

Annual Report to the International Communication Association

- (i) For the ICA Board Meeting, 2012
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Division/Interest Group: **Communication History Interest Group**

Chair: **Jefferson Pooley**

Vice chair: **Philip Lodge**

Report

The Communication History Interest Group was officially created as of the annual ICA meeting in San Francisco, in May of 2007, after the requisite petitioning and approval processes. As of November 1 of 2007, the Communication History Interest Group had 116 members. Our number of members grew steadily until the fall of 2009, when it peaked at 236 members. After the 'purge' of non-renewing members in February of 2010, our number of members went down to 164. As of April 2011, the Interest Group's membership stands at 217. As of May 2012 our membership is 225.

The Interest Group elected a new incoming Vice-Chair in the fall of 2011. Richard Popp (University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee) will began his service as Vice-Chair at the conclusion of the 2012 ICA meeting in Phoenix, when Philip Lodge will become Chair.

The Interest Group created a new website in the spring of 2011:

<http://communicationhistory.org/>

After the paper submission and review process was completed, the Communication History Interest Group recognized two papers with awards in 2012.

Maureen Ryan (Northwestern U) was awarded the top paper ("Recipe for Failure: Gender and the Creation of the Home Computer Market") and Annie Rudd (Columbia U) was awarded the top student paper ("Likeness made public: on cartes de visite, circulation, and the oldness of "new media").

The Interest Group sponsored a Preconferences for Phoenix 2012: Historiography as Intervention.

The next year will find the Communication History Interest Group looking to grow. Since Singapore 2010, our membership has steadily increased. We continue to work on expanding our membership outside of North American and Western Europe, and will be planning an international outreach campaign in our Business Meeting in

Phoenix. Internationalizing the group continues to be a challenge, though CHIG is making progress.

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Chair: (insert name)

Members: (insert names)

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300 words: to include commentary on remit if appropriate, past year's activities, issues to be raised for following year, any specific recommendations for the ICA Board of Directors.