

A Word from the Research Chair: March 2026

In place of the usual “Word from the Chair” column, we’re focusing this issue of Clio on the upcoming paper competition at AEJMC 2026. Our Research Chair Carolina Velloso is overseeing the tremendous task of running this year’s research competition, which is no small feat. In the last few years, we’ve seen some changes in terms of who submits papers to the History Division and what subjects they cover – at the last AEJMC, we had an extraordinarily high number of graduate student submissions.



Carolina is here to provide some insight into the process of submitting and reviewing. All paper submissions are due April 1. We can’t talk enough about how important a robust pool of reviewers is to the success of the paper competition and in ensuring each paper receives constructive feedback. Please take the time to fill out this brief survey to sign up as a reviewer. **continue »**

Call for Reviewers: AEJMC 2026 Paper Competition

The History Division invites reviewers for the upcoming AEJMC 2026 conference.

Reviewers are truly the engine that makes the AEJMC conference possible. We anticipate needing 30–40 reviewers this year, so if you are willing and able, please consider signing up. Your participation makes a real difference, not only in sustaining the conference, but in supporting and mentoring fellow scholars through constructive, engaged feedback!

Reviews will be assigned during the first week of April and will be due by **May 5th**.

If you’re willing and able to serve as a reviewer, please fill out this [interest form](#) by **March 31st**.

Whether you're a returning reviewer or joining us for the first time, your contribution is deeply appreciated.

Please contact Carolina Velloso, History Division Research Chair, with any questions at cvelloso@umn.edu.

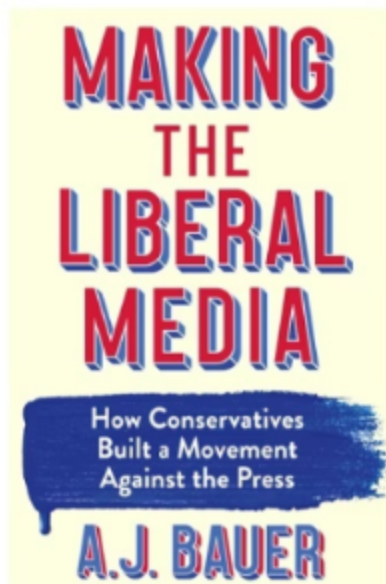
Thank you in advance for your support!

Member Q&A: Takeya Mizuno

Takeya Mizuno is a professor in the School of Political Science and Economics at Meiji University in Tokyo, Japan. His research centers on the history of Japanese American journalists in Hawai'i and the mainland United States.

Mizuno was named the winner of the History Division's 2025 Diversity Paper Award. He also [received a microgrant](#) to examine licensing and censorship of the Japanese "enemy language" press in Hawai'i during World War II. Drawing on archival material, he is examining the press licensing system, censorship, and how Japanese newspapers and readers reacted to stringent press control.

[Read more here.](#)



A.J. Bauer publishes *Making the Liberal Media*

A.J. Bauer's new book, *Making the Liberal Media: How Conservatives Built a Movement Against the Press* is out this month (official publication date is March 31) from Columbia University Press

For more information and to purchase Bauer's book, click [here](#).

Voss featured on MeTV show

Kim Voss was featured as a guest on the national television show “Toon In With Me” for Women’s History Month speaking about women and journalism history on March 11, 2026. The cartoon and interview show airs nationally weekdays at 7am ET/PT on MeTV, the #1 classic television network in America. It was a chance to share women and journalism history with a young audience. The episode also included historical information and images.

You can [watch her episode here](#).

Finneman and Burns join First Ladies Symposium at Truman Presidential Library

Teri Finneman (Kansas) and Lisa Burns (Quinnipiac) were part of a half-day symposium titled "America 250: Exploring the Past, Present, and Future Influence of First Ladies" at the Truman Presidential Library & Museum on March 21. The first session focused on "The First Lady's Impact on US History" and the second was "The Secret Lives of Presidents' Wives." Finneman also organized the program, from the initial pitch and planning to greeting guests and troubleshooting the day of the event. Burns and Finneman are the co-editors of *The Cambridge Companion to US First Ladies* (2025).



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