Dr. Raluca Cozma has joined the editorial board of the *Electronic News* journal and serves as guest editor for a special issue titled "New Developments in International Radio, TV, and Mobile Journalism." She invites contributions that explore changing journalism practices, emerging news cultures, the impact of mobile technologies on news routines and engagement with audiences and sources, and issues of media freedom, ethics, and news flows in different political contexts and media systems. Cross-national comparisons and studies focusing on the Global South are encouraged. *Electronic News* is a quarterly journal devoted to advancing knowledge and understanding of the news as disseminated through electronic media channels. This is the official journal of the Broadcast and Mobile News Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). When editors Debora Rae Wenger (University of Mississippi) and Keren Henderson (Syracuse University) invited her to be guest editor, Dr. Cozma jumped at the opportunity. "My research focuses on electronic news and international communication, and I teach media production, so the special issue's topic is of particular interest to me," Dr. Cozma said.

This special issue of *Electronic News* aims to provide a better understanding of how radio, TV, and mobile news is produced around the globe, at a time where the world is more interconnected than ever. Diverse methodological approaches and theoretical frameworks are welcomed from both student and faculty scholars. The submission deadline is June 1, 2022, with a projected publication date of winter 2022.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Rachel Esses (major professor Dr. Dani LaGree) on successfully defending her practicum capstone project & Piper Brandt and Sakshi Bhati for earning travel scholarships from the College of Arts & Sciences to attend the 2021 NCA convention

**Upcoming events & deadlines**

**DECEMBER 15**

BEA Conference
research paper submission deadline
@ https://www.beaweb.org/wp/paper-call/

**DECEMBER 15**

AEJMC Midwinter Conference
research paper submission deadline
@ https://bit.ly/Midwinter2022
NEW JOURNAL ARTICLE FOCUSES ON FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

Drs. Katie Olsen and Dani LaGree, together with Dr. Alec Tefertiller from Baylor University, had their investigation titled “Preparing for a Diverse Ad Industry Future: Advantages and Challenges for First-Generation College Students” published in the fall 2021 issue of Advertising & Society Quarterly. Available at https://muse.jhu.edu/article/813896, the study found that FGCS are more planful, organized, and focused than their non-FGCS counterparts. The absence of support and knowledge of career exploration from parents or guardians causes these students to be more self-reliant and proactive, which improves their ability to successfully self-manage their career trajectories within the advertising industry. The findings have important implications for both the advertising industry and higher education. While the profession would greatly benefit from added awareness that FGCS possess increased self-reliance and career adaptability, university programs affiliated with the American Advertising Federation (AAF) should focus on promoting the programs’ inclusivity initiatives to attract FGCS and offer mentorship opportunities. Moreover, college educators can use the study’s findings to prepare advertising students to confidently embrace the demands and dynamics of workplace communications.

RECENT GRADUATE PART OF INVESTIGATIVE PROJECT PUBLISHED IN THE NEW YORKER

Holly Pate earned her master’s degree from JMC in May 2020. She now works as the operations editor at The Outlaw Ocean Project (theoutlawocean.com), a journalistic non-profit that investigates human rights and labor abuses at sea. The team has been working on an investigation of how the European Union funds the Libyan Coast Guard to block migrants from making it to Europe. The resulting story, which has just been published in The New Yorker, unveils a hidden war unfolding at sea that the EU is waging via a proxy force. Its effects are devastating, as shown in the multimedia story.

“...the war on the water (based on a 5-week embed at sea on a Doctors Without Borders ship) and the gulags on land that these migrants get sent to, where unspeakable torture, murder, rape and extortion happen,” Holly said. For the on-land part of this reporting, Ian Urbina, the project director, took a team to Tripoli and uncovered shocking realities. On the seventh day of their reporting, the on-land team members were taken captive by a militia, brutally beaten, and disappeared in a secret prison where they were eventually rescued with intervention from Holly’s team in the United States collaborating with the U.S. State Department. Holly also assisted with the copy editing, research, writing and fact checking for this piece, which can be accessed here: https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/12/06/the-secretive-libyan-prisons-that-keep-migrants-out-of-europe.

Congratulations to Dr. Dani LaGree, whose recent article, “The Effect of Respect: Respectful Communication at Work Drives Resiliency, Engagement and Job Satisfaction among Early Career Employees,” published in the International Journal of Business Communication has been named as the 2021 winner of the Association for Business Communicators’ Outstanding Article Award.

