



**Call for Nominations/Applications:**  
***Communication and Democracy* (formerly *First Amendment Studies*) Editor-Elect**  
**Assuming duties in 2025; overseeing 2026-2028 volumes**

During 2024, NCA's Publications Council will nominate an Editor-Elect (or co-Editors-Elect) for *Communication and Democracy* (formerly *First Amendment Studies*). The newly appointed Editor will begin processing manuscripts early in 2025 and will oversee the volumes for 2026-2028. The journal is published twice each year.

Editors of NCA journals occupy a particularly prominent leadership position in the field. In naming editorial boards, selecting reviewers for manuscripts, and making final publication decisions (among other duties), they make a vitally important contribution to the discipline, and they play a key role in maintaining the highest standards of integrity and scholarly inquiry.

[Position statement on the teaching, scholarly/creative activity, and service value of editing an NCA journal.](#)

*Communication and Democracy* (formerly *First Amendment Studies*) is a peer-reviewed publication of the National Communication Association. *Communication and Democracy* publishes original scholarship on all aspects of the relationships between human communication and democratic practice(s), broadly understood. *Communication and Democracy* embraces the full range of critical, historical, empirical, and descriptive methodologies.

*Communication and Democracy* welcomes scholarship addressing areas including but not limited to:

- the study of values and practices connected to the “freedoms” typically associated with the U.S. Constitution’s First Amendment: freedom of expression, freedom of assembly, freedom of the press, freedom of association, freedom of religion;
- communication-based analyses of the establishment and maintenance of democracies;
- rhetorical studies of political institutions, elections, political parties, legal and judicial discourse, and civil society;
- communication-based analyses of democratic practices, theory, and culture;
- the study of economic and social justice and the social activism seeking to advance social justice;
- examinations of democracy and democratic practice in varied contexts (e.g., the workplace, media institutions, the military)

Billie Murray, Villanova University, is the current Editor.

**Editor Support:**

Editors receive an annual stipend of \$8,000 from NCA, and administrative and editorial support from our publisher, Taylor & Francis.

**Considered Criteria:**

In selection of journal editors, the following criteria will be considered:

1. Relevant research profile
2. Relevant editorial experience
3. Relevant project management experience
4. Innovative vision for the journal

**Requirements:**

Editors must be members of NCA at the time of their appointment and must maintain membership in the Association throughout their editorial terms. Editors should plan to attend all NCA conventions from the time they are elected until they have completed their terms.

Editors also must:

1. Agree to observe and support NCA's publication policies.
2. Commit to using the Taylor & Francis online system for manuscript submission, review, and editing.
3. Commit to adhering to the [NCA Policy on Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination](#) and the [NCA Statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#) and to implementing strategies aimed at increasing inclusion, diversity, equity, and access in the journal.
4. Commit to meeting editorial deadlines.

**Application Process:**

Self-nominations are welcome.

Applicants/Nominators should develop a letter that addresses the following:

1. A commitment from the nominee to have direct oversight over essential Editors' tasks such as recruiting and choosing reviewers for each manuscript (in consultation with their managing/assistant editor); making initial (including desk reject) and final decisions on all published content; providing revision guidance to authors; managing the editorial board; closely supervising each manuscript; and appropriately responding to any emerging ethical and legal issues.
2. Editorial plans and projections for the journal, including the nominee's vision for content direction within the established mission of the journal.
3. Strategies that will be used to increase inclusion, diversity, equity, and access in the journal.
4. If a co-editorship is proposed, a description of how the work will be managed.

In addition, application materials should include:

- A current curriculum vita.
- A letter from the responsible administrator supporting the nomination and describing assistance to be provided by the institution.

- Names and contact information for three people who can serve as references in support of the applicant/nominee.

Letters and supporting materials must be submitted through the NCA application portal by January 31, 2024. The NCA application portal will open in early September 2023.

The NCA Publications Council reviews all nominations and makes a recommendation to the NCA Executive Committee. Following Executive Committee approval, the recommended editor must be endorsed by a vote of the Legislative Assembly.

Nominations received by February 1, 2024, will receive full consideration. Inquiries may be made to Dane Claussen, NCA Director of Research, Publications and Professional Advancement, at [dclaussen@natcom.edu](mailto:dclaussen@natcom.edu).