



PHILLIP TOMPKINS OBITUARY ICA PRESIDENT 1988-1989

In Loving Memory of Dr. Phillip K. Tompkins
October 8, 1933 – April 24, 2024

Phillip K. Tompkins, 90, was born on October 8, 1933 in Erie, Kansas to Phyllis Knox (Tompkins) and Floyd Orestes Tompkins. He passed away at home surrounded by his wife and children in Lakewood, Colorado on April 24, 2024.

Phil was well known in the field of communication and beyond due to his long and prolific careers as a professor, researcher, literary critic, author, and volunteer. After Phil graduated from Wichita North High School he went on to study at the University of Northern Colorado with dual scholarships in debate and wrestling and received his master's in communication from the University of Nebraska. After achieving his Ph.D. in organizational communication from Purdue University in 1962, Tompkins was a consultant to NASA working under the legendary Wernher von Braun during the development of the Saturn V (the "moon rocket"). In 1966, after extensive research, he published an article in Esquire magazine entitled "'In Cold Fact'" in response to Truman Capote's assertion that his book *In Cold Blood* was the first non-fiction novel. Throughout his career, Tompkins conducted research on managing risk and complexity in organizations and the use of open communication and teamwork.

He served as professor at Wayne



State University, Kent State University, the University at Albany, Purdue University, and the University of Colorado, Boulder, where he retired as Professor Emeritus of Communication and Comparative Literature in 1998. After retirement, he came to be known as the "The Original Dr. Phil," continued to publish books, and was committed to his volunteer work at the St Francis Center for 24 years serving people of Denver who are experiencing homelessness. He has published many papers, articles, and eight books.

Phil met Elaine VandenBout in 1968, when he was hired at Kent State University where she was also teaching. They witnessed the killings at Kent State and went on to write a book about the tragic

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Eun-Ju Lee, President
(Seoul National U)

Future of Communication Scholarship?

The moment has finally come. No one's counting, but this is my last ICA Newsletter column (Woohoo!). Recently, I had the privilege of delivering a speech at the semi-annual conference of the Korean Society for Journalism & Communication Studies. I was originally asked to speak on what the future of communication scholarship will look like, but I ended up sharing what I think we, as communication scholars, should study. After all, "the best way to predict the future is to create it." While these ideas reflect how communication scholarship has been defined and performed in South Korea, I hope they will resonate with you to some extent.

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PRESIDENT EJECT: THE LAST COLUMN

Claes de Vreese, General Secretary (Distinguished University Professor University of Amsterdam)
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The [#ica24](#) conference in June marks the end of my 5.5 year tenure on the Executive Committee. In this 'last column' by the President Eject I offer a few reflections and extend many heartfelt thanks.

The Executive Committee commitment is a long gig. After election statements, an election, it was real in October 2018: onboarding on the ICA executive committee. I knew the ICA well, as a former Political Communication program planner, division chair, member and chair of committees and Editor of the ICA-APSA Political Communication journal. But this is different!

Fast forward to June 2024. The world is a different place. Polarized politics, a pandemic has come and (almost) gone, new wars are raging. It was an 'interesting' period to be part of the leadership of an international association. One of the first tasks is to be conference program planner: 'my' conference was [#ica20](#) in Australia. We had a fantastic program and an Open Communication theme. Early 2020 we celebrated that the program was 

The March 2020 transition to the pandemic was a rollercoaster. We canceled (technically postponed!) the physical conference, invented an online conference in weeks, fundraised and created an emergency fund for early career scholars. We managed to hold one of the first large scale international online conferences. None of this would have been possible without Laura and the formidable ICA HDQ team. It was a herculean effort.

The 'pandemic president year' was also interesting. With the EC and HDQ we plotted strategies for regional hubs [#ica21](#) and hybrid conferences for ICA going forward. We also continued work on open scholarship. We ramped up efforts on IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility) for ICA. My 'presidential reception' was a glass of wine 🍷 at home and an online presidential address: <https://lnkd.in/du3Tbg2>. But it felt powerful still because we were very much an [#ICACommunity](#) during this weird time.

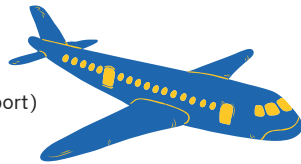
The excitement for [#ica22](#) Paris was enormous. It was like a festival. We also re-started physical [#RunningWithPresidents](#) after two online editions. It was kind of magical. And soon ICA could pick up speed again with exciting new initiatives such regional chapters of the ICA spearheaded by **Noshir Contractor**. And in the past year, a huge amount of work has been done on a new strategic plan for the association, a process that it has been inspiring to be part of.

