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Chicago 2009: Planning Underway, Changes Afoot

Barbie Zelizer, ICA President-Elect

Planning for Chicago 2009 has taken major steps toward producing what promises to be a stimulating and multidimensional conference program. We are working with the third largest submission pool in ICA's history (after San Francisco and Montreal), though conference submissions were down slightly compared to Montreal (by 2.4%), totaling 2,564 papers and 263 panels. The program will offer an exciting and provocative set of presentations, which will hopefully move us toward new ways of thinking about the field of communication.

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Those of us on the planning side of the program are figuring out how best to accommodate the submission pool and work with an acceptance rate that makes sense for the association. In wrestling with the contrary demands created by active submissions and a clear interest among members to keep the conference at its present size, I’ve decided to implement the following changes:

1. Scheduling a full line-up of panels and paper sessions on Monday, which has traditionally tended to be a lighter day of programming. Monday’s schedule, which will conclude at the usual time, will also end with a closing plenary.

2. Adding back into the mix of submitted panels and papers the equivalent of one plenary session (25 sessions). Some of these slots will be taken up by cross-unit sessions, and some will be given back to the divisions and interest groups.

3. Scheduling one day at 26 parallel sessions instead of 25. Doing all of this is now giving us an acceptance rate of 48%, a clear rise over previous years.

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2. Our membership remains strong. We are at an association high of 4,597 members. A few core divisions remain as central as ever: Mass communication holds steady at over 30% of the membership, communication and technology claims 20% (up 3% from 2000) and political communication is at 17% (up 4% from 2000). Unlike the past, however, today's members are joining multiple divisions and interest groups, with smaller units like communication history or visual communication commanding 5 to 7% of the membership. In part, this is because we have more units than ever before: today's association is comprised of 24 divisions and interest groups, compared with 17 such units in 2000. But beyond the growth in units and the multiple patterns of membership, we are also seeing that ICA members are showing active involvement in more than one unit.

3. The activity in both preconferences and multiple units suggests a healthy engagement across divisions, interest groups and areas of interest among ICA members. Hopefully, this year's conference theme - Keywords in Communication - and some of the programming options - particularly the cross unit panels - will help facilitate that engagement.

Additionally, the annual conference survey (see my report in the October newsletter) offered much information about how to organize the conference this time around. Concern about the high cost of attending ICA is being offset by the low hotel rate -- $109 USD per day - being offered by the Chicago Marriott, which comes just in time for our economic recession.

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Additionally, this moment offers us the chance to evaluate how we have grown and what that growth tells us about the association. Though we know that we are growing and that our divisions and interest groups have multiplied, we haven’t spent much time figuring out how that growth skews differently across the association. For instance, survey respondents noted that programming by numerous units - notably visual communication - seems to draw more members from other divisions and interest groups relative to their size than do others. Students seem to be less interested in association-wide programming than in divisional and interest group activities and are particularly interested in professional programming. There is some interest in multiple language review of submissions that would be presented in English, if accepted. ICA Chicago will already be taking note of some of these data: For instance, some of the mini-plenaries will be geared toward questions relevant to the core of the field that might draw more students. We will be separating the business meeting this year from the awards ceremony. And we will be offering some professional programming throughout the conference.

So, get ready for ICA Chicago! And in the meantime, here are some dates to look for as we move into the final stages of the reviewing process:

December 7: each unit completes its review process
December 8-15: unit planners assign papers to sessions, assign chairs and discussants and rank sessions
January 15: program chair makes final decision on acceptance of sessions
January 16-20: ICA notifies submitters of acceptance or rejection
January 31: unit chairs notifies chairs and discussants of their duties
February 5-7: program chair allocates sessions to time slots
March 1: program is posted

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**Ole Prehn, IAMCR Secretary General, Dies**

Patrice Buzzanell, ICA President

![Image of Ole Prehn]

It is with sadness that I report the loss of Ole Prehn, the Secretary General of IAMCR. ICA joins ECREA in mourning this loss for our communication community.

We consider his death a profound loss for the field of Media and Communication Studies. Professor Prehn played a major role in international academic cooperation in the field of media and communication studies and he was a dedicated and much-valued colleague. Because we learned of the terrible news just after the opening of the 2nd European Communication Conference that is taking place this week in Barcelona, we will use the opportunity of the closing ceremony, Friday evening, to mourn his passing and pay tribute to his memory.

Our sincere condolences to Ole Prehn's family, friends and colleagues.

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**President's Message: The Foundation of ICA**

Patrice Buzzanell, Purdue U

![Image of Patrice Buzzanell]

I was chatting with some ICA members during the coffee/tea break at the second European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA) conference in Barcelona, Spain, a few days ago when one of the conference participants excused herself to return to her hotel room. I, along with others, assumed that she was going to enjoy some of the sights in the old section of Barcelona or walk along the walkways by the sandy beaches to enjoy the blue water and sunshine.

But that was not her intent at all. She was hurrying back to her room to complete and submit her...
competitive paper and panel reviews for her ICA division! She had read and written comments on all of her papers. She simply needed to go online and provide some brief recommendations and assessment scores. It struck me then, as it has during my other travels since becoming President, that we have an incredibly dedicated membership.

In every city I have visited to promote our discipline, I have been greeted by ICA members. It has been a wonderful experience to learn how the usefulness of our discipline translates into practices in particular locales. It also has been intriguing to see where communication processes align with our own divisions or interest groups and where the main issues covered by our units might still be emerging. From the vantage point of these travels, we clearly are contributing in many different ways to the well being of people around the globe. And we are at a fascinating time in our own history as these global intersections are informing and shaping our work.

Reviewing submissions is one way--among many others--in which our members contribute their time and expertise. For the upcoming Chicago 2009 conference, 2,616 scholars generously offered to review. Some of these researchers actually review for three or more divisions. Indeed we estimate that there are probably several hundred people reviewing for more than one division. These reviewers aren't only new communication faculty members-they also are past Presidents and members of other disciplines invited to contribute their expertise. In these and so many other ways, our members are indeed the foundation of ICA.

