



A Word from the Chair: May 2025

I'm writing this on the last day of exams, before graduation here at Lehigh, and am struck by just how much has happened this year. First off, my gratitude to a fantastic leadership team and to our membership for remaining a dynamic, supportive, and generally fantastic scholarly community.



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History Division Mentorship Program - Apply by June 15

The AEJMC History Division is pleased to once again offer its mentorship program this year and we're seeking participants. Prior mentors and mentees have found the program highly beneficial, with many choosing to continue their relationships informally after their year has ended. The program is very loosely structured. It's up to the mentee and mentor to determine what works best for them.

Read the full call [here](#).

Last Chance!

Apply for the Broussard Award by May 20

The Broussard Award, presented annually, honors innovative, original, tested, and transformative teaching of media and/or journalism history. Applicants for the award may submit one of the following types of pedagogical approaches, including (but not limited to): entire courses, units, individual lessons, classroom activities, assignments, assessments, and/or teaching strategies.

Read the full call [here](#).

Upcoming AJHA Deadlines - Annual Conference and McKerns Grants

The deadline for [AJHA's annual paper, panel and research-in-project competition](#) is **Monday, June 2, 11:59 p.m. EST**. Please contact Jennifer Moore (mooreje@d.umn.edu) if you are willing to serve as a reviewer.

Applications are now being accepted for the [Joseph McKerns Research Grant Awards](#). This award offers up to four grants of \$1,250 each to support journalism history research projects. The application deadline is **June 23, 2025 5 p.m. EST**.

Janice Hume Wins 2025 Donald L. Shaw Senior Scholar Award

The History Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication has selected Dr. Janice Hume as the 2025 recipient of the Donald L. Shaw Senior Scholar Award. A prolific and accomplished scholar whose work has focused on journalism history and public memory, Dr. Hume is currently the associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, where she has taught since 2001 and holds the Don E. Carter Chair for Excellence in Journalism.



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History Division Announces Book Award Winners: Gwyneth Mellinger and Ying Qian

The History Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) has selected two books as winners of its award honoring the best journalism and mass communication history book published in 2024.

The two books are Dr. Gwyneth Mellinger's *Racializing Objectivity: How the White Southern Press Used Journalism Standards to Defend Jim Crow* (University of Massachusetts Press, 2024) and Dr. Ying Qian's *Revolutionary Becomings: Documentary Media in Twentieth-Century China* (Columbia University Press, 2024).

Read more [here](#).





Lindsay Palmer Wins 2025 Covert Award

The History Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) congratulates Dr. Lindsay Palmer (University of Wisconsin-Madison) as winner of the annual Covert Award for best mass communication history article, essay, or book chapter published in the previous year.

Read more [here](#).

Greene-Blye Elected to the board of IndiJ Public Media

Melissa Greene-Blye, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Kansas has been elected to the board of IndiJ Public Media, the parent company of ICT, formerly Indian Country Today. ICT has been serving the Native American community with news and information since 1981 and has a strong reputation for fair and accurate reporting on Indigenous peoples and their issues. Greene-Blye is also the director of the newly formed Center for Indigenous Student Media.





Saltzman Finishes 57th Consecutive Year of Teaching

Joe Saltzman, winner of the Jinx Coleman Brussard Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Media History and the AEJMC-Scripps Howard National Journalism & Mass Communication Teacher of the Year, has just finished his 57th consecutive year of teaching at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism.

He is now offering his revised syllabus for his history class, "Culture of Journalism: Past, Present and Future" along with the 28 PowerPoint-Video presentations he has created for the class that emphasizes females, people of color and LGBTQ+ journalists. The presentations feature a 45-minute lecture with a professional voice-over and more than 200 photographs on some aspect of journalism history followed by an hour video on how popular culture treated that history. For more details, please contact Professor Saltzman at saltzman@usc.edu

Finneman Promoted

Teri Finneman (Kansas) has been promoted to full professor.



News from Terracina-Hartman

In October, as Carol Terracina-Hartman exits her role as MMAG's Immediate Past President role, she will take a seat on AEJMC's Professional Freedom & Responsibility Committee. She thanks everyone who nominated her and who voted for her.



In addition, Terracina-Hartman was invited to join the MagLab Scientific Committee of Future of Magazines International Conference²⁵. Her primary duties will be to plan conference programming and activities. This year, the conference is themed (Re)Thinking Magazines: Challenges and Opportunities and will take place from October 29 to 31, 2025, at Lusófona University in Lisbon.

Campbell Publishes Op-Eds on Major Events of 1995

W. Joseph Campbell, professor emeritus at American University's School of Communication, has written op-eds for *The Hill* that revisit major events of 1995, the subject of one of his seven non-fiction books. One op-ed addressed legacies of the O.J. Simpson "trial of the century." Another discussed the emergence of the internet into popular consciousness. Yet another considered lasting effects of the Oklahoma City bombing, the country's deadliest case of homegrown terrorism. Campbell was chair of the History Division in 2006-07.





Garza Publishes Op-Ed on Importance of Oral History

Melita Garza's Mother's Day remembrance and argument for oral history was published in Newsweek on May 9. Through this personal story, she argues that: "At a time when the history recorded in museums, books, and documentaries is increasingly [contested](#), memoirs and history from the ground up are all the more important, not just to individual families, but to others who want to learn what life was like in a particular time and place from those with first-hand knowledge. Stories of the past might be whitewashed, rewritten, or replaced in official spaces, but people's consciousness of the past can't be stripped away."

Full link to op-ed [here](#).

New Publication from Fondren and Perlmutter

Elisabeth Fondren (St. John's University) and David D. Perlmutter (Texas Tech University) published their article, "The Battle Against the Dolchstoßlegende: Counterpropaganda and Cultural Memory in the German Jewish Veterans' Newspaper *Der Schild* 1922–1938" in *The Journal of Military History* (April 2025) Vol. 89 (2), 338-368. This article explores how German Jewish frontline veterans fought back, via publicity,

to refute the anti-Semitic stab-in-the-back myth (Dolchstoßlegende) by regularly publishing facts and statistics, framing their collective identity around honor, and diversifying news content. Through a systematic content analysis of the 1922-1938 issues of the German-language periodical *Der Schild* (published by the Reichsbund jüdischer Frontsoldaten), this study reveals how Jewish veterans engaged in early forms of counterpropaganda by publishing facts, archival documents, statistics, photographs, verified testimonies, and eyewitness accounts. Link to article is [here](#).



Chinoy and Farhat Win Hiebert History of Journalism Awards

Ira Chinoy, associate professor emeritus, and Sally Farhat, third-year PhD student, are the winners of the 2024 Ray Hiebert History of Journalism Awards for Published Work and Conference Paper Presentation, respectively. The Hiebert Awards were established at the University of Maryland's Philip Merrill College of Journalism to promote the teaching of journalism history in journalism education and to encourage research that sheds light on that history.

Chinoy won for his book [Predicting the Winner: The Untold Story of Election Night 1952 and the Dawn of Computer Publishing](#), while Farhat won for her paper "The Media's Coverage of the 2005 Assassination of Lebanese Journalists," which she presented at the 2024 AEJMC annual conference in Philadelphia.



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