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Theme Sessions Highlight Diverse Research on "Communicating for Social Impact."

Patrice Buzzanell, 2008 ICA Conference Planner

We have programmed an intriguing array of Theme Session panels that cover everything from ICA's collaborations with other communication associations on issues of social change through new methodologies and multidisciplinary as well as transnational initiatives. We have scheduled our Theme Sessions throughout our Montréal conference and already have a website in which all of these sessions as well as our Miniplenaries are posted (see http://www.coms.ohiou.edu/ica). I'd like to thank our Theme Session co-chairs, Lynn Harter and Mohan Dutta, for their work on this website and for the Call for Submissions for the 2008 Theme Book that is posted in this newsletter.

Because these theme panels are so easily accessible on the website listed above, I'll simply list the offerings (and locations) and highlight a few points. I encourage everyone to take a look at the panel descriptions and the speakers-they are a great series of sessions that touch just about every interest of ICA members.

Some thing to keep in mind are that the Theme Sessions typically are discussion panels designed to integrate and promote discovery, learning, and engagement as panelists and audience members take up the conversation on particular topics. Another aspect to note is that these panels feature
participants from different regions of the world (e.g., "When the Internet Reaches the Villages" has speakers from South Africa, Brazil, China, India, and the United States) and associations (e.g., "Re-Envisioning Research Methods to Communicate for Social Impact," features Simon Ellis, among other experts in methodologies, who is Head of Science Culture and Communications for the UNESCO Institute for Statistics. He'll speak about the framework UNESCO is developing for "assessing the degree to which every country 'enables' people to access the information they need for their everyday lives under UNESCO's Information for All programme with links to established goals of the World Summit on the Information Society, Education for All and the Millennium Development Goals."

On Friday, May 23, 2008, we have four Theme sessions:

- **Preparing Students to Communicate for Social Impact in Jesuit Education** (9:00-10:15 am in the Drummond Centre of Le Centre Sheraton)
- **Leading Communication Associations for Social Impact: CCA (Council of Communication Associations) Address the Future of the Field** (10:30-11:45 am in the East Ballroom of Le Centre Sheraton)
- **Re-Envisioning Research Methods to Communicate for Social Impact** (1:30-2:45 pm in the East Ballroom of Le Centre Sheraton)
- **When the Internet Reaches the Villages** (4:30-5:45 pm in the East Ballroom of Le Centre Sheraton)

On Saturday, May 24, 2008, we have programmed another 4 sessions that challenge ICA members to engage others as public intellectuals, in dialogue and deliberation, and converse about disability through film and the discussion among experts and community members when documentaries prompt greater awareness and desire for change. We also honor our top paper submissions to our Theme Sessions.

- **Communications Scholars as Public Intellectuals: Challenges and Responsibilities** (9:00-10:15 am in the East Ballroom of Le Centre Sheraton)
- **Communication Innovation in Conflict, Collaboration, Deliberation, and Dialogue** (10:30-11:45 pm in the East Ballroom of Le Centre Sheraton)
- **Top Papers Related to the ICA Conference Theme: Communicating for Social Impact** (1:30-2:45 pm in the East Ballroom of Le Centre Sheraton)
- **Documenting and Disrupting (Dis)ability Through Film: Communicating for Social Impact** (3:00-4:15 pm in the East Ballroom of Le Centre Sheraton)

Immigration issues, rebuilding after natural disasters, citizenship, health-new media intersections, and global concerns about technical and scientific expertise, among other topics, are featured in our final set of Theme Session panels on Sunday, May 25, 2008:
• Communication in Action: Scholarly Intervention at Local and National Levels (9:00-10:15 pm in Drummond West of Le Centre Sheraton)

• Convergence and Collaboration: Communication Research, Activism, and Education for the Common Good (10:30-11:45 pm in Drummond West of Le Centre Sheraton)

• The Social Impact of Networking the Poor for Development (1:30-2:45 pm in Drummond West of Le Centre Sheraton)

• Communicating for Social and Occupational Change: Girls and Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) (3:00-4:15 pm in Drummond West of Le Centre Sheraton)

• Communicating for Social Impact in Public Discourse (4:30-5:45 pm in Drummond West of Le Centre Sheraton)

In all, our Theme Sessions offer a wide array of methodologies, theoretical approaches, and national/multinational interests.

Call for Papers: ICA 2008 Conference Theme Book

Lynn M. Harter, Ohio U, and Mohan Dutta, Purdue U

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WHAT are we seeking?
The book will include twelve 4000-word chapters. It will be a standard edited volume focused on the conference theme. This call is aimed at establishing the interest of the (theme) conference participants in contributing to this book. For this reason, we call for chapter abstracts, although full (4000 word) chapters are also acceptable. The deadline for submitting abstracts is May 1, 2008. The actual selection of the abstracts and chapters will take place soon after the May conference.

In order to be accepted, chapter proposals must relate to the conference theme, as captured by its title: *Communicating for Social Impact*. In recent years, many ICA members have questioned the ways in which scholars-practitioners communicatively address contemporary social, political, and economic challenges. In whatever form these challenges take, the core processes involve our use of disciplinary knowledge to engage with the social worlds of others, raise awareness about lived inequities, and enlarge citizens’ potentialities to name their worlds in order to change them. We hope this volume will acknowledge and inspire diverse ways of making communication theory-praxis answerable to life, and encourage scholars to participate in salient struggles of our time.

We invite chapter proposals that illustrate how scholarly efforts can give rise to broader dialogues, movements, and social change. We hope to highlight the efforts of scholars-practitioners who are utilizing their talents to understand, create, encourage, amplify, and/or evaluate productive and sustainable systemic response to natural disasters, health and environmental crises, human rights violations, unintended inequities in work-life policies, and other concerns that lessen the quality of life for particular groups and nations. In short, we seek chapter proposals that reflect and enlarge ICA’s continuing commitments to conduct and publicize scholarly initiatives that address significant challenges to the quality of people’s lives at present and in the future. We interpret scholarship broadly to include research, teaching, creative activities, and service endeavors that draw on theoretical/disciplinary sensibilities in the service of social change. As the original call of the conference theme provides the broader context of this book call, we encourage submitters to revisit the original call for conference submissions at http://www.icahdq.org/conferences/2008/2008CFP.pdf.

**WHO will publish it?**
The book will be published by Hampton Press.

**WHEN is the deadline for submissions?**
Proposals need to be sent to the editors (by regular mail or email) by May 1, 2008. These proposals should include a 300-word chapter abstract, and a clear committal to send in the completed 4000-word chapter no later than August 1,
2007. Proposals and completed chapters need to be formatted according to APA style, 5th edition.

**TO WHOM should it be sent?**

Chapter proposals (and queries) can be sent by e-mail to both editors:

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**President's Message: ICA's Publication Activities - What's New?**

*Sonia Livingstone, London School of Economics*

It can be hard to keep track of ICA's many activities. For this column, I thought I'd overview ICA's publication activities, partly because lots of things are happening, partly because people tell me they don't know which, among the vast number of publications available, ICA is responsible for.

First, how are our journals doing? Blackwell presented a detailed report to the May 2007 Board of Directors' meeting which revealed significant achievements for ICA journals in 2006-7. Notably, there was an explosion in circulation. Through inclusion in consortia sales, the number of institutions with access to the ICA journals almost doubled. Important for our internationalization agenda, 568 institutions in the developing world now have access to the ICA journals free or at a group discount rate, expanding the international readership of *JoC, HCR, CT*, and
For JoC, HCR, and CT together, there were 1,512 institutional subscriptions in 2005, plus 1,934 sites with consortia access, 4,271 membership subscriptions and 93 personal subscriptions. In all, institutional subscription revenue is very close to our projections and consortia revenue is higher than anticipated. As for readership, the publisher's report shows that in 2006, JoC articles were downloaded 124,791; HCR articles were downloaded 49,198; CT articles were downloaded 37,680; and JCMC articles were downloaded 12,054 times through Blackwell Synergy and other online hosts.

