

Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies journal
Annual Editor's Report to the Legislative Assembly
Dr. Marina Levina, Editor
Aug. 1, 2024, to July 31, 2025.

MANUSCRIPT ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION RATE:

- (1) Number of new manuscripts received during this period: 423
- (2) Number of revised manuscripts received during this period: 70
- (3) Total number of manuscripts accepted for publication: 24
- (4) Number of manuscripts returned for revision and resubmission: 56
- (5) Number of manuscripts rejected: 341
- (6) Acceptance rate ((3) divided by (1+2)): 5%

EDITOR'S GOALS AND PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THOSE GOALS:

My goal as the editor was to shape a direction for critical cultural studies in the discipline; to respond timelier to the political moment, and to increase the journal's global reach. I believe that we have made significant progress. We have published timely work on authoritarianism as editorials and forums; we have produced a special issue on "Refuge", which shapes the critical cultural studies in general, and through targeted mentorship we increased submissions and acceptances from global scholars. In fact, in 2025 we published articles from Chinese scholars in each issue of the journal, something that, in my informal data gathering, was not done in either 2023 or 2024.

STRENGTHS:

Our strengths relate to our ability to meet our goals and to provide a more international approach to critical cultural studies. We have also significantly decreased the amount of time to the final decision and have streamlined our work flow to get back to the authors in timely manner most of the time.

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT: We are getting a lot more manuscripts, but the quality and fit of the manuscripts has not improved therefore the low acceptance rate. I would like to somehow improve the fit and the quality of the manuscripts we are getting. Perhaps updating journal description and hosting more official mentoring sessions would help with that. I also want to create a better social media presence for the journal

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION:

On top of internationalizing the journal, we have also published a special issue on “Refuge” that centers refugee experiences – an underexplored topic in the field so far. In 2026, the journal will publish a special issue on “Indigenous Cultural Studies,” first of its kind in the field and a special forum on “Critical Disability Studies.”