



**Call for Nominations/Applications:  
*First Amendment Studies* Editor-Elect  
Assuming duties in 2021; overseeing 2022-2024 volumes**

During 2020, NCA's Publications Council will nominate an Editor-Elect (or co-Editors-Elect) for *First Amendment Studies*. The newly appointed Editor will begin processing manuscripts early in 2021 and will oversee the volumes for 2022-2024. 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.](#)

***First Amendment Studies*** (formerly *Free Speech Yearbook*) is a peer-reviewed publication of the National Communication Association. ***First Amendment Studies*** publishes original scholarship on all aspects of free speech and embraces the full range of critical, historical, empirical, and descriptive methodologies. ***First Amendment Studies*** welcomes scholarship addressing areas including but not limited to:

- doctrinal analysis of international and national free speech law and legislation
- rhetorical analysis of cases and judicial rhetoric
- theoretical and cultural issues related to free speech
- the role of free speech in a wide variety of contexts (e.g., organizations, popular culture, traditional and new media)

Kevin Johnson, California State University, Long Beach, is the current Editor.

**Editor Support:**

Editors of *First Amendment Studies* 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](#).
- 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 serve if elected.
- 2) Editorial plans and projections for the journal, including the nominee's vision for content direction within the established mission of the journal.
- 3) A commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- 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 should be sent to:

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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 January 31, 2020, will receive full consideration. Inquiries may be made to Publications Council Chair Kevin Barge, at [kbarge@tamu.edu](mailto:kbarge@tamu.edu).