student colloquium?

- **Communication and Community**
  - How can we best serve members and their needs? Let us know

- **Development**
  - Can we find funding sources to help us grow in key areas?

- **Presentation formats**
  - Always ask: What’s working? Where do we need more/less experimentation? How do formats relate to our larger goals?
Top Conference Papers
of the 70th ICA Annual Conference
Top 3 Faculty Papers

1. **Aviv Barnoy** (*Zefat Academic College*) & **Zvi Reich** (*U of the Negev*)
   “News reporters’ trust: A study of source and message credibility”

2. **Steen Steensen** (*OsloMet*), **Raul Ferrer-Conill** (*Karlstad U*), & **Chris Peters** (*Roskilde U*)
   “(Against a) Theory of audience engagement”

3. **Raul Ferrer-Conill** (*Karlstad U*), **Erik Knudsen** (*U of Bergen*), **Corinna Lauerer** (*LMU Munich*), & **Aviv Barnoy** (*Zefat Academic College*)
   “The visual boundaries of journalism: Native advertising and the convergence of editorial and commercial content”
Top 3 Student Papers

1. Nicholas Mathews *(U of Minnesota)*
   “Life in a news desert”

2. Sarah Kay Wiley *(U of Minnesota)*
   “Identity, autonomy, and press freedom in computational journalism”

3. Muira N McCammon *(U of Pennsylvania)*
   “Predictive witnessing: military bases and the politics of journalistic access”
Top Poster Award

Caty Borum Chattoo (American U)
Lori Young (U of Pennsylvania)
David Conrad (American U)
Aras Coskuntuncel (American U)

“‘The rent is too damn high’: Housing security and homelessness portrayals in U.S. print news coverage”
Top Extended Abstract

Kim Christian Schrøder (Roskilde U)
Chris Peters (Roskilde U)
Julie Vulpius (Roskilde U)
Josephine Lehaff (Roskilde U)

“Investigating how young adults make sense of public affairs in a digital media landscape”
Top Reviewer Award
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Jan Lauren Boyles
(Iowa State U)
Outstanding Dissertation in Journalism Studies Award
Award Committee

Committee Chair: 8 dissertations were nominated for the award
 David Domingo

Committee members:
 Celeste González de Bustamante
 Francis Lap Fung Lee
 Mervi Pantti
 Matthew Powers
Outstanding Dissertation Award Finalist

Qun Wang

(PhD, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey)


Supervisor:
Susan Keith
Outstanding Dissertation in JS Award

David Cheruiyot
(PhD, Karlstad University)

Criticising Journalism: Popular Media Criticism in the Digital Age

Supervisors:
Henrik O¨rnebring
Michael Karlsson

Criticising Journalism, with case studies in South Africa and Kenya, breaks new ground for Journalism Studies by normalizing non-Western journalism as a rich object of study that contributes very meaningful evidence to the global scholarly debate about meta-journalistic discourses, which is crucial to understand the evolution of journalism in the digital media ecology.
Journalism Studies Division
Book Award *(to return in 2021)*
Wolfgang Donsbach Outstanding Journal Article of the Year Award
Award Committee

Committee Chair:
- Matt Carlson

Committee members:
- Stephanie Craft
- Michael Karlsson
- Irene Costera Meijer
- Agnieszka Stepinska

Nominations

11 nominations, representing 8 journals:
- Digital Journalism (3),
- Journalism Studies (3),
- Journalism (1),
- International Journal of Press/Politics (1),
- Media and Communication (1),
- Journalism and Mass Communication Monographs (1),
- The Annals of the ICA (1)
Honorable mention

Nikki Usher

“Putting “Place” in the Center of Journalism Research: A Way Forward to Understand Challenges to Trust and Knowledge in News”

*Journalism & Communication Monographs*

2019
Wolfgang Donsbach Outstanding Journal Article of the Year Award

Martin Scott
Mel Bunce
Kate Wright

“Foundation funding and the boundaries of journalism”

Journalism Studies

2019
The ICA Journalism Studies Public Engagement Award
Award Committee

Committee Chair:
- Silvio Waisbord

Committee members:
- Valerie Belair-Gagnon
- Caroline Fisher
- Admire Mare
- Oscar Westlund
ICA Journalism Studies Public Engagement Award

Irene Costera Meijer
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

“We are impressed by the scope and the accomplishment of her public scholarship. She has done a tremendous amount of work that blends interests in academia, policy and industry. Her work has contributed to improving journalism practice and to addressing issues of quality, particularly in the Dutch news media and European media policy-making.”
ICA JSD Public Engagement Award

“...Given current concerns in the news industry and journalism, her collaborative work is important to bridge the gap between academia and news organizations to work towards common goals. One of the letters in support of her nomination states that her work has helped the ‘news media in the Netherlands and beyond develop far more nuanced and robust understandings of the public, of people’s perception of news, and of what actually creates (democratic, public) value when the news meets people. Every major Dutch media organization I have visited have been aware of and engaged with her work.’ Also, an Editor in Chief who wrote another letter calls her an ‘inspiration to innovation in journalism.’
ICA JSD Public Engagement Award

“...Costera Meijer’s work stands as a model of the kind of public scholarship that society needs from academia to address important questions in the contemporary news industry and journalism. Her work is an example of how scholars can collaborate in productive ways with journalists in understanding news content and approaching audience engagement.”
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 10 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
Winner of the 2020 edition:

Next Up: Denver

71st ICA Annual Conference
Thank you—and see you in Denver!