

ICA Board of Directors

Division/Interest Group Report



Name of Division or Interest Group	Communication History Division
Chair Name	Nicole Maurantonio
Vice Chair Name	Derek Vaillant
Secretary Name	Lars Lundgren
Student Rep. Name	
This report has been approved by all officers of the above-named group. X YES ☐ NO	

Report Content:

Include commentary on **trends in membership numbers/diversity, past year's activities** (including the annual conference), any prizes awarded, **plans for the year ahead**, issues to be raised in the coming year

Include an accounting of efforts to achieve **higher levels of international membership** (e.g., number of non-US reviewers, number of awards given to scholars from outside US, officers elected from non-US countries, or special outreach initiatives undertaken to increase the international character of the division).

Include submission practices (e.g. abstracts vs. full papers) and the implication of those practices.

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First launched in 2007 as an interest group, the Communication History Division (CHD) has existed as a division since 2013. Our membership levels have fluctuated in recent years. While we are currently down to 168 members post-purge (from 193 last year), we are confident that with a push for membership as we approach the May meeting, we can encourage colleagues to renew and/or join us. We discuss our strategy for recruiting in further detail below.

The Division elected a new secretary during summer 2018, Travers Scott (Clemson University), who will assume the post at the end of the 2019 conference in Washington, DC, succeeding Lars Lundgren (Södertörn University). Derek Vaillant (University of Michigan) will remain vice-chair for the coming year, working with me to plan and program for the 2020 conference. During summer 2019, we will need to hold elections for the next vice-chair as well as Early-Career/Graduate student representative and International Liaison. Samantha Oliver (University of Pennsylvania) and Dominique Trudel (Université de Montréal) have served in these respective positions for the past two years. We thank them for their service.

As previously mentioned, our strategy for building membership in CHD will first focus on encouraging colleagues participating in this year's pre-conference to join the Division, given excellent reception to the theme, "The Long History of Modern Surveillance: Excavating the Past, Contextualizing the Present." Organized by Josh Lauer (University of New Hampshire) and Nicole Maurantonio (University of Richmond), the pre-conference elicited over 50 submissions, drawing from the fields of communication studies, history, women, gender, and sexuality studies, and sociology, to name a few. Given constraints, we could accept just under half the submissions. Many of these submissions represent new voices in the Division, an especially exciting development. We made a concerted effort in this year's pre-conference call to de-center Western perspectives, given our Division has drawn predominantly from the United States and Western Europe in the past. We also sought to be especially attentive to representation of scholars at different stages of their academic careers as a way to build community and mentorship. While the overwhelming majority of submissions still came from the United States and Western Europe, we plan to continue reaching out to colleagues who are underrepresented in the division.

This effort to build a more diverse and inclusive program was also a priority in our programming for this year's main conference. While similarly, the majority of submissions came from scholars in the United States and Western Europe, this year's program reflects some important developments. First, we see greater attention to identities and intersectionality in this year's program across the sessions as well as broader geographic representation in research.

While this is progress, there is still more work to be done – particularly as we seek to attract more members and participation from Africa, Asia, and South America. This will be a discussion point on the agenda at the May meeting – strategies for further internationalizing. In the past, we revised the score sheet for evaluating submissions for the conference so as to ensure certain criteria were not used to disadvantage scholars. With the debut of Scholar One this year, we had less control over the specific criteria used to evaluate submissions, however this is something we will want to pursue moving forward, in order to ensure a more equitable system of evaluation.

The Communication History Division will recognize three papers with awards in Washington DC. Our top paper in the division will be awarded to Brandon Storlie, "How Did They Ever Let Things Get to This?": Protest Coverage and Wisconsin's 1967 Dow Riot. Notably, Storlie is a graduate student. The top student paper will be awarded to Julide Etem, "A History of Educational

Film Center in Turkey.” The top poster will be awarded to Yuchao Zhao, “A Culture of Continuity: Intimacy Practices of Chinese Migrant Workers through a Prism of History.” We awarded five conference waivers to our top-ranked graduate student papers: Frances Corry, Julide Etem, Anna Loup, Brandon Storlie, and Celeste Wagner.		
Actions Overview: Briefly describe any pending or completed actionable items. These should highlight major activities or goals of the group	Pending Actions (actionable items from motions <u>previously approved</u> by the BOD via an Action Form)	Completed Actions
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