Rankings (among communication journals) and impact factors for 2005 (with 2004 figures in brackets) were as follows:

- **Journal of Communication** (ranked 7/42): 1.134 (1.213)
- **Communication Theory** (ranked 2/42): 1.472 (1.263)
- **Human Communication Research** (ranked 8/42): 1.080 (1.526)

This is a pretty healthy situation, not least because so many ICA members work hard to make our publications successful. This is a good moment to thank all the submitters, reviewers, editorial boards, and, especially, the editors, for their considerable efforts over the past year.

All kinds of other things are happening too. The ICA Board of Directors has just welcomed Charles Salmon as the incoming editor of *Communication Yearbook*, and it warmly thanks outgoing editor, Christina Beck. The publication committee, chaired by Mohan Dutta, is now searching for new editors for *Communication Theory*, as Francois Cooren prepares to step down.

The mammoth task of producing the 12-volume *International Encyclopedia of Communication*, edited by Wolfgang Donsbach, is now completed and about to arrive in the bookshops any day. I'm delighted to note that the inaugural issue of ICA's newest journal, *Communication, Culture, & Critique*, edited by Karen Ross, will be on the stands at the upcoming annual conference in Montreal, as will the first ICA conference theme book, *Participation and Media Production*, edited by Nico Carpentier and Benjamin de Cleen). The first *Handbook in Communication*, a series edited by Bob Craig, will appear later this year.

Last, on publication titles, since last summer I've been very keen that we reinstate a content editor for the *ICA Newsletter*, to add some intellectual and communication-related content of one kind or another. I'm very pleased that Mohan Dutta has agreed to undertake this role (he will step down from the publication committee at the end of May). There are lots of possibilities for content here.

This could include conference reports from international conferences around
the world. Updates on communication researchers’ input into key policy issues would also be valuable - current controversies in the public eye such as advertising an obesity, journalism and blogging, paediatricians' recommendations not to let toddlers watch television, privacy on MySpace and Facebook, regulatory dilemmas facing the FCC - all these and others come to mind. Also, Divisions and Interest groups may wish to contribute short pieces on pressing or controversial issues within their field. Perhaps we can have some debates between ICA members who disagree on an important research topic? I'd certainly like to give space to progress or outcome reports from ICA’s committees and task forces.

There are probably other possibilities too (I note, however, that it isn't the intention to use this space for promoting individual research or researchers). Mohan will act as content editor for 3 years, and the Publication Committee then has the charge of finding a replacement. I have no doubt that Mohan will be in touch with members to recruit content! And watch out for his first issue of this newsletter, in September.

As part of the internationalisation agenda, the last meeting of ICA's Board of Directors (held in January 2008) held a discussion about ICA's continuing endorsement of APA style for its publications. For some, this is a vital indicator of the standardisation essential for a truly professional organisation. For others, it is a subtle and unfair means by which 'others' (especially those from disciplines or countries in which APA is far from standard, perhaps not even heard of) are excluded. And for yet others, it’s a 'take it or leave it' issue of minor interest. I shan't open up the wider discussion here but, instead, report on the board decision.

First, the principle of consistency across ICA publications was reaffirmed - APA remains the house style. However, it was also agreed that, contrary to some practices in the past, article or conference submissions that do not adhere 100% to APA style would not be rejected out of hand. While hardly endorsing sloppiness among those with ready access to the APA manual, it should be recognised that, as ICA becomes more international, some scholars are simply unaware of the many prescriptions of, arguably, the most pedantic book in the world. Their intellectual contributions should be considered by ICA publications on a fair footing. After all, publication style can always be adjusted - by authors, editors, or copy editors - once a piece has been accepted. Thus, the specific board minute reads: "Manuscripts will not be rejected solely based on issues of style, but will need to adhere to the style guidelines before final publication." Note that, to help those who don't have access to the full manual, the ICA website now includes a quick crib to APA style, which we hope is helpful.
Another recent decision reflects the fact that scholarly research and teaching is so heavily reliant on electronic networks and was triggered by the introduction of ICA's new journal, making five in all. This was to provide members with two printed journals of their choice, plus free electronic access to all five (see minutes for the board meeting in January 2007). Emeritus and life members still get all the paper journals, unless they request otherwise. Most of you will have made your choices by now, and I hope you agree that while our electronic resources are enhanced, our offices are less cluttered, with benefits to the environment also.

But this raises the more difficult issue of electronic access to academic work across the range of communication scholarship. Partly because electronic access is easier in some countries, especially wealthy western ones, than others, and partly because of changes in the business model in the publishing industry, there is a growing call for open access or creative commons publishing. As keynote speaker John Thompson argued in his address at ICA's last annual conference in San Francisco, not only is the academic monograph at its last gasp, but publishers are mainly surviving through revenues raised by journal publishing. While there is much intellectual passion and political justice behind the challenge to commercial journal and book publishing in favour of public access to public knowledge, as advocated also at the last annual conference by John Willensky, it should be noted that ICA too derives significant revenues from its publishing deals. Indeed, around 40% of ICA's income comes from publications, and this helps considerably to keep membership and conference fees lower.

Of course, as the publishing landscape changes, ICA's strategy may also change - it is certainly kept under review (see Michael Haley's article on scholarly publishing in the January/February 2005 ICA Newsletter). In June 2006, the ICA Board of Directors voted to keep the Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication open-access. Last month, Harvard's Faculty of Arts & Sciences voted to mandate open access to articles published by faculty, though this may not be so easy to implement in practice. In the UK, the major funder of medical research (Wellcome) has made a similar demand, perhaps following the U.S. National Institute of Health. It seems, relatedly, that the University of Southern California's International Journal of Communication, freely available online, is doing very well, as too are institutional repositories - starting up in many universities - that upload prepublication versions of faculty research papers. Recently the Association of Internet Researchers' mailing list has been buzzing with discussions of the merits or otherwise of nonprofit, open-access journal publication, though I note that fewer call for a move away from peer-review (already happening, however, in the natural sciences), and many await the consequences of open-access publication for their citation
rates and other standardised indicators as used by promotion committees. While larger changes are in the air, it's business as usual on the ground. If you want to get involved in reviewing for any of the journals, do email the journal editors to let them know of your expertise and willingness. And fill out your online profile to say you're ready to review manuscript submissions. Indeed, given the effort Sam Luna has put into creating the opportunity for online profiles and networking among scholars, please fill it out anyhow - it doesn't take a minute! Again, thanks to everyone who works to keep ICA's journals and books at the forefront of communication scholarship.

Note: you can find all board minutes on the ICA website now!

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**Michael Gurevitch Remembered at Session in Montreal**

**Michael Gurevitch**, Journalism and Affiliate Professor of Communication at U of Maryland, died March 29 in London.

Gurevitch had been at the University of Maryland for 25 years.

ICA's 2008 conference in Montreal will include a special session in tribute to his memory. Entitled "Colleagues Remember Michael Gurevitch," it will be held on Friday, May 23, in Le Centre Sheraton's Salon 3 from 6:00 to 7:15 pm.

Colleagues are invited to bring their recollections and stories to share in remembering Michael Gurevitch.

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**Call for Nominations: Editor, Communication Theory**

The ICA Publications Committee is soliciting nominations for editor of *Communication Theory*. Self-nominations are welcomed. *Communication Theory* publishes research articles, theoretical essays, and reviews on topics
of broad theoretical interest from across the range of communication studies. Essays, regardless of topic or methodological approach, must make a significant contribution to communication theory.

