

Call for Nominations/Applications: Critical Studies in Media Communication 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 *Critical Studies in Media Communication*. The newly appointed Editor will begin processing manuscripts early in 2025 and will oversee the volumes for 2026- 2028. The journal is published five times 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.

<u>Position statement on the teaching, scholarly/creative activity, and service value of editing an NCA</u> journal.

Critical Studies in Media Communication (CSMC) is a peer-reviewed publication of the National Communication Association. CSMC publishes original scholarship in mediated and mass communication from a cultural studies and/or critical perspective. It particularly welcomes submissions that enrich debates among various critical traditions, methodological and analytical approaches, and theoretical standpoints.

CSMC takes an inclusive view of media and welcomes scholarship on topics such as

- media audiences
- representations
- institutions
- digital technologies
- social media
- gaming
- professional practices and ethics
- production studies
- media history
- political economy

Kimberly Moffitt, University of Maryland Baltimore County, and Rachel Griffin, University of Utah are the current Editors.

Editor Support:

Editors receive an annual stipend of \$20,000 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.
- Commit to adhering to the <u>NCA Policy on Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination</u> and the <u>NCA Statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion</u> 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:

- 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.