Boston Conference Registrations Surpass All Previous Records!

Sam Luna, ICA Director of Member Services

The Boston conference figures are in. Attendance this year shattered the record held by 2005 New York conference. Indeed, the total number of registrations greatly surpassed New York's 2,306 registrations. Of ICA's 4,357 members, 2,507 registrants attended the 5-day conference. ICA proved once again to be a very dedicated and active group: More than 50 percent of our membership came to Boston!

Regionally, the United States had the most registrants with 1,592, followed by Europe with 565. East Asian registrants totaled 84, non-U.S. Americas 37, Africa and Oceania 53, and West Asia 85. See the chart below for a breakdown by country.

Virtually, we had processed 88 registrations as we traveled to Boston. The total after conference is 119. Wiley Blackwell has provided metrics on the virtual conference website; ICA President Larry Gross reports on some of those statistics in his article this issue.

This year we continued using recyclable materials for the conference. Numbers there are shifting as well. In Boston, 1,380 opted for the printed program and 990 opted for the flash drive. We continue to look for ways to move towards less printed programs. The Task Force on the Greening of ICA recommended the establishment of an interest group dedicated to environmental concerns. The ICA Board approved the Environmental Communication Interest Group at the Boston conference.

We would like to know what you thought. The annual conference survey is now online and open to all
who attended. President-elect Cynthia Stohl, who will compile the survey data, will then consider those results as she plans for next year's conference in Phoenix. We will post the survey results on the ICA conference web site, and analysis of those results will appear in the ICA Newsletter. Click this link if you would like to take it now: http://www.icahq.org/cgi-shl/TWServer.exe?Run:CONFSERV11.

A reminder to all who attended at Boston: The papers will be available online only through July.

One final note: Our autumn membership drive will soon begin. Renewal reminders will go out at the beginning of August to allow members a 60-day period in which to renew their memberships.

Registrations by country

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ICA President-elect Cynthia Stohl speaking with a colleague in Boston.

photo, Sam Luna
The Dutch National Science Foundation (NWO) has awarded the 2011 Spinoza Prize, also known as "The Dutch Nobel Prize," to Patti Valkenburg, Professor at Amsterdam School of Communication Research (ASCoR), U of Amsterdam, and director of the school's Center for Research on Children, Adolescents, and the Media (CCAM). The award was announced on 6 June.

NWO awards the Spinoza Prize to Dutch researchers who belong to the absolute highest echelons of science. The scientists receive the prestigious prize for their outstanding, groundbreaking, and inspiring research. Though Dutch by nationality, the laureates are internationally renowned scientists with a demonstrated ability to inspire young researchers.

The Spinoza Prize comes with a monetary award of 2.5 million Euros (approx $3.5 million USD), to be spent on research of the recipient's choice. Valkenburg's award marks the first time that a social scientist of any stripe, let alone communication, has received the Spinoza Prize.

This is Valkenburg's second prestigious academic award in 2 years. In 2010 she received a European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Investigator Grant, which is also worth 3.5 million Euros.
By all standard measures the Boston conference was a resounding success. Following a record-breaking number of submissions - which led (happily or sadly, depending on your perspective) to a record rejection rate - we broke previous records for registrations, with an ultimate total of 2,507 folks. Of course, in addition to those physically present in Boston, this year’s conference saw the first full-fledged addition of the Virtual Conference component, that registered 119 folks (outside of Boston attendees, who had full access as part of their on-site registration).

The Virtual Conference was among several innovations at this year’s meetings that hold promise for the future. At the suggestion of student members we initiated a series of Master Classes, affording members an opportunity to meet with and learn from senior scholars in a less formal setting. This year’s events, featuring John Hartley, Youichi Ito, Annie Lang, Max McCombs, and Patti Valkenburg, were a notable success, drawing substantial numbers for early evening sessions.

In an effort to stimulate regional interaction and move towards greater engagement by scholars from all parts of the globe, we set up a series of receptions for the different regions, and these, too, seemed to be quite successful. In fact, the European region reception became one of the first to provoke the hotel to enforce the fire code - another ICA first! - when more folks showed up than were permitted in the room. I know that Cynthia Stohl is already thinking about ways to build on these new program elements next year.

The Virtual Conference, however, is the most significant of this year’s innovations, as it offers enormous promise for the future. This initiative was made possible by the enthusiastic engagement and efforts of our publishing partners, Wiley-Blackwell, who are committed to exploring this exciting new avenue for communication and interaction. Many people, spread across two continents, contributed to the success of this effort - we had conference calls that included participants in Los Angeles, Washington, Boston, Oxford, and Croatia, creating quite a timing challenge! I want to mention and thank Kivmars Bowling, Emily Karsnak, Vanessa Lafaye, Igor Novakovic, Eric Piper, and Margaret Zusky for their tireless dedication.

Of course, as a first-time experiment, the Virtual Conference was definitely a work-in-progress, and not everything worked as planned. Most of the live sessions were not well thought-through in advance - we didn't really know what to expect - and we learned a lot about what not to do, as well as what to do next year. We were pleased by the amount of discussion that the online papers stimulated. In some instances there were multiple comments and responses, and it was clear that there can be more engaged discussion of papers in the virtual venue than often happens in either traditional paper sessions - how often have we heard: "sorry, we're out of time, and there's no time for discussion" - or in the interactive display sessions. I am confident that in future years we will find more ways to make creative use of this valuable new capability.

One popular component of the virtual conference was the two pre-recorded keynote lectures, by Henry Jenkins and Barbie Zelizer, that received numerous visits during the conference and beyond. The keynotes and the conference papers on the virtual site remained up beyond the conclusion of the Boston event.

One dimension of the virtual conference that is certainly more important than we expected is that of the twitter feed. After some confusion over the hashtag for the conference - we eventually settled on #ICA11, and we'll be ready to pounce on #ICA12 for Phoenix! - it became obvious that this was going to be an active part of the conference. In all, 347 people contributed to the #ICA11 hashtag, with a total of 2377 individual tweets. With 287, 356 twitter followers, the "exposure" of these messages was
One of the questions for next year will be whether to set up a conference backchannel on Twitter. In general, it seems appropriate for ICA to more fully engage with Twitter, as another means for us to be in communication. We will also look into setting up a Facebook page for the conference.

Among the more traditional highlights of the Boston conference were two overflow plenary sessions that required us to open walls to more than double the size of the rooms! The plenaries were also live streamed through the virtual conference site, thus reaching more folks beyond Boston.

The conference opened with a plenary session on "Communication as the Discipline of the 21st Century," with Craig Calhoun, president of the Social Science Research Council, and respondents Joe Cappella, Sonia Livingstone, John Durham Peters, and Georgette Wang. It was gratifying to see the crowd remain present and engaged even as the session ran overtime and the reception was already underway. On Monday we needed even more space to accommodate the numbers who turned out to hear Noam Chomsky speak on "Democracy, the Media, and the Responsibility of Scholars."

On Saturday ICA president Francois Cooren gave the presidential address, on "Communication Theory @ the Center: The Communicative Constitution of Reality," at a session which featured the annual awards ceremony. Receiving awards in recognition of their accomplishments and service to the field and to the organization were:

- New ICA Fellows: Patrice Buzzanell (Purdue U, USA); James P. Dillard (Pennsylvania State U, USA); Janet Fulk (U of Southern California, USA); Ronald E. Rice (U of California - Santa Barbara, USA); Cynthia Stohl (U of California - Santa Barbara, USA); Vish Viswanath (Harvard U, USA)
- Fellows' Book Award: Carolyn Marvin (U of Pennsylvania, USA)
- Aubrey Fisher Mentorship Award: Sandra Ball-Rokeach (U of Southern California, USA)
- Steven Chaffee Career Productivity Award: Jennings Bryant (U of Alabama, USA)
- Outstanding Book Award: Kate Kenski (U of Arizona, USA); Bruce Hardy (U of Pennsylvania, USA); Kathleen Hall Jamieson (U of Pennsylvania, USA)
- Outstanding Article Award: Robert LaRose (Michigan State U, USA)
- Applied/Public Policy Award: Michael Stohl (U of California - Santa Barbara, USA)
- Young Scholar Award: Dmitri Williams (U of Southern California, USA)
- James Carey Urban Communication Award: erin mcclellan (Boise State U, USA)
- Communication Research as an Agent of Change Award: Robert McChesney (U of Illinois, USA)
- Communication Research as Collaborative Practice Award: Sonia Livingstone (London School of Economics, United Kingdom)
- Communication Research as an Open Field Award: Janice Radway (Northwestern U, USA)

While it was gratifying to have folks congratulate me on how well the conference went, it seemed a bit like a concert, where the one person who isn't playing an instrument is given credit for the musical performance. Many people contributed to the success of the conference, of course, and I'd like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation to some of these, although I am sure that I will miss some who deserve thanks.

The Local Arrangements Committee - Julie Dobrow, Tom Nakayama, Jim Shanahan, Elizabeth Swayze, and Vish Viswanath - helped members take advantage of Boston's many attractions.

The members of the conference planning committee - Division and Interest Group officers - had to wrestle with our record number of submissions in the usual tight timetable, and also figure out how to work in the new virtual conference sessions - and most came through on time and with great skill.

I have enjoyed working with, and learning from, my colleagues on the Executive Committee: Patrice Buzzanell, Francois Cooren, Sonia Livingstone, Cynthia Stohl, and Barbie Zelizer. Sonia has
earned her parole after 5 years, and she will be missed. We will certainly assure that her commitment to the project of internationalization will not falter.

Anyone who has been involved in organizations such as ICA knows that our revolving-door leadership structure means that we are dependent on the dedication and skill of the staff. Here ICA is extraordinarily blessed, and I am especially appreciative of the skillful management and navigation provided by Emily Karsnak, Sam Luna, Amanda Pike, Mike West, and someone named Michael Haley.
After our very successful 2011 conference, preparations for our 2012 conference in Phoenix are now in full swing. Along with our Executive Director Michael Haley, I visited Phoenix in March to get a sense of the location and the opportunities and challenges the site presents.