A completed nomination package would include a letter of application from the candidate, the candidate's vitae, two to four letters of support from published scholars familiar with the candidate's work and experience, and a letter of institutional support from the candidate's home institution. (Responsibilities are detailed in the ICA Publication Manual on the ICA website www.icahdq.org). Editors of ICA publications should reflect and seek to enhance the diversity of the Association in interest, gender, ethnicity, national origin, and regional representation. The committee hopes to fill this position soon, so please respond immediately to Mohan Dutta at mdutta@purdue.edu.

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**Online Grants Process a Huge Success for All!**

**Patrice M. Buzzanell, 2008 ICA Conference Planner**

This year, we received 89 travel grant applications from 16 faculty and 73 students through our online travel grants submission process. We were able to award some funds to everyone who had an accepted conference paper or presentation. We awarded $18,275 in cash and $8925 in conference waivers. We also provided $6,000 in matching funds to divisions and interest groups.

Our divisions and interest groups also provided a portion of their own funds as awards to defray travel costs and up to three conference waivers per unit. In all, I think that this is great support of our students and of faculty, especially those residing in developing countries.
This year's ICA conference will feature a preconference entitled "The Long History of New Media: Contemporary and Future Developments Contextualized." As its title implies, this preconference will be dedicated to applying the idea of history to the idea of 'new media'. The preconference will bring together scholars with a common interest in exploring the historical contextualization of new media.

This is a broad purview for a preconference, and the papers that have been programmed for the preconference will feature papers touching on such diverse topics as: the very idea of 'new'-ness in media, the history of video games, historical perspectives on audience analysis, the forgotten roads not taken to the development of the World Wide Web, the role of the state in the history of the internet in Niger, and the origins of color in computer art. This is just a taste of the range of topics. To see the entire program for the pre-conference, please visit the pre-conference URL here: http://ten.newmediaandsociety.com/

Participants will address and discuss theoretical constructs such as 'interactivity' and 'the digital divide,' investigate the utopianism surrounding the internet as it compares to similar ideas surrounding other media from other times., address changing ethical considerations as they relate to online and other new media research, and consider the potentially tremendous changes in methodology made possible by the advent of new media.

The midday centerpiece of the preconference will be a roundtable entitled "Doing New Media History." This roundtable will feature Carolyn Marvin, Jonathan Sterne, Lisa Gitelman, Fred Turner, and Benjamin Peters. The participants will share their insights concerning how media history is to be done, and what contemporary new media tell us about the well-established practice of media history.

The preconference is situated within a wider celebration of the 10th anniversary of New Media & Society as a leading journal for scholarly exploration of new forms of mediated communication. This anniversary will culminate in a special issue of the journal drawing from papers presented at this preconference.

The preconference also represents a coming-out party for the ICA's Communication History Interest Group, for which the 2008 conference in Montreal will be an inaugural event. All ICA members interested in historical
work in communication are welcome to join this new interest group.

The preconference will not take place at the Centre Sheraton, but will instead take place in the academic splendor of McGill University, which is walking distance from the Sheraton. Preconference attendees will convene at the Centre Sheraton on May 22 at 8:30 a.m. to walk over to the preconference venue.

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**Mediating Global Citizenship (March 21-22, 2008) ICA Preconference**

*Ingrid Volkmer, U of Melbourne*

This year's preconference "Mediating Global Citizenship" is in some ways a continuation of the debate of last year's preconference on "Methodologies of International Comparative Research." Whereas last year's conference addressed methodological issues arising from today's transnational media space, we will particularly focus on citizenship models mediated within this globalized, i.e. enlarged/compressed communicative space. As media deliver not only images of 'the world' but epistemological and ontological notions of world construction in newly fragmented highly individualized spaces of mediation, it is timely to debate and critically assess not only 'cultures of difference' but reflect these in the perspective of an integrative conceptual framework of global citizenship.

The first part of the conference will address mediated citizenship in globalized frameworks, the second part will debate the framing of citizenship in national spheres of difference and the third part will discuss the mediation of citizenship in new public terrains. The conference is organized as a 2-day event and will bring together around thirty presenters who have conducted important research in these areas.

The preconference has been organized by the Philosophy of Communication Division and is cosponsored by the divisions Global Communication/Social Change and Political Communication. The preconference is also cosponsored by Center for Global Communication Studies (Annenberg School for Communication, U of Pennsylvania).
We would like to encourage you to attend Preconference #3 titled: "What is an Organization? Materiality, Agency & Discourse," scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, and Thursday, May 22, 2008, the two days preceding the official opening of the ICA conference in Montreal. No less than three ICA divisions - the Language and Social Interaction, Organizational Communication, and Public Relations divisions - are sponsoring this international event, which also is financially supported by the Universite de Montreal, Canada, and the University of Waikato, New Zealand.

Five renowned scholars have been invited as keynote speakers for this important event: Barbara Czarniawska (U Götebord, Sweden), Bruno Latour (Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris, France), Haridimos Tsoukas (ALBA, Greece, University of Warwick, UK), Linda L. Putnam (UCSB, USA) and James R. Taylor (Universite de Montreal). Furthermore, close to 90 papers have been selected for presentation during this preconference, gathering scholars from more than 15 different countries.

Agency is a concept that is receiving increasing attention from organization and communication scholars. While some approach this notion from a discursive point of view, others propose a more hybrid view that also takes into account materiality. Organized in honor of James R. Taylor's contributions to the study of organizing, the preconference aims to engender new, thought-provoking views on this debate.

During this event, Bruno Latour will receive an honorary doctorate from the Universite de Montreal. This ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 21, at 5:15 pm after his keynote speech. A cocktail honoring James R. Taylor's career and achievements will follow at 6:00pm the same day.

The conference fee is US$65.00 for students and US$160.00 for nonstudents. Included in this price are two lunches, one cocktail, coffee breaks, and the conference proceedings.

If you are staying at the Sheraton Hotel, note that a bus will leave on May 21 and May 22 from this hotel at 8:15 am. The bus will bring you to HEC Montreal, where the preconference will be held, which is located at 3000 Chemin de la Cote-Sainte-Catherine, Montreal H3T 2A7. For more information about the
In Montreal: Conference Excursions Offer the Best of the City

Michael J. West

Four excursions are available during the 2008 ICA Conference for participants and attendees who would like a chance to explore the city of Montreal. ICA has partnered with Altima Concepts, a destination management vendor in Montreal, to present our members with the option of four tours that will offer different aspects of this historically and culturally rich city.

Tickets to any of these excursions can be purchased in advance of the conference at the ICA Conference Registration website. The tours will be canceled if a sufficient number of tickets are not sold before the Conference. An extremely limited number of tickets may be available at onsite registration.

EXCURSION #1: MONTREAL DISCOVERY TOUR
Montreal reveals some of its secrets—a city that proudly blends past, present and future. Discover this city's many facets on a City Tour specially
designed with you in mind.

You will be fascinated while visiting Mount Royal ("the mountain," to the locals), which towers above the city and region. Its main summit is the Mount Royal Park with lookouts offering an unequalled view of downtown and the St. Lawrence River. Mounted Montreal police officers patrol this distinctive park.

Set between Mount Royal and Old Montreal, the downtown sector blends a rich historical past, a dynamic recent period and a future that promises to keep Montreal in the forefront of internationally acclaimed cities. The city's main shopping artery with the elegance of its boutiques, department stores and shopping complexes, clearly attests to Montreal's reputation as a fashion capital.

Old Montreal offers one of North America's most remarkable architectural ensembles with one of the greatest concentration of 17th, 18th, and 19th century buildings. You will discover the rich cultural heritage held within this 100-acre jewel. Old Montreal is definitely a favourite with visitors, bustling with activity morning, noon and night.

