



A Word from the Chair: July 2025

Colleagues, I hope your summers have been restful and regenerative. It is hard to believe that we are just weeks away from the annual conference in San Francisco. There is a spectacular history program planned, and all my gratitude to Caitlin Cieslick-Miskimen (Idaho) and Jason Guthrie (Clayton State) for the tireless work they've put into this program over the past several months. The state of the division is strong, thanks in no small part to the service of this leadership team and the exceptional quality of contributions to research, teaching, and PF&R demonstrated across the program.



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AEJMC 2025 History Division Programming

As you plan your schedule for the AEJMC 108th Annual Conference in San Francisco, be sure to include the History Division's exciting lineup of events! From refereed research sessions to engaging panels to the pre-conference awards gala, the History Division offers a dynamic and diverse program for all attendees.

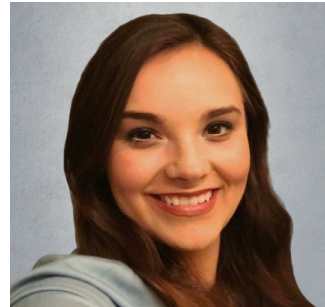
[CLICK HERE FOR THE SCHEDULE](#)

Membership Survey - Please Provide Feedback!

The History Division is launching a survey to assess its current activities, and learn more about what membership sees as its strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities to deliver greater value to its members. We appreciate your time in taking this survey, and look forward to discussing results during the division's business meeting in August. Upon completing the survey, you will be entered in a random drawing where one winner will be selected to have their cost of one year of AEJMC membership + membership in the History Division.

COMPLETE THE SURVEY

A Word from Lexie Little, the Graduate Student Liaison



Graduate Students: Welcome!

Looking over the History Division report for this year, one statistic stands out: fourteen graduate students will present at AEJMC 2025 in San Francisco, a significant increase in participation from emerging scholars. I cannot think of a better time to welcome new thinkers to the crucial work of history than in this precarious moment for higher education, mass communication, and democracy. So, to our new (and returning) graduate student members: Welcome! We're particularly glad you're here.

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Liseblad: Volunteering for the History Division Brings Many Positives

It was Friday, October 19, 2018 at 12:01 p.m., Central Daylight Time. The email from Erika Pribanic-Smith said, "Greetings! Congrats on becoming one of our new membership co-chairs."

That email marked the start of my volunteering in an official position for the AEJMC History Division. Seven years later, I am stepping down from my current official post with the division, as the publications committee chair.

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News from Coyle

Erin K. Coyle accepted a position as an Associate Professor at the Walter J. Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University and a New York Public Library Fellowship this summer.

Coyle, formerly of Temple University, will teach courses on mass communication law, the First Amendment, and First Amendment theory at Arizona State University. She also will complete historical and legal research related to the Knight Center for the Future of News focus on journalism, community and democracy.



In July, she traveled to New York City as a New York Public Library Research Fellow. In the Manuscripts and Archives Division, she reviewed journalists' records to research how a magazine reported on wrongful convictions and miscarriages of justice in the 1950s and 1960s.



Member Q&A: Josie Vine

Name: Josie Vine, Ph.D.

University Affiliation: Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT University), Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Position: Senior Lecturer, School of Media & Communication, Journalism Program

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Myers Publishes New Book

Cayce Myers (Virginia Tech)
published *Campaigns Inc.: Leone Baxter, Clem Whitaker and the Invention of Political Consulting* in Bloomsbury Academic's Women in American Political History Series.

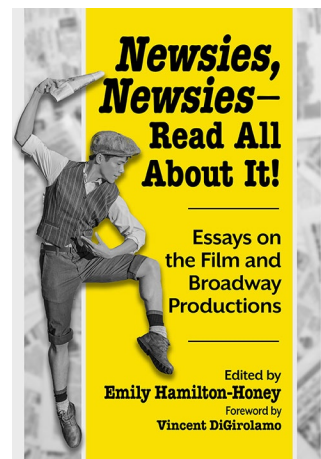


Forthcoming Book Explores Evolution of American Media

Gregory Borchard and Denitsa Yotova co-authored the forthcoming book *Pressing Matters: A Chronicle of American Media*. The book provides "an overview of American media, press, and journalism, and the events, institutions, and people related to its development" and "helps readers develop perspective on contemporary media by using its development for reference."

Forthcoming Book Explores *Newsies* Productions

How does a relatively minor event—a two-week strike by New York newsboys in the summer of 1899—evolve from the pens of newspaper writers and artists into the pages of history and onto movie screens and world stages? This is the phenomenon that is Disney's *Newsies*, now the subject of *Newsies, Newsies -- Read All About It! Essays on the Film and Broadway Productions*, edited by Emily Hamilton-Honey, with a foreword by Vincent DiGirolamo. Contributors chart the changing meaning of this story in all its guises through the lens of queerness, race, gender, fandom, disability, workers' rights, and more.



Do you have news for the next issue?

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