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Current Academic Appointments

Texas A&M University

Associate Professor of Journalism, Department of Communication and Journalism:
2026–present

Fulbright Program

U.S. Scholar to South Africa: 2027

Previous Academic Appointments & Affiliations

Louisiana State University

Assistant Professor of Media & Public Affairs,anship School of Mass Communication:
2019–2026 (tenure and promotion to Associate Professor approved spring 2026)

Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs Affiliate: 2020–2026

African and African American Studies Department Affiliate: 2020–2026

University of North Carolina

Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life Affiliate: 2022–2025

University of Rwanda

Research Affiliate: 2017

Education

Ph.D. Communication, University of Washington, 2018. Dissertation Title: *Constructing Journalism Practice Between the Global and the Local: Lessons from the Rwandan Journalism Field*.

M.A. Communication, University of Washington, 2015.

M.A. Political Science, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, 2011.

B.A. English Literature, Wheaton College (Illinois), 2009.

Publications

Books

1. **Moon, R.** (2023). *Authoritarian Journalism: Controlling the News in Post-Conflict Rwanda*. Oxford University Press: Journalism and Political Communication Unbound series.

Awards:

2025 International Communication Association Journalism Studies Division

Book Award: “*Authoritarian Journalism* represents a landmark contribution to journalism studies and political communication research. Through detailed ethnographic

fieldwork in post-conflict Rwanda, including interviews and newsroom observations, Ruth Moon masterfully illuminates the complex relationship between state power and journalistic practice. Her innovative theorization of consensus-oriented authoritarianism fundamentally reshapes our understanding of media systems in the Global South.

Authoritarian Journalism is an empirically and theoretically rich work that makes an exceptional contribution to de-westernizing journalism studies.”

Reviewed in:

African Journalism Studies, Cultural Studies, International Journal of Communication, International Journal of Press/Politics, Journal of Communication Inquiry, Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly, Newspaper Research Journal, and South African Journal of International Affairs.

Edited Volumes and Special Issues

1. **Moon, R.**, Hellmueller, L., & H. Wasserman (guest editors). (2025). Special Issue: The Future of Global Journalism: Relationships, Tools, and Power. *The International Journal of Press/Politics*. (30)2: 449–634. Introduction doi:10.1177/19401612241311083

Refereed Journal Articles

* denotes student co-author at time of submission.

1. **Moon, R.**, & *Zuberi, S. (2026). Foreign Media Assistance as a Toolbox for Global South Journalists: Mapping the Benefits and Burdens. *Journalism: Theory, Practice & Criticism*. doi:10.1177/14648849261441146
2. *Kafiliveyjujeh, S., *Firat, F., & **Moon, R.** (2025). Examining Journalists’ Adoption of Social Media Tools in Contexts of Precarity. *Journalism Studies*. 26(1), 120–139. doi:10.1080/1461670X.2024.2414340
3. Fargen Walsh, J., Perreault, M., Perreault, G., & **Moon, R.** (2024). Gleaning Rural Journalism: Rural Journalists’ Agricultural and Environmental Reporting Utilizing Community Storytelling Networks. *Rural Sociology*. 89(4), 815–834. doi:10.1111/ruso.12558
4. **Moon, R.**, Fargen Walsh, J., Perreault, M., Perreault, G., & *Lincoln, L. (2024). “Scooped by the Town Drunk”: Unpacking the Effects of COVID-19 on Rural Journalism Work. *Digital Journalism*. doi:10.1080/21670811.2024.2344125.
5. **Moon, R.**, *Boukouvidis, T., & Ramirez, F. (2024). Assessing Physical and Digital News Spaces: Placemaking in Global South Journalism. *Journalism Practice*. doi:10.1080/17512786.2024.2326521
6. **Moon, R.** (2024). Covering COVID-19 in the Global South: Identifying Political Logics in the Ugandan Journalism Field. *African Journalism Studies*. 44(2), 79–96. doi:10.1080/23743670.2023.2293727.

7. Perreault, M., Walsh, J., Perreault, G.P., *Lincoln, L., & **Moon, R.** (2024). What is Rural Journalism? Occupational Precarity and Social Cohesion in US Rural Journalism Epistemology. *Journalism Studies*. 25(4), 421–439. doi:10.1080/1461670X.2024.2314206
8. Perreault, G., **Moon, R.**, Fargen Walsh, J., & Perreault, M. (2024). “It’s Not Hate but ...”: Marginal Categories and Boundary Work in Rural Journalism. *Journalism Practice*. 18(5), 1039–1058. doi:10.1080/17512786.2022.2075782.
9. Perreault, M.F., Fargen Walsh, J. *Lincoln, L, Perreault. G.P. & **Moon, R.** (2023). “Everything else is public relations”: How rural journalists draw the boundary between journalism and public relations in rural communities. *Mass Communication & Society*. 27(2), 332–359. doi:10.1080/15205436.2023.2243920.
10. **Moon, R.** (2023). Preparing to Publish: How Journalists Negotiate Content Restrictions in Semi-Authoritarian States. *