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EXCURSION #2: ST. LAWRENCE RIVER CRUISE

The Bateau-Mouche is an amazing incursion in Montreal's history, a very special way to locate the sites of this modern, festive and creative city that you will then want to visit. Let yourself be guided by our animators to activities that create life in a city which is like a small European oasis in the hearth of
America. Let yourself be amazed by these moments that will dazzle you and listen to the anecdotes that will bring a smile to your face during this excursion on the majestic Saint Lawrence River.

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**EXCURSION #3: CYCLING TOUR OF MONTREAL**

A workout and a visit of Montreal - there is no better way to get to know the city! Montreal has over 350 km of biking and roller-blading trails that surround the city. Take a scenic route down the Lachine Canal or visit the Old Port and experience first hand why *Bicycling* magazine rates it as the "number one cycling city in North America."

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**EXCURSION #4: OLD MONTREAL WALKING TOUR**

Your guests will discover the secrets of Old Montreal while taking a leisurely walk through the narrow, winding streets. At their own pace, they will discover, quaint cafes, boutiques, artisans and the famous Place Jacques Cartier, a favorite
rendez-vous for artists, young people, tourists and gourmets. Their starting point is this city's oldest parish: Notre Dame Basilica built in 1829 and famous for works of art and Neo-Gothic architecture. Old Montreal offers one of North America's most remarkable architectural ensembles with one of the greatest concentration of 17th, 18th and 19th century buildings. City Hall and the Chateau Ramezay are but a few buildings of interest in this 100-acre jewel.

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Student Column: Career Skills for Prospective Candidates

Mikaela L. Marlow, U of Idaho and Rebecca Hains, Salem State College

This month’s column is written by Mikaela L. Marlow, who began a tenure-track position at the University of Idaho this fall. In this column, she shares what she learned on the job search.

Many graduate students are absorbed with daily activities related to school, teaching, and research. Yet the time will come for most to seek out a professional position. This article presents some issues to consider when initiating a scholastic position search and preparing for the employment interview.

First, candidates should conduct a general survey of institutions seeking applicants. This can be aided through journals like the Chronicle of Higher Education, or Communication Spectra, which regularly publish such information. After identifying possible organizations, some background research about the institution, department, and specific faculty you may be meeting or possibly working with is highly recommended. Such research may include (but is not limited to) the institutional philosophy, departmental focus, relevant curriculum, and research orientation. Sometimes, this kind of information may be referenced in the personal statement that candidates will
prepare as part of the application process in order to demonstrate initiative and genuine interest. Moreover, serious candidates will want to research the surrounding community to determine appropriate fit in the economic and social environment.

During the application process for academic positions, candidates will typically compose a personal statement of intent, a current CV (Curriculum Vitae), a writing sample, and three or more letters of recommendation. When writing personal statements, strive to be genuine, accentuate the positive, and discuss your research and career goals. The CV should address your education, work experience, publications, community service, references, and relevant honors or awards. Finally, in selecting recommendations, be sure to choose mentors and professors who know you well, are reliable, and understand the criteria of the position to which you are applying.

When invited to a job interview, you will want to prepare the research talk or class lecture. Consider how you expect to contribute to the department, and define the issues about which you want more information. Try to remember that this type of interview is a two-way interaction where both principals are attempting to assess whether the employment would be a good fit. Do prepare supplementary presentation materials for your research lecture, in case you run into technical complications - which happen more frequently than expected. Also, anticipate that you will probably be meeting with the Search Committee, the departmental Chairperson, and the Dean. Consider what issues they may want to discuss and have a well-defined statement of how you may be able to contribute to the goals of the department in terms of curriculum, advising, research, and community service.

Finally, when you actually receive a position offer, there are additional steps to consider. First, make sure that you have an official offer in writing before you turn down other possible positions. A recent article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* discussed a new Ph.D. who was offered a position by the Chair of an established university through e-mail. After declining several additional offers from other schools, the original and preferred offer was rescinded when the Dean of the school decided they could not afford the position. Obviously, salary and various benefits need to be clarified and possibly negotiated prior to accepting a position in addition to job criteria. The negotiation process should be anticipated prior to the interview. This means that the wise candidate will have researched salary ranges in the department and the university prior to negotiations.

Other issues include whether the institution has a faculty union, association or other representative bodies that may influence the negotiation process. How does the institution receive funding? Is it a privately or publicly funded source?
Depending on your specific career goals, you may want to inquire about research, conference, and resource funding. Tenure requirements should also be clarified. For example, what are the publishing, teaching, and service expectations for the typical tenured faculty member? What kinds of mentoring or support are available to assist new academics in achieving career goals? What percentage of new faculty actually attain tenured positions? These are sometimes sensitive topics that should be thoughtfully reviewed. They could be important in terms of long-term career goals.

To conclude, consider researching these topics when pursuing an academic position. Research the institution and department so that you are able to articulate how your skills will contribute to departmental goals. Prepare thoroughly for presentation and interview interactions to develop confidence and poise. Attending to specific employment and salary details will ensure that you find and accept a position that is personally and professionally meaningful.

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**News of Interest to the Profession**

**Jinbong Choi** (Minnesota State U, Mankato) has just had his book "Media, Culture, and Korea" released by Communication Books.

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**Division & Interest Group News**

**Ethnicity and Race in Communication (ERIC)**

Dear All,

I am delighted to let you all know that ERIC was made a division of ICA by unanimous vote at the last board meeting! Division status is granted to an interest group that maintains membership of 200 hundred or more members for two consecutive years, so this milestone is entirely due to your support. On behalf of the ERIC executive board, my sincere thanks to all of you.

We look forward to brighter and bigger things with your continued support.
See you at Montreal!

Best,
Kumi Silva, Chair
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Information Systems

Believe it or not, next month well all be meeting each other in Montreal for the 58th Annual Conference. As you plan out your schedules, please remember the following two very special sessions:

The Best of Information Systems
Sunday, May 25 from 1:30-2:45pm in Salon C

In the Mood to Face the Facts: Positive Mood Promotes Systematic Processing of Self-Threatening Information
Enny Henrica Das (Free U Amsterdam), Bob M. Fennis (U of Twente)

Motivational Processing and Choice Behavior During Television Viewing: An Integrative Dynamic Approach
Zheng Joyce Wang (Ohio State U), Annie Lang (Indiana U), Jerome R Busemeyer (Indiana University)

The Impact of Attitude Accessibility and Decision Style on Adolescents
Biased Processing of Antismoking PSAs
Lijiang Shen (U of Georgia), Jennifer Monahan (U of Georgia), Nancy Rhodes (U of Alabama), David R. Roskos-Ewoldsen (U of Alabama)

When Are Strong Arguments Stronger Than Weak Arguments?
Deindividuation Effects on Message Elaboration in CMC
Eun-Ju Lee (Seoul National U)

Respondent: Michael D. Slater (Ohio State U)

This will be followed by the Information Systems Division meeting in the same room from 3-4:15pm. Be sure to attend to find out what’s happening in Division #1!

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Intercultural Communication
The Intercultural Communication Division (ICD) has an excellent slate of programs for the 2008 conference in Montreal. This year the division received 75 papers submissions and four panel proposals. Thirty-four papers were accepted and programmed, for an acceptance rate of 45 percent. Two of the panel proposals were accepted and programmed. The ICD recognizes and thanks this years reviewers for their hard work and dedication. The ICD recognizes that there are few extrinsic rewards for their service and that it is largely their competence and commitment that determine the quality of our programming. Thanks to Jerry Allen, Deborah Cai, Wai Hsien Cheah, Stephen Croucher, Jeffrey Child, Mike Hazen, Carmen Lee, Han Li, Yang Lin, Steven Mortenson, Rebecca Merkin, Hee-Sun Park, Jason Wrench, Young-ok Yum, and Qin Zhang.