The conference will be held 24-28 May 2012 at the Phoenix Sheraton Downtown, a new hotel that is located adjacent to a large convention center. The hotel offers many amenities and advantages for our members, including a very reasonable room rate ($115 USD), free wi-fi available in all the conference rooms, several types of meeting rooms that will enable different type of formats, public meeting spaces, and enough rooms so that most of our members can stay at the conference hotel. The Westin, located within a block, is our overflow hotel. Phoenix's light rail provides quick (20 minutes), easy (direct form airport to hotel) and cheap (about $3 USD) access to the hotel and many of Phoenix's museums and points of interest. The area surrounding the hotel has a fair number of restaurants and the city and its environs offer many interesting possibilities for preconference and post-conference meetings.

Given the controversy surrounding Phoenix as the selected conference site, I have met with the local arrangements committee, including Majia Holmer Nadesan (Arizona State U West), Amira De La Garza (Arizona State U) and Diane Rutherford (The Arizona Republic) to address many of the issues that were raised at the last two ICA board meetings and in discussion with ICA members. We are in the process of planning some (hopefully) exciting and provocative events for our members that explore the relevant issues both locally and globally.

The conference theme for the Phoenix conference, "Communication and Community," was chosen specifically to enable ICA to address our discipline's role in the study and understanding of community and the controversies surrounding contemporary events like those in Phoenix and throughout the world. Along with the conference theme chair, Patricia Moy (U of Washington), we hope to create a conference program that a) explores the role of communication in the constitution, development, maintenance and dissolution of community; b) addresses the normative, ethical, methodological and theoretical challenges of emerging notions of community; and c) examines the ways in which communities (including our own academic community) address the tensions, contradictions, and dualities of community convergence/divergence and fragmentation/integration.

Communication scholars across ICA Divisions and Interest Groups are well positioned to articulate the
multilevel dynamics of community and to engage various communities in our work. To integrate our theme more fully into our conference and recognize the outstanding divisional contributions that are being presented we will be giving top theme paper awards to a select group of papers in addition to featuring cross-divisional papers, collaborative projects, and miniplenaries in specially identified theme panels.

A series of interdivisional debates addressing critical contemporary issues of "Communication and Community" are being planned, as well as series of special events focusing specifically on our regional communities. Based on feedback from ICA conference attendees, new session formats are being designed to further attendees' active engagement in the intellectual debates and emerging research, pedagogical, and professional paradigms across our field. For example, I have instituted an extended session for all Divisions and Interest Groups for the Phoenix conference. Panel planners are urged to use this 2.5-hour slot in new and creative ways, including sessions comprised of working papers and feedback; town hall debates about critical issues in the Division; visual and performance sessions that enhance traditional presentations; bringing in local NGOs, schools, or other community groups to interact directly with conference participants, etc. At our planning session in May, conference planners were very interested in new ways of "conferencing." We all look forward to seeing the results of their efforts in these extended sessions.

We will continue to tweak and experiment with new opportunities in the enormously successful Virtual Overlay component of the conference that Larry Gross began in Boston. Larry and the staffs at Wiley and ICA did a superb job putting on this complex technological/conference experiment. We have learned a great deal from the experience and the immediate feedback we have thus far received. This feedback, along with the results of our conference online survey, a twitter survey to those who participated in the very active tweeting during the Boston conference, and a detailed survey and analysis of user input from Wiley will hopefully help us make next year's virtual conference even better, more accessible, and more engaging.

The Phoenix conference is also an opportunity for ICA to implement many of the ideas our membership and internationalization committees have developed for enhancing our sense of community for first time attendees and those coming from nations that have not previously been well represented at ICA. We will be developing a newcomer's guide for navigating the conference along with several other initiatives including pre- and postconferences that address scholarly and professional concerns.

Overall, the plans for ICA Phoenix are progressing well. Panel planners and board members have been highly receptive to the innovations that are being proposed. I continue to welcome any ideas for plenary speakers or special events for the Phoenix conference. Planning the conference is truly a community effort.

ICA Board of Directors Adopts Policy Regarding Political Engagement

Michael Haley, ICA Executive Director

At its annual meeting in Boston on 26 May, the ICA board of directors adopted a new policy on political engagement (see text box below).

ICA has periodically received requests from organizations or individuals
to take positions on a variety of issues. These have ranged from stances on the recent "Arab Spring" to issues that seem to relate to academic freedom. Debates in the board meetings on these topics have been far ranging and usually spirited. As well, many members of ICA have voiced their concerns regarding the propriety of an academic society taking stances on social or political issues. An international society such as ICA consists of members from many different political and socioeconomic countries who have divergent values and perspectives. Any action to support a particular request must take into account all of our various points of view without marginalizing or judging others. As a result, ICA has rarely taken positions in the past, in large part because there has been no guiding policy to direct the discussion or action.

To address this, then-ICA president Francois Cooren appointed a task force in August of 2010 to "consider ICA's decision-making on political engagement and to address a number of questions that connect the complexity of institutional agency and representation with thorny questions of the role of academia in society." Sandra Braman chaired the task force, which also included Yu-li Liu, Yariv Tsfati, and Mark van Vuuren. They issued their report for the board on 1 December 2010.

"Perceptions of ICA's traditional stand on political engagement have focused on advancing and supporting research (including political research) by providing public discourse with facts and theories, by managing and publishing important journals, and by signaling important research (e.g., by bestowing awards)," the report said. "In recent years, however, the association has directly engaged with two specific legal matters (copyright law and regulation of tobacco advertising), and additional possibilities for types of political engagement that might be appropriate have been suggested by association members and by stances and procedures developed by other scholarly associations around the world."

The task force examined ICA's Mission and Ethics Statements, as well as its past history. It also studied how other similar organizations have addressed the issue of political engagement. It developed a series of specific recommendations which were incorporated into the final policy. The full report can be accessed here. The board, at its midyear online board meeting in January, accepted the report and directed the ICA executive director to develop a policy for adoption in May 2011.

One of the concerns of any policy on political action is an ability to react to time sensitive requests in a responsible manner. This was addressed in the final policy by having the Executive Committee review these and forward them on to the Board for an online debate and vote without having to wait until one of the two yearly board meetings. The policy also establishes a high criteria and standard for adoption to insure that any stance represents the association as a whole.

Such an issue was presented to the board shortly after the adoption of this policy. The association was asked to sign on and support an amicus brief going before the U.S. Supreme Court in the case Golan V. Holder (SCOTUS Docket No. 10-545). The issue is access to material that has fallen into the public domain. In 1994, an element of an international treaty, now U.S. law, permitted material from other countries that had fallen into the public domain in the U.S. to be re-copyrighted. This act further weakens the provisions of copyright that allow researchers, scholars, students and others to access our shared cultural heritage. The timing required the board to make a decision prior to 13 June 2011. This was made even more difficult given that one-third of the board was new (taking their positions at the conclusion of the Boston conference) and many board members were either traveling or had difficulty assessing their membership. In the end, this request did not pass the board and ICA will not be signing on to the amicus brief.
POLICY ON POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

Following the board discussion from the January 2011 online board meeting and the final report of the task force on political engagement, the following is the proposed policy for ICA:

The following procedures are for any issue where a member of ICA requests consideration and support of a political engagement matter.

Criteria
A justification based on either the association mission statement or the ethics statement is required. This requires an argument that taking a position expresses "social responsibility" or meets some other extremely general criterion, demonstration of substantial support for the position by association membership, and relevance to the field of communication.

Content requirements
- A rationale for why the proposal merits consideration and how it meets the criteria for consideration.
- Substantial documentation regarding (a) details of the issue, and (b) relevance of the issue to the field of communication.
- A description of the specific activities that are being recommended.
- Specific language for a resolution.
- Assessment of the costs and financial implications of the proposed action.

Timing
Material must be presented at least 45 days prior to the meeting at which the Board will consider the matter. For issues that require a more timely response, the request can be forwarded to the Executive Committee, who will evaluate the request and forward their recommendation on to the Board for an online vote.

Adoption
Adoption of a statement for political engagement requires a majority of eligible voting members of the Board, not just those voting.

New Communication Director Position Approved

Michael Haley, ICA Executive Director

At its May 2011 annual board meeting, the ICA board of directors approved the new staff position of communication director.

A task force was appointed in 2009 by then-President Barbie Zelizer to address ICAs need to clearly communicate its mission and contributions to diverse publics within and across disciplines. She stated the necessity for ICA to publicize its activities as well as the research of its members. ICA members produce a wealth of research on a wide range of issues with public relevance across the globe. Without active and sustained efforts to communicate institutional accomplishments as well as significant intellectual contributions, ICA misses opportunities to capitalize on its distinctive strengths, build public recognition, and make a valuable impact on communication issues and public life. The task force met for the last 2 years, researching and debating several issues and options. At the annual meeting in Singapore, the task force issued a preliminary report and a final report at the May 2011 meeting.

The task force recommended the creation of a new position within the organization; a communication director. This person will be responsible for spearheading strategic direction initiatives and planning, coordination, and management of the ICAs integrated marketing, public relations, and strategic communications program. The communication director will work with both external and internal constituencies to promote the field of communication, with ICA as its standard bearer. In addition, the individual will create and communicate the organizations messages and ensure overall continuity of institutional brand consistency and image.

Moreover, the communication director will support the organizations staff and board in developing and maintaining strategic partnerships with external organizations and funders. The communication director will also develop and implement initiatives that would serve the membership, and thus increase the
benefit of being an association member.

The task force and board stressed the need to address these issues on a truly international basis and not focus on media or research of any one country or market. The international nature of this position will make it largely web-based and the staff member could reside anywhere in the world. Being multilingual was also emphasized.

Working with the task force and the Executive Committee, ICA Executive Director Michael Haley has developed a job description and advertising and recruiting will begin immediately. It is critical that the correct person is hired for this position. Therefore, the recruiting process will continue until the ideal person is hired. While we would like to hire soon, the process will remain open until the best candidate is identified. The job announcement can be found in the text box below this article and on the ICA website. The complete job description is also on the ICA website. All questions concerning the position should be directed to the ICA executive director at mhaley@icahdq.org.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR

The International Communication Association (ICA) is seeking a communication director who will enhance the organization, its membership, and the field of communication by achieving international public visibility. As a United Nations NGO and a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization comprising 4500 scholars worldwide, the ICA seeks an individual to spearhead, coordinate and manage activities to promote the field of communication both internally and externally. The director will foster and maintain relationships with international news media, editors, reporters, other communication directors, partner organizations, international institutions, and governmental officials and staff. Duties include but are not limited to planning, organizing and directing communications strategies and public information activities for the association; developing and maintaining networks of people and institutions to disseminate ICA-related news and information; developing and maintaining an proactive social media campaign for the association; developing and maintaining updated information about member scholarship and expertise and promoting such information among members and interested external organizations; and representing the association in the media and other relevant platforms.

