**Political Communication Division**

The Political Communication Division invites submission of original, non-published research papers to be considered for presentation at the 2021 AEJMC Conference, August 4 to 7, 2021, in New Orleans, LA. The deadline for paper submissions is April 1, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. We welcome both faculty and graduate student papers of all methodological approaches and levels of analysis. Graduate students are particularly encouraged to apply.

All submissions will undergo a blind review process by a panel of independent reviewers. Papers are accepted on the understanding that they have not been previously published or presented elsewhere. Paper authors must remove identifying information from paper. Failure to do so will lead to an automatic disqualification.

Research papers should be directly related to political communication, broadly defined. Possible relevant topics include processes and effects of mediated political communication in relation to political news, political journalism, public policy, political figures and candidates; political entertainment; citizen engagement and mobilization; public opinion; campaigns and political advertising; advocacy; and political economy of the media. All submitted research papers should be clearly grounded in theory and methodology.

The Political Communication Division has established the McCombs Shaw Award for Best Student Paper in Political Communication, which is awarded annually. This prize includes $250 and free graduate student conference registration. Awards are also given for runner-up student papers. Student papers *may not* include any faculty authors/co-authors and must be clearly labeled as “Graduate Student Paper” on the cover page. In addition, the Division annually honors the top three papers in political communication; both faculty and graduate student paper submissions are eligible for this honor. The 1st-place paper in political communication will receive a $100 prize. The top poster in political communication will also receive a $100 prize.

All entries should follow the guidelines of the AEJMC uniform paper competition. Paper length is limited to 25-pages, not including references, tables, figures or appendices. Papers should be standard type (12-point font, double-spaced, Times New Roman font, 1.0 inch margins). Papers should be prepared in accordance with the 7th edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Associations (APA). Entries may also take the form of an extended abstract, assuming a full paper can be produced by July 15, 2021. Extended abstracts must be at least 750 words long but no more than 1,500 words. Extended abstracts must include a reference list and a 75-word summary of the abstract (the reference list and summary are not included in the word count). Please follow the extended abstract guidelines outlined in AEJMC’s main paper call.

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