Our reviews, as you know, are instrumental in designing a high-quality conference program. As you'll see in Barbie's column, she is working to alter our algorithm to move our rate from the usual 45% acceptance to 48%. Although these figures may preclude the acceptance of some admittedly fine research, they also enable us to prepare a conference whose size complements our members' desires for social and professional networking. I was intrigued to hear that about a third of the submissions for the ECREA conference were programmed.

Some other things that happened during the ECREA conference were discussions about expanding the map of communication around the globe. If you check out the Links section of our website (see http://www.icahdq.org/membership/worldmap.asp), there is a world map that lists regional communication associations. There also is a listing of international communication associations. If you know of other scholarly associations that should be included and/or would like to work on the Mapping our Discipline project, please let me know. We envision its usefulness as a resource for research and practice in the future. There will be a meeting at the Chicago conference about the project.

In addition, there are discussions under way about the qualities that characterize our scholarship and its assessment beyond ISI impact factors. We are developing a session on different assessment schemes from the EU, US, and Asia.

As this is my last column for 2008, I wish our members a wonderful 2009 and an enjoyable academic break!

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**Communication for Social Impact: 2008 Theme Book Coming Soon**

Mohan Dutta, Purdue U

**Communicating for Social Impact Engaging Communication Theory, Research, and Pedagogy**

Edited by Lynn M. Harter, Mohan J. Dutta, and Courtney Cole

This edited collection provides a forum for communication scholars whose efforts are directed toward social change. Originating from theme sessions at the 2008 convention of the International Communication Association (ICA), this volume engages communication theory to enlarge communication practices. Chapters address perennial issues of interest to communication scholars as experienced in contemporary terrains: How can scholarship weave its way more fully into the lives of people residing outside of the academy? What counts as social impact? What are the epistemological and ontological debates that play out in the realm of communication scholarship that seeks to redress lived inequities? What ethical demands accompany scholarship and activism in international landscapes characterized by globalization, neocolonialism, and rapid technological shifts?

Each chapter makes a distinctive contribution to communication theory and practice. Collectively, contributors’ work reveals the eclectic nature of theoretical and methodological work pursued by communication scholars and practitioners, and focuses on meaning-making as it evolves, changes, adapts, and is sustained in conversation, mediated communication, distributed organizing, and other venues. This collection seeks to foster edifying dialogue about social injustices, and move people to meaningful reflection and action.
"Mobile2.0: Beyond Voice?" A Preconference Workshop at the 2009 ICA Conference

Ayesha Zainudeen, LIRNEasia

The dominant narrative with regard to telefutures is of a "fat pipe" of coaxial cable, fiber, or even wireless means, coming into each household carrying entertainment and data (including Voice over IP). Accompanying this will be mobile devices capable of voice and data communication, information retrieval, and forms of entertainment consumption. In some cases, the vision of the mobile interface also has it provided by the owner of the fat pipe into the home; this is what is known as "quadruple play."

However, in emerging markets many households do not fit into the dominant narrative. A majority of the households in these markets, particularly those at the bottom of the pyramid (BOP), do not currently have their own access paths to connect to interactive electronic networks, though most are connected to receive-only audio or audio-visual networks (e.g., radio, terrestrial TV, satellite TV, and in some urban slums, suboptimally designed cable TV). Research shows that the monthly spending on teleuse by these households will be in the range of $5-8 USD per month.

Within current technology and pricing parameters, it is clear that these households may not be able to afford more than mobile telephony and forms of advertiser-supported entertainment delivered over receive-only channels. Some argue that these kinds of households will use the communication, information-retrieval, and publication functions that are directly available to the fat-pipe-connected households in developed countries, but will access them through common-use access points or multipurpose telecenters.

However, an alternative narrative is emerging. Emerging markets (as a whole) have accounted for 85 percent of new connections today according to the GSM Association, with many getting connected to electronic networks for the first time through mobile phones rather than fixed phones. Mobiles are now (and will increasingly become) payment devices that can also send/process/receive voice, text, and images; depending on advances in interface design in particular they will also be capable of information-retrieval and publishing functions today associated with the Internet. This is 'Mobile2.0.'

As economic growth takes place, and economic constraints in the household lessen, they likely will gradually increase their communication-related spending, absolutely and as a proportion of their income. Will this go to paying for 'fat pipes' to connect their homes, or to incrementally increase the amounts paid for the communication services they currently consume or for investing in new terminal devices that will improve their communicative interactions?

Mobile2.0: Beyond Voice?, an ICA preconference being organized by LIRNEasia, will explore this emerging Mobile2.0 era -- bringing together evidence for and against this narrative in the context of the larger social-science understanding of mobile use behavior. The workshop intends to address issues that will contribute toward understanding emerging mobile use patterns, such as:

- Current trends in mobile connectivity and applications
- The potential of mobiles (and other ICTs) for bridging digital, gender as well as other socioeconomic divides
- Mobiles (and other ICTs) making markets more efficient
- Mobile as a platform for Mobile2.0 services (e.g., payment, banking, government, etc.)
- Policy and regulatory challenges for the new era of Mobile2.0
- Mobiles and social networking
- Mobile 2.0 and shared access comparisons between emerging and 'emerged' markets

The preconference workshop will take place May 20-21, 2009, in Chicago, Illinois; information on how you can register to attend the preconference will be made available closer to the date.

LIRNEasia (www.lirneasia.net) is an Asian ICT policy and regulation capacity-building organization based in Sri Lanka and active across the Asia Pacific. It is funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, and has been since its inception in September 2004. For more information contact zainudeen[~]lirne[.]net.

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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 Wiley/Blackwell 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-release 2009 books, and invites scholars interested in writing critical essays for multiple works to contact Book Review Editor Elisia Cohen (elisia.cohen@uky.edu).
The 2009 ICA conference in Chicago will feature a preconference entitled “The Future is Prologue: New Media, New Histories?” This preconference will showcase new scholarly work that addresses the intersection of history and new media, giving participants a chance to reflect on ways to analyze, preserve, and understand new media in a manner that is both sensitive to the past and to future needs of historical research. The history of new media is a burgeoning new subfield, but one aspect that often goes overlooked is how new media involve new ways of doing history. The purpose of this preconference is to focus attention on the shifting needs of historical scholarship about new media.