Candidate requirements include a graduate degree (Ph.D. preferred) in communication or a related field, excellent communication skills, wide-ranging multilingual skills, knowledge of the field of communication and its scholarship, familiarity with digital and social media including online communities, search engine optimization and other digital marketing tools, comprehensive knowledge of international media operations and public relations strategies, ability to handle multiple projects under time and resource pressure. The applicant must have a minimum of three years professional experience, preferably with nonprofit or academic organizations. ICA is located in Washington, DC, but the CD can be located anywhere with telecommuting. Some travel required. Salary is commensurate with experience.

The International Communication Association aims to advance the scholarly study of human communication by encouraging and facilitating excellence in academic research worldwide. The purposes of the Association are to provide an international forum to enable the development, conduct, and critical evaluation of communication research; to sustain a program of high quality scholarly publication and knowledge exchange; to facilitate inclusiveness and debate among scholars from diverse national and cultural backgrounds and from multi-disciplinary perspectives on communication-related issues; and to promote a wider public interest in, and visibility of, the theories, methods, findings and applications generated by research in communication and allied fields. ICAs activities fall into three main categories: holding a major annual conference, along with occasional regional conferences; publishing a series of high quality journals and related publications both broad-ranging and specialized; and supporting the research activities of its members by representing the field.

Applicants should send a detailed letter of application addressing the specific job description, a CV, a list of four references, and salary requirements to mhaley@icahdq.org. The detailed job description is available at http://www.icahdq.org/news/directorad.asp. Applicants should submit all materials by 9 September 2011 for full consideration.

New Editor Named for Communication Theory, Communication Yearbook

The ICA Publications Committee has chosen Thomas Hanitzsch to be the new editor of ICA’s journal Communication Theory. The appointment was approved at the ICA Board Meeting in Boston on 26 May. His 3-year term as editor of CT will begin with the journal’s Volume 22 (2012).

Hanitzsch is currently Professor of Communication at the University of Munich's Institute of Communication Studies and Media Research (IfKW). He worked in the early 1990s as a journalist, before earning Master's degrees in Journalism and Arabic Studies/Oriental Philology in 1999 from the University of Leipzig, and a Ph.D. in Applied Media Studies in 2004 from the Ilmenau University of Technology.
Hanitzsch is also a former chair of ICA's Journalism Studies Interest Group (now Division). He is currently Vice Chair of the European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA)'s Journalism Studies Section.

Hanitzsch's research, it will come as no surprise, focuses on journalism. In particular, he studies internationally comparative journalism cultures, as evinced in his books *Journalism in Indonesia: Agents, Structures, Orientations, and Journalistic Cultures* (2004) and the forthcoming *Handbook of Comparative Communication Research* (2011). (In addition, he coedited the 2009 book *Handbook of Journalism Studies*; has edited or coedited four other books; and has authored 100 other book chapters, journal articles, conference presentations, and invited lectures.)

Hanitzsch begins accepting manuscripts for *Communication Theory* in September. His official editorship begins 1 January 2012 and ends 31 December 2014.

Additionally, the Board has approved the appointment of Elisia Cohen as editor of *Communication Yearbook*. Her 3-year term begins with *Communication Yearbook 37*, which will be published in 2013.

Cohen is an assistant professor of Communication at the University of Kentucky College of Communications and Information Studies and Associate Member of the Markey Cancer Center. She received her Master's in communication from Wake Forest University, and her Ph.D. in 2003 from the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication. Cohen is a member of ICA's Health Communication Division, and is the outgoing book review editor for the *Journal of Communication*.

Her main research interests include developing novel content-analytic and surveillance approaches to studying media representations of health risks and disease, using health behavior theory to develop targeted health communication interventions to improve cancer risk communication, and using media-based approaches to creating effective diffusion of cancer prevention innovations. She currently serves as an investigator for the Rural Cancer Prevention Center (A CDC-PRC funded initiative) and the Washington University Center for Excellence in Cultural Communication Research, and works an investigator to lead media planning for the Cervical Cancer-Free Kentucky Initiative (supported by a gift from GlaxoSmithKline).


Cohen's Call for Submissions for her first volume of *Communication Yearbook, 37*, will be forthcoming soon.
The “Arab Spring” as well as recent events in other parts of the world have demonstrated that new communication technologies, such as mobile phones and the internet, are simultaneously new tools for social movement organizing and new tools for surveillance by authoritarian regimes. Though communication theory necessarily transcends particular technologies, software, and websites, digital media have clearly become an important part of the toolkit available to political actors. These technologies are also becoming part of the research toolkit for scholars interested in studying the changing patterns in interpersonal, political, and global communication.

How have changing patterns of interpersonal, political, and global communication created new opportunities for social movements, or new means of social control by political elites? The role of social media in new patterns of communication is especially dramatic across North Africa and the Middle East, where decades of authoritarian rule have been challenged-with varying degrees of success. Social media—broadly understood as a range of communication technologies that allow individuals to manage the flow of content across their own networks of family, friends and other social contacts—seem to have had a crucial role in the political upheaval and social protest in several countries. Mass communication has not ceased to be important, but is now joined with a variety of other media with very different properties that may reinforce, displace, counteract, or create fresh new phenomena.

This Special Issue seeks original qualitative, comparative, and quantitative research on social media and political change, particularly as related to events in North Africa and the Middle East, but we are also receptive to work on political change in other parts of the developing world. We would welcome manuscripts from a diverse range of methodologies, and covering diverse communities and cultures. Methodological innovations or mixed method approaches are particularly encouraged, and manuscripts on the interpersonal and intergroup aspects of social movement organizing are central interest. Whatever the approach, our goal is to select manuscripts that are grounded in the actual use of social media in promoting or resisting political change in developing countries and regions. If you have questions regarding the appropriateness of a potential submission, please contact Philip N. Howard (pnhoward@uw.edu).

Deadline for Submission is 15 August 2011, through http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jcom. Manuscripts must confirm to all JOC guidelines include the use of APA 6th edition format and a limit of 30 pages total manuscript length.
Six New Scholars Selected as ICA Fellows

Cindy Gallois, chair of the ICA Fellows Nominating Committee, announced on 28 May in Boston the selection of six new scholars as Fellows of the International Communication Association. Fellow status in ICA is primarily a recognition of distinguished scholarly contributions to the broad field of communication. The primary consideration for nomination to Fellow status is a documented record of scholarly achievement; secondary consideration is given to such criteria as service to ICA and socially or professionally significant service to other publics such as business, government, education, etc.

The 2011 fellows are:

Patrice M. Buzzanell is Professor in the Brian Lamb School of Communication at Purdue University. Her research centers on leadership, work-personal life sustainability, and careers, particularly individual and structural processes in gendered careers and those associated with science, technology, engineering, and math.

Buzzanell has edited Rethinking Organizational and Managerial Communication From Feminist Perspectives (2000), and coedited Gender in Applied Communication Contexts (2004, and Distinctive Qualities in Communication Research (2010). She is author of over 100 articles and chapters including publications in such International Communication Association outlets as the Journal of Communication; Communication Theory; Human Communication Research; Communication Yearbook; and the ICA theme book, Communicating for Social Impact.

Buzzanell has served as editor of the Management Communication Quarterly and has served on a number of ICA committees, including serving as ICA President. Her ICA awards include top research paper awards, the Fredric M. Jablin Outstanding Member Award, and the W. Charles Redding Dissertation Award.

In November 2010, Buzzanell delivered the Carroll C. Arnold Distinguished Lecture, "Seduction and Sustainability: The Politics of Feminist Communication and Career Scholarship," for the National Communication Association. Over the last decade, she has advised or co-advised over 20 doctoral dissertations and has delivered keynote addresses around the world. She currently serves on Purdue’s NSF ADVANCE Leadership Team for the "Diversity Catalyst" component of the Educating the Majority initiative for institutional change.

James Dillard joined ICA at the tender age of 23, a decision that proved crucial to shaping the research that he would do for the next 3 decades.

His early efforts, which focused on the processes by which individuals attempt to change the opinions and behaviors of others, contributed to our understanding of how and why people create interpersonal influence messages, especially in the context of close relationships. During that period he served a chair of the Interpersonal Division.

Over the last 15 years Dillard has been instrumental in focusing attention on the role of emotion in persuasive communication. His work has informed and been informed by his role as Editor of the journal Human Communication Research from 2003 to 2006 and by 42 cumulative years of service on the editorial boards of the Communication Theory, Communication Yearbook, and the Journal of Communication. Dillard has authored over 70 refereed articles and 25 chapters. He edited the first book in our field on message production as well as the award-winning Persuasion Handbook.
Janet Fulk is a Professor of Communications in the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism and Professor of Management & Organization in the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California.

Her books, research articles and chapters cover topics including knowledge networks, information technology for strategic alliance networks, social aspects of knowledge and distributed intelligence, social media use, networking strategies of nongovernmental organizations, and online communities. Her research has been sponsored by a series of grants from the National Science Foundation, as well as private corporations and governmental organizations.

Her publications have won a variety of awards, including the National Communication Association's Best Book Award in Organizational Communication in 1990, the Dennis Gouran Award for Research in Group Communication, and, for Academy of Management, the Distinguished Scholar in Organizational Communication and Information Systems designation. She was selected for an association wide Career Achievement Award by the Academy of Management, where she was also elected Fellow.

Her ICA service includes Chair of the Organizational Communication Division (2010-2012), the Student Affairs Committee (2003-2004) and the Outstanding Applied/Public Policy Award Committee (2005-2007).

Ronald E. Rice is Arthur N. Rupe Chair in the Social Effects of Mass Communication in the Department of Communication, and Codirector of the Carsey-Wolf Center at University of California, Santa Barbara.