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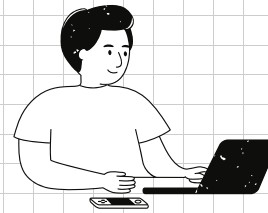
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THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE (IPCC) SEVENTH ASSESSMENT REPORT CYCLE: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ICA COMMUNITY

Joyee Chatterjee, Asian Institute of Technology

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has started work on the preparation of the reports for the Seventh Assessment cycle since earlier this year. The seventh assessment cycle will comprise of special reports, contributions from three Working Groups: Working Group I on the physical science basis of climate change; Working Group II on impacts, adaptation, and vulnerabilities; and Working Group III focusing on the mitigation of climate change and the Synthesis Report. The development of these reports will unfold over the next 3-4 years.

As a cross-cutting discipline ICA is in a position to significantly contribute to advances in the scientific knowledge base from which the IPCC report will draw upon in this upcoming report cycle via our ongoing and future research (published studies).

The IPCC in its scoping call for the seventh assessment report has expressly noted communication as one of the cross-cutting areas to contribute to the development of the report, especially in the context of understanding societal responses to the varied dimensions of risks and benefits of climate change and climate actions. Issues on sustainable development, ethics and equity dimension of climate change (including poverty eradication, gender, health and livelihoods) and paying attention to different knowledge bases – from indigenous, local to practice-based knowledge – touch upon the goals and research of many of our organizational divisions. In addition, themes in Working Group II (adaptation) and Working Group III (mitigation) focused on socio-cultural, psychological, political and legal drivers of behavioral, structural, and societal change have been a core component of multiple strands of communication research for decades. The role of technology, innovation and its diffusion in relation to sustainable development and mitigation is another core area of research of relevance to the IPCC report ([IPCC](#)).

Previously the [Sixth Assessment Cycle reports](#) identified areas of knowledge gap (in each chapter), which provide indications of areas of research of particular interest to climate scientists and policy makers going into AR 7 and meant to catalyze research communities. For instance from AR 6 reports, particularly on understanding climate mitigation strategies and challenges, there is much identified that our field can contribute to – addressing knowledge gaps on understanding human wellbeing in the context of informal economies, or low and middle-income countries; paying attention to how dimension of

gender, solidarity and care frameworks relate to climate action; and conversely how climate action can improve the lives of marginalized populations; research on the climate implications of digital economies, including influence on consumption patterns, AI governance and implications of digital divides; and finally the dynamic interaction between individual, social and structural drivers of change including the role of social movements and climate justice and youth climate activism in influencing social norms and political change especially in the Global South. The debates on how to accelerate change in social and technological systems call for deeper evidence base ([IPCC AR6 Ch. 5](#)).

All of these remain important areas for future research, which the seventh cycles report would look to address and where research of ICA members, flagship journals and current and future conferences can make substantive contributions and influence policy making as this process unfolds in the coming years. The start of a new report cycle thus presents an opportunity for our organization, community, and field to engage and influence the discourse on climate change both through the scientific outputs of this global community and a consideration of how we can support and leverage our association and partners and newly established regional hubs especially in the Global South on climate action research.

Note: Currently IPCC is also soliciting nominations of experts from member governments and observer organizations who will draft the outline of the Working Group contribution ([see here](#)).



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REACH-ING OUT: INDIA CHAPTER

BP Sanjay (Manipal Institute of Communication, India)

ICA India Chapter Inauguration

The ICA India Chapter was flagged off in New Delhi on April 2, 2024. The India chapter is the sixth and aims to enlarge the scope of ICA at national and regional levels. India with its subcontinental spread, diversity, and plurality with significant institutional spread in the communication and media sector, can enrich the wider scope of activities. The potential as well as a few initiatives in India, such as the conference in Mumbai in 2017 and Regional Hubs in Hyderabad and Manipal will be institutionalized formally through the formation of the ICA Chapter. This was worked upon with the encouragement of the then President of the ICA, Prof **Noshir Contractor**. The formal launch was a culmination of individual and institutional efforts.