Though the preconference will provide a home for a wide range of scholarly work that fits this description, there will be a particular focus on these themes:

- The idea of ‘storage’ as it relates to new media and historiography.
- The contextualization of historical problems in a new media milieu.
- The changing meanings and implications of inscription as the internet more fully embraces a range of audio-visual forms of communication.
- Ideological implications of speculations regarding the future.
- The changing place of ‘the virtual’ in new media studies.
- Digital history.
- The reputed move away from print media to new media.
- Changing meanings of the ‘global’ in relation to new media.
- Ubiquity, indexing, correlation, and access.
- New media and transformations in the scholarly enterprise.

In addition to these scholarly foci, the preconference will also include a demonstration of new technologies for collaboration and visualization under development at the Electronic Visualization Laboratory, University of Illinois at Chicago.

The program for this preconference will take place all day on May 21, 2009, the date established for ICA preconferences.

The preconference is a joint initiative by the Communication History Interest Group of the ICA, New Media & Society and the Electronic Visualization Laboratory and Department of Communication at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The preconference will be held at The University of Illinois at Chicago, and there will be transportation available for participants and attendees from the conference hotel to the UIC campus.

Luxury, Landmarks on Chicago's Magnificent Mile

Michael J. West, ICA Staff

The International Communication Association heads off the Windy City, Chicago, for the 59th Annual ICA Conference from May 21-25, 2009. ICA's last Chicago conference was in 1996, in which time the city has seen substantial changes in both its landscape and its demographics. One thing that has not changed, however, is Chicago's unique melange of neighborhoods and ethnic and cultural communities - a key focus of the 2009 conference. With this issue, the ICA Newsletter begins an exploration of the city that complements the scholarly explorations that will take place at the Marriott Magnificent Mile in May. Appropriately, we start with the Magnificent Mile itself.
The Mile is actually a one-mile stretch of North Michigan Avenue (one of the most important thoroughfares in Chicago), beginning at the Chicago River to the south and terminating at Oak Street in the city's Gold Coast district. The corridor is among the most prestigious addresses in town, renowned for its high-end commercial and residential buildings as well as numerous well-known landmarks.

It came to life in 1920, when the opening of a the Michigan Avenue Bridge across the river created a new connection between the business district and Chicago's North Side. The development that took place on the Mile at that time was mostly commercial and industrial, planned around the Old Chicago Water Tower—one of the last buildings in the area left standing after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. With the onset of the Great Depression, however, many of the resident businesses failed; real estate magnates were able to procure the properties at greatly reduced prices and after World War II redeveloped them as luxury high-rise apartments, upscale department stores, restaurants, and retailers. The promotional campaign for the opulent district was "Chicago's Magnificent Mile," and the name has stuck for 6 decades.

Today, the Mile enjoys a reputation as something of a playground for tourists and affluent Chicagoans. The shops on the strip bear some of the most prestigious names in retail: Tiffany, Cartier, Louis Vuitton, Neiman Marcus. An equal share of glamour goes to the local hotels: only three in the Midwestern United States have 5-star ratings, and all of them—Four Seasons Chicago, Ritz-Carlton Chicago, and Peninsula Chicago—are situated along the Magnificent Mile.

In addition, many of Chicago's most prominent architectural landmarks lie on the Mile. Most prominent among these are the neo-gothic Chicago Water Tower at 806 N. Michigan—now a symbol of both the Magnificent Mile and of Chicago's perseverance after the Fire—and, two blocks down at 875 N. Michigan, the John Hancock Center, the third tallest building in the city and highest apartment building in the world. (The Hancock is also one of the most distinctive on the Chicago skyline: black, trapezoidal, and capped with tall white antennae.) Also on the Mile are two majestic 1920s skyscrapers that sit directly across the street from each other: the Wrigley Building, with its famous clock tower, and the cathedral-like Tribune Building, home of the daily Chicago Tribune newspaper.

Because it's a favorite haunt of tourists in Chicago, city officials give great care to its ambiance and appearance. Seasonal events mark the changes in the Mile's outdoor motifs. Because the ICA conference takes place at the end of May, it will coincide with the closing of Tulip Days, the Mile's spring event, during which literally hundreds of thousands of tulips bloom in planters lining the sidewalks and medians. The effect they create is one of brilliantly colored lines stretching for blocks and blocks.
Finally, for those who are less interested in the shopping and tourist attractions along the Magnificent Mile, the corridor is also a convenient access point to important neighborhoods in the heart of the city of Chicago. The downtown "Loop" district, the business center and home of sites such as the Sears Tower, is south of the Mile, just across the Michigan Avenue Bridge. The Gold Coast, the city's wealthiest neighborhood with its mansions and rowhouses, is just north of the Mile. And Streeterville, another upscale neighborhood and the location of parts of several universities (including Northwestern University's medical and law schools, the University of Chicago business school, and Loyola University's "Water Tower" campus), lies directly to the east. Streeterville also includes Navy Pier, a public park on the Lake Michigan Shore that features theaters, museums, a concert stage, and a ferris wheel-the most visited site in Chicago. Thus, while it may not be strictly true that you can find anything you want on the Magnificent Mile, it does serve as the portal to just about anything you could want.

ICA Membership Renewal Period Extended to December 15
Sam Luna, ICA Staff

Membership Renewal Coming to an End
The ICA membership renewal period ends on December 15, 2008. Typically our renewal period begins with an initial reminder on August 15th each year that October 1st is the actual due date. This begins a 45-day reminder period leading to October 1st. We follow with another grace period allowing members the extra time to deal with their respective university's procedures. Suspension takes place on December 15th.