Rice has been elected President of the ICA (2006-2007) and has served in a number of other roles in ICA, including Vice-Chair, Chair, of Communication and Technology Division (1983-87) and the Publications Board (1999-2002). Among his awards are a Fulbright to Finland (2006) and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Montreal (2010).

His coauthored or (co)edited books include Organizations and Unusual Routines: A Systems Analysis of Dysfunctional Feedback Processes (2010); Media Ownership: Research and Regulation (2008); The Internet and Health Care: Theory, Research and Practice (2006); Social Consequences of Internet Use: Access, Involvement and Interaction (2002); The Internet and Health Communication (2001); Accessing and Browsing Information and Communication (2001); Public Communication Campaigns (1st ed.: 1981; 2nd ed.: 1989; 3rd ed.: 2001); Research Methods and the New Media (1988); Managing Organizational Innovation (1987); and The New Media: Communication, Research and Technology (1984). He has published over 100 refereed journal articles and 60 book chapters.

Cynthia Stohl is Professor of Communication at the University of California Santa Barbara and a faculty affiliate of the Center for Information, Technology and Society. Prior to joining the UCSB faculty in 2002, she was the Margaret Church Distinguished Professor and Head of the Department of Communication at Purdue University, where she received he Ph.D. in 1982.

For the past 25 years Stohl has focused on communication network processes as they are manifest in local and global collaborations. Her most recent work explores the changing communication partnerships among multinational, governmental and nongovernmental organizations. Her forthcoming book with Cambridge University Press (coauthors Bruce Bimber and Andrew Flanagin) focuses specifically on the role of new communication technologies in collective
action organizing.

The author of over 80 articles and book chapters and the book, *Organizational Communication: Connectedness in Action*, Stohl has been the recipient of several research awards, including the 1995 National Communication Association’s Organizational Communication Division’s Best Book Award, 12 top paper awards at international conferences and including two International Communication Association’s Outstanding Article Awards.

Stohl has served on the editorial boards of several journals including *Communication Theory* and *Communication Monographs*. She has served as chair of the Organizational Communication Divisions of both the International Communication Association and the National Communication Association. Other ICA service includes the Publications Committee and the Task Force on Restructuring/Reorganization. She became ICA President Select/Elect in 2010.

**K. "Vish" Viswanath** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Society, Human Development, and Health at the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) and in the Division of Population Sciences at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI).

Viswanath received his doctoral degree in Mass Communication from the University of Minnesota. His primary research is in documenting the relationship between communication inequalities, poverty and health disparities. He has written more than 100 journal articles and book chapters and is the coeditor of three books: *Mass Media, Social Control and Social Change* (Iowa State University Press, 1999), *Health Behavior and Health Education: Theory, Research & Practice* (Jossey Bass, 2008), and *The Role of Media in Promoting and Reducing Tobacco Use* (National Cancer Institute, 2008). He was also the editor of the "Social and Behavioral Research" section of the 12-volume *International Encyclopedia of Communication* (Blackwell Publishing, 2008).

In recognition of his academic and professional achievements, Viswanath received several awards, including the Outstanding Health Communication Scholar Award (2010) jointly given out by the International Communication Association and the National Communication Association. In ICA, he was the Vice-Chair (1999-2011) and Chair (2001-2003) of the Mass Communication Division, chaired the ad hoc Committee on New Publications (2000-2001), and was a member of the Aubrey Fisher Mentorship Award Committee (2008-2009).

ICA congratulates its new fellows!

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**Marvin Wins Fellows Book Award**

**Carolyn Marvin**, U of Pennsylvania, was selected to receive the 2011 ICA Fellows Book Award for her 1990 book *When Old Technologies Were New: Thinking About Electric Communication in the Late Nineteenth Century* (Oxford U Press).

The award recognizes those books that have made a substantial contribution to the
When Old Technologies Were New is a re-examination of two of the most significant technological innovations of the 19th century—the telephone and the electric light—through the lens of history. Marvin uses these two inventions to demonstrate how technology revolutionized social relations in the United States and throughout the world. She supplements her analysis with quotations and anecdotes from the media of the day, illustrating the reactions to the new technology and how the elites attempted to maintain control of it.

At the time of its publication, When Old Technologies Were New was acclaimed as a major contribution to the study of American history in general, and of the history of journalism and media in particular. The Journal of American History called it “an important addition” that “deserves close readings by historians of the modern media.” Electrical Review added that “this book re-thinks the traditional artifactual and institutional approaches to media history.”

Marvin is Frances Yates Professor at the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, with research interests in cultural studies, freedom of expression, and the social construction of taboo. She was the 1992 recipient of the university’s Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Marvin was presented with the Award on 28 May 2011 during ICA’s 61st Annual International Conference in Boston, Massachusetts.

Ball-Rokeach Wins 2011 Fisher Mentorship Award

Sandra Ball-Rokeach, Professor at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School of Communication, was selected to receive the prestigious 2011 B. Aubrey Fisher Mentorship Award. The Award recognizes outstanding scholars, teachers, and advisors who serve as role models in those capacities and who have had a major impact on the field of communication, by virtue both of their own accomplishments and those of their former students.

"Sandra has produced a remarkable record of scholarly and mentoring accomplishments," said Jon F. Nussbaum, Chair of the Fisher Mentorship Award Committee. "Primarily through her supervision within the Metamorphosis Project, Sandra has created an incubator for young researchers focused on urban communication issues. Over 70 graduate as well as undergraduate students have been centrally involved with the Metamorphosis Project since 1998.

"Sandra's mentoring of undergraduates and graduate students is a winning combination of warmth and encouragement, coupled with an unstinting, uncompromising demand for the very best each individual is capable of offering," Nussbaum added.

Ball-Rokeach is Professor of Communication at USC’s Annenberg School, and is director of the Communication Technology and Community Program. She is a fellow of the International
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2011 ICA Research Awards Presented in Boston

Michael J. West, ICA Newsletter Editor

The International Communication Association presented its nine prestigious research awards to 12 communication scholars at its annual awards ceremony in Boston on Saturday, 28 May. Ted Zorn (U of Waikato) chaired the ICA Research Awards Committee, which selected the winners.

The 2011 honorees included:

- **Jennings Bryant**, Steven H. Chaffee Career Productivity Award
- **Kate Kenski, Bruce W. Hardy**, and **Kathleen Hall Jamieson**, Outstanding Book Award
- **Robert LaRose**, Outstanding Article Award
- **Michael Stohl**, Applied/Public Policy Research Award
- **Dmitri Williams**, Young Scholar Award
- **erin mcclellan**, James Carey Urban Communication Award
- **Robert McChesney**, Communication as Agent of Change Award
- **Sonia Livingstone**, Communication Research as Collaborative Practice Award
- **Janice Radway**, Communication as Open Field Award

The Chaffee Productivity Award recognizes a scholar, or small group of collaborating scholars, for sustained work on a communication problem over a long period of time-with preference given to original work that is conceptually rich and makes an advance in communication knowledge. The 2011 recipient was **Jennings Bryant**, CIS Distinguished Research Professor, and Reagan Endowed Chair of Broadcasting in the College of Communication and Information Sciences at U of Alabama.

"Jennings Bryant meets the award criteria exemplarily," said the Chaffee Award Subcommittee of the ICA Research Awards Committee. "He has written 25 books, 77 book chapters, more than 250 conference papers-of which 27 have won awards, 20 scholarly encyclopedia entries, and 129 major technical or scientific reports.... His work is relevant to and highly cited by policy-makers in their respective fields. He has served the academic community, again worldwide, by his commitment to rigorous research on important questions. By all standards, national and international, he has advanced our field significantly."
The 2011 Outstanding Book Award—for a book published in the past 2 years and distinguished by its importance to the disciplines represented in ICA for the problem it addresses, and for its quality of writing and argument, and quality of evidence—went to Kate Kenski (Professor of Communication at U of Arizona), Bruce W. Hardy, and Kathleen Hall Jamieson (both Professors in the Annenberg School of Communication at U of Pennsylvania), for their publication *The Obama Victory: How Media, Money, and Message Shaped the 2008 Election* (Oxford University Press, 2010).

“Capturing the dynamics of contemporary democracy in action, the book presents a theoretically grounded and methodologically rigorous analysis of key factors that helped to bring about the historic outcome,” said the Outstanding Book Award Subcommittee. “The insights generated from this analysis are of interest to multiple areas of communication study, including political communication, mass communication, rhetoric, social influence, and interethnic communication. The unfolding of accessible writing and even-handed claims is a model for a scholarly audience as well as a wider public.”

Robert LaRose, Professor and Director of MA Studies in the Department of Telecommunication at Michigan State University, was selected to receive the Outstanding Article Award for their paper "The Problem of Media Habits" (*Communication Theory*, 20(2)). The award recognizes an article published within the past 2 years in a refereed journal that is distinguished by its coherence of argument, quality of conceptual development, and effective use of evidence, especially one that promises to be influential over time.

"LaRose's work revisits what should be a core concept of media use research: Habits," said the Outstanding Article Award Subcommittee. "The committee chose this article because it advances our knowledge and understanding of this central topic. Committee members called the article 'truly outstanding,' 'compelling,' and 'intellectually stimulating.' LaRose synthesizes past research and theoretical arguments while attending to cogent critiques in a way that is simply elegant. The Committee is convinced that this outstanding article will have a significant impact on the field. This article should be a must for communication scholars and students."

The Applied/Public Policy Research Award, which recognizes a scholar or group of researchers who have produced a systematic body of research in communication studying a particular applied or policy problem for the betterment of society during the previous 2 years, went to Michael Stohl, Professor of Communication at U of California - Santa Barbara.

"Michael Stohl has achieved a compelling 30-year program of research on state terrorism and human rights," said the Outstanding Applied/Public Policy Award Subcommittee. "His work and that of his students, has, according to independent commentators,
'revolutionized the study of human rights by examining the causes of human rights abuses using empirical analysis of states' practices.' Reviewers particularly noted the global focus of this and other work by Prof. Stohl, and its contributions to the betterment of society.

For the Young Scholar Award, given for a body of work following receipt of the Ph.D. that contributes to the field of communication and shows promise for continued development, based on the work's conceptual foundations and argumentative clarity, its rigor, and the recipient's productivity, the Awards Committee selected Dmitri Williams, Associate Professor at the U of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication.

