AEJMC 2021 Conference Paper Call  
Minorities and Communication Division

The Minorities and Communication Division invites submissions of original research on any topic related to minorities in communication. Submissions employing any generally regarded scholarly method of inquiry are invited. Papers should include appropriate literature reviews, methodology, findings, and discussion. Only one paper per primary (first) author will be sent out for review.

The term “minorities” has been defined to include Latina/os, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Native Americans. Therefore, papers examining how these groups present images, news and/or other information about themselves, as well as those examining how issues and/or perspectives related to race/ethnicity and diversity are featured in mainstream or other specialized media, would generally fall into this division’s area of interest.

This division also welcomes papers on teaching or pedagogy related to minorities in communication.

**Full Paper Formatting:** Papers should not be more than 25 double-spaced pages, excluding references, tables, figures, and other graphics. If it is not historical research, APA reference style is preferred. If these rules are not followed, papers are subject to disqualification. Also, follow the instructions in the 2021 AEJMC paper competition uniform call.

**Extended Abstract Paper Formatting:** In light of the extraordinary and historic disruptions to the lives of faculty members and graduate students as a result of the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we accept extended abstracts for the 2021 conference. Extended abstracts should contain all of the same content sections and elements that would normally be used in the full paper, including the study’s purpose, literature review, research questions and/or hypotheses, method, findings and discussion/conclusion. The main difference, however, is the length of this submission format. For authors considering the extended abstract option, data collection and analysis must be at least 75% complete in order to meaningfully report tentative findings and conclusions. Authors should clearly report in the Method and Findings sections how far along the data collection and analysis phases are, respectively, and explain what steps remain and the anticipated value/contribution of these steps, so that reviewers can assess the foundations on which conclusions are based.

The extended abstracts must be at least 750 words long but no more than 1,500 words, excluding any references, tables, or figures. Extended abstracts must include a reference list. The reference list and summary are not included in the word count. When submitting in this format, authors must include the words “Extended Abstract” at the start of their paper title (e.g., “Extended Abstract: [Your paper title]”). Authors should clearly indicate the same on the title page of their submission. Submissions that are not appropriately labeled may be rejected. Authors whose extended abstracts are selected for presentation at the conference must still submit their full paper before the conference.

Awards will be presented to the authors of the top three faculty research papers. A certificate along with a check will be awarded to each of the three faculty research winners during the Minorities and Communication Members’ Meeting.

**Student Papers:** Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to submit original research regarding minorities and communication. Student papers are ones in which ALL of the co-authors are currently enrolled students.
The paper must be correctly submitted to the MAC Student Competition category online. Student papers should include a separate cover sheet that indicates their student status (i.e. Ph.D. Student, M.A./M.S. Student) but omits the author’s name.

All students whose papers are accepted for presentation in the Minorities and Communication Division will be considered for the Dr. Carolyn Stroman New Graduate Membership Award. Eligible recipients must be current members of AEJMC who do not have a MAC membership.

The MAC Division recognizes the top three student papers. A certificate along with a check will be awarded to each of the three winners. Both authors of winning student research papers and the Stroman New Graduate Membership Awards are recognized at the Minorities and Communication Members’ Meeting.

**Self-Identifying Information:** Authors are reminded to check their manuscript for self-identifying information of any kind, including following a particular style guide’s directions on matters of self-citation. Authors are strongly encouraged to submit their papers at least a day or two before the deadline. All papers submitted will be pre-screened for identifying information and proper submission in the student/faculty category. In the event of the inclusion of self-identifying information PRIOR to the deadline, authors will be allowed to resubmit their manuscript prior to the deadline. After the deadline, as per the uniform call, papers with identifying information will be automatically disqualified.

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