AEJMC 2021 Conference Paper Call
Electronic News Division

The Electronic News Division invites faculty and students to submit original research on any aspect of electronic news content or production. This may include many topics related to broadcast journalism or electronic communication with a journalism emphasis, including television, radio or audio (including news podcasting), reporting for the internet, online journalism, journalism for new and changing media like mobile or social media, or the role of new and changing media in journalism. Research papers for the 2021 AEJMC annual conference in New Orleans must be submitted by April 1 at 11:59 p.m. CT.

We welcome research articles that employ qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methodologies. Some possible topics that may be relevant to the Electronic News Division are:

- The role of mobile technologies in electronic news production
- Global perspectives on electronic news
- The impact of social media and broadcast news on politics
- Diversity in the newsroom
- The impact of mobile technologies on traditional broadcast news
- Digital news production
- The impact of social media on consumers’ news consumption habits
- Video news produced directly for social media or online sites
- The role of the broadcast journalist in the evolving media landscape

Authors of papers accepted for the conference will be encouraged to submit their manuscript for possible publication in *Electronic News*, the official journal for the Electronic News Division. Papers accepted for the conference are not guaranteed publication in the journal.

Papers submitted to the Electronic News Division competition should be no longer than 25 pages of manuscript, excluding tables, figures, references and appendices, and should be submitted in one of the generally approved academic bibliographic styles. Papers should be in 12-point, Times New Roman font, double-spaced and with one-inch margins. Additionally, a separate page containing an abstract of no more than 75 words is required. Documents must be uploaded as Word, WordPerfect, or PDF files. PDF format is strongly encouraged.

**Please be sure to submit a clean paper without author identifying information; otherwise the paper will be disqualified.** In addition to removing author-identifying information from the paper and file properties, the uniform paper call has added suggestions for avoiding identification though self-citation. If you plan to submit a paper that includes a self-citation, you should remove language that suggests the cited study is yours (e.g., “in a previous study, researchers...” rather than “in a previous study, I...”). “Simply put,” the guidance concludes, “cite your own work as if it were being cited by another author – not yourself.” If the broader scholarly community is unlikely to have access to your self-citation (e.g. it’s an unpublished pilot or a conference paper that was never made available in published proceedings), AEJMC suggests referencing a different work that can support the same argument, or eliminating the citation altogether. To be clear, self-citation is not automatically disqualifying, but self-citation that obviously identifies the author through one of the ways mentioned above will be disqualified.

Please refer to AEJMC’s uniform paper call on how to upload clean papers, including guidance on self-citation.
You are encouraged to submit your paper at least a day or two before the deadline so that you can check to ensure your paper does not contain any identifying information in its properties, as can happen sometimes when documents are saved as PDFs.

The Electronic News Division accepts only one paper per author. This rule is true even if you are the primary author on one paper and co-author on another. In that case, please submit one of the papers to another division. The division offers cash prizes for top student and top faculty paper submissions. Please note the student papers must be completely authored by students. Students with a faculty member as a co-author will be judged in the faculty division.

Authors of all selected papers are expected to present their work in New Orleans. Cash awards for winning papers will only be awarded if the authors present their work at the conference.

Questions concerning conference paper submissions should be directed to the division’s research chair, Aphrodite Salas (Aphrodite.Salas@concordia.ca). Questions regarding submissions to the division’s journal, Electronic News, should be directed to the editor, Dr. Jenn Burleson Mackay, at jemackay@vt.edu. All papers must be uploaded through the AEJMC All Academic portal. Once you have created an account on the AEJMC All Academic site, you will be able to choose the Electronic News Division prior to submitting your paper.