Williams, wrote the Young Scholar Award Subcommittee, "has made important contributions to the field of communication at both theoretical and methodological levels. While studying relatively new phenomena, his scholarship is well grounded in prior communication research. He has excelled in working with industry to gain access to hard-to-obtain data and has also managed to secure impressive government support for his research. The committee is happy to award Dmitri Williams the Young Scholar Award."

The James Carey Urban Communication Award, which recognizes communication research that enhances urban social interaction and civic engagement in an age of global communication, this year was awarded to Erin McClellan, Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication at Boise State U.

"Dr. McClellan has proposed to study Boston's City Hall Plaza to understand the rhetorical constructions discussed and performed by people who use city centers in the US," Carey Award Subcommittee said. "Conducting interviews and entering into the lives of urban citizens and urban planners, Dr. McClellan will help us understand urban meaning making and associated interactions. In choosing this project, the committee felt Dr. McClellan's was a strong proposal in the spirit of James Carey's interest in understanding urban identity and its relation to urban spaces."

The winner of the "Communication Research as an Agent of Change" (CRAC) Award, recognizing research that has a demonstrable impact on practice outside the academy, with clear benefits to the community, was Robert McChesney, Gutgsell Endowed Professor in the Department of Communication at the U of Illinois.

"Through his research guided advocacy, Robert McChesney has made significant contribution to public life with a powerful impact," said the CRAC subcommittee. "Taking the academic world to the general public, he has done much to shape the discussion of not only how to rethink journalism but also the profession. Robert's work has been
translated into ten languages. His works help awake the public to an understanding of the negative impact of media corporations on peoples' lives in the ways they operate and inspire actions on the part of communities and the public. Robert McChesney has been a model of the public intellectual, and is thus a worthy recipient of the CRAC Award."

**Sonia Livingstone**, professor of Social Psychology and head of the Department of Media and Communications at London School of Economics and Political Science, was selected as the winner of the 2011 "Communication Research as Collaborative Practice" (CRCP) Award, which recognizes research that has a demonstrable impact on practice outside the academy, with clear benefits to the community.

Specifically, Livingstone won the award for her leadership of the EUkids II project. "The project researched online risks and opportunities for children in 25 European countries. Scholars from a wide range of institutions (particularly the Hans Bredow Institute for Media Research in Germany, University of Oslo in Norway, and the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia collaborated actively in the design of the research," the CRCP subcommittee noted. "Relationships were carefully built with policy makers and also regulators at the European and national level. Parental and educator organizations such as the Insafe network and non-governmental organizations such as Save the Children ensured practical impact on the ground."

**Janice Radway**, Walter Dill Scott Professor of Communication Studies at Northwestern U, was selected to receive the 2011 "Communication As Open Field" award, which recognizes researchers who have made important contributions to the field of communication from outside the discipline.

"Because Janice Radway has had a distinctive and long-term impact on communication research and has made a unique and invaluable contribution to the study of communication and to shaping it as an open, interdisciplinary endeavor, the Communication Research as an Open Field Award could not be awarded to a more deserving scholar," said the CROF subcommittee of the ICA Research Awards Committee. "Her work has substantially shifted the playing field in media studies by bringing together empirical literary approaches and ethnographically inspired methods to address the relation of women to popular media. Moreover, her work has become an inspiring tool to study television fiction in countries around the world. She has provided visibility to fiction as a reliable object to address the complexity of women's audience status in the diverse geographic and cultural modes of male-dominated culture."

ICA solicits nominations for these awards through the *Newsletter* each spring and makes the presentations at the annual conference. The awards competition, now in its 12th year, draws numerous nominations in all categories each year.
Top 2011 Posters Honored in Boston
Michael J. West, ICA Newsletter Editor

A record-breaking 207 posters - representing the very best of every Division and Interest Group - were exhibited as part of the Sunday, 29 May Plenary Interactive Poster Session of the 2011 ICA Conference in Boston. This year’s judges for the Top Poster Awards were ICA Past Presidents Barbie Zelizer (U of Pennsylvania) Patrice Buzzanell (Purdue U), and ICA President-Elect Cynthia Stohl (U of California - Santa Barbara).

Following is an explanation of the judges’ ranking process:

First, they obtained the respective divisions’ rankings of each paper to be exhibited in the interactive paper session. Zelizer, Buzzanell, Stohl then read the top-ranked papers in every division. They ranked each paper using three standard rating dimensions (on a 1-10 scale): significance (30%), concepts and theory (30%), and analysis (20%), and entered the values into a spreadsheet program. A fourth dimension, presentation and style (20%), was also entered, but left blank until the actual presentation during the plenary session.

When averaged, the judges’ ratings on the first three dimensions, produced 10 top papers, to which “Top Poster” certificates were attached at the poster session held on Sunday, 25 June. It was at that time that Zelizer, Buzzanell, and Stohl filled in the “Presentation and Style” rating dimension for the top 10 papers, after visiting and closely viewing each of them. Once they had finished, the judges entered their ratings into the spreadsheet that contained the rankings of the posters and recalculated the overall scores.

ICA President Francois Cooren announced the winners near the end of the session:

1ST PLACE ($500):
Tuned to the Nation's Mood: Popular Music as a Mnemonic Cultural Object
Motti Neiger, Netanya Academic College, ISRAEL
Oren Meyers, U of Haifa, ISRAEL
Eyal Zandberg, Netanya Academic College, ISRAEL

2ND PLACE ($250):
Shifts in Political Parties’ Issue Positions: Win-Stay-Lose-Shift, Satisficing, and Political Network Effects
3RD PLACE ($100):
*Setting the Collective Memory: Empirical Analysis of Mainstream Media's Influence on Collective Memory in Israel*

Neta Kligler-Vilenchik, U of Southern California, USA

In addition, the judges also gave an award for the Best Visual Display, designed to look at all of the posters in the Interactive Poster session with regard to aesthetic appeal and display of research. The criteria for this award included clarity, flow between sections, relationship of text to image, and visual appeal. The recipient of this award receives $100.

**BEST VISUAL DISPLAY ($100):**
*The Opiate of the Oppressed: Social Comparison Theory and the Themes of Noncelebrity Gossip Websites*

Matthew Telleen, U of South Carolina, USA
The International Communication Association congratulates all presenters at the poster session, as well as all of the award winners.

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**Student Column: Leadership Changes**

Diana Iulia Nastasia, U of North Dakota and Sojung Claire Kim, U of Wisconsin-Madison

Student members of the International Communication Association who participated in the 2011 Annual Conference in Boston had numerous activities to choose from. To mention just a few, the master classes brought students together with established scholars in communication studies, and the graduate student reception at the trendy Lucky’s Lounge gave students opportunities to taste local foods and to socialize with their peers.

Now, with the conference complete, it is time to bid farewell to the 2009-2011 Graduate Student Representative Malte Hinrichsen, a Ph.D. Candidate at the Amsterdam School of Communications Research (ASCoR).

While serving as a student representative, Malte contributed texts for the newsletter, did fundraising for the 2010 student activities, and helped implement a student member survey.

It is also time to say hello to the 2011-2013 Graduate Student Representative Sojung Claire Kim, a Ph.D. Candidate and Doctoral Fellow in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Sojung Claire Kim will cochair ICA's Student Affairs Committee with the 2010-2012 Graduate Student Representative, Diana Iulia Nastasia.

Sojung Claire received a B.A. in Mass Communications and in Education from Korea University and graduated with a M.A. in Telecommunications from Indiana University-Bloomington. She has Ph.D. minors in Business and in Educational Psychology and more than 3 years of university teaching experience, and has worked as a marketing analyst and an associate director. Her research interests mainly lie at the intersection of new media, health communication, and social marketing, and her research experience in these topics has developed into published articles in peer-reviewed journals such as the *New Media & Society* and...
Patient Education and Counseling. During her spare time, Sojung Claire enjoys practicing hot yoga, meditating, and listening to any type of music except hard rock. You can find out about ICA's new student representative on her website http://sites.google.com/site/sojungclairekim/

The coming year's Student Affairs Committee will welcome back Nicolas Bencherki from the Universite de Montreal in Canada, Anastasia Grynko from Kyiv National University in Ukraine, and Joice Soares Tolentino from Karlstad University in Sweden. The committee also welcomes a new member, Riva Tukachinski from the University of Arizona in the US.

The ICA Student Affairs Committee will continue to work towards better informing ICA student members of the affairs of the association and towards further integrating such members into the association. In addition to continuing the writing of the newsletter articles for students, the work on the communication venues for students, and the planning and promotion of the conference activities for students, the following steps will be taken by the committee members within the next year: analyzing the results of the newly administered survey, to understand the needs of student members and to better address these needs; and starting an awareness campaign to attract more international students to ICA from countries that are currently underrepresented in the association.

Photographs from the 2011 Graduate Student reception:
Andrew Flanagin (U of California - Santa Barbara), with Co-PIs Divyakant Agrawal (Computer Science), Stacy Patterson (Mechanical Engineering), Bassam Bamieh (Mechanical Engineering) and Amr El Abbadi (Computer Science), received a grant in the amount of $199,934 from the National Science Foundation, Division of Information and Intelligent Systems for their project Data-Driven Frameworks for Analyzing User Interactions in Social Media. This project will integrate expertise from diverse disciplines with the goal of developing reliable, valid models and tools for online social networks.
research. In particular, the project will examine techniques for aiding or stemming information flow in online social networks, develop models that accurately capture the opinion formation process, and assess the relative importance of different topics or trends in online social networks over multiple spatial and temporal resolutions.

**Linda Putnam** (U of California - Santa Barbara) has won the 2011 Academy of Management Distinguished Service Award. This award recognizes excellence in developing and enhancing a field of study and building institutions through creative and unusually effective service to major professional organizations. This award honors her contributions to promoting organizational communication studies in the field of management, her centrality in promoting conflict management research in organizations, and her service to the Academy of Management through multiple divisions and association-wide committees. She will accept her award at the Academy of Management Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, 12-16 August.