This year we launched a fundraising module making it easier to make a donation to ICA. Our goal was to have it be a part of the dues renewal process so that as many members as possible would become aware that it was available. If you click on the Invoice number while paying your dues, you will see a list of the various funds available to contribute to. Contributions are completely voluntary and are NOT required for membership renewal.

Here is the link to check for and pay your dues invoices:
http://www.icahdq.org/cgi-shl/Dues.exe/Run:RENEW

Fundraising Module
Visitors to the ICA web site may notice the "Donate to ICA" button on the upper-right corner of our web site. Anyone wishing to donate to ICA can access the fundraising system by clicking on that link. Donations can be in the form of one-time cash contributions, real estate, stock, royalties, or matching gifts. As indicated on the ICA web site, there is no better way to leave a legacy than to remember ICA in your estate plans. And because ICA is a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization, US donors' gifts are also tax-exempt.

There are various funds available including the ICA Building Fund, the Annenberg Graduate Student Travel Fund and the Larry Gross Travel Fund, Securing ICA's Future and various awards funds. Instructions and information needed for each particular fund will be revealed to a contributor as they choose the various options during the process. Anyone with questions should direct them to Michael Haley, ICA's executive director at mhaley@icahdq.org.

End of 2008 - Membership Totals
As of this printing, ICA membership is at an all-time high with 4609 members! Many members do not renew until it is time to register for the annual conference, so that number will drop significantly come December 15th.

The total number of members in the regions that we track is as follows: Africa/Oceania - 114; East Asia - 308; Europe - 790; The Americas - 3322; and West Asia - 76. The biggest increase since last year was in the Americas (not including the US) growing from 200 to 291.

ICA Expands Social Network
A quick note about a few changes that have taken place on the internet that may be of interest to ICA members: While not officially sponsored by ICA, some of you may know that there has long been an ICA Student Yahoogroup on the internet. There is now an ICA LinkedIn Group dedicated to ICA as well. This is what Bryan Urbsaitis, moderator for the
Yahoo student group said in a recent email to members of the Yahoogroup,

"Dear ICA Student Networking List member,

As a complement to the ICA Student Yahoogroup, and to answer the very legitimate questions posed by several graduating formerly "student members" of the graduate student list of both what to do after graduating as well as how to get an actual job with one's degree(s), I am pleased to announce the creation of the International Communication Association group on www.linkedin.com. The group's goals are not to replace the yahoogroup, but to provide a way for ICA professionals to maintain an online and ongoing network of communication professionals, utilizing linkedin.com's technology, and which is currently unmet by other existing lists. Please find a link to the group at:

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=843047

It is my sincere hope that this group becomes as successful as the yahoogroup has been, and that the connections it helps us create as a professional community last a lifetime. Please consider joining the list today as a way of staying connected. As always I can be contacted at the address below with any questions.

Sincerely,

Bryan Mark Urbsaitis, PhD
ICA Student Yahoogroup Moderator
urbs@nyu.edu..."

Have a great December!

Sam Luna
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**Student Column: Building Successful Mentoring Relationships**

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

In graduate school, one of the most important relationships we strive to build is with our advisor or mentor. This relationship is often developed with a supervisor or with other faculty members who have an interest in our academic and professional goals. Mentoring is a process where students are socialized to the values, norms and practices of the discipline. A positive mentoring relationship should nurture our personal, scholarly, and professional development. As graduate students, we need to play an active role in the mentoring relationship by taking personal responsibility for our development. Below are some suggestions toward enhancing the mentoring relationship and accomplishing academic excellence.

**Be proactive in the relationship**

Take the initiative to approach your mentor to discuss relevant topics and ask for his or her advice. Honestly share professional goals and career aspirations. Do not be afraid to suggest areas of interest which you are keen to pursue, as this may open up new avenues for research and discussion. Establish the frequency and structure of the contact times with your mentor as well as their preferred channel of communication (e.g., email, phone, or face to face).

**Be receptive to criticism**

Though it would be ideal if all criticism was tempered with praise, it may not happen all the time. As graduate student, you must be open and receptive to comments, suggestions, and advice from your mentor, other faculty, as well as fellow students. Every mistake leads to learning and will ultimately lead you towards your goals. During any review process with the mentor, you should ask questions if you are unsure.

**Be prepared for meetings**

You should always be prepared for any scheduled meeting with your mentor. Be on time and prepare an agenda for the meeting. You should also update your mentor on what you have done since your last meeting and what issues you need advice about. Ensure that your mentor is aware of any deadlines, such as conference or progress report deadlines.

**Crediting your mentor**

To further academic development, you should actively seek opportunities to work with your mentor, other faculty members, or students on research projects. This could include conference papers, research grant projects, or
cross-cultural studies. You must explicitly credit your mentor and other collaborators appropriately in all projects, conference papers, and publications.

Social networking
Besides your mentor, you may want to seek out other individuals who could help you in your training. These may be people who have specific knowledge about relevant sub-topics or methodology. You should update your mentor regularly on the progress of such social networking and seek his or her recommendations. Networking will enable you to become involved in interest groups and scholarly communities.

Be respectful
The ideal mentor-mentee relationship is one of mutual respect. Respect his or her time and need for privacy. Be mindful of deadlines and give him or her sufficient time to review your work so that constructive suggestions are possible. Though you have established a friendship with your mentor, there are still student and faculty boundaries you need to be conscious of when communicating with your mentor. It is wise to respect your mentor's expertise and authority, even if your relationship seems somewhat informal.

As graduate students, your mentor will play a pivotal role in your academic and professional success. Hence, it is important that you approach this relationship with respect, sincerity, and honesty. Cultivating a harmonious relationship with your mentor will enable you to succeed in graduate school and will prove to be professionally and socially rewarding.

REFERENCES


News of Interest to the Profession

The Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender (OSCLG) and Women and Language are pleased to announce the appointment of Patricia Sotirin, Ph.D., of Michigan Technological University, as the next editor of Women and Language. Her term begins with the Spring 2010 issue. Current Editor Anita Taylor will finish her term with the Fall 2009 issue. Sotirin is Past President of OSCLG and the 2009-2010 Chair of the National Communication Association's Ethnography Division. All subsequent submissions to Women and Language should be sent to Dr. Sotirin. Contact her at pjsotiri@mtu.edu for protocol regarding submissions.