The ICD also extends its congratulations to the 2008 top ranked papers. This year we have two top paper programs, including the top four ranked papers, and the top three ranked student authored papers. The top four ranked papers will be presented on Sunday, May 25 at 3:00 pm in the Le Centre Sheraton, Lamartine room and include: Punctuated Equilibria of Ethnic Identity Development: The Case of Mexican-Heritage Youth in the United States by Masaki Matsunaga, Khadidiatou Ndiaye, Michael L. Hecht, and Elvira Elek; Differences Between White Americans and Asian Americans for Social Responsibility, Individual Right, and Intentions Regarding Organ Donation by Hee Sun Park, Yoon Sook Shin, and Doshik Yun; The Relationships Between Ethnocentrism and Cultural Identity, Self-Esteem, and Emotional Intelligence by Christine M. Collaco, Qingwen Dong, Mariela Vera, Danny Nuss, Ashley Dolezal, and Jaime Souza; and A Comparative Analysis Between Muslim and Non-Muslim Self-Construals and Conflict Styles in France and Britain by Stephen Michael Croucher, Ian M. Borton, Deepa Oommen, Jacob Stephen Turner, and Samara Anarbaeva. The top three student papers will be presented on Saturday, May 24 at 3:00 pm in the Le Centre Sheraton, Lamartine room and include: Face Goals in Conflict Avoidance: A Cross-Cultural Analysis by Bing Han; The U.S. Military Ghetto and Modern Soundscape in Postwar Korea (1950s-1960s); Audible Memories of Postcolonial Melancholia by Yongwoo Lee; and Sticks and Stones: The Effects of Self-Construals on Assessing Appraisals, Attributions, and Consequences of Hurt Feelings by Robert Shota Tokunaga. In addition to these panels, ICD has programmed nine other panels with an eclectic mix of scholarly papers.

All ICD members are encouraged to attend the annual ICD Business Meeting on Sunday, May 25 from 4:30 - 5:45 pm (immediately following the top four paper panel) in Le Centre Sheraton, Lamartine room. An important agenda item this year is the passage of a new set of ICD By-laws. Immediately
following the business meeting on Sunday the ICD will host a reception from 6:00 to 7:15 pm in the same room. All ICA members are welcome.

In non-conference news, be on the look-out for the new ICD webpage coming soon! Special thanks to Sam Luna for his patience and expertise in the endeavor.

Looking forward to seeing you in Montreal!

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Organizational Communication

Dear Members of NCA and ICA Organizational Communication Divisions:

One of the very best things about being associated with Organizational Communication is the network of really smart, collaborative, open, and fun people that comprise our sub-discipline. We embrace and celebrate our scholarship in ways that are the envy of many other seven our business meetings are fun! We think this is the reason that so many of us remain very active in both NCA and ICA Organizational Communication Divisions.

We hope you are one of those people. If not, we encourage you to join both NCA and ICA Organizational Communication Divisions and attend the conferences. This year the ICA Conference is at Le Centre Sheraton Hotel, Montreal, Quebec, Canada from May 22-26, 2008. The theme is "Communicating for Social Impact.

The Organizational Communication Division has an exciting program scheduled. First, the Organizational Communication division is co-sponsoring with the Public Relations and LSI divisions a preconference on What is an Organization? Materiality, Agency and Discourse on May 21 & 22, 2008. At the conference we have 19 panels programmed with something for every research interest and theoretical orientation. Panel topics include: values-based organizations; network research; group-based organizing; discursive approaches to organizing; organizational crisis and change; work-life issues; technology and organizing; the virtual organization; organizational leadership; social justice and organizations; and much more! In addition, our traditional Top Three Panel has as its respondent our very own ICA President-elect, Patrice Buzzanell. Finally, come and join us for our annual Organizational Communication Division reception after the business meeting! In keeping with our new tradition, the officers of the Division will buy all new members a drink. We hope to see you there!
Call for Papers

CALLS FOR PAPERS/ABSTRACTS

Special Issue of *Asian Journal of Communication*: "Hybridization of Reality: Re-Imagining Communication Environment in Korea." Guest Editors: Hye-ryeon Lee (U of Hawaii at Manoa); Hyoknam Kwon (Chonbuk National University); Eungjun Min (Rhode Island College). The concept of hybridity enables us to explore broadly the impact of new times on the social and political landscape of modernity. At first, one can incorporate foreign elements while it maintains its identity and recognizes the differences. Those elements and the idea of difference then go through the process of naturalization or neutralization within the body of the host culture. Koreans have appropriated global goods, conventions and styles, including music, cuisine, cinema, and fashion, and inscribed their everyday meaning into them. Now their version of glocalized consciousness is appropriated by neighboring countries (i.e., HanRyu: Korean Wave), which has already been appropriating global popular cultural forms to express their local sentiment and culture. This issue aims to improve our understanding of the role of communication in the making of hybridities in Korea through various communication practices such as journalism, interpersonal and organization relations, PR and advertising, media production/reception, international/intercultural relations, cinema, and internet. Please submit manuscripts by email in Microsoft Word format no later than September 1, 2008 to: Professor Eungjun Min (emin@ric.edu or
ejmin57@hotmail.com for Hanmail users). Manuscripts will be double-blind reviewed. More information about submission guidelines can be found at www.informaworld.com/rajc. Click Instructions for Authors.

The Communication Review solicits papers in the interdisciplinary field of media studies. We particularly encourage historical work, feminist work, and visual work, and invite submissions from those employing critical theoretical and empirical approaches to a range of topics under the general rubric of communication and media studies research. The Communication Review also functions as a review of current work in the field. Towards this end, the editors are always open to proposals for special issues that interrogate and examine current controversies in the field. We also welcome non-traditionally constructed articles which critically examine and review current sub-fields of and controversies within communication and media studies; we offer an expedited review process for timely statements. Please direct your papers, suggestions for special issues and queries to Tatiana Omeltchenko, Managing Editor, at to3y@virginia.edu. For more information about the journal and submission guidelines, please see the journals website at http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/10714421.html.

Call for papers: American Journal of Media Psychology Special Issue: "Measuring Individuals Cognitive Structures in a Mediated Context." Researchers with interests in such areas as cognitive processing, social cognition, social perception, schema research, and framing within the context of media, are invited to submit papers to the American Journal of Media Psychology for a special issue that focuses on methodological approaches that detail the procedures by which cognitive components and structures are identified and measured in such fields as advertising, marketing, political communications, and related areas. A manuscript submission is expected to detail a theoretically based methodological approach for the measurement of cognitive components and structures and provide empirical data that tests the approach used by the author(s). The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2008.

The American Journal of Media Psychology is a peer-reviewed scientific journal that publishes theoretical and empirical papers and essays and book reviews that advance an understanding of media effects and processes on individuals in society. Submissions should have a psychological focus, which means the level of analysis should focus on individuals and their interaction with or relationship to mass media content and institutions. All theoretical and methodological perspectives are welcomed. For instructions on submitting a manuscript, please visit: http://www.marquettejournals.org/submissionguidelines.html. Researchers who
intend on making a submission to this special issue are encouraged to contact Dr. Michael Elasmar, Editor, American Journal of Media Psychology at elasmar@bu.edu and discuss their anticipated approach to this topic.

**Page and Johnson Legacy Scholar Grants - Request for Proposals.** The Arthur W. Page Center at the Penn State College of Communications announces its fourth Page and Johnson Legacy Scholar competition for the study of integrity in public communication. The Center will award up to $75,000 in grants of $1,000 to $25,000 each to support scholars and professionals making important contributions to knowledge, practice, or public understanding of ethics and responsibility in public communication. The themes for this years call for proposals are: ethics in public communication; role of public relations in fostering corporate responsibility; How company credos and codes of ethics affect corporate behavior; Women and minorities in public relations; curriculum development in and pedagogical approaches to ethics in public relations; other areas of Pages or Johnsons legacy, including political communication, public opinion formation and attitude change, history of public relations, health communication, and international broadcasting. Deadline for receipt of proposals: March 10, 2008. For more information on the Legacy Scholar competition, contact Cinda Kostyak, associate director, The Arthur W. Page Center, College of Communications, 201-C Carnegie Building, Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802, 814-865-3070, or visit our website at: http://www.comm.psu.edu/pagecenter.