The Donald McGannon Communication Research Center at Fordham University is pleased to announce the cowinners of the 2010 Donald McGannon Award for Social and Ethical Relevance in Communications Policy Research: *The Master Switch* (Knopf) by **Tim Wu** of Columbia University School of Law, and *The Death and Life of American Journalism* (Nation Books) by **Robert McChesney** of the University of Illinois Institute for Communication Research and **John Nichols** of *The Nation*. This year represents the first year in the history of the award that it has been shared by two books, both of which were deemed by the review committee to make substantial contributions to the communications policy field.

**Robert McChesney** (U of Illinois) and **Victor Pickard** (New York U) announce the publication by The New Press of their coedited book *Will the Last Reporter Please Turn Out the Lights: The Collapse of Journalism and What Can Be Done to Fix It*. The book includes 32 new essays on the crisis of journalism in the United States, written by leading scholars, journalists, activists and policymakers. The essays cover a broad range of approaches to the topic and viewpoints and offer an equally broad range of prospective solutions. The pieces are all written since 2008 and mostly in 2010, and include considerable groundbreaking research and analysis. A few were published in magazines or journals, but most were commissioned and written specifically for this volume.

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**Division & Interest Group News**

**ERIC Division**

Dear ERIC members:

Thank you for making our 2011 conference a success! I’d especially like to thank Myria Georgiou for her leadership as (outgoing) Chair of the Division. Many thanks as well to those who served as
We were excited to receive a very high number of submissions this year. Due to a dip in membership, the division was allotted only thirteen program slots and our acceptance rate was around 38 percent. Apologies to all whose work we could not include this year. We hope you will submit again next year.

The larger our membership, the more panels we can program next year. So please renew your membership at http://www.icahdq.org by August 1, 2011! And encourage new folks to join!

A few additional items of business:

1) NEW OFFICERS: The Division announced its new Executive Committee at the Boston conference. The new team includes past Chair, Myria Georgiou (London School of Economics), Vice Chair, Miyase Christensen (Karlstad University), Leilani Nishime (University of Washington), Taj Robeson Frazier (USC-Annenberg), and our wonderful new cosecretaries, Khadijah White and Aymar Jean Christian (both from the University of Pennsylvania). I will serve as ERICs Chair.

2) NEW LISTSERVE and WEBSITE: ERICs new co-secretaries, Khadijah White and Aymar Jean Christian have begun work to increase the divisions online presence. Weve set up a listserv to keep everyone informed about conferences, opportunities, research, and contacts related to ethnicity and race in communication. Please join the ERIC listserv by sending a blank e-mail to this address: ERIC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Follow the instructions you receive to be added to the group. To make sure youre not a spammer, the site will ask why youre interested in joining just give us your name and school affiliation. Please contact Khadijah if you have any questions at kwhite@asc.upenn.edu and please invite others to join the group!

3) 2012 PRECONFERENCE: ERIC is working with Feminist Studies, Philosophy of Communication, Popular Communication, Global Communication and the GLBT Interest Group to plan pre-conference events for the 2012/Phoenix conference that address issues of immigration, borders, race and ethnicity, policing and other issues pertinent to Arizonas anti-immigration legislation. Additional details on plans for the preconference will be posted on the ERIC listserv. I hope you will offer your ideas and suggestions, and will participate in the preconference.

Thats all for now

Roopali Mukherjee, Chair
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Health Communication Division

The Health Communication division of ICA is calling for candidates to run for the position of Vice Chair. The winning candidate will assume his/her role as Vice Chair immediately after the annual meeting of the Health Communication Division during ICA in Phoenix and will assume program planning for the 2013 ICA conference in London, UK. Preferred candidates should be at the rank of Associate Professor or higher.

This role of Vice Chair involves a 5 year commitment, the responsibilities of which are broken down as follows:
• 2 years as vice-chair: responsible for organizing and implementing the division's conference program; this includes recruiting paper reviewers, managing the review process (using the online All Academic paper submission website), creating the program sessions, and ensuring that the sessions and panels are implemented smoothly at the conference.
• 2 years as chair: responsible for writing a monthly column about the division, attending legislative council at ICA and NCA meetings (or find substitute representatives), coordinating with NCA the call for and review of dissertation and thesis of the year awards, preparing an annual report and agenda for the business meeting, supervising the elections, and serving on the committee to select the Scholar of the Year.
• 1 year as chair ex officio: responsible for serving on the committee to review dissertation and thesis awards and the Scholar of the Year award.

We are looking for an energetic and involved member of the division to take over this important role. If you are willing to have your name forwarded as a nominee for Vice Chair of the Health Communication Division, please send an email to Kathryn Greene at klgreene@rutgers.edu or to Sandi Smith at smiths@msu.edu. Candidates must submit a 300 word statement BY JULY 25, 2011, to accompany the nomination.

Monique Mitchell Turner, Chair
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Mass Communication Division

Hello.

This fall, elections will be held for division officers for the International Communication Association. The Mass Communication Division will need to elect a new division Secretary. Nominations and self-nominations are welcome for candidates. We discussed this briefly at the division business meeting at the conference, but we need to make sure everyone has a chance to enter a nomination.

The Secretary in the Mass Communication Division has a term of two years. The Secretary is responsible for taking notes at division meetings and distributing them to the membership. This means, essentially, that the person in this office ensures that he or she attends the ICA conference and the business meeting for the term of office. The first such meeting will be the one held at the May 2012 conference in Phoenix, Arizona. The second will be in London on June 15-19, 2013.

A nomination consists of the nominees contact information (post and email address) and a short professional biographical/candidate statement (no more than 300 words). If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please send along a simple statement from the candidate that she/he is willing to stand for the election. You can send all of that information to me. The deadline for doing so is July 20, 2011.

The association will hold elections online in the early fall and the newly elected Secretary will take office at the annual conference in May. If you have any questions, please let me know.

David Tewksbury, Chair
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Dear colleagues,

Overall, we have had a very successful, large and diverse conference. Our division directly sponsored 30 paper sessions and panels (not counting one business meeting and one crowded reception at a local bar), an online session on advertising effects and a graduate students preconference.

The top faculty paper was "The Online Flow of Environmental Advocacy Clips From The Daily Show and The Colbert Report " by Geoffrey Baym of the U. of North Carolina, Greensboro and Chirag Shah of Rutgers U.

Our top student papers were: "Augmenting or Ameliorating the Knowledge Gap? A Panel Analysis of the Effects of Political TV Exposure on Campaign Learning " by Susana Dilliplane, U of Pennsylvania; "Effects of the Obama Presidential Campaign on White Racial Prejudice " by Seth K. Goldman, U of Pennsylvania; and Brandishing Broomsticks and Dumping Dow: Rhetoric of Alternative Media Texts Related to Bhopal Gas Tragedy Activism" by Rahul Mukherjee, U of California, Santa Barbara.

The full planners' report will be available available through the division's website.

Several issues were discussed at our divisions business meeting. First, the division decided to turn our Best Political Communication Article of the Year Award into a cash award and dedicate it to the memory of Keith R. Sanders and Lynda Lee Kaid. Sanders and Kaid were both distinguished and highly prolific scholars, mentors and academic administrators, whose work had a lasting impact on the field of political communication research. Both Sanders and Kaid spearheaded the founding of the Political Communication Division of ICA in 1973. Members who wish to contribute to the Award Fund will be able to do so through the ICA website in the coming weeks.

Second, Patricia Moy, Chair of the ICA-APSA Joint Publications Committee, reported to the membership on the current terms of our contract for our co-sponsored journal Political Communication and the numerous conversations she had with the publisher, Taylor & Francis, last year. This started a discussion regarding whether or not the division should renew this contract which we see as grossly unfair. The resolution that had passed was that as chair, I will contact the publisher and express our strong dissatisfaction with the terms of our contract. I have already written Taylor & Francis. I will update the Joint Publications Committee and our membership when we hear back from them.

The 2010 Political Communication Article of the Year Award was also announced at our annual business meeting. The winning article for 2010 was: Rojas, H. (2010). Corrective actions in the public sphere: How perceptions of media and media effects shape political behavior. International Journal of Public Opinion Research, 22, 343-363. Many special thanks to the Article of the Year Award Committee: María José Canel (Spain), Clarissa David (The Philippines), William Eveland (Chair, USA), and David Weaver (USA).

Finally, our division will be electing a new Vice Chair and secretary in ICA elections in the coming fall. Please send nominations and self-nominations to the nominations committee (Chair: Hernando Rojas, U of Madison, Wisconsin USA; Erik Albæk, U of Southern Denmark, DENMARK; Lilach Nir, Hebrew U, ISRAEL; Marko Skoric, Nanyang Technical U, SINGAPORE) at pcnominate@gmail.com by Friday, July 8.

This is an opportunity to thank all of the division members who gave their time to their conference as reviewers, presenters, respondents, and other duties. Special thanks to the Graduate Student Preconference Committee: Kevin Barnhurst, Geoffrey Baym, Claes de Vreese, Patricia Moy, Jim Shanahan, and Tamir Sheafer. I am also indebted to our Vice-Chair and Program Planner, Claes de Vreese (who have had extra loads of work overseeing the review process and putting the program together in this record-breaking submission year), our Newsletter Editor and Webmaster Talia Stroud, and all our committee chairs and members, whose work year-round is essential in order to keep our
division strong.

We look forward to working on the 2012 conference in Phoenix. The call for papers will be circulated in several weeks.

Yariv Tsfati, Chair
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Communication History Interest Group

Dear Communication History Interest Group Members,

Greetings! I have a few things to share with you all, but first let me thank everyone for an outstanding conference in Boston. The Communication History Interest Group benefits, as always, from enthusiastic support from its great members. We had consistently high quality in our record number of sessions--and two very successful preconferences.

A few announcements:

1. VICE-CHAIR ELECTION
   The election for a CHIG vice-chair will be held in early fall. The vice-chair will hold the position for two years and then automatically become chair for the two years after that. It is a 4-year job. Please let me know if you are interested in running for vice-chair. A statement (under 300 words) will be required by mid-July. Contact me (pooley@muhlenberg.edu) for details.

2. MINUTES
   Thanks to Deb Lubken, the CHIG secretary, for compiling the minutes from our Business Meeting in Boston:


3. TOP PAPER AWARDS
   Congratulations to the 2011 recipients of the CHIG top paper awards!
   
   - Top Student Paper: Predatory Interests and The Common Man: Scripps, Pinchot, and the Nascent Environmental Movement, 1908 to 1910, by Edgar Simpson (Ohio University)
   - Top Paper: To Give the Gift of Freedom: Gift Books and the War on Slavery, by Meaghan Morissa Fritz (Georgetown University) and Frank E. Fee, Jr. (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

4. PRECONFERENCE IDEAS FOR PHOENIX
   The deadline for preconference proposals to be sent to (ICA President Elect) Cynthia Stohl, is September 1. If you have an idea for a preconference, please let me know. Preconferences have been an important component of our group's visibility in our fledgling years.

   That is all for now. I will be in touch later in the summer, lining up reviewers for paper submissions for the Phoenix conference.

   Thank you,

Jeff Pooley, Chair
pooley@muhlenberg.edu
CALLS FOR PAPERS/ABSTRACTS

Electronic Journal of Communication. Call for papers - "Social Construction: Reopening the Conversation, Reconstructing the Possibilities." Issue Editor: Mariaelena Bartesaghi, U of South Florida. Over the last five years, members of our field have intensified their discussion of social construction with renewed force and purpose. The 2006 National Communication Summer Institute on Social Construction, the creation of a "Communication as Social Construction" division at NCA, a new handbook, an edited collection, and a chapter in Communication Yearbook are all examples of re-engagement with the ideas of social construction since, almost 20 years ago in their Communication Yearbook contribution, Shotter and Gergen claimed it as the central paradigm for communication. The issue invites authors to reflect on and reformulate the options for social construction as a theoretical and practical approach to studying communication that is continuously emergent in relationships, constitutive of social reality, consequential to communicators, experienced through the bodily senses, and afforded by their material circumstances. Authors are encouraged to take stock of our predicted and actual accomplishments, consider the tensions between the promised and actualized changes brought about by social construction work in Communication, and project the impact of social construction on the discipline in the next five to ten years. The focus is not only critical, but reflexive: How do we wish to reconstruct social construction? Deadline is September 6, 2011. Authors who would like to discuss paper ideas are encouraged to contact Mariaelena Baretesaghi at mbartesaghi@usf.edu. For the full call, see http://www.cios.org/www/ejc/calls/socconcall.html.

Call for Papers: Special issue of TOPIA: Canadian Journal of Cultural Studies. "Out of the Ruins: The University to Come" Guest Editors Bob Hanke (York University) and Alison Hearn (University of Western Ontario). This special issue of TOPIA seeks contributions (articles, offerings, review essays and book reviews) that reflect on the contemporary university and its discontents. To view the author guidelines, see http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/topia/about/submissions#authorGuidelines. To submit papers (with titles, abstracts and keywords) and supplementary media files online, you need to register and login to the TOPIA website at http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/topia/user/register. The deadline for submissions is February 15, 2012. Peer review and notification of acceptance will be completed by May 15, 2012. Final manuscripts accepted for publication will be due July 5, 2012. Comments and queries can be sent to Bob Hanke bhanke@yorku.ca or Alison Hearn ahearn2@uwo.ca. For more information about TOPIA: Canadian Journal of Cultural Studies, visit http://www.yorku.ca/topia/.

Call for Papers. International Conference (Lille, France, March 7-9, 2012) - "Communicating in a World of Norms: Information and Communication in Contemporary Globalization." Co-organized by the International Communication Association (ICA), the Group of Studies and Research on Information and Communication (GERIICO) and the French Society for Information and Communication Sciences (SFSIC), this event will constitute the 2012 ICA Regional Conference in Europe. This first French edition, taking place in Lille on March 7, 8 and 9, 2012, aims to develop strong scientific relationships between communication scholars represented by ICA all around the world.
tripleC - Cognition, Communication, Co-operation: Journal for a Sustainable Information Society. tripleC provides a forum to discuss the challenges humanity is facing today. It promotes contributions within an emerging science of the information age with a special interest in critical studies following the highest standards of peer review. It is the journal's mission to encourage uncommon sense, fresh perspectives and unconventional ideas, and connect leading thinkers and young scholars in inspiring reflections. Papers should reflect on how the presented findings contribute to the illumination of conditions that foster or hinder the advancement of a global sustainable and participatory information society. For more information, and online submission, see: http://triplec.at.

Call for Manuscripts: American Journal of Media Psychology (AJMP). The American Journal of Media Psychology is a peer-reviewed scientific journal that publishes theoretical and empirical papers that advance an understanding of media effects and processes on individuals in society. AJMP seeks submissions that 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/mediapsychology. Questions about this call for manuscripts can be directed to Dr. Michael Elasmar, Editor, American Journal of Media Psychology at elasmar@bu.edu.

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 subfields 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.

Chinese Journal of Communication (CJoC) 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
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 made via the journals ScholarOne Manuscripts site: http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/rchm. Questions about the journal can be directed to Dafna Lemish, Editor at: dafnalemish@siu.edu. 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 multiparadigmatic research about the role of communication, broadly defined, in achieving the goals of a wide range of communicative entities for-profit organizations, nonprofit 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 specialities addressing strategic communication by organizations are invited to submit articles. Articles are blind-reviewed by three members of the editorial board, which consists of 34 scholars from 15 countries representing a broad array of theoretical and methodological perspectives. Submissions are electronic via the journal's website at ijosc@lamar.colostate.edu. Manuscripts should be no longer than 30 word-processed pages and adhere to the APA Publications Manual. For more information, contact editors Derina Holtzhausen, University of South Florida, dholtzha@cas.usf.edu or Kirk Hallahan, Colorado State University, kirk.hallahan@colostate.edu.

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


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

Hampton Book Series: Communication, Globalization, and Cultural Identity. Jan Servaes, Hampton Book Series Editor, c/o School of Journalism and Communication, University of Queensland, Brisbane QLD 4072, Australia. Phone: +61 (7) 3365 6115 or 3088. Fax: +61 (7) 3365 1377. E-mail:
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. E-mail: 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. Kalbfleisch, 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.


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.sarvaes@uq.edu.au.

**CONFERENCES**

University of Westminster, 309 Regent Street, London. Conference organizer: Professor Daya Thussu, Codirector of India Media Centre,
University of Westminster. The transformation of journalism in India - the worlds largest democracy and one of its fastest growing economies - has implications for journalism around the world. With approaching 100 round-the-clock news channels - unrivalled in any other country - India boasts the worlds most linguistically diverse news landscape. This offers exciting opportunities, as well as challenges to professional journalists and scholars of international journalism. The India Media Centre, the worlds first academic centre dedicated to study globalizing tendencies of media in India, is organizing a pioneering conference to address the implications of this major media development. This international gathering will bring together journalists and journalism scholars from around the world to examine the changing face of journalism in India and its impact on the rest of the world. Abstracts should be between 200-350 words and must include the presenters name, institutional affiliation, email and postal address, together with the title of the paper and a brief biographical note. Please submit in word format and include your name when saving the document. Deadline for submission: Friday July 1, 2011. Please e-mail these to Helen Cohen, Events Administrator at
WAPOR 64th Annual Conference: Public Opinion and the Internet. September 21-23, 2011, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Organizers: Peter Neijens & Claes de Vreese. The World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) will hold its 64th annual conference September 21-23, 2011 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, one of the most exciting cities in the world. The theme of this conference emphasizes how the Internet provides challenges and opportunities for public opinion scholars and how the internet is changing (the study of) public opinion. Abstract submission: 1 March 2011 Notification of conference decision: 15 March 2011 Paper submission: 1 August 2011 Final registration: 1 September 2011 More information about location and hotels to be announced shortly on the conference section of the WAPOR website: http://wapor.unl.edu/ Please visit this website for updated information (programme, etc.). Queries should be directed to conference chairs Peter Neijens and Claes de Vreese (wapor2011@uva.nl) or to WAPOR Executive Coordinator Renae Reis (renae@wapor.org).

October 14, 2011: Second Annual Promise in Communication Research Symposium at the University at Buffalo. Last year after a competitive selection process, 5 students were invited to present at our first Promise in Communication Research Symposium. Due to this tremendous success, the Department of Communication at the University at Buffalo has decided to repeat the event this year on October 14, 2011. Photos from last years events and all of the information for this years event can be found at gsa.buffalo.edu/communication/symposium. Five winners will receive a $250 cash prize. The competition is open to undergraduate and master students who have a paper that applies communication theories in new ways or presents interesting ways of thinking about communication research. Any empirical study in the field of Communication science is eligible for submission. This includes, but is not limited to, publishable papers, conference papers, works-in-progress, research ideas, honors theses, and Masters proposals. Authors should submit a completed paper that does not exceed 25 typed pages including references along with a completed application form, which can be downloaded from our website. The completed application form and paper should be electronically submitted to the following e-mail address: communicationPRS@gmail.com. Please feel free to also e-mail any questions to this address. The deadline for paper submission is August 1st. Cash prizes will be forfeited if student does not present at the symposium in Buffalo, NY. No travel expenses will be paid for by the University.


Call for Participation: iConference 2012. Toronto, Canada. February 7-10, 2012. The iConference is an annual gathering of a broad spectrum of scholars and researchers concerned about critical information issues in contemporary society. The iConference pushes the boundaries of information studies, explores core concepts and ideas, and creates new technological and conceptual configurations -- all situated in interdisciplinary discourses. These issues will be tackled during our four-day event in downtown Toronto, February 7-10, 2012. The conference theme is: "Culture * Design * Society." Please join us for a multitude of high quality papers, posters, workshops, along with interactive alternative events that will frame the conversation. In addition to these activities, there will be a Doctoral Colloquium and an Early Career Workshop at the conference, lots of social events, and many
opportunities to mingle. The iConference series is sponsored by the iSchools, a growing association of more than 30 Schools, Faculties and Colleges in North America, Europe and Asia -- however, affiliation with the iSchools is not a prerequisite, and we encourage everyone to participate. Learn more at http://www.ischools.org/iConference12/2012index/

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Call for editors. The WSCA Publications Committee requests nominations and self-nominations for the position of Editor of Western Journal of Communication. Then incoming editor will begin accepting manuscripts in late 2013 or early 2014. Nominations should be directed to the chair of the WSCA Publications Committee, Dr. Jody Koenig Kellas, at jkellas2@unl.edu by October 15th, 2011. All nominations must be supported by the following: (1) A letter of self-nomination (or a letter indicating willingness to serve) from the nominee, including a statement of proposed plans and editorial vision; (2) A current vita; (3) A letter from the nominee's departmental chair or other administrator describing adequate institutional support; (4) Names and phone numbers of references who could speak to the nominees qualifications as an editor.