Division & Interest Group News

Mass Communication
Thank you to all who have submitted papers to the Mass Communication Division this year, and a special thanks to those who have agreed to serve as reviewers of the over 220 papers we received!

As we wait for the review process to follow its course, we have another important order of business. It is just about time for the biannual Kyoon Hur Dissertation Award Competition to begin. Dissertations completed (i.e., dissertation defense has been held and passed) between November 1, 2006, and October 31, 2008 (inclusive), are eligible for consideration, and the nomination materials will be due March 1, 2009. I will be sending around a detailed call for nominations via the Mass Communication Division listserv, so please be on the lookout for that announcement. The information will also be available on the Mass Communication Division's information page on the ICA website.

Robin Nabi, Chair
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Political Communication

Two hundred and thirty three papers and 18 panel proposals were submitted to the Political Communication Division for consideration for the Chicago conference. This represents a 17% increase in comparison to last year. We are expecting a competitive year as the increase in panel allocation was not as high as last year. 160 reviewers throughout the world are now evaluating these submissions. The deadline for reviews in our division is December 1st. The ICA office should send an email notifying all submitters of acceptance or rejection by January 20th.

Our division also submitted or co-sponsored two cross-divisional panel proposals, one on "The Utility of Effects as a Keyword in Communication Research" and another on "Framing as a Keyword in Communication Research". These cross-unit panels, a new initiative of ICA to bring together four different scholars representing four different units of ICA, will be evaluated by the conference theme chair and if accepted will appear on the program. A pre-conference we've co-sponsered on "Religion, Politics and the Media" was already accepted by ICA. The CFP for this preconference is available through the ICA website.

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Call for Papers

CALLS FOR PAPERS/ABSTRACTS

January 15, 2009. Call for Nominees: The Donald McGannon Communication Research Center at Fordham University announces its 2008 Donald McGannon Award for Social and Ethical Relevance in Communications Policy Research. Nominees should be book-length research published in 2008 that addresses or informs issues of communications policy. Authors of the winning book will be awarded $2,000. Previous winners have included Lawrence Lessig, Robert McChesney, and Yochai Benkler. Nominations should consist of a cover letter briefly summarizing the books research focus and findings, along with four copies of the book. Self-nominations are welcome. Edited volumes are not eligible for consideration. Deadline for consideration is January 15, 2009. Send nominations to:

McGannon Book Award
Donald McGannon Communication Research Center
Faculty Memorial Hall, 4th Floor
Fordham University
Bronx, NY 10458

For any questions, please contact Professor Jim Capo at capo@fordham.edu.

About the McGannon Center

The Donald McGannon Communication Research Center was founded in 1986 and is named in memory of Donald H. McGannon, former CEO of Westinghouse Broadcasting Corporation (Group W) and a Fordham College graduate, Class of 1940. The mission of the Center is to conduct, support, reward, and disseminate research in the fields of communications policy and ethics, with a particular emphasis on research that addresses the public interest dimensions of media policy. In pursuit of this mission, the Center serves as a resource and forum for scholars, policymakers, industry groups, and public interest organizations. More information about the McGannon Center and its activities can be found at www.fordham.edu/mcgannon.

February 1, 2009. Call for articles/essays for a special issue of Journalism Studies on Journalism as an Institution. Since the seminal book by Tim Cook, Governing with the News, a new institutional approach to the study of journalism has been emerging around the western world. This approach has gained popularity because it builds a bridge between past research and new directions of inquiry. However, though many scholars are working this terrain, their work tends to be scattered across journals, subdisciplines, and even nations. It is now time to bring together a sample of this work to assess where the field is and where it ought to go.

International researchers within the area of journalism studies, media studies and political communication studies are hereby invited to send an abstract to participate in a special issue on journalism as an institution. Papers ought to be empirically driven but theoretically informed by an institutional approach to the news. We understand journalism as an
institution in a broad sense, and welcome studies that make comparisons across countries; that focus on a specific organization; that trace the development of journalism as an institution over time, or that examine other aspects of new institutionalism and the news.

Abstracts should be approximately 500 words and are due by e-mail to either David Ryfe (dryfe@unr.edu) or Mark Ørsten (oersten@ruc.dk) by February 1st, 2009. You may send inquiries to either editor. The deadline for accepted papers will be six months later, August 1, 2009.

The selected papers will be reviewed for possible publication in Journalism Studies.

Kind regards,
David Ryfe and Mark Ørsten


We invite submissions of chapter proposals for a forthcoming edited volume from Hampton Press featuring literature reviews and meta-analyses about how people employ computer-mediated communication (CMC) effectively to initiate, maintain, and end personal relationships. We are interested in proposals examining:

- relational, task, or channel influences on interpersonal CMC.
- CMC in relationships among and between family members, friends, collaborators, colleagues, and other types of partners in personal relationships.
- relational partners use of various forms of CMC including but not limited to e-mail, www, virtual networks, and/or gaming.

We anticipate that each final chapter will be theory-based and include a current, relevant literature review and/or meta-analysis. We invite reviews of research using conceptual or empirical (qualitative and/or quantitative) methods. Manuscripts written from all theoretical orientations are welcome.

Chapter Proposal Guidelines:

1. Provide an extended abstract of 1-3 pages describing the research. Within the abstract, (a) clearly identify the specific aspect of CMC your chapter will examine and (b) provide a summary or outline of your proposed chapter.
2. Provide a bibliography of sources that will be used in the chapter.
3. Your proposal should be accompanied by a published essay you authored, ideally on the subject matter discussed in the chapter proposal. If you are selecting among multiple essays you have published, please send an essay for which you are the lead or sole author.
4. Please send an updated vita that lists of your publications.
5. Complete proposals (parts 1-4 specified above) are due on or before midnight December 31, 2008. We will respond to submitted proposals by February 15, 2009.
6. Submissions should be electronic and sent simultaneously to BOTH coeditors at KBWright@ou.edu and LynneWebb320@cs.com.