**Chinese Journal of (CJoC)**
Launched in 2008, *Chinese Journal of Communication (CJoC)* is a new venture of scholarly publication aimed at elevating Chinese communication studies along theoretical, empirical, and methodological dimensions. The new refereed journal will be an important international platform for students and scholars in Chinese communication studies to exchange ideas and research results. Interdisciplinary in scope, it will examine subjects in all Chinese societies in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macau, Singapore, and the global Chinese diaspora. The CJoC welcomes research articles using social scientific or humanistic approaches on such topics as mass communication, journalism studies, telecommunications, rhetoric, cultural studies, media effects, new communication technologies, organizational communication, interpersonal communication, advertising and PR, political communication, communications law and policy, and so on. Articles employing historical and comparative analysis focused on traditional Chinese culture as well as contemporary processes such as globalization, deregulation, and
democratization are also welcome.

Published by Routledge, CJoC is institutionally based at the Communication Research Centre, the School of Journalism and Communication, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. For more information and submission instructions, please visit http://www.informaworld.com/cjoc.

Journal of Children and Media is an interdisciplinary and multimethod peer-reviewed publication that provides a space for discussion by scholars and professionals from around the world and across theoretical and empirical traditions who are engaged in the study of media in the lives of children. Submissions: Submissions should be delivered as an email attachment to Dafna Lemish, Editor at: lemish@post.tau.ac.il. Manuscripts must conform to the American Psychological Association (APA) style with a maximum length of 8,000 words, including notes and references. The manuscript should be accompanied by an abstract of up to 150 words, biographical information for each author of up to 75 words each, and up to 10 keywords. For further information please visit: http://www.informaworld.com/jocam.

International Journal of Strategic Communication is issuing a call for papers for its fourth and subsequent issues. The journal provides a forum for multidisciplinary and multi-paradigmatic research about the role of communication, broadly defined, in achieving the goals of a wide range of communicative entities: for-profit organizations, non-profit organizations, social movements, political parties or politicians, governments, government agencies, personalities. For communication to be strategic it has to be purposeful and planned. The aim of the journal is to bring diverse approaches together with the purpose of developing an international, coherent and holistic approach to the field. Scholars in a broad range of communication specialities addressing strategic communication by organizations are invited to submit articles. Articles are blind-reviewed by three members of the editorial board, which consists of 34 scholars from 15 countries representing a broad array of theoretical and methodological perspectives. Submissions are electronic via the journal's website at ijosc@lamar.colostate.edu. Manuscripts should be no longer than 30 word-processed pages and adhere to the APA Publications Manual. For more information, contact editors Derina Holtzhausen, University of South Florida, dholtzha@cas.usf.edu or Kirk Hallahan, Colorado State University, kirk.hallahan@colostate.edu.

Feminist Media Studies. Authors in North America, Latin America, and the
Caribbean: submit to Lisa McLaughlin, Editor; e-mail: mclauglm@muohio.edu. Authors in Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australasia: submit to Cynthia Carter, Editor; e-mail: cartercl@cardiff.ac.uk.


**Journal of Communication Studies, National Council of Development Communication.** Soliciting research papers, abstracts. E-mail: Shveta Sharma, communication@jcs@yahoo.com.

Hampton Book Series: **Communication, Globalization, and Cultural Identity.** Jan Servaes, Hampton Book Series Editor, c/o School of Journalism and Communication, University of Queensland, Brisbane QLD 4072, Australia. Phone: +61 (7) 3365 6115 or 3088. Fax: +61 (7) 3365 1377. Email: j.servaes@uq.edu.au.

Manuscripts. **Subject Matters: A Journal of Communications and the Self.** E-mail: subjectmatters@londonmet.ac.uk.

Submissions. **Journal of Middle East Women's Studies (JMEWS).** Info: Marcia C. Inhorn, Director of the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, U of Michigan, and Mary N. Layoun, Chair of Comparative Literature, U of Wisconsin, Editors. Web: http://iupjournals.org/jmews/.

**Communication Review.** *The Communication Review* solicits papers in the interdisciplinary field of media studies. We are interested in papers discussing any aspect of media: media history, globalization of media, media institutions, media analysis, media criticism, media policy, media economics. We also invite essays about the nature of media studies as an emergent, interdisciplinary field. Please direct papers to Andrea L. Press and Bruce A. Williams, Editors, Media Studies Program, University of Virginia. Email: alp5n@virginia.edu, baw5n@b.mail.virginia.edu. For more information about the journal and submission guidelines, please see the journal's website at http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/10714421.asp.

**Call for Manuscripts -** **The Journal of Native Aging & Health** publishes articles that address Native aging, health, and related issues. All theoretical and methodological approaches are welcome. Original research and studies should apply existing theory and research to Native Americans, Alaskan, Hawaiian, Islanders and First Nations Peoples, or should illuminate how knowledge informs and reforms exiting theories and research on Native
populations, aging, and health. No material identifying the author(s) should appear in the body of the paper. Each submission must include a separate cover page with the name of the author(s); present academic title or other current position; academic department and university (if appropriate); and complete address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if available). The submission also must include a single-paragraph abstract of no more than 120 words on a separate page. Manuscripts, abstracts, references, figures, and tables must conform to the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (2001, Fifth Edition) guidelines. Contributors are encouraged to be familiar with the Manual's guidelines for avoiding bias in language used to express ideas in the manuscript. By submitting to JNAH, authors warrant that they will not submit their manuscript to any other publication without first withdrawing the manuscript from consideration by JNAH, that the work is original, and that appropriate credit has been given to other contributors in the project. Reports of the original research and papers may not exceed 25 pages (including references, tables, figures, and appendixes). Copies of submissions will not be returned to the author(s). Send four paper copies of complete papers to Pamela J. Kalbfleish, Editor, Journal of Native Aging & Health, School of Communication, University of North Dakota, 202A O'Kelly Hall, Grand Forks, ND 58202. Along with your paper copies, include a disk with your submission in Word document format or attach an electronic copy of your manuscript to an e-mail sent to the editorial office. Questions may be directed to the editorial office via e-mail at yearbook@und.nodak.edu, telephone 701-777-2673, or fax 701-777-3955. Ordering Information: To order a copy of the Journal, contact: Dr. Pamela J. Kalbfleisch, Editor, Journal of Native Aging & Health, School of Communication, University of North Dakota, Box 7169, 202A O'Kelly Hall, Grand Forks, ND 58202. $25.00 a copy / $40.00 year subscription.

**Journal of Marketing and Communication Management.** The Managing Editors, *JMCM*, Department of Marketing and Communication Management, University of Pretoria, Pretoria 0001, South Africa. Info: http://www.jmcm.co.za. E-mail: Professor C H van Heerden, nheerden@hakuna.up.ac.za, or Professor Anske Grobler,anske@postino.up.ac.za.


Proposals. **Alternatives Within the Mainstream II: Queer Theatre in Britain.**
Deadline extended. Papers. Journal of Middle East Media (JMEM), Center for International Media Education (CIME) at Georgia State U and the Arab-U.S. Association for Communication Educators (AUSACE). Mohammed el-Naway, Senior Editor, Department of Communication, One Park Place South, 10th Floor, Georgia State U, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, USA. E-mail: jouman@langate.gsu.edu.

New Journal - Communication for Development and Social Change. A new journal, Communication for Development and Social Change, is seeking papers that will present empirical research, theory, and practice-oriented approaches on subjects relevant to development communication and social change. Authors may submit inquiries and manuscripts electronically to Jan Servaes, Department of Journalism and Communication, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, at j.sarvaes@uq.edu.au.