The honor recognizes research studies that “make a significant contribution to business communication research or pedagogy, demonstrate originality of thought and careful investigation, and is well-written, lucid, and engaging.”
DeAundra Allen, online master's student.

DeAundra was born in Brighton, Colorado, and moved to Halstead, Kansas, in her early teens. Shortly after she graduated with her bachelor's in journalism at K-State in 2019, she moved to Michigan to live with her now fiancé.

Why did you choose K-State and JMC?

I couldn’t stay away from K-State, so one day I messaged Dr. Cozma and Dr. Smathers to talk about the master’s program and applied shortly after that. I knew I was interested in JMC because I loved to write. I loved to tell stories, make relationships, and really pick people’s brains to understand more about them and curate the best piece possible. What stood out the most to me about JMC was the faculty. Everyone is super in their own ways. They’re always willing to listen and help you find the best path, and they’re great at teaching the content.

What are your research interests?

I have a lot of research interests, but lately what has been striking me the most is social media usage. It’s interesting to see how much our thought processes and everyday decision making have changed because of social media. I’m also interested to research how they impact mental health. Currently, I’m writing my thesis on how social media affect college choice. Choosing where to go to college is already a task, but to help make the process easier, students are using social media to gather information and form their first impressions. Through this, they’re able to determine which schools would be deemed a “fit,” and which aren’t. Kansas has multiple Native American Indian tribes, but we still don’t see high numbers of Native Americans enrolling at K-State. I’m interested to see where they are going, what they look for on social platforms to find their “fit,” and how else social media affected their decision.

What are your long-term plans?

I would love to be involved in journalism education at a collegiate level. I’m extremely interested in teaching journalism, but especially advising college student media and their publications. Student media taught me so much, and it was one of the most valuable professional and life experiences I have had.

Any hobbies?

I have been on a mission for a little while to see all 50 states before 30. Currently I’m at 21 states, but I’m hoping to see at least one more before the end of 2021. I love to travel around, experience new places and dishes, and interact with new people. I’m super excited that my fiancé and I are getting married in November of 2022, and I can’t wait to experience Hawaii with him!
SAM MWANGI PUBLISHES STUDY ON ONLINE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

A new journal article authored by Dr. Sam Mwangi audits 100 local government sites for their civic engagement capabilities. Published in the Online Journal of Communication and Media Technologies in October 2021, the study found that most cities and county governments place a heavy emphasis on using their websites to streamline delivery of services but dedicate little effort in promoting citizen participation and democracy.

Dr. Mwangi argues that local governments ought to combine both the managerial and the democratic models of engagement instead of picking one over the other, especially since tools that can effectively enhance both service delivery as well as citizen engagement in the democratic process are widely available.

GRADUATE STUDENTS SHINE AT NCA

Sakshi Bhati, doctoral student in Leadership Communication and JMC instructor, together with 2nd-year master’s student Piper Brandt and former master’s student Barikisu Issaka (now a doctoral student at Michigan State University), presented their research titled “Assessing Mental Health Awareness and Help-Seeking Behaviors of International College Students” at the 2021 National Communication Association (NCA) convention in Seattle, November 18-21.

The research, which started in Dr. Nancy Muturi’s Strategic Health Communication class (MC 750), uses the Health Belief Model to examine international students’ perceptions about mental health and their information-seeking behaviors. The objective of the study is to create a strategic health communication campaign for promoting help-seeking and addressing barriers associated with health problems like depression and anxiety. International students are the least likely to seek help due stigma associated with mental health diseases.

Sakshi Bhati and Piper Brandt represent K-State at NCA.

SPRING 2022 GRADUATE COURSE OPTIONS

On campus:

MC 612 | Gender, Class, Race, and the Media - Katie Olsen
MC 623 | Communicating in Global Markets - Anan Wan
MC 712 | Environmental Communications - Katie Burke
MC 802 | Advanced Research Methods: Quantitative - Jacob Groshek
MC 830 | Media and Community Engagement - Sam Mwangi
MC 850 | Applied Research in Mass Media - Jacob Groshek

Online:

MC 750 | Strategic Health Communication - Nancy Muturi
MC 765 | Communication Theory - Nancy Muturi
MC 780 | Research Methods In Mass Communication - Raluca Cozma