We welcome your questions and inquiries about the edited volume or chapter proposals. Please address your concerns to one or both of the editors:

Kevin B. Wright, PhD, Professor, Dept. of Communication, University of Oklahoma, 610 Elm Avenue, Norman, OK 73019, KBWright@ou.edu, Telephone: 405-325-5946
Lynne M. Webb, PhD, Professor, Dept. of Communication, University of Arkansas, 417 Kimpel Hall, Fayetteville, AR 72701, LynneWebb320@cs.com, Telephone: 479-575-5956.

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.

Chinese Journal of Communication (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: le mish@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 is 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 specialties 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: mclaughlm@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:

Journal of Communication Studies, National Council of Development Communication. Soliciting research papers,
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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. 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. Kalbfleish, 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.** Info: Dimple Godiwal-McGowan, Senior Lecturer, York St. John College (U of Leeds). E-mail: DimpleGodiwa@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
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.

We are pleased to announce the launching of the new flagship journal of the Society for Terrorism Research, Interdisciplinary Research on Terrorism and Political Violence (IRTPV). The journal will be published three times per year by Taylor and Francis, and Routledge Publishers, with an inaugural release date set for January 2009. You may find out more about IRTPV and STR at our new website (www.societyforterrorismresearch.org), as well as on the publishers website (www.informaworld.com/irtpv). Members of STR will receive copies of the journal as they are released, and information about joining STR is located on our website.

With this launch, we are also announcing a call for papers for IRTPV, and invite scholars across the behavioral and social sciences to submit their papers to the journal for review and potential publication. All manuscripts are subject to a peer review process with the goal of producing a high-quality reference work in the field. Please submit your papers to the Editors at the following email address: TR@SocietyForTerrorismResearch.org.

CONFERENCES

ECA's 100th Anniversary

The countdown has begun for the 100th anniversary celebration of the nation's first professional communication association! It is only fitting that the Eastern Communication Association (ECA) celebrate its 100th anniversary in a city of "firsts" - Philadelphia. This commemorative event will take place April 22-26, 2009 at the Sheraton Society Hill. Deadline for convention submissions is October 15th for all papers, panels and short courses. Student poster submissions are due by December 15th. Information for each interest group's call for papers can be found on the ECA website (www.ecasite.org). Simply select "Conventions," then click on "Call for Papers" and click on the name of the desired interest group.

Our 2009 convention theme, "Defining Moments: A Century of Communication," provides us with an exciting backdrop as we reflect on the contributions of the scholars and officers who have helped build our Association and our discipline. Many surprises are in store as the 2009 convention team is busy preparing special programs to recognize our Centennial Scholars as well as commemorative events such as the Centennial Luncheon and the Saturday evening Presidents' Reception (to be held at the National Constitution Center).

ECA is also pleased to announce the publication of a 100th anniversary volume, "A Century of Transformation: Studies in Honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Eastern Communication Association." Be sure to purchase your copy at the convention, and mark your convention calendar to attend the author signing session in recognition of the volume's contributors.

The National Communication Association Summer Conference on Intercultural Dialogue for 2009 will be held July 22-26, 2009 at Maltepe University in Istanbul, Turkey. This conference is designed around two main issues: to discuss the current
status of intercultural communication in various cultural, social, historical and political contexts, including the term "culture," and to explore ways of understanding and managing productively intercultural interactions through dialogue. This will be a small working conference, facilitating conversations intended to develop future connections between participants. Each scholar is asked to submit one case study of intercultural communication in which there was a conflict or misunderstanding, and to provide one approach, theory, or analytical tool that can be used to productively understand and/or resolve the issue presented in the case study. The case studies will be due by December 31, 2008 to www.natcom.org/Istanbul. Papers at the time of initial submission should be approximately 10 pages in length, and should present and analyze a single case study. Papers will undergo a process of blind peer review; those accepted will be organized into topics. To facilitate discussions at the conference, the conference language will be English. NCA has provided funds to award five travel stipends of $1000 each to participants either based outside the United States, and/or who are junior faculty. For further information, contact wendy.leeds.hurwitz@gmail.com

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/tempsress/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 rjunzel@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/ri/. 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@cjc-online.ca. For information on book reviews please contact our book review editor, Leslie Regan Shade, at review_editor@cjc-online.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;
Available Positions & Other Advertising

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
Vice-Chancellor and President: Professor Lawrence J. Lau, BS, MA, PhD, Hon DSocSc, Hon Doc, Hon LLD

Applications are invited for:-

Chair Professorships in Faculty of Social Science
The Chinese University of Hong Kong adopts bilingualism and biculturalism as the basis of its teaching and places equal emphasis on both Chinese and English languages as well as Eastern and Western cultures. It has always been the tradition of the University to nurture students who are well-versed in both Eastern and Western cultures.

The Faculty of Social Science (http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/ssc/) at CUHK has seven constituent Departments and one School, including the Departments of Architecture, Economics, Geography and Resource Management, Government and Public Administration, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, and the School of Journalism and Communication. It is committed to equipping students with a sense of social consciousness, a desire to question and verify, and a scientific mind to analyze various social phenomena. Social Science training enables students to positively face challenges of society and to explore possibilities for personal and social development. It has a team of over 150 full-time faculty members and around 3,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students.

As the University enters the era of expansion in preparation for the revival of a four-year normative curriculum in 2012, the Faculty is actively searching for appointments to full professorships at the chair level in the fields named below.

- ARCHITECTURE (Ref. 08/206/2)
- ECONOMICS (Ref. 08/207/2)
- GEOGRAPHY & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (Ref. 08/208/2)
- JOURNALISM & COMMUNICATION (Ref. 08/209/2)
- SOCIAL WORK (Ref. 08/210/2)
- SOCIOLOGY (Ref. 08/211/2)

TARGET CANDIDATES
Applicants should have (i) international standing in the relevant discipline as established by distinguished contributions to its advancement through scholarly work of originality and merit (evidenced by publication in prestigious venue, citations and/or positive reviews); (ii) international reputation of prominent research profile; (iii) proven record of academic leadership, e.g. overseeing research teams and supervising research students, contributing to peer review for journals/granting agencies, and undertaking positions of responsibility in academic administration.

SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS
Salary will be highly competitive, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The University offers a comprehensive fringe benefit package, including leave, medical care, retirement scheme contributions / completion-of-contract gratuity, and housing benefits for eligible appointees. Further information about the University and the general terms of service for appointments is available at http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/personnel. The terms mentioned herein are for reference only and are subject to revision by the University.

APPLICATION
Please send full resume, copies of academic credentials, a publication list and/or abstracts of selected published papers, together with names, addresses and fax numbers/e-mail addresses of three referees to whom the applicants’ consent has been given for their providing references (unless otherwise specified), to the Personnel Office, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, N.T., Hong Kong (Fax: (852) 2603 6852). Applications/Nominations will be considered until the positions are filled. The Personal Information Collection Statement will be provided upon request. Please indicate the field, position level and if applicable, the reference number and mark 'Application - Confidential' on cover.
EMERSON COLLEGE
Chair, Department of Marketing Communication
Appointment Begins September 1, 2009

Emerson College is the only comprehensive college or university in America dedicated exclusively to communication and the arts in a liberal arts context. Located in the heart of downtown Boston in close proximity to major media outlets, the College prides itself on its creative student body, cutting-edge technology and curriculum, and highly successful alumni. Current enrollment is approximately 4,000 full-time, part-time and graduate students. We are currently seeking an innovative professional who values excellence for a position of academic leadership within our institution.

Responsibilities
- As chief department administrator, the Chair works with faculty to set the direction for the unit.
- Oversees thirteen full-time faculty members in the following areas:
  - Marketing Communication: Advertising and Public Relations (undergraduate)
  - Integrated Marketing Communication (graduate)
  - Global Marketing Communication and Advertising (graduate; IAA certified)
- Guides the department in preparing professional communicators who can design, manage and evaluate strategic campaigns.
- Ensures that courses balance theory with practical skills training to prepare students for careers in advertising, public relations, brand communication, direct/database marketing, social marketing, and e-communication.
- Ensures the quality and relevance of curriculum.
- Implements plans for recruiting and developing faculty, as well as supports and mentors faculty scholarship and professional work.
- Extends existing connections to alumni and the industry.
- Works with admissions, fundraising staff and the Dean on enrollment management and external resource development.

Qualifications
The successful candidate will have an advanced degree (terminal degree preferred) in marketing, advertising, public relations, organizational communication, applied communication, or related field. A record of academic scholarship commensurate with rank is required, along with knowledge of the marketing communication industry. This individual must also possess administrative experience or program leadership and well-developed professional networks. The ability to work effectively with individuals from diverse backgrounds is important. Members of historically underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.

Emerson College offers career advancement opportunity in Boston, an international hub of academic, professional and cultural activity. The appointment is at the rank of Associate or Full Professor and carries with it tenure or the possibility to earn tenure. Nominations and completed applications, consisting of a cover letter, CV, three references and/or letters of recommendation, and up to three examples of scholarly and/or creative work, should be sent to: Dr. Janis Andersen, Dean, School of Communication, Emerson College, 120 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116.

Please visit the Emerson College faculty employment page to view the complete job description and application instructions before applying:

http://www.emerson.edu/academic_affairs/faculty/Faculty-Employment.cfm

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UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
Assistant Professor
Economics, Sociology, Communication

The University of New Mexico requests applications for Assistant Professor. Minimum qualification: Doctorate by July 1, 2009 in one of the following three disciplines: Economics, Sociology, or Communication, or a related addictions research field.

Preference given to applicants with the following qualifications: a) demonstrated interest and experience in addictions-related research and scholarly issues; b) interest in working in multi-disciplinary research environment; c) established or emerging record of research publication; d) potential to generate external funding for research; e) promise of or record of teaching effectiveness at the graduate and/or graduate levels in a relevant area of academic expertise; f) ability and desire to mentor diverse students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Preferred areas of research include: policy relevant research in addictions, or methodological and statistical research in addictions. For best consideration, apply by January 5, 2009. The position will remain open until filled. Complete position description and application instructions may be viewed at http://www.unm.edu/~oeeoum/_facultyjobs/faculty_jobs.htm. UNM's confidentiality policy ("Disclosure of Information about Candidates for Employment," UNM Board of Regents' Policy Manual 6.7), which includes information about public disclosure of documents submitted by applicants, is located at http://www.unm.edu/~brpm/r67.htm The University of New Mexico is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY
Human-Computer Interaction Institute

There are Faculty Positions in Learning Science, Educational Technology, HCI, CSCW.

The Human-Computer Interaction Institute at Carnegie Mellon University has up to two tenure-track faculty positions open. For information please see http://www.hcii.cs.cmu.edu/jobs/

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CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA
Communication Department
Assistant Professor

We invite applications and nominations for an Assistant Professor position in the Communication Department. Duties and Responsibilities: The successful candidate will teach some combination of the following undergraduate courses: intercultural communication, interpersonal communication, communication theory, organizational communication, group communication, and persuasion. Finalists will be required to appear for interviews and to deliver a classroom teaching presentation. Required Qualifications: Ph.D. in communication studies or a communication-related field by July 1, 2010. Previous college teaching experience required. Demonstrated potential for continued scholarly production. Demonstrated ability to be responsive to the educational equity goals of the university and its increasing ethnic diversity and international character. Date of Appointment: The university seeks to fill this position by Fall 2009. Consideration of completed applications will begin on January 5, 2009 and continue until the position is filled. AA/EOE. For expanded position description and application, call (909) 869-3520, or e-mail vmkey@csupomona.edu.

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UNIVERSITY OF BERN
Economics and Social Sciences
Political Communication

The Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Bern invites applications for a Professorship in Communications- and Media-Science (Area Political Communication).

The position is located at the Institute for Communications and Mediascience of the Department of Social Sciences. The successful applicant should have outstanding and internationally acknowledged research achievements, extensive teaching experience in Political communication and experiences with acquisitions of third-party funds. A Ph.D. in the Social Sciences is essential.

Job responsibilities include basic research and teaching within the field of Political Communication. In addition, the applicant is expected to be involved in project-related and applied research. We expect the applicant to contribute to the departments common research field, Governance, to collaborate in various research and teaching projects, and to communicate research findings to a broader public. The duties also involve teaching at the BA-, MA-, and PhD levels. Languages of instruction are German, English, or French.

The University of Bern is an equal opportunity employer. Women are strongly encouraged to apply.

The position is available from February 1st, 2010.

Closing date of the applications: 15th December 2008

Application procedure: Please submit, electronically or in hard copy, a CV, a list of publications, a list of third-party funds and a list of courses taught by the applicant.

The application should be addressed to the Head of the Department of Social Sciences, Prof. Marco Steenbergen, Lerchenweg 36, CH-3000 Bern 9, Switzerland, or applications@sowi.unibe.ch.

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
Dean of the College of Communications and Information Studies

The University of Kentucky seeks an innovative and forward-looking individual for Dean of its College of Communications and Information Studies, with a preferred starting date of July 1, 2009. The Dean is the Colleges chief executive and academic leader and reports to the Provost. The Dean is expected to provide academic and administrative leadership for teaching, research, and engagement activities; budgetary and fiscal management; and development and alumni programs. The Dean represents the College within the University, and to its varied external constituencies.

The College of Communications and Information Studies includes three units: the Department of Communication, the School of Journalism and Telecommunications, and the School of Library and Information Science. The individual must
understand and value the different professional and scholarly perspectives within the College and the need to build consensus toward common goals.

Applicants should include a letter summarizing relevant experiences in leadership, administration, and academics; a statement of philosophy on administrative leadership and on the balance among undergraduate education, the research enterprise, and land grant engagement; a current curriculum vitae; and the names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of four references. References will not be contacted without candidate approval.

Review of applications will begin on January 5, 2009, and will continue until the position is filled. Applications from and nominations of women and minorities are strongly encouraged.

Send applications and nominations to: College of Communications and Information Studies Search Committee, Office of the Provost, 105 Main Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0032, or electronically to Kris Hobson at hobson@email.uky.edu.

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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
Health Communication and Cancer

The UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill seek junior, mid-career and senior level candidates for tenure-track faculty positions in cancer-related health communication. This broad-based recruitment seeks outstanding researchers in areas, including but not limited to: new media, message development, medical decision making, cancer survivorship and health disparities. The positions are supported in part by the University Cancer Research Fund, which this year provides $40 million for cancer research at UNC Chapel Hill. Applicants should have a strong record of recent accomplishments as post-doctoral fellows, or sustained productivity as established faculty members, and a clear commitment to cancer research. Successful candidates would become members of the Cancer Center and have primary appointments in the UNC School of Public Health or in other departments across the University. Appointment and rank in an academic department will be determined by the applicant’s qualifications. Dr. Marci Campbell, UNC Lineberger Program Leader in Cancer Prevention and Control, chairs the search committee.

Applicants must submit curriculum vitae, a description of research plans, and names of three references through the UNC Chapel Hill’s web-based system: http://hr.unc.edu/jobseekers/. Follow the links to EPA Faculty open positions and then use Recruitment ID 1001020 in the Keyword Search to find the position. Click Apply Now or Apply for this Position links. Please note that application may first require registration in the system and then application. PDF documents are preferred.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is an equal opportunity/ADA employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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City University of Hong Kong is one of eight tertiary institutions funded by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region through the University Grants Committee of Hong Kong. A young and dynamic institution, the University aspires to be internationally recognized as a leading university in the Asia-Pacific region through excellence in professional education and applied research. It has a growing international reputation, as evidenced by its surge up the rankings of the world’s top 150 universities according to the Times Higher Education Supplement. The mission of the University is to nurture and develop the talents of students and to create applicable knowledge in order to support social and economic advancement. Currently, approximately 26,000 students are enrolled in over 180 programmes ranging from associate degrees to PhD. The medium of instruction is English.

The University invites applications and nominations for the following posts. Candidates with applied research achievements will receive very positive consideration. Relevant experience in business and industry will be a definite asset.

**Professors/Associate Professors/Assistant Professors (4 posts)**
Department of Media and Communication [Ref. C/903/49]

**Duties**: Teach and conduct research in the area of Media and Communication.

**Requirements**: A PhD in Communication/Media Studies. The recruitment will be open to all specializations but with priorities given to teachers and cutting-edge researchers of Digital TV, Advertising, and New Media. Rank will be commensurate with qualifications. As the University’s strategic area of development, communication has a strong international team at the forefront of research in International Communication, Media Effects, New Media, and Political Economy of Communication. Applicants should demonstrate a strong record or promise of teaching, research and publication. Ability to work well with colleagues is essential.

**Salary and Conditions of Service**
Remuneration package will be highly competitive, commensurate with qualifications and experience. Initial appointment will be made on a fixed-term gratuity-bearing contract. Fringe benefits include leave, medical and dental schemes, and housing benefits where applicable. (The remuneration package is currently under review.)

**Information and Application**
Information about the posts and the University is available at http://www.cityu.edu.hk or from the Human Resources Office, City University of Hong Kong, Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon, Hong Kong [Fax: (852) 2788 1154 or (852) 2788 9534/email: hrojob@cityu.edu.hk]. Please send nomination or application in the form of an application letter enclosing a current curriculum vitae to the Human Resources Office. The screening process will begin immediately until the positions are filled. Please quote the reference of the post in the application and on the envelope. The University reserves the right to consider late applications and nominations, and not to fill the positions. Personal data provided by applicants will be used for recruitment and other employment-related purposes.