December 15, 2008. Call for Papers. Quinnipiac University and the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Health Academy announce the first annual PRSA Health Academy Paper Competition. The purpose of the competition is to encourage applied research of value to public relations professionals. The winner of the competition will present his/her paper at the PRSA Health Academy Spring Conference to be held in Washington, DC in late April or early May, 2009. In addition, the winner will receive a $150 cash award and will be reimbursed for transportation and lodging costs.

Papers might address such issues as hospital public relations, pharmaceutical public relations, medical public relations, health policy, health management, medical device manufacturing public relations, insurance public relations, or current trends in healthcare. Papers may be submitted by professionals, doctoral students/candidates, or faculty members of any rank. Papers may be solo-authored or co-authored. (Cash and reimbursement will be provided to lead author.) Papers should be between 15 - 30 pages (including references), double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12-point font including references. Papers should be prepared using APA style. Papers may be reports of original research or essays. Papers will be judged by a panel of reviewers including academics and members of the PRSA Health Academy Board. Among the factors judges will consider: usefulness of the paper to working professionals, clarity, writing quality, and contribution to the public relations body of knowledge.

The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2008. All papers should be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word and sent to Dr. Kurt Wise, APR,
Chair of the Public Relations Department, School of Communications, Quinnipiac University (kurt.wise@quinnipiac.edu). Identification material should not be included in the body of the paper. Identification of authors and contact information should be included only in e-mail messages and cover sheet. The winner will be announced February 1, 2009. All questions should be directed to Dr. Wise.

CONFERENCES


Call for Papers: Research Conference on Communication, Information, and Internet Policy. The 36th Research Conference on Communication, Information, and Internet Policy Hosted by the Center for Technology and the Law George Mason University Law School Arlington, Virginia Friday, September 26, 2008 through Sunday, September 28 www.tprc.org. TPRC is an annual conference on communication, information, and internet policy that convenes international and interdisciplinary practitioners and researchers from academia, industry, government, and nonprofit organizations together with policy makers. The purpose of the conference is to acquaint policymakers with the best of recent research and to familiarize researchers with the knowledge requirements of policymakers and industry. The conference will consist of papers selected from reviewed, submitted abstracts, student posters, and selected panel submissions. TPRC is now soliciting abstracts of papers, panel proposals and student posters for presentation at the 2008 conference. Proposals should be based on current theoretical or empirical research relevant to communication and information policy, and may be from any disciplinary perspective. TPRC seeks submissions of disciplinary, comparative, multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary excellence. More details, including a listing of subject areas of particular interest, can be found at: http://www.tprc.org.

Submissions are due by May 2, 2008. Abstracts, panel proposals and poster submissions must be submitted electronically at http://www.tprc.org. For posters and abstract, please identify the methods, central ideas, and outcomes (obtained or expected) of the research. A secondary classification of the method used in the research will be requested upon submission to assure appropriate review. Responses will be made by May 30, 2008. Selected papers will be due to TPRC on August 15th and authors are expected to
present the accepted submission. Abstracts are not to exceed 500 words. Poster sessions will be available to enable the display of current student work. **Students only** are recommended to enter the poster competition. We welcome industry-specific but not vendor-specific panels. Students are encouraged to submit papers for the student paper competition (see Student Papers CFP). **Full Student papers must be submitted by May 2, 2008.**

**May 15-18, 2008.** Mark your calendars now for the 63rd AAPOR (American Association of Public Opinion Research) conference, May 15-18, 2008. The conference will bring together almost a thousand of country's leading public opinion research scientists to discuss and analyze the latest research on public opinion and survey methodology, theory, and results. This year's conference is being held in the fascinating City of New Orleans -- a fitting location given the theme of the Conference: "Polls for the Public Good." The city will provide an important case study for conference sessions and speakers who will focus on the ways in which public opinion research since Hurricane Katrina has - and can continue to be - used "...for the public good." Plus, of course, New Orleans provides a setting for the AAPOR conference that is unique in the United States -- with the French Quarter, Jackson Square, Mississippi River, and historical sites all within walking distance of the conference hotel. Registration begins in February 2008.

**June 1-4, 2008.** The Society for Technical Communications 2008 **Technical Communication Summit** will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The conference will feature evaluation workshops and technical sessions in the following areas: designing and assessing user experiences; developing and delivering content; producing and publishing information; managing people, projects, and business; developing your skills and promoting your profession; and applying research and theory to practice. In addition, preconference certificate programsManagement, Master Writers, Technical Communication 101, Usability and Accessibility, and Design and Development will be offered, and Institutes, conferences-within-the-conference, will explore the areas of instructional design, business development, globalization and localization, and content management in depth. Howard Rheingold, founding executive editor of Hot Wired and author of Smart Mobs, The Virtual Community, and Tools for Thought, will be the events keynote speaker. For more information, please visit www.stc.org/55thConf/index.asp.

**July 3-6, 2008.** The International Society for Interpersonal Acceptance and
Rejection and the School of Primary Education, University of Crete, Greece, have the pleasure to officially announce that the 2nd International Congress on Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection will be held in Rethymno town on the island of Crete (at the University of Crete), from July 3rd - 6th, 2008. For more information, please visit the Congress website: www.isipar08.org or contact Prof. Elias Kourkoutas, President of the Organizing Committee, at hkourk@edc.uoc.gr.


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July 10 13, 2008. NCA 2008 Summer Conference: "Methods and Measures for Communication and Cognition Research." Inn & Conference Center, College Park, Maryland. Methods for studying the cognitive activity of communicators are changing rapidly. Technological advances and cutting-edge statistical methods are now available for studying cognitive processes, yet communication scholars are only beginning to become familiar with and make use of these advances. This conference is designed to provide an opportunity for you to become familiar with these tools by having scholars present and demonstrate the latest developments in technology and statistical methods, introducing researchers to new possibilities for studying social cognition and communication. For more information about the conference and registration, please visit the Communication and Social Cognition Summer Conference website: www.ou.edu/csc/conference.htm

The 11th International Conference on Language and Social Psychology (ICLASPXI) will be held in Tucson, Arizona, July 16-20th, 2008. ICLASPXI will offer innovative scholarly exchange, shared meals, receptions, and the opportunity to experience the beautiful Sonoran Desert. Distinguished keynote speakers include: Howard Giles, Chris Segrin, Bonny Norton, Jon Nussbaum, and Tadasu Todd Imahori. We invite you to submit a proposal for presentation (deadline February 1st, 2008). Proposals should be sent in electronic form (single file: .txt, .rtf, .pdf, or .doc format) to Jake Harwood at jharwood@u.arizona.edu. Please put "ICLASP 11 submission" in the subject
September 5-6, 2008. "Representing Islam: Comparative Perspectives."
International Conference, University of Manchester. We invite single-paper and full-panel proposals. We anticipate proposals on topics emanating from the fields of Political Communication, Communication Science, Media Studies, Film Studies, Cultural Studies, Sociology, Social Psychology, Translation Studies, Sociolinguistics, and Modern Languages. An edited volume based on selected conference papers will be published.
Accommodation and meals will be provided on campus by the University of Manchester. The conference fee will be discounted for students.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Sexuality Studies: A book series by Temple University Press. The coeditors of Sexuality Studies-Janice Irvine and Regina Kunzel-are currently soliciting book manuscripts. The series features work in sexuality studies, in its social, cultural, and political dimensions, and in both historical and contemporary formations. The editors seek books that will appeal to a broad, cross-disciplinary audience of both academic and nonacademic readers. Submissions to Sexuality Studies are welcome through Janet Francendese, Editor in Chief, Temple University Press (janet.francendese@temple.edu). Information on how to submit manuscripts can be found at: http://www.temple.edu/tempress/submissions.html. Initial inquiries about proposals can also be sent to: Janice Irvine, University of Massachusetts, Department of Sociology. irvine@soc.umass.edu; or, Regina Kunzel, University of Minnesota, Departments of Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies and History rkunzel@williams.edu.

