AEJMC 2021 Conference Paper Call
Cultural and Critical Studies Division

The Cultural and Critical Studies Division welcomes faculty and student submissions of original research that contributes to the study of journalism and mass communication from a cultural and/or critical perspective. The Division accepts submissions that include critical and/or cultural inquiry that cuts across theoretical and methodological boundaries. **Papers that do not meet the AEJMC Uniform Call for Papers requirements will not be accepted.**

The Division invites research on a diverse range of topics including, but not limited to the following: historical inquiry; gender, race, class, sexuality, age, and/or disability analyses of media; news analysis; audience analysis and reception studies; political economy analysis; labor analysis; literary analysis with a media foundation; philosophy of communication; ethics; activism, communication, and social justice; and media criticism in general. CCS encourages work that challenges conventional approaches to media, examines paradigmatic assumptions, and explores innovative ways of theorizing mass media forms and practices. We also welcome intersectional research that highlights the perspectives of traditionally marginalized or underrepresented groups. In particular, we welcome submissions focused on topics outside of the United States or in international comparison as well as submissions by authors from and/or based in areas outside of the United States.

The Division presents awards to the authors of the top-ranking faculty and student submissions. Only one paper per author is accepted for review, and submissions must not be under consideration elsewhere for presentation or publication. Faculty and student submissions undergo separate blind review processes by faculty-only judges. Student authors—undergraduate and graduate students enrolled during the 2020-2021 school year—should include a cover sheet that clearly states the paper is a student submission. Student papers with faculty co-authors are reviewed in the faculty competition and should not be designated as student-authored papers.

Paper length should not exceed 25-pages of double-spaced text with 12-point, Times New Roman font, and 1-inch margins, excluding tables, figures and references. Abstracts must be no more than 75 words. Please be sure that submissions contain no identifying information, such as name, university affiliation, job title, etc., either in the text of the paper or in the document properties. **Any identifying information found on the submission results in an immediate disqualification of the paper.**

The paper must be uploaded to the server no later than 11:59 P.M. (Central Daylight Time) Thursday, April 1, 2021.

It is recommended that all paper submitters submit at least a day or more before the deadline so they can check to make sure that the uploaded document does not contain any self-identifying information in its properties, as can happen sometimes, mysteriously, via “save as pdf” or as a result of some other technical issue. An early submission will allow any and all individuals to fully check submissions as they are entered into the system so that a resubmission prior to the deadline is possible.

Questions concerning submissions should be directed to research co-chairs Krishnan Vasudevan (kvasu@umd.edu) and David Wolfgang (david.wolfgang@colostate.edu).