At the inauguration, **Ranjan Bose**, the Director of the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), New Delhi, described how honored they were to host and provide institutional support for the kick-off event of the ICA Chapter. The immediate past president of ICA, Noshir Contractor, gave a perceptive rationale for forming ICA chapters and the promise that the India chapter holds in strengthening the discipline in academic and professional aspects. The inaugural address was delivered by **Kiran Karnik**, Chairperson of the Board of Governors of IIIT and a key member of the think tank that planned the world's largest communication program, the Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (SITE), in 1975-76. He highlighted the challenges of the time in launching television in 2400 backward villages of India through the availability of the most advanced communication satellites provided by NASA. Direct Reception Sets had entered India ahead of all other countries. The task was compounded by the lack of power supply and required innovative use of automobile batteries to run the television sets. The kind and nature of information in development sectors and how to produce them in multiple languages across the SITE terrain added another dimension. The interplay of social scientists, engineers, and technicians was evident. Kiran's narration of the process recognized the complexity of communication in different social contexts.

The panel discussion that followed the inaugural address recognized the challenges of carrying forward the ICA India Chapter activities and outlined a few, such as organizing workshops, promoting textbooks, working with and incorporating indigenous knowledge systems, and developing and building upon the research traditions and practices to address India's contemporary needs.



Prof. **Eun-Ju Lee**, President of ICA, congratulated the ICA India team for realizing this goal. In addition, representatives from other Regional Chapters, and ICA scholars from the Indian subcontinent joined us online to congratulate the ICA India Team. These included Prof. **Carsten Wilhelm** (France Chapter), **MengXiao Zhu** (China Chapter), **Ecate George** (Nigeria Chapter), **Nia Sarinastiti** (Indonesia Chapter), **Deb Aikat** from the U of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and **Rajiv Rimal** from Johns Hopkins U.

The ICA India Chapter itself has the formative institutional participation of the Manipal Institute of Communication, the U of Hyderabad, Jamia Millia Islamia U, IIIT New Delhi, Viswa Bharati U, the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Symbiosis, and U of Burdwan among others. The full potential of the chapter is expected to be realized in the long run when more than 400 educational and training institutions in India and their academic and research community get actively involved to carry forward the objectives and goals of the chapter. Broadly, the goals are in tune with any professional organization and incorporate networking and synergizing the human resources to reflect and enhance the scope of academic and research activities, provide learning opportunities to young and middle-level scholars in the discipline, to periodically organize and meet in academic fora where exchange and sharing of ideas and thoughts take place, to utilize the opportunities embedded in ICA and enhance greater interaction of diverse scholarship from across the world, to learn and share ideas with other ICA Chapters for both comparative and context-specific understanding and to promote and increase wider dissemination of academic output from the region for larger peer understanding and inputs.

The ICA India Chapter has an institutional framework that is worked out per the relevant registration provisions in India. A voluntary leadership team has been identified, as mandated for the registration of the Chapter in India: President/Chairperson - Dr **BP Sanjay**, Professor, Manipal Institute of Communication, Manipal, India; Vice Chairperson- **Vinod Pavrala**, Professor, U of Hyderabad,

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

ICA membership is a community of scholars from various professional methodologies, with expertise, unique talents, and diverse cultural influences from around the globe. Our ever-growing member base is the backbone of our organization. We are continually grateful to those who participate in the association's success. In this new column, we will periodically introduce you to some of ICA's members. This on-going series is coordinated by Karly Senesac, Member Services Coordinator.

Q & A

Krysten Stein

PhD Candidate

University of Illinois at Chicago



Q. What is your academic/research focus and your methodological approach?

I employ qualitative and ethnographic methodologies, including interview techniques, participant observation, and the analysis of textual and visual data, to investigate the sociocultural implications of emerging technologies. My research spans four main areas of focus: creator culture and economy, health and wellness, identity and representation, and technology and digital culture.

Q. What divisions and interest group(s) do you participate in and why did you make that selection?

I am affiliated with the Popular Media & Culture and Feminist divisions because they resonate with my interdisciplinary research pursuits. Finding spaces that embrace critical and interdisciplinary approaches can be challenging, but I have found a sense of belonging within these divisions.

Q. What advice would you offer new members or to those starting in the field?

As I continue to navigate this journey myself, I believe it's an ongoing process of growth and discovery. One key aspect I've found important is to approach everything with a mindset of community and care.

Often, the systems we operate within can foster competition and individualism, particularly in academia. However, I firmly believe that we are interconnected and reliant on each other's support. By prioritizing this approach, I've been able to establish meaningful connections and discover like-minded individuals in the field.

Additionally, don't hesitate to explore interdisciplinary avenues and collaborate with researchers from diverse backgrounds. Such collaborations frequently yield innovative insights and methodologies that can enhance your research endeavors.

Undoubtedly, research presents its own set of challenges, and setbacks are inevitable. It's crucial to cultivate persistence and resilience to overcome these obstacles and keep moving forward towards your objectives. Remember, setbacks are opportunities for growth, so embrace them as part of the journey. Moreover, it's essential to acknowledge that progress takes time, so be patient with yourself, pace your efforts, and remember to enjoy the process. Recognize that success often involves an element of luck and timing, so try not to be too hard on yourself if things don't go as planned.

Q. Have you published in an ICA journal? If yes, please share a link to your article.

I am very proud of my most recent publications in *Queer Studies in Media & Popular Culture* and the *International Journal of Communication*.

https://intellectdiscover.com/content/journals/10.1386/qsmc_00095_1

<https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/18175/3702>

Getting to know Krysten on a more personal level:

Q. When you have 30 minutes of free time, how do you pass the time?

I would pass the free time with my partner, Donnell, and our two cats, Moe and CeeCee, while sipping on a matcha latte, preferably with the sun shining through the windows.

Q. If you could meet anyone (living or deceased), from the past or present, who would you want to meet & why?

This is a tough one! I would absolutely adore meeting Lenny Kravitz, bell hooks, Audre Lorde, Celine Dion, the Spice Girls, Alvin Ailey, Stevie Nicks, Issa Rae,

STUDENT COLUMN

Sarah Pila-Leiderman (Northwestern U)

Navigating the Post-Conference High: A Guide for Students and Early Career Academics

It's the end of the month and you've just returned from an exhilarating, whirlwind time at ICA, your mind buzzing with new ideas, connections, and insights. We know you especially enjoyed the Student and Early Career Reception on Sunday night 😊 But what comes next? How can you make the most of this experience and leverage it for your academic journey? Below, I offer a potential roadmap for navigating the post-conference terrain. Of course, these are just some suggestions, but I hope whatever you do is useful for the future!

1. Reflect on Your Experience:

Take some time to reflect on your conference experience. What were the highlights? What did you learn? What aspects of your presentation or otherwise could you improve for next time? What future directions might you want to pursue now that you've absorbed all this great information? *Reflecting on these questions can help solidify your takeaways and identify areas for growth.*

2. Follow Up on Connections:

During the conference, you likely met fellow researchers, scholars, and potential collaborators. Don't let these connections fade away. Follow up with them via email, LinkedIn, or other social platforms to express your appreciation for meeting them and to continue the conversation. If you haven't already, be sure to join the SECAC Facebook and Link groups as well. Networking is a crucial aspect of academia, and cultivating these relationships can lead to future collaborations and opportunities.

3. Share Your Insights:

Whether through social media, a blog post, or a presentation at your institution, share your insights and

key takeaways from the conference. This dissemination not only helps distribute valuable knowledge but also positions you as an active participant in your academic community.

4. Incorporate Feedback:

If you presented your research at the conference, carefully consider any feedback you received during Q&A sessions or discussions. Use this feedback to refine your work and strengthen your research skills. *Constructive criticism is a valuable tool for growth!*


5. Plan for the Future:

As you reflect on your conference experience, think about how it fits into your broader academic goals. Did it spark new research ideas? Did it introduce you to potential collaborators or mentors? Use these insights to inform your future academic endeavors and chart your course forward.

Attending ICA is not just about absorbing knowledge—it's about actively engaging with the academic community, forging connections, and advancing your scholarly pursuits. By following any or all of these steps, you can make the most of your conference experience and take meaningful steps towards your academic goals.


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Architects of Communication Scholars
- Angharad Valdivia,
Institutionalizing Latina/o Studies
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response to the protests, Communication Crisis at Kent State, before they married in 1971. They enjoyed 52 years of marriage and Phil dedicated his book, *Organizational Communication Imperatives: Lessons of the Space Program*, to her with the words "To Elaine without whom nothing".

Phil is survived by his wife, Elaine, and his four children: Todd, Kari (Clay) Lockett, Terrence (Lisa), and Emily (Tofer) Lewis; His four grandchildren: Vanessa (James) Brossart, Taylor (Kathryn) Page, Logan, and Bridget; and his four great grandchildren: Timothy, Hugh, and Emma Brossart, and Josefine Page.

He was preceded in death by his parents as well as his sisters Cora Anderson and Floydene Lippoldt as well as his brother Tom.

Services were held at Trinity United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 1 at 10am. His ashes were spread in the Adirondack mountains of upstate New York where he, Elaine, and family spent some of their favorite times. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Phil's honor to the Saint Francis Center of Denver because of his dedication to their cause.

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Please also see: Michael Meyen Interviews Phil Tompkins, from the article 57 Interviews with ICA Fellows, published in the *International Journal of Communication*, Volume 6 (2012), Feature 1829–1835. Link: <https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/1650/764>

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All good things come to an end. The ride has been fantastic. I am so happy that I got to be part of the ICA leadership, I learned so much, and met so many fantastic new colleagues. My gratitude is enormous: 🙏 to Laura (doll credit; she made each of the EC members a personalized avatar) and to all of the HDQ team. Thanks to the changing members of the EC (Paula Gardner, [Terry Flew](#), [Peng Hwa Ang](#), [Patricia Moy](#), Peter Monge, and currently [Mary Beth Oliver](#), [Noshir Contractor](#), Eun-Ju Lee, [Silvio Waisbord](#), Thomas Hanitzsch and Elisia Cohen), to the task forces on open scholarship and open access (🙏 [Thomas Mankowski \(MS, CAE\)](#)), to the resilient early career community, and to [Hans Beentjes](#) and [Amsterdam School of Communication Research \(ASCoR\)](#) for their support from the outset.



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First, look beyond communication media. In their article published in the 50th-anniversary special issue of *Human Communication Research*, Drs. **Demetriades, Walter, and Holbert** highlight two well-known quotes when proposing guiding principles for communication research, one of which is "We cannot not communicate." As the authors note, this quote reminds us that communication is not always intentional, conscious, or successful. More importantly, it underscores the undeniable fact that communication is an integral part of any social process. The wide array of Divisions and Interest Groups of the ICA already attests to this simple truth, and I would encourage communication researchers to more actively identify and evaluate the significant role of communication in every social process, not bound to specific communication media, both old and new. Let's expand our territory!

Second, prioritize social engagement. As **Lewin** said, "There is nothing more practical than a good theory." More so than ever, we're witnessing that communication is seen as both a cause of and a solution to social problems. From inducing people to wear masks and get vaccinated, to educating people how not to fall for misinformation, to alerting people to the toxic consequences of hate speech, to making recommendations for human-centered AI systems, communication research is immensely instrumental in evidence-based policymaking. Our job is to provide solid evidence through high-quality scholarly work.

Third, promote "communication for good." Negativity bias is evident not only in how we, as individuals, select, process, and respond to messages but also in what we, as communication scholars, choose to study. While it is indeed critical to examine the effects of violence and

sex in the media, the problematic use of the Internet, and false information, it takes more than just documenting the harmful consequences of communication for us to contribute to the betterment of society. Research on eudaimonic media use by Dr. **Mary Beth Oliver** and media prescription by Dr. **Robin Nabi**, for instance, seems particularly promising in this regard, and I'd love to see more work that informs us what to do, not just what not to do.

Fourth, humanize communication research. With the proliferation of non-human agents in every facet of social processes, it becomes even more important to understand how people relate to one another through communication. Especially in light of the so-called loneliness epidemic worldwide, the socio-emotional aspects of communication are of even greater relevance than before, which we know better than our peers in neighboring disciplines.

Fifth, connect the dots. Despite recurring concerns about the fragmentation within our own discipline, shared commonality under the surface of differences across research traditions has been noticed, and efforts are being made to synthesize theories once thought irreconcilable. Drs. **Ramasubramanian** and **Banjo's** attempt to bridge critical cultural scholarship and media effects scholarship by theorizing media effects that better reflect marginalized groups' experiences is one such example.

No matter what specific research topics we are passionate about, we all seek the truth, and by doing so, try to help people better understand the world. I'm incredibly proud to be a part of this extraordinary community, and eternally grateful for the honor to have served you as your President.

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Q. Are you team #dogsofica (or) #catsofica?

Both -- team all animals!



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