The IABC Research Foundation is offering a grant for US $50,000 for Research on Communication Department Structure and Best Practices. Proposal guidelines can be found on the Research Foundation website http://www.iabc.com/rf/. The IABC Research Foundation serves as the non-profit research and development arm of IABC (International Association of Business Communicators). The Foundation is dedicated to contributing new findings, knowledge and understanding to the communication profession, and to helping organizations and communicators maximize organizational success. Through the generosity of donors, corporate sponsors and volunteers, the Foundation delivers original communication research and tools not available in the commercial marketplace.
The Canadian Journal of Communication (CJC) is a quarterly peer-reviewed journal committed to publishing outstanding scholarship in communications, media and cultural studies, journalism, and information studies. CJC is looking for theoretically innovative and methodologically challenging original manuscripts, in English or French, for immediate peer-review. To submit an article for peer-review go to the CJC website http://www.cjc-online.ca and click on the "submit" button. Articles for peer-review should be approximately 6,000 to 8,000 words in length. In addition to the traditional peer-reviewed article the CJC will develop innovative forms and formats for discussions of current practices including: media reviews, research overviews of current projects, and polemical commentaries. These submissions are shorter in length and may be either more descriptive or experimental in tone. Please direct ideas and inquiries to editor@cjconline.ca. For information on book reviews please contact our book review editor, Leslie Regan Shade, at review_editor@cjconline.ca. Info on CJC: Kim Sawchuk, Editor, CJC, editor@cjc-online.ca.

Visiting doctoral fellowships. The Media Management and Transformation Center (MMTC) at Jonkoping International Business School, Jonkoping University, Sweden, in the field of media business and media economics for advanced doctoral students. Dr. Cinzia dal Zotto, Research Manager, Media Management and Transformation Center, Jonkoping International Business School, P.O. Box 1026, SE-551 11 Jonkoping, SWEDEN. Info: http://www.jibs.se/mmtc. Email for more information: cinzia.dalzotto@ihh.hj.se.

NCI Fellowship in Health Communication and Informatics
The Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch (HCIRB) is accepting Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) applicants for a Paid Fellowship Opportunity. HCIRB contributes to the reduction in death and suffering due to cancer by supporting research and development of a seamless health communication and informatics infrastructure. Through internal and extramural programs, the Branch supports basic and translational research across the cancer continuum. This CRTA fellowship offers outstanding training opportunities in health communication. The CRTA fellow will be a welcomed member of a team of passionate scientists, psychologists, and health communication researchers. Appropriate to the fellows interests, participation and leadership opportunities are offered in Information Technology projects, marketing and dissemination, health trends survey design and analysis, peer-reviewed journal articles, and travel to national meetings and conferences.
Master or bachelor level degree, preferably in health communication, health informatics, public health, or related field; strong organizational, planning, problem solving, and project management skills; excellent interpersonal skills; ability to work independently and creatively. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or resident aliens; be available 40 hours per week, for a six-month minimum. Some flexibility in work hours is allowed. The fellowship is renewable for up to two years and is based on demonstrated progress by mutual agreement among the fellow and supervisor.

For more details including how to apply:
http://dccps.nci.nih.gov/brp/about/docs/HClRBCRTAFellowship.pdf

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Available Positions & Other Advertising

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY - HARRISBURG
Instructor of Speech Communication Position
School of Humanities

Penn State Harrisburg seeks applications for a one-year, nontenure track appointment as Instructor of Speech Communications effective August 15, 2008. Our vibrant and growing College of 4000 students offers a significant opportunity for the right candidate. For information on the College, see http://www.hbg.psu.edu. Teaching duties include the required Effective Speech courses as well as courses in business/organizational, health, or other speech communications specialty. This one-year appointment may be renewed and carries a teaching load of twelve credits/semester in Speech Communications; primary responsibility is teaching, with some service to the College expected. Candidates should have experience and enthusiasm for teaching public speaking. Ph.D. in Speech, Speech Communications or related area preferred; ABD considered; masters degree required.

To be considered, send a cover letter explaining experience and match with this description, three letters of reference, evidence of teaching effectiveness (e.g. syllabi, course evaluations, peer observations), and curriculum vitae to Speech Communications Search Committee, PO Box: ICA-27153, c/o Ms. Dorothy J. Guy, Penn State Harrisburg, 777 West Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057-4898. Review of applications will begin March 15, 2008 and
The Institute of Communications Research at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign seeks to fill a regular entry-level, tenure-track position beginning August 16, 2008, in its historic Ph.D. program and growing undergraduate media studies program. Desired qualifications include a Ph.D. or advanced ABD in communications or a related field, with a research specialization in one or more of the following: cultural studies of media, media industries, law and policy, global media, social science approaches, feminist theory, science studies, new media, children and the media, writing for the media.

Responsibilities include interdisciplinary scholarly research and teaching in both undergraduate and doctoral programs. Salary: Negotiable, based on experience and qualifications. Salaries are competitive. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. To ensure full consideration, please send curriculum vita, three letters of reference and a letter of application by April 14, 2008, to:

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The University of Illinois is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer committed to achieving a diverse community- Women, minorities, and people with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

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HONG KONG UNIVERSITY
School of Communication
Department of Communication Studies
1. Public Relations and Advertising (PR155/07-08)
Applicants should have a relevant PhD degree with teaching experience in some of the following courses: Campaign Planning, PR Writing, Financial Public Relations, and Global PR. The ability to teach bilingual copywriting and public relations writing classes is considered a major plus.

2. Organizational Communication (PR156/07-08)
Applicants should have a relevant PhD degree with teaching experience in some of the following courses: Leadership Communication, Communication Training & Development, Technology & Organizational Communication, and Theory & Research Methods.

Applicants should have demonstrated research ability. Knowledge of Chinese culture and society is preferred. Applicants for the post of Associate Professor should have demonstrated excellent teaching and research record plus academic or administrative leadership in their respective specialization. ABD candidates nearing completion will be considered as Lecturer grade staff. Initial appointment will be made on a fixed-term contract of one/two years commencing September 2008.

Appointees are expected to teach at undergraduate and possibly postgraduate level, conduct research, supervise undergraduate honors projects and contribute to the development of curriculum of their respective specialized areas. They are also expected to provide service for the Department and the School of Communication.

Those who have responded to the advertisement posted for Department of Communication Studies recently need not reapply.

Terms of Appointment:
Rank and Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience in university teaching, research and administration. Benefits include contribution by the University to a retirement benefits scheme and/or a gratuity payable upon satisfactory completion of contract, annual leave, medical & dental benefits for appointee & family, quarters accommodation and relocation allowance, where applicable. Re-appointment thereafter is subject to mutual agreement.

Application Procedure:
Applicants are invited to write in response to the requirements and fill in the application form which is obtainable by downloading from: http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/~pers. Application, together with copies of transcripts/testimonials should be sent to the Personnel Office, Hong Kong
Baptist University, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon [Fax: (852) 3411-5001; E-mail: recruit@hkbu.edu.hk]. Applicants are requested to send in three samples of their most recent publications and request two referees to send in confidential letters of reference to the Personnel Office direct. Please quote PR number on all correspondence. Details of the University's Personal Information Collection Statement can be found at http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/~pers/job.

The University reserves the right not to make an appointment for the post advertised, and the appointment will be made according to the terms & conditions then applicable at the time of offer. General information about the University is available on the Web at http://www.hkbu.edu.hk

Review of applications will begin on 1 March 2008 and continue until the positions are filled.

The following is the web link about the position:
http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/~pers/job/ad080119S-COM.htm#PR155/07-08