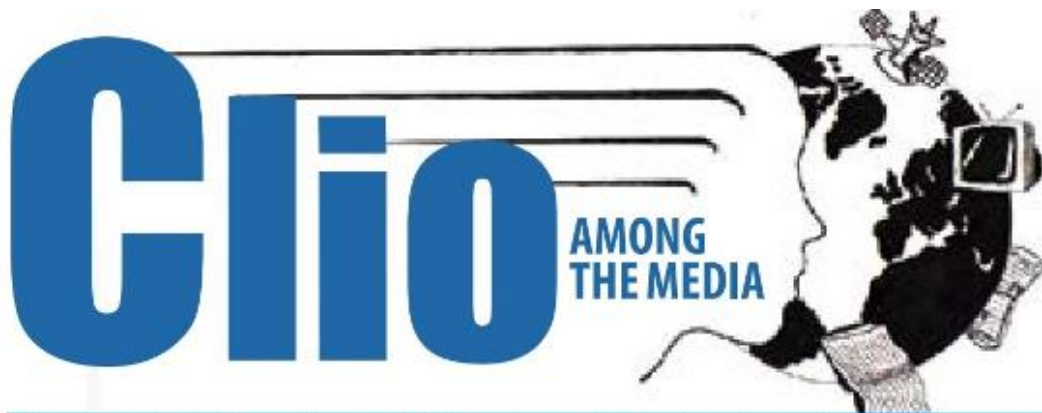




Newsletter of the History Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication

A Word from the Chair: May 2026

By the time this issue of Clio is emailed to our members, I will have participated in at least three walking tours under the blazing European summer sun with a group of undergraduates on a study abroad trip to the Czech Republic. The tours take us through the twisty, turny, cobblestone streets of Old Town to former Soviet era monuments to the sites of protest and resistance. We walk by statues and memorials and over stumbling stones and bridges. And we talk a lot about the way that these sites of memory influence the way people engage with and understand history.

I am teaching a class on media, storytelling, and historical narratives that encourages students to think about the way history is constructed, and how memory and history become intertwined. There's plenty of fodder for discussion focused on the Czech Republic, as students learn about the successful push for an independent Czech state following World War I and then the Nazi, and later Communist, efforts to mute dissent and rewrite history. Yet, it's not difficult to see parallels between the events of the twentieth century in the Czech Republic and what is currently unfolding in the United States.

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Member Q&A: Lexie Little

Lexie Little was the 2025 winner of the History Division's Top Student Paper Award. She recently graduated with a Ph.D. in Mass Communication from the University of Georgia and will join the faculty at Murray State University as an assistant professor this fall.

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Akehinmi (Tennessee Tech University) Wins 2026 Sweeney Award

Dr. Krystal Akehinmi's (Tennessee Tech University) [article](#), "'To Make Pen-Friends through the Medium of Your Journal': The Role of the *Chicago Defender's* Bud Billiken Club in Forging Foreign Reporting and a Transnational Cohort among 1930s Black Youth," published in 2025 in Volume 52, Issue 2 of *Journalism History*, has been selected as the 2026 winner of the [Michael S. Sweeney Award](#), an annual celebration of the best article published in the journal.

Read more about this year's Sweeney Award [here](#).

AEJMC History Division Announces Book Award Winner: Tom Arnold-Forster

The History Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) has selected the winner of its award honoring the [best journalism and mass communication history book published in 2025](#). It is Tom Arnold-Forster's *Walter Lippmann: An Intellectual Biography* (Princeton University Press, 2025).

Read more about this year's Book Award [here](#).





Montalbano (University of Kentucky) Wins 2026 Covert Award

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

The winning piece is: Kathryn Montalbano (11 Jul 2025): "Reconstruction and the Press: Debating Defamation, 1870–1876," *Communication Law and Policy*, DOI: [10.1080/10811680.2025.2496140](https://doi.org/10.1080/10811680.2025.2496140)

Read more about this year's Covert Award [here](#).

AEJMC History Division announces David T.Z. Mindich as winner of 2026 Donald L. Shaw Senior Scholar Award

The History Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication has selected Dr. David T. Z. Mindich as the 2026 recipient of the [Donald L. Shaw Senior Scholar Award](#). A historian and public intellectual whose work examines journalism ethics and the role of media in a democracy, Mindich serves as a professor of journalism in the Klein College of Media and Communication at Temple University.

Read more about this year's Shaw Senior Scholar Award [here](#).

Award Call: Jinx Coleman Broussard Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Media History

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.

The 2026 deadline for submissions is June 15. Applications should be submitted as one document saved in a PDF format to ashley.walter@slu.edu using the subject line "Broussard Award."

For more information on the award and instructions on how to submit, [click here](#).

Successful 2026 JJCHC Held at Columbia University

The Joint Journalism and Communication History Conference (JJCHC) held its annual conference on Friday, March 27, 2026 at Columbia University.



The keynote speaker for the event was Linda Steiner, PhD from the University of Maryland. Researchers from across the country, traveling from as far away as Arizona, Hawaii, and Idaho, presented their work on a wide variety of topics.

The conference was notably interdisciplinary this year and included a scholar with a background in ecology and evolutionary biology. Faculty, graduate and undergraduate students joined the discussion.

The day ended with a private behind-the-scenes tour of the archives at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. A special thanks to this year's co-chairs, Carolina Velloso, Autumn Linford, and Robin Sundaramoorthy.

This event was made possible with support from AJHA, the AEJMC History Division, Anya Schiffrin, Anna Marchese, and the Columbia World Projects team.

Maris on the move

Will Mari and Ruth Moon Mari will be starting new positions as associate professors at [Texas A&M's Dept. of Communication and Journalism](#) later this summer. Will's focus will continue to be teaching and research media history and media law.

Will can be reached via his Gmail (wtmari@gmail.com) during the transition.

Finneman earns museum studies certificate

Teri Finneman (Kansas) completed a master's certificate in museum studies from the University of Kansas. Two of her co-created exhibits are on display in Kansas while a third will go to North Dakota this summer.

Call for Papers for a Special Issue of *International Communication Gazette*

Abstract submission deadline: 30 June 2026

Inspired by self-reflexive debates on the status quo and transnational trajectory of communication studies (Simonson & Park, 2016; Badr & Wilkins, 2025; Richter et al., 2025), this special issue aims to shed light on the multifaceted global history of communication studies in stages of 'in betweenness'. Such transition periods are marked by political system changes in which rules have become unclear and fluid, old authorities lost legitimacy and new rules are not yet established.

More information [can be found here](#).

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