

Mass Communication and Society – CALL FOR EDITOR

Transition period begins January 1, 2026

Official term is January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029

Application Deadline: April 18, 2025

The Mass Communication and Society (MC&S) Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) is now seeking applications for Editor for [Mass Communication and Society](#), published by Taylor & Francis. *Mass Communication and Society*, the MC&S Division's flagship publication, is a refereed journal that publishes articles on a wide variety of topics that advance mass communication theory, especially at the societal or macrosocial level. It publishes original research and book reviews on topics related to mass media practices, content, effects, messages, and research methods. The journal welcomes both qualitative and quantitative approaches, with a strong preference for social-scientific perspectives. Membership of the AEJMC MC&S Division provides a free subscription to the journal.

The responsibilities of the Editor of *Mass Communication and Society* are to complete the following tasks:

- Monitor submissions throughout the review process using our automated file-management system, [ScholarOne](#)
- Assign manuscripts to Associate Editors
- Make decisions about manuscripts based on recommendations from Associate Editors
- Provide the final proofread copy of manuscripts to be published
- Manage editorial assistants
- Nominate potential Associate Editors and Editorial Board members to the Executive Committee
 - The MC&S Executive Committee is composed of Division Head, Vice Head, Vice Head-Elect, and Immediate Past Head, among others.
- Select guest editors and assist in management of guest-edited journal issues
- Provide annual reports to the Executive Committee and to the MC&S Division
- Collaborate with Taylor & Francis, the publisher of *Mass Communication and Society*, to publish yearly statistics
- Chair the *Mass Communication and Society* Editorial Board meeting at the AEJMC annual conference
- Sit on annual committees charged with selecting the MC&S Division research grant, outstanding reviewer, and outstanding article award winners
- Serve as liaison between the publisher and MC&S
- Complete other journal-related tasks as requested by MC&S

The position has a term of three years (officially beginning on January 1, 2027), with the potential for reappointment. The editor receives an annual stipend from the publisher. The stipend amount, currently set at \$10,000 per year, is subject to negotiation in the next contract cycle. The Division will provide additional support of up to \$5,000 to cover editor expenses related to the administration of the journal and a summer stipend of \$3,000. An Editor-Elect may also receive a \$3,000 stipend for the year served in advance of publishing their first issues and receiving support from the publisher.

Financial support for an editorial assistant will be provided: \$15,000 for the academic year (increasing at a rate of 3 % per year starting from the 2023-24 academic year) and an additional \$5,000 for summer.

Candidates may apply individually or as co-editors. A co-editorship will be considered contingent upon successful revision of the bylaws, which will be voted on at the Division's next business meeting in the summer of 2025.

Application: To apply, candidates should submit the following:

1. A cover letter (no more than two pages) outlining the candidate's qualifications and vision for the journal
2. A curriculum vitae/resume
3. A letter of support from the candidate's supervisor (chair, director, or dean)

Qualifications: The successful candidate(s) should demonstrate the following qualifications:

- A doctoral-level qualification in communication or a related area(s)
- Previous experience as an Editor, Associate Editor, or in a similar role for a reputable, peer reviewed academic journal (e.g., those indexed in Web of Science or other comparable indices).
- A commitment to and knowledge of scholarship across a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches relevant to the journal's scope
- A thorough understanding of AEJMC and APA ethical codes and APA and MC&S guidelines
- An active professional membership with the MC&S Division

Applications should be assembled as a single PDF file and emailed to Editor Selection Committee Chair, Dr. Masahiro Yamamoto (myamamoto2@albany.edu), and Dr. Terri Hernandez, MC&S Division Vice-Head (therandez@comm.msstate.edu).

The application deadline is April 18, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. (EST).

Inquiries about the position should be sent to Editorial Selection Committee Chair, Dr. Masahiro Yamamoto (myamamoto2@albany.edu), or MC&S Division Head, Dr. Alec C. Tefertiller (alec_tefertiller@baylor.edu).