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ICA 2008-2009 Officer Elections Begin September 2

Michael J. West, ICA Staff

Beginning September 2, ICA members will vote using an online-only ballot for association-wide and division/interest group officers. The online ballot is easy to use, expense-free, and has since its introduction generated high voter turnout.

Polls will remain open until October 17.

To access the ballot from the ICA website (www.icahdq.org), members will need their ICA login name and password. Members should make sure that ICA has their correct email address so that the association can send them an announcement of the election and a link to the ballot. The ICA website allows you to personally verify, correct, and/or update the information. The association-wide elections include the 1-year term for President-Elect. Candidates for the position in this election are Francois Cooren (U de Montreal) and Peng Hwa Ang (Nanyang Technological U). Members will also have the chance to elect Board Members-at-Large for both the East and West regions of Asia. The candidates for a 3-year term as Board Member-at-Large (East Asia) are Youichi Ito (Keio U, Japan) and Eun-Ju Lee (Seoul National U, Korea). Hassan Abu Bakar (U of Utar, Malaysia) and Rohan Samarajiva (LIRNEasia, Sri Lanka) are the candidates for a 3-Year term as Board Member-at-Large (West

NOTICE

Beginning in March 2009, the *Journal of Communication* will publish book reviews electronically. Book reviews will be electronically indexed with the *Journal of Communication* and will be available as an electronic supplement through the Taylor and Francis *Journal of Communication* website, as well as through ICA's newsletter and website. The Book reviews will be archived and will be searchable online. Eventually book reviews will no longer appear in print. This move will allow for more space to be devoted to publishing original articles while simultaneously allowing JOC to publish timely book reviews of social scientific and humanistic communication research without page constraints. Accordingly, JOC solicits book reviews for 2008 books and for early-released 2009 books, and invites scholars interested in writing critical review essays for multiple works to contact Book Review Editor Elisia Cohen (elisia.cohen@uky.edu).

the candidates for a 3-year term as Board Member-at-Large (West Asia). Members can also choose between Kerk Kee (U of Texas) and Malte Hinrichsen (Hannover U of Music and Drama) for Student Board Member, a 2-year term. In addition, 20 of the 24 ICA Divisions and Special Interest Groups will have officer positions up for election (see below).

Also, members will vote on one proposed bylaw change: a recommendation by ICA's Task Force on Division/Interest Group Structure to increase the signature requirement for the formation of an Interest Group.

Statements for presidential candidates will appear in the September issue of the Newsletter. All other statements are on the ICA home page.

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Proposed ICA Bylaw Change for Interest Groups

Michael Haley, ICA Executive Director

The Task Force on Division/Interest Group Structure favored increasing the signature requirement for the formation of an interest group to 1% of the membership of ICA at the end of the membership years just prior to the time of a petition. The Board of Directors concurred with the 1% requirement.

Given the growth of ICA and its anticipated future expansion, the signatory requirement for 30 signatures has become dated and an insufficient measure of member interest today. At the time the 30 signature requirement was instituted, ICA membership was approximately 1500. Today it is at 4300 members.

Bolded red text indicates material to be deleted. Bolded blue text indicates material to be added. The full text of the current bylaws is available on the ICA website: <http://www.icahdq.org>.

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1 shall be amended as follows:

ESTABLISHMENT. A group of **30 1% (one percent)** or more Active Members of the Association may petition the Executive Director to establish an Interest Group. Petitions shall be routinely processed unless special circumstances warrant a review by the Board of Directors. Each petition to establish an Interest Group must contain a title for the group and be accompanied by a description of the unique purpose of the group, in contrast to existing Interest Groups and Divisions.

Subject: Undelivered Mail Returned to Sender: Sender Denied

If you are not receiving emails from the ICA home offices at least once a month, your mail server is probably blocking our email messages to you. If you wish to get announcements from ICA-calls, grant information, fellowships, newsletter announcements, etc. - contact your network administrator and have them allow emails from the icahdq.org domain. ICA broadcasts email announcements from email@icahdq.org and membership@icahdq.org.

President's Message: A Year in Advance

Patrice Buzzanell, Purdue U



It is an honor and a humbling experience to be President of the largest international communication association and to follow recent Presidents such as **Sonia Livingstone, Ron Rice, Wolfgang Donsbach,** and **Jon Nussbaum**. Joined by **Barbie Zelizer** as President-Elect, our Executive Committee holds within it the collective expertise and wisdom to grapple with emerging issues of concern to ICA and to seek opinions from our Board, committees, task forces, and general membership.

As each of our Presidents have taken their own specific angle but have continued forward the agendas of others, I too have particular initiatives in which I am invested. I outlined these in my position statement prior to election. However, in the year I have served as President-Elect, 2008 Montreal program planner, President of the Council of Communication Associations, and spokesperson for ICA at international conferences, I my views on these issues have taken different, more nuanced and integrated, and more urgent slants.

First, still of greatest concern to me is the accessibility of our research and its perceived importance, quality, and connection to real world issues and development of knowledge. We are involved in interorganizational networks and ongoing discussions with our publisher, task force members, and other organizations to develop more effective ways of enhancing accessibility while changing and preserving the strengths of our financial profile. With the release of National Research Council (NRC) data approaching rapidly and steady progress toward incorporating more journals in the ISI listings, we are positioned well. We intend to work toward collaborating with international associations on alternative quality measures, develop greater connections with funding agencies, review our publicity and awards processes, and continue related work initiated by our past Presidents.

Second, we have made amazing inroads in internationalization efforts. It hasn't been that long since we voted to have and have recruited Regional Board members. Over the last few years, our efforts and success in internationalization have been remarkable. As always, however, there is much more that can be done. Re-examining all of our

procedures, language usage, and organizing logics is one charge on which we will work this year. Also, we will be examining how to put into place the many suggestions that came out of panels and committee or task force meetings at our Montreal conference and over the upcoming year. One suggestion was offer members of our international affiliates access to our journals for a lower fee and, when possible, link to associational websites for mutual translation of publication abstracts. We already post abstracts in English, Korean, French, German, Spanish, and Chinese. But we might foster greater exchange and partnering in projects by pursuing these and related efforts.

Third, a personal interest is to create mentoring, collaborative exchange formats and career development strategy exchange on all levels using our social networking capabilities, newsletters, and different conference possibilities. We've already had discussions with our student Board representatives but will request ideas and implementation strategies during online best practices discussions among divisional and interest group representatives.

Finally, there are a number of other initiatives in the works that I and others will report on over the next year. I look forward to serving ICA and hearing about your compliments and concerns. Many thanks to Sonia Livingstone for her incredible work on behalf of ICA and her initiation of so many venues on which I can develop my own contributions!

2008 Global Communication Conference at Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Patrice Buzzanell, ICA President, and Min Jiang, U of North Carolina at Charlotte

2008 has been an eventful year for the People's Republic of China. Massive snowstorms paralyzed mass transit during the heaviest traveled holiday of the entire year. The unrest in Tibet made headlines throughout the world. The Sichuan earthquake, the torch relay drama associated with the Olympics, and the recent news that the government would establish sites for approved dissent of policies near Olympic grounds capture an image of a nation in the midst of profound tensions and opportunities as a new face of China emerges.

Against such a backdrop, the 2008 Global Communication Forum took place in Shanghai. The forum was hosted by the School of Media and Design of Shanghai Jiaotong University, June 21 and 22, 2008, and cosponsored by the International Communication Association, the Global Communication Research Institute of Shanghai Jiaotong University, and the Department of Communication at Purdue University.

The 2008 Global Communication Conference focused on new media developments in China and throughout the world. More than 200 communication scholars, Chinese industry leaders, and Chinese government officials addressed aspects of the conference theme "New Media and Social Reform." Several speakers provided remarks at the opening ceremony, including **Zhang Guoliang**, Dean of the Global Communication Institute at Shanghai Jiaotong University who welcomed all participants and provided an overview of the conference theme.

Patrice Buzzanell, ICA President, also welcomed and addressed the opening assembly. In this address, she spoke about the various initiatives underway at ICA that directly affect and would welcome participation by conference attendees. Opening plenary speakers also included: **Jiao Yang**, Director of Shanghai Press & Publication Administration and Shanghai Copyright Bureau; **Ding Ganling**, Member of the Chinese Social Science Committee of Chinese Education Ministry; **Zheng Chengliang**, Deputy Party Secretary of Shanghai Jiao Tong University; and **Pamela Shoemaker** of Syracuse University as the Forum Chairperson.

After the opening ceremony, **Howard Sypher** of Purdue University moderated six keynote addresses. These talks provided different slants on the new media theme with regard to disaster information, career processes, community development, cultural change, and industry. In all cases, they were setting or revising agendas in light of the conference theme.

While speakers addressed the following topics, they also specified concerns, needs for research, and possible pragmatic implications of their work. Specifically, **Atsushi Tanaka**, Director of Tokyo University's Center for Integrated Disaster and Information Research, discussed the dissemination of disaster information to save human lives. **Xiaoming Hao**, Deputy Director of Singapore Nanyang Technology University's School of Communication and Information, shared his research on the role of Internet in China's rural development. **Graham Murdoch** from Loughborough University's Communication Research Center in the UK, underscored the clash between forces of solidarity and separation in

networked times. **Haiping Yan**, Director of Graduate Studies of Cornell University's Department of Theatre, examined the implications of the rising of the visual culture in the era of globalization. **Huilin Hu**, Professor of Cultural Management at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, outlined the development and major characteristics of Chinese cultural industry. Patrice Buzzanell discussed challenges of integrating career communication theory and practice in a mediated and global world.

During panel discussions, papers spoke to the promise of the new media in a global context. In general these papers covered a wide range of topics: media theories and practice, media technology, media functions and cultural implications, media changes and social reforms, audience and effects research, media environment and policy making, media economies and industry development.

During the second day of the conference, students from Shanghai Jiaotong University organized and moderated a forum that featured speakers from China who participated in the Earthquake Rescue Process. Through these communication specialists, conference attendees were able to experience--through firsthand accounts, photographs, stories about school children's resilience, China Telecom decisions, audioclips when people found family members, nonprofit organizing--not only what happened at the time of the earthquake but also about the continuing power of mass media.

Xie Chen, Director of Photography with the Sichuan branch of the Xinhua News Agency, was the first one to send photos and report on the earthquake at Sichuan. He displayed his initial and subsequent photos while discussing how the disaster and relief efforts unfolded. Of note were his observations about how the military engaged in rescue efforts but that there were many instances and imagery of people helping each other out.

Rongxin Cheng, an expert of youth social work and psychological rehabilitation, described the tent city set up to house and provide services for children in the earthquake region. As a psychologist, he headed Shanghai volunteers and discussed how rehabilitation efforts took place.

Yijun Zhou, leader of the "Earthquake Relief" project team for the China Telecom Best Tone Company, discussed hotlines and other emergency work. On the first day of the earthquake, over 3 million calls were made which overwhelmed the system. However, they were able to work through network issues and reunite 4000 individuals with their families.

He also described other services that utilized new and mass media to handle earthquake-related issues.

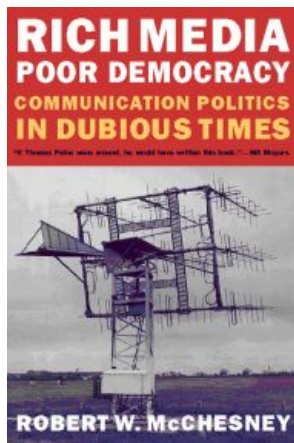
Finally, **Zhiyun Wang**, Assistant Director of Nonprofit Organization Development Centre of Pudong New Area and member of a community organization called "Xin Tuo Feng," described the use of new media in organizing not-for-profit service organizations and volunteers to assist with earthquake relief.

There were many more speakers who addressed this conference and provided insights into the changing nature and roles of mediated communication in different regions of the world. Representatives of the academic sponsors for this conference made closing remarks and described their plans for future collaborations.

These plans include cosponsorship of the third annual Global Communication Forum which most likely be held in June 2009 in Shanghai. In addition, there were meetings about EXPO 2010, whose opening coincides roughly with ICA's 2010 conference in Singapore. Patrice Buzzanell and Zhang Guoliang discussed not only the upcoming conference but also the possibility of a pre- or postconference in Shanghai based on new media and EXPO themes.

Rich Media, Poor Democracy Wins ICA Fellows Book Award

Michael J. West, ICA Staff



Robert W. McChesney's 2000 book *Rich Media, Poor Democracy* (New Press) was selected to receive the 2008 ICA Fellows Book Award. The award recognizes those books that have made a substantial contribution to the scholarship of the communication field, as well as the broader rubric of the social sciences, and have stood some test of time. Any book nominated must have been available for at least the immediate past five years prior to the conference at which the award is presented.

"*Rich Media, Poor Democracy* is an important volume that has made a major difference in the way scholars and public officials frame important regulatory/ownership issues," said the ICA Fellows Nominating Committee.

"The sweep of the book is broad and its thesis is extremely well developed," the Committee added. "It has exerted great influence and is still cited regularly by scholars both inside and outside communication. *Rich Media, Poor Democracy* is the epitome of public scholarship in communication."

McChesney's book is a critical examination of the inherent tension in the media between the democratic society's need for multiple-aspect, uncensored communication and media outlets' participation in competitive, business-driven marketplace competition. The contemporary trend of media consolidation and conglomeration, he argues, allows the wealthiest and most powerful corporate interests to control the content of news and media broadcasts. Even the Internet, which promises a new frontier of unprecedented competition and access to information, he suggests has become yet another victim of the stranglehold of corporate media, necessitating a more stringent system of government regulation and subsidizing for journalistic enterprises.

At the time of its publication, *Rich Media, Poor Democracy* was immediately heralded as a pioneering analysis of new media and the changing face of traditional media. "While *Rich Media, Poor Democracy* continues down a well-worn path of media criticism, it nevertheless breaks important new ground," said the review in the *Industry Standard*.

McChesney is Gutsell Endowed Professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He received his Ph.D. in communication from the University of Washington. *Adbusters* magazine named McChesney one of the "Nine Pioneers of Mental Environmentalism."

He was presented with the Award on May 24, 2008 during ICA's 58th Annual International Conference in Montreal, Canada.

As Content Editor...: Mohan Dutta Explains His Mission for the Newsletter

Mohan J. Dutta, Purdue U



I am excited to step into my role as content editor of the ICA *Newsletter*! As content editor, I will invite and edit intellectual and communication-related content in the *Newsletter Newsletter*, paying particular attention to the emerging issues that are at the frontiers of the field. I will be filling the content pages of the *Newsletter* starting from the September 2008 issue and would like to invite individual submissions, short reports, as well as ideas for topics to be covered in future issues.

It is my hope that this particular space in the *Newsletter* will offer a platform for scholarly discussions and debates that offer new directions for communication scholarship and tap into the pulse of the discipline. It is also my hope that this section of the *Newsletter* generates intellectual debate that would provide insights about how we conceptualize communication and the ways in which we come to study it in an increasingly global context. Also, I hope that this platform would provide a space for discussions of communication-related policies and the ways in which such policies influence, constrain, facilitate and reify certain strands of intellectual content within our discipline. In the discussion of content-related issues, I hope that we can listen to those voices among our membership that have difficulty finding access to our mainstream platforms. In addition to individual submissions, I would like to invite debates that articulate the diverse viewpoints around an issue, topic, or policy.

In addition, the *Newsletter* will carry short reports such as reports of international conferences around the world, reports of research carried out in international contexts that are otherwise absent in our mainstream communication journals, reports of international meetings and activities etc. Once again, the emphasis here will be on offering snippets from a diverse global audience that constitutes the current membership of ICA. Also, short responses to individual pieces published in the *Newsletter* would open up the space for further debate.

I would like to encourage submissions from our international readership with the hope that we get to hear voices from a diverse array of contexts, with a commitment to the internationalization agenda that has been at the forefront of recent ICA discussions. Please do send your

submissions and suggestions to mdutta@purdue.edu. I am looking forward to seeing some lively discussions in these pages.

ICA Membership Renewal Season Approaches

Sam Luna, ICA Director of Member Services

Members will notice a slight increase in dues this year when they receive the first membership renewal notice scheduled to go out on August 15th by e-mail. The e-mail will include a link that will take them directly to the dues module on our secured servers. The last dues increase was in 2003. Without an increase, the ICA budget most likely would have been a deficit budget.

Besides the e-mail with the direct link, **Account Manager** is another way a member can process membership dues and sections management. After logging in to the MyICA page (the Members Only homepage), click on the "Pay Dues Invoice" link in the upper-right box. This lists any outstanding invoice in your membership account. The number on the left side of each entry is the invoice number; clicking that number shows the invoice details. Members who have subscribed to sections (divisions and interest groups) can make changes to those sections and the system automatically recalculates the total and returns you to the list page when you click "Continue." The absence of links means you have NOT joined any division or interest group; if you wish to be affiliated to a section contact Deandra Tolson, Member Services Associate (dtolston@icahdq.org) and she will be happy to assist.

When you are ready, click the "Check Out" button to submit your credit card information and pay your invoice. Be sure to wait for the payment confirmation screen to appear confirming completion. Please be aware that credit card processing time varies and can take several minutes depending on internet traffic; avoid double-clicking the "Submit" button or hitting the browser's "Back" button to avoid charging your credit card more than once. It is important to note that we have taken the necessary steps to make all our online payment processing sites secure.

Upon successful credit card processing, the system immediately emails a payment confirmation. We include enough information on the

confirmation that most universities find it a suitable receipt for reimbursement. Should you need a copy in the future, one is always available online by clicking the "My Past Invoices" link also in **Account Manager**. Past invoices are listed as in the dues payment site and clicking on the invoice number generates a printable receipt.

"Keywords in Communication" is the 2009 ICA Conference Theme. A new complete version of the Call for Papers, which includes all the section Calls, has just been posted to the ICA web site. You can access the printable PDF document in Today's News and the Conference sections of the homepage, in "what you missed" on the MyICA page and on the Conferences homepage under Calls for Papers.

We have added a few new links to your web site! Links on the fly-out menu across the top of the web pages has links to our world map of communication organizations and to a list of open resource journals on the IAMCR web site. Members will also see the Publisher's Discount link a bit more prominently placed under the Members Only fly-out menu. It is also at the bottom of the MyICA Links list on the MyICA page. It lists publications available to ICA members for a discount from the regular retail price. Included publications are: ICA's **Communication Yearbook** and **The Guide to Publishing in Scholarly Communication Journals** from Routledge, Taylor & Francis' **Popular Communication**, **The Communication Review**, **International Journal of Strategic Communication**, **Journalism Practice**, and **Political Communication**. Also on the list is **Journalism** from Sage.

And finally, be on the lookout for two new features coming very soon to the web site! Some of you may know that we added a Frequently Asked Questions link to the left navigation bar under the member login for ICA visitors. We are in the process of finalizing a Members' FAQ list as well. You should see that link showing up in your MyICA links soon. Don't forget you can manage your links-that is, add links to or delete unwanted links from the list-by clicking the Add/Remove link at the top of the list.

As well, we are introducing a new fundraising module to the web site that will make contributing to our association much easier! We will be sending you an invitation to go see the new section as soon as it is ready. It will facilitate everything from a simple one-time donation to on-going annual fund and planned giving programs, to including ICA in your will. It will also include methods that will allow us to automatically draft your account to fulfill your pledge if you don't care to hassle with it yourself. We will of course provide ample notification before each deduction is made.

As always, send me your suggestions if there is anything we can do to provide you, our most valued asset, with an association truly serving you!

Happy August!

Sam Luna

Director of Member Services

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Student Column: Success Strategies for Graduate School

Mikaela Marlow, U of Idaho, and Michele Khoo, Nanyang Technological U

Adapted from Ezell, H. (2002). Guide to Success in Doctoral Study and Faculty Work MD: ASHA

For most of us, the journey towards attaining a Ph. D. is a quest for greater intellectual fulfillment and professional advancement. It takes courage, perseverance, and humility. How can we fully prepare for the triumphs and tribulations that we will face along the way? This month's article lays out some important issues to consider when pursuing and completing graduate school.

Selecting a Program

Doctoral candidates are often selected based on test scores, writing samples, letters of recommendation, and personal statements. You may want to seek out assistance with this from University Career Counselors or Faculty in your undergraduate program. When choosing a program, consider the following issues:

- Research productivity of a program and university.
- Available support for your research, in terms of suitable advisors.
- Position of a program and university in terms of promoting scholarly grants, research, and publications by faculty and students.
- Financial assistance (amount and duration) provided for incoming students.

Selecting a Mentor

Your advisor will significantly impact your success in graduate school, so it is extremely important to choose this person wisely. Consider the following:

- Learn about the person's ongoing research projects and the number of students he/she has successfully guided through the program.
- Inquire about available workspaces or research facilities.
- Solicit the opinions and experiences of other students.

News of Interest to the Profession

Joann Keyton, North Carolina State U, has been appointed as Editor of *Small Group Research*.

Division & Interest Group News

Information Systems

I hope you all are enjoying the summer months finding them relaxing and rejuvenating. I thought I'd pass along an ICA version of a summer reading list just some things to think about while sitting at the beach waiting in airports or procrastinating the prep for your summer courses.

1. Start dreaming about next year's ICA... May 21-25 in Chicago. In conjunction with the conference theme **KEYWORDS IN COMMUNICATION**, Barbie Zelizer, the Program Chair, is encouraging the submission of Cross Unit Programming which is described "as a way of creating cross-unit dialogue about issues relevant to communication, cross-unit sessions should have at least four participants who are active

members of four different divisions or interest groups."

A "Cross-Unit" panel is something that only the unit planner (me) will be able to submit. And it won't count against the normal Info Systems allotment of sessions, as Barbie has donated a plenary back to the ICA membership as a way of facilitating this.

So....be thinking about what keyword you would like Info Sys to organize a discussion around. Then, email me your suggestions. It would be best if you could not only give me topics...but also people from different divisions that you think might be good participants.

2. Visit the Information Systems Forum on the ICA Website. The home office has made it possible for division members to discuss a wide variety of subjects like Grants, Inspiring Reading Ideas, and Job Opportunities. Its pretty easy to find just logon to the ICA homepage and then surf over to MyICA and look for My Section Forums.

3. If you arent a registered user of the Info Systems listserv, take a minute to sign up. Send an email to listserv@listserv.temple.edu with the following command in the body: "SUBSCRIBE INFOSYS-L Joe H. Smith". Just replace Joe H. Smith with your name. Or, if you want to be mysterious, replace Joes name with anonymous. The listserv is just one of several ways members communicate with each other and if you arent registered, you might miss something!

Thats it for now.

Rob Potter, Vice-Chair
rfpotter@indiana.edu

Mass Communication

Its a quiet summer in terms of Mass Communication Division news. However, there are two important pieces of business we need to take care of in the coming weeks. We are holding elections for the positions of Vice-Chair and Secretary. We have 4 excellent nominees for Vice-Chair (in alphabetical order):

Rick Busselle, Washington State University

Jae-Hwa Shin, University of Southern Mississippi

David Tewksbury, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Jan Van den Bulck, Leuven School for Mass Communication

Research

We also have 2 wonderful candidates for secretary (also in alphabetical order):

Francesca Dillman Carpentier, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Mina Tsay, University of Kentucky

Their personal statements will be available on the election website. I encourage all members to respond to the call for elections that will circulate soon, read about the candidates, and cast your vote!

Best wishes,

Robin Nabi, Chair

nabi@comm.ucsb.edu

Popular Communication

Graduate Student Representative

The Popular Communication Division will be electing its first a graduate student representative this autumn. We would very much like to encourage interested candidates to consider standing for this post. Please contact us with any questions or to discuss the details of the role.

Special Issue of Popular Communication

The editorial team of our Divisions Journal *Popular Communication: The International Journal of Media and Culture* is pleased to announce the release of its special issue "Euro Visions: Culture, Identity and Politics in the Eurovision Song Contest." Papers include Why is the Eurovision Song Contest Ridiculous? Exploring a Spectacle of Embarrassment, Irony and Identity by Stephen Coleman, In the End, Germany will Always Resort to Hot Pants: Watching Europe Singing, Constructing the Stereotype by Myria Georgiou, The After-Life of Eurovision 2003: Turkish and European Social Imaginaries and Ephemeral Communicative Space by Miyase and Christian Christensen, Wild Dances and Dying Wolves: Simulation, Essentialization, and National Identity at the Eurovision Song Contest by Catherine Baker and On the Couch with Europe: The Eurovision Song Contest, the European Broadcast Union and Belonging on the Old Continent by Cornel Sandvoss.

All Division members have a free subscription to the journal. You can

access the journal via your personal Informaworld account. Routledge will have recently sent you an e-voucher to add to your Informaworld account. If you have problems accessing the journal, please contact either the Division or Routledge directly.

Looking ahead to Chicago 2009

Thank you for all your feedback on the 2008 Pop Comm conference programme. Based on your feedback I will be looking at organising another keynote panel. If you have suggestions for either themes or speakers, please contact me. We will also no longer schedule respondents for paper panels.

I wish you all a happy, productive but also relaxing summer!

Cornel Sandvoss, chair
C.Sandvoss@surrey.ac.uk

Public Relations

Announcements from ICA Public Relations division:

Shannon A. Bowen has joined the Public Relations Department in S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communicaitons at Syracuse University and was promoted to Associate Professor.

Samuel Martin-Barbero, Dean of the IE School of Communication will be leading a study of the division membership on the resonance of the divisions name with its members around the world.

The Public Relations division has created an endowment for the Grunig and Grunig Dissertation and Thesis Award. Shannon A. Bowen, Syracuse U, will be chairing the endowment.

Calls for Papers

CALLS FOR PAPERS/ABSTRACTS

Call for Papers for the first conference of the Network Intercultural and

International Communication: **"Between Babel and 'Earth City': Barriers of Intercultural and International Communication."** October 30 - November 1, 2008, Technische Universität Ilmenau (Thuringia).
Deadline: August 11, 2008. Please contact Dr. Liane Rothenberger (liane.rothenberger@tu-ilmenau.de) for further information.

Call for Papers: *Dialogo* special issue: Latina/o Sexualities. *Dialogo* is a bilingual magazine published by the Center for Latino Research at DePaul University that is dedicated to publishing research and the creative works of scholars, artists, community organizers, and students. Our aim is to provide effective links between the academic community and the larger Latino communities in Chicago and the U.S. We strive to publish useful information of interest and importance to our communities. For more info on Diálogo see

<http://condor.depaul.edu/~dialogo/>. Lourdes Torres, Guest Editor.

Dialogo is seeking articles, essays, art work, photography, fiction and poetry by scholars/activists/students around the topic of Latina/Latino sexualities. The steady emergence of new writings, performances, media, virtual communities, and activist groups bear witness to the importance of how Latina/o people love and express themselves sexually. Articles are invited on any aspect of this experience. Also invited are interviews with activists, artists, community leaders/organizers, educators, and other individuals working on issues concerning Latina/Latino sexualities. Submissions due **August 25, 2008**. For further guidelines and other questions please contact Lourdes Torres: ltorres@depaul.edu or managing editor Maria Ochoa: mochoa@depaul.edu.

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 globalized 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.

September 30, 2008. *Patient Education and Counseling (PEC)* invites papers for a special issue on Patient-Centered Communication in Cancer Care. This special issue builds upon a recent monograph on this topic published by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in the U.S. Patient-centered communication is conceptualized in the NCI monograph to consist of six inter-connected functions: fostering healing relationships, exchanging information, responding to emotions, making decisions, managing uncertainty, and enabling patient self-management (see <http://outcomes.cancer.gov/areas/pcc/communication/monograph.html>).

In this special issue, we plan to feature high quality empirical studies that demonstrate the importance of patient-clinician communication across the cancer continuum including primary prevention (e.g., smoking cessation, diet, physical activity), early detection/screening (including genetic testing), diagnosis, treatment (including conventional and complementary/ alternative therapies), post-treatment survivorship, and end-of-life care. Researchers are invited to submit manuscripts based on original empirical research focused on one or more of the above six functions of patient-centered communication that may be applied to any of the phases of the cancer continuum.

All manuscripts must be submitted online at <http://ees.elsevier.com/pec>. To ensure that manuscripts are correctly identified for inclusion in the special issue, authors need to select Special Issue - PCC when they reach the "Article Type" step in the submission process. PEC's online submission system will be open for submission for this issue from July 1, 2008. The deadline beyond which submissions will not be accepted is September 30, 2008. For clarification about the appropriateness of your manuscript for this special issue, please contact Neeraj Arora via e-mail

at aroran@mail.nih.gov

November 1, 2008. Call for Papers: BULLETIN OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. <http://www.who.int/bulletin/en/>. The theme issue will explore five key areas of public health communication. The first is the challenging question of how to reach the unreached. These may be the communities that cannot be reached physically, due to geographical isolation, insecurity or other obstacles. They may lack access to common communication outlets, such as radio, newspapers or the internet, or they may speak a different language. The second area is the financial and human cost of poor communication, examining public health failures and seeking lessons from successful anti-public health campaigns, such as those run by the tobacco industry. Communication in extreme situations major health crises, humanitarian disasters or epidemics will be the third major area of the Bulletin theme issue. The fourth will be the contrasting roles of new and traditional technology in reaching public health communication goals, such as mobile-phone text messages and radio broadcasting. Finally, the Bulletin theme issue will highlight monitoring and evaluation of the impact of public health communication. This area is often neglected or done on an ad hoc basis, but it is critical particularly when investment needs to be justified. Evaluation also allows us to learn from past mistakes or successes.

Manuscripts on any of the above topics should be submitted to <http://submit.bwho.org> by 1 November 2008.

November 6-8, 2008. Call for Papers: "Politics 2.0: Politics and Computer-Mediated Communication". 12th Meeting of the "Computer-Mediated Communication" division of the German Communication Association (DGPK), in Ilmenau, Germany. The conference will explore the relationship between politics and computer-mediated communication (CMC) from two main perspectives. From the perspective of political communication research, the conference will focus on the influence of CMC on politics and the political process and what role it will play in the future. From a media politics viewpoint, the conference will discuss and analyze the significance of politics for the format and regulation of CMC, both now and in the future. Read the detailed call for papers on the conference website: <http://www.tu-ilmenau.de/cvk2008>. Please submit relevant extended

abstracts (between 4,000 and 6,000 characters including spaces) in electronic form (Word or PDF) to Jens Wolling (jens.wolling@tu-ilmenau.de) by July 31, 2008. Authors will be notified of the results of the anonymous review process by September 22, 2008. Conference languages will be English and German.

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 journal's 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 Elasmr, Editor, American Journal of Media Psychology at elasmar@bu.edu and discuss their anticipated approach to this topic.

Chinese Journal of (CJoC)

Launching 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 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: mclaughl@muohio.edu. Authors in Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australasia: submit to Cynthia Carter, Editor; e-mail: cartercl@cardiff.ac.uk.

Education Review of Business Communication. Mss. info: http://www.senatehall.com/business_communication/index.html.

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 existing theories and research on Native populations, aging, and health. No material identifying the author(s) should appear in the body of the paper. The paper must not have appeared in any other published form. Each submission should 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.

Submissions. ***Participations: Journal of Audience and Reception.*** Info: <http://www.participations.org/>.

Essays. ***Bad Subjects: Iraq War Culture Review Essays.*** Email: Joe Lockard, Joe.Lockard@asu.edu. Info: <http://bad.eserver.org>.

Proposals. ***Alternatives Within the Mainstream II: Queer Theatre in***

Britain. Info: Dimple Godiwala-McGowan, Senior Lecturer, York St. John College (U of Leeds). E-mail: DimpleGodiwala@aol.com.

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.servaes@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

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.

September 17-19, 2008. Conference on Media, War and Conflict-Resolution, sponsored by The School of Communication Studies, and the Program of Peace and Conflict Studies at Bowling Green State University, Ohio. Features top scholars and journalists, including Richard Rhodes, Chris Hedges, Robert Parry, Daya Thussu, Andrew Hoskins, Richard Keeble, Sara Maltby, Oliver Boyd-Barrett. Full conference fee includes meals. For full details visit <http://scs.bgsu.edu/mwcrConf/index.php>. There may still be space for a small number of additional papers. If you would like to submit an abstract for peer review, email Dr. Oliver Boyd-Barrett (Director, School of Communication Studies) at oboydb@bgsu.edu or Dr. Ellen Gorsevski (Department of Communication) at elleng@bgsu.edu.

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@cjconline.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/HCIRBCRTAFellowship.pdf>

Available Positions and Other Advertising

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Assistant Professor, Health Communication

The Jack J. Valenti School of Communication at the University of Houston invites applicants for assistant professor tenure-track position in health communication fall 2009. See our full ad at www.class.uh.edu/comm.

Review will begin 10/1/08. Send CV, letter of application, three letters of recommendation, and official transcripts to:

Beth Olson, Ph.D.

Director, Jack J. Valenti School of Communication

University of Houston

Houston, TX 77204-3002

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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Assistant Professor, Integrated Marketing Communication

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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - AUSTIN

School of Journalism

The University of Texas at Austin's School of Journalism invites nominations and applications for a senior scholar with qualifications appropriate for appointment at the rank of tenured full professor, beginning Fall 2009. Candidates research interests should be relevant to the vital issues of the day concerning journalism, the media, and democratic society, including (1) political communication and public opinion, (2) the changing media political economy, professional roles, and institutional structure, and (3) impact of the emerging new media on citizenship and the public sphere both nationally and globally.

Successful candidates will have a Ph.D. in a relevant academic field, a well-established program of nationally recognized research and publication, a commitment to classroom teaching, and record of mentoring graduate students. Other desirable qualifications include the ability to work collaboratively within the School and College, but also with scholars in other disciplines on campus and internationally.

The School offers the B.J., M.A., and Ph.D. and is housed within a top-ranked College of Communication, which includes the nationally regarded Departments of Advertising, Radio-Television-Film, Communication Studies, and Communication Science and Disorders.

The School is committed to achieving diversity in its faculty, students, and curriculum, and it welcomes applicants who can help achieve these objectives.

Screening of applicants will begin November 1, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled. Send vita, names of three references, and a statement of interest in the position to:

Maxwell McCombs, Search Chair
School of Journalism
University of Texas at Austin
1 University Station A1000
Austin, TX 78712-0113

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - AUSTIN

The Department of Radio-Television-Film

One position available at Assistant or Associate Professor rank with starting date of mid-August, 2009. Applicants interests should include one or more of the following areas: policy, use, and social aspects of the Internet; global/international media; digital media/new media, including wireless and mobile communications; the relationship between new media and behavior for individuals and in social groups and institutions; emerging information and communications media, including electronically-based games; political economy of media; policy/regulatory issues in new media, including privacy, surveillance and copyright; and telecommunications. Candidates should have strong social scientific research skills and a commitment to undertaking extramurally funded research. Qualifications must be commensurate with rank. Applicants should have completed the Ph.D. and be able to teach, conduct research, and supervise graduate students. The closing date for applications is October 15, 2008.

Mail letter of interest, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation for junior position and names of references for tenured position, a research statement, and samples of published articles or conference papers to: Bert R. Herigstad, Office Manager, Dept. of Radio-TV-Film, 1 University Station A0800, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712-0108.

The Department of Radio-Television-Film has 28 permanent faculty, approximately 850 undergraduate majors & 150 graduate students pursuing Ph.D., M.A. or M.F.A. degrees. It offers courses in film & television studies, international communication, telecommunication technology & policy, gender & sexuality, & ethnic issues in communication, film & video production, and screenwriting. See <http://rtf.utexas.edu/> for more information about the RTF Dept. See <http://www.utexas.edu/> for more information about the University. The College of Communication is committed to achieving diversity in its faculty, students, and curriculum, and it welcomes applicants who can help achieve these objectives.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

**Quantitative Methodology in the Social Sciences
College of Literature, Science and the Arts**

The College of Literature, Science and the Arts at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor is seeking to recruit one or more quantitative methodologists in the social sciences. This is part of a college-wide initiative to extend long-standing strengths in the quantitative social sciences. Participating departments include Communication Studies, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Statistics.

Faculty at all levels will be considered. Senior, tenured faculty will typically have a joint appointment in two departments and must be top scholars whose expertise strikes a balance between disciplinary specialization and general methodological development. Junior candidates should also have disciplinary and strong methodology interests.

Candidates at Assistant Professor level should send electronic versions of vitae, statement of current and future research plans, statement of teaching philosophy and experience, evidence of teaching excellence, and copies of selected publications to:

quamss-recruiting@umich.edu.

Three letters of reference should be sent to the above e-mail or via postal mail to:

QuaMSS Faculty Recruiting
Department of Statistics
439 West Hall
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor MI 48109.

Candidates at Associate or Full Professor levels should send electronic versions of vitae, statement of current and future research plans, statement of teaching philosophy and experience, evidence of teaching excellence, and names of four references to the above e-mail address.

Questions about the position should be sent to quamss-recruiting@umich.edu. Review of applications will commence on October 15, 2008 and will continue until suitable candidates are identified.

Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. The University is supportive of the needs of dual career couples. The University of Michigan is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Director, School of Communication

The School of Communication at Western Michigan University invites applications for the position of Director beginning July 1, 2009. Qualified candidates must hold a Ph.D. or appropriate terminal degree, possess a record of excellence in research/creative activities, teaching, service appropriate for tenured appointment at senior rank, and have administrative experience. WMU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer consistent with applicable Federal and State law.

To learn more about the position, the school, the university, and the community please visit

<http://www.wmich.edu/communication/newdirector>.

Review of applications begins on September 15, 2008 and continues until the position is filled. To apply online, visit

<http://www.wmich.edu/hr/careers-at-wmu.htm> and include a letter of application and a current curriculum vita. Additional supporting material should be sent to Director Search Committee Chair, School of Communication, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5318: For more information, contact joseph.kayany@wmich.edu or 269.387.3139.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Department of Communication

Two Assistant Professor Positions in Public Relations

The Department of Communication at the University of Maryland invites applications for two tenure track positions in public relations at the rank of assistant professor, starting August 15, 2009, to help with the growth of its public relations track. The Department of Communication offers a specialization in public relations at the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. levels.

The University of Maryland is a "Top 20" ranked major public research university, located within the Washington DC/Baltimore metroplex, five miles from the District of Columbia and a major world city with concentrated research, public policy, cultural, and artistic resources. As the flagship university, The University of Maryland's academic programs are sought after as partners for a wide variety of federal government communication initiatives.

Successful candidates will have expertise in public relations theory, writing, and campaigns; be able to engage in scholarly public relations research; and, teach courses in public relations principles, campaigns,

writing, communication theory, and/or research methods. Candidates must have a Ph.D. at the time of appointment and the clear potential to establish a strong, active research program and conduct graduate advising. Teaching experience, preferably at the university level, is highly desirable. Professional public relations experience is desirable.

For best consideration, interested candidates should submit a complete application by October 1, 2008. The application materials should include (a) a letter of application that describes research interests and other qualifications, (b) a curriculum vitae, (c) one letter of recommendation, (d) the names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of three additional references, and (e) sample(s) of recent research. Salary commensurate with experience. Application materials should be sent to:

Linda Aldoory, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair,
Public Relations Faculty Search Committee
Department of Communication
2130 Skinner Building
University of Maryland
College Park, MD 20742-7635

Questions regarding this announcement may be addressed to Professor Aldoory at (301) 405-6528 or email laldoory@umd.edu. Information about the department is available on the department's Web site at <http://www.comm.umd.edu>.

The University of Maryland is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Minorities and woman are encouraged to apply.