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

The IABC Research Foundation is offering a grant for US $50,000 for Research on Communication Department Structure and Best Practices. Proposal guidelines can be found on the Research Foundation website http://www.iabc.com/rf/. The IABC Research Foundation serves as the non-profit research and development arm of IABC (International Association of Business Communicators). The Foundation is dedicated to contributing new findings, knowledge and understanding to the communication profession, and to helping organizations and communicators maximize organizational success. Through the generosity of donors, corporate sponsors and volunteers, the Foundation delivers original communication research and tools not available in the commercial marketplace.

The Canadian Journal of Communication (CJC) is a quarterly peer-reviewed journal committed to publishing outstanding scholarship in communications, media and cultural studies, journalism, and information studies. CJC is looking for theoretically innovative and methodologically challenging original manuscripts, in English or French, for immediate peer-review. To submit an article for peer-review go to the CJC website http://www.cjc-online.ca and click on the "submit" button. Articles for peer-review should be approximately 6,000 to 8,000 words in length. In addition to the traditional peer-reviewed article the CJC will develop innovative forms and formats for discussions of current practices including: media reviews, research overviews of current projects, and polemical commentaries. These submissions are shorter in length and may be either more descriptive or experimental in tone. Please
direct ideas and inquiries to editor@cjconline.ca. For information on book reviews please contact our book review editor, Leslie Regan Shade, at review_editor@cjconline.ca. Info on CJC: Kim Sawchuk, Editor, CJC, editor@cjc-online.ca.

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

**NCI Fellowship in Health Communication and Informatics**

The Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch (HCIRB) is accepting Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) applicants for a Paid Fellowship Opportunity. HCIRB contributes to the reduction in death and suffering due to cancer by supporting research and development of a seamless health communication and informatics infrastructure. Through internal and extramural programs, the Branch supports basic and translational research across the cancer continuum. This CRTA fellowship offers outstanding training opportunities in health communication. The CRTA fellow will be a welcomed member of a team of passionate scientists, psychologists, and health communication researchers. Appropriate to the fellow's 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

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**Available Positions and Other Advertising**

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**Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism**

**New Position in Communication and Journalism**

The USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism seeks a junior scholar of journalism studies to be jointly appointed in its School of Communication and School of Journalism. Candidates should have a record of scholarship in the study of journalism and society, be able to relate to scholarship in communications and journalism, and make connections with relevant disciplines in the
The School of Communication and Journalism is a leader in the implementation of USC's strategic plan, which emphasizes innovation in inter-disciplinary research that addresses societal needs.

Applicants should send a CV, three letters of recommendation, and samples of their work to Journalism Studies Search, Dr. Imre Meszaros, Associate Director, School of Communication, Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism, 3502 Watt Way, Ste 305, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0281. For questions, please write to meszaros@usc.edu, (213) 740-0934.

Review of applications will begin on September 1st and continue until the position is filled. USC values diversity and is committed to equal opportunity in employment. Women and men, and members of all racial and ethnic groups, are encouraged to apply.

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
Department of Communication
Assistant/Associate Professor, Intercultural Communication

The Department of Communication at the University of Maryland, College Park, invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor with a primary emphasis in the area of intercultural communication. The starting date for this position is August 23, 2012.

The successful candidate will demonstrate or show promise of significant research, have a high level of competence in undergraduate and graduate teaching, and be capable of directing graduate research in intercultural communication. In addition, it would be desirable for the candidates research to intersect with one or more of the department's other research areas (feminist studies; health communication; media studies; persuasion and social influence; public relations; and rhetoric and political culture). Ability to teach communication theory and research methods is required, and teaching experience at the university level is highly desirable.

The Department of Communication offers B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. Its program in intercultural communication was ranked 5th in the 2004 National Communication Associations reputational study of doctoral programs.

The University of Maryland is located within the Washington, DC metropolitan area, one of the worlds most ethnically diverse and internationally significant cities. Applicants interested in the areas research resources and opportunities, including its access to federal funding agencies, are especially encouraged to apply.

For best consideration, candidates should submit a complete application by September 15, 2011. The application should include a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, and names and contact information for three references. Application materials should be e-mailed to Mr. Ray Chang, at raychang@umd.edu. Applicants with questions should e-mail Dr. Elizabeth L. Toth at eltoth@umd.edu.

Information about the Department of Communication is available on the departmental Web site at http://www.comm.umd.edu. The University of Maryland is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, members of minority groups, and disabled individuals are especially encouraged to apply.

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY
Department of Communication, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS)
Assistant Professor - Environment, Science and/or Health Communication
The Department of Communication seeks to fill a tenure track faculty position at the Assistant Professor level. We seek a colleague to conduct research and teach in the areas of environment, science, and/or health communication. Scholars with specific expertise in analysis of public opinion, public policy or media related to these social issues are particularly encouraged to apply. We welcome innovative and imaginative scholars who approach the study of individual and societal decisions on the environment or human health from psychological, sociological, or institutional vantage points using qualitative and/or quantitative methods. The environment, science, and health area constitutes one of the Departments core strengths. Applicants whose work also contributes to other core strengths in communication and media studies, information technology, and/or social influence are encouraged to apply. Our position in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Cornells commitment to interdisciplinary work would provide the successful applicant with unique opportunities to undertake projects with faculty in Cornells David R. Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future and/or Weill Cornell Medical College.

Our faculty focus on a number of subfields including social psychology of communication; language and communication; science, risk, environment, and health communication; human-computer interaction; social media and mobile computing; media and society; group communication; social networks; and organizational communication. The position involves 50% research and 50% teaching responsibilities. Communication faculty teach two to three undergraduate and/or graduate courses per academic year and advise students in the Departments B.S. and Ph.D. programs. Publishing in peer-reviewed literature in relevant fields is expected, as is securing external research funding.

The Department is a national leader in the study of communication as a social science. Our faculty and students are dedicated to understanding the role and enhancing the effectiveness of communication processes, systems and infrastructure in society.

We explore communication in its many forms and contexts as a fundamentally social phenomenon. Our faculty members are recognized for developing and applying novel theoretical perspectives to the most pressing social and policy issues of the day.

The department ranked among the top ten in the nation in a recent poll by the National Research Council. This ranking reflects the productivity and quality of the faculty and the diversity and success of our students.

**Required Qualifications:** A successful candidate will have a completed Ph.D. in Communication or a closely aligned field and will have (or show promise of developing) a national and international reputation doing theory-based empirical research. We seek innovative scholars of social science who will develop a research program connected to college and university priorities in applied social science, information science, life sciences, environmental or health issues, and/or public outreach.

**Salary & Benefits:** Cornell offers a highly competitive salary and benefits package. Support for start-up research costs will be available.

**Application:** Qualified applicants should send a letter of application addressing position qualifications and goals, vita, official graduate program transcripts, a writing sample, a teaching statement, and names and contact information of three references to communication@cornell.edu or by mail to Dr. Jeff Niederdeppe, Department of Communication, 328 Kennedy Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. Please also have each reference submit a letter of recommendation. For additional information, e-mail communication@cornell.edu or call Dr. Niederdeppe at 607.255.9706.

Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

Applications will be reviewed beginning October 1st, 2011 until a candidate is selected. For more information about the Department of Communication, please visit our website: http://communication.cals.cornell.edu.
Cornell University seeks to meet the needs of dual career couples, has a Dual Career program, and is a member of the Upstate New York Higher Education Recruitment Consortium to assist with dual career searches. Visit http://www.unyherc.org to see positions available in higher education in the upstate New York area.

**Cornell University is an affirmative action/ equal opportunity employer and educator.**

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**University of Montreal**

**Assistant Professor in Political Communication**

The Department of Communication invites applications for a full-time tenure-track position as Assistant Professor in Political Communication.

**Responsibilities**
Successful candidates will be expected to teach at all three levels of the curriculum, supervise graduate students, engage in ongoing research and publication, and contribute to the academic life and reputation of the institution.

**Requirements**
- Ph.D. (or near completion) in Communication or a related field.
- Evidence of dynamic and creativity in teaching and pedagogy.
- Research interests and relevant research experience in issues related to contemporary Political Communication, such as analysis of new communication practices and strategies of political actors, including citizens, parties, elected officials, journalists, government bodies, and non-governmental agencies, pressure groups, web-based political activities and new forms of activism; studies of how new media practices and media roles in political processes; analysis of speeches, interaction, or elements that contribute to the definition of the field, its participants and contemporary power formations.
- Proficiency in the French language. The University of Montreal is a Quebec university with an international reputation. French is the language of instruction. To renew its teaching faculty, the University is intensively recruiting the world's best qualified. In accordance with the institution's language policy (http://www.unicom.montreal.ca/secretary/languages_langues.html), the Université de Montréal provides support for newly-recruited faculty to attain proficiency in French.

**Salary**
The University of Montreal offers a competitive salary and a complete range of employee benefits.

**Starting Date**
From January 1 or June 1, 2022.

**Deadline**
The complete application, including a cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of recent publications and research, evidence of teaching effectiveness and a statement of research and teaching interests, must be received at the address below by September 15, 2021.

Three letters of recommendation are to be sent to the department director at the following address:

François Caza, Director
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For more information about the Department of Communication, please consult the Web site at: www.com.umontreal.ca.

**Confidentiality**
The Université de Montréal application process allows all regular professors in the Department to have access to all documents unless the applicant explicitly states in her or his cover letter that access to the application should be limited to the selection committee. This restriction on accessibility will be lifted if the applicant is selected for an interview.

**Employment Equity Program**
The Université de Montréal applies the principles of employment equity and invites applicants to complete the employment equity identification questionnaire posted at www.unicom.montreal.ca/deseffets_professeurs/documents/quester-acce-emploi-bq.pdf and return it to their application.

**Immigration Requirements**
In compliance with Canadian immigration requirements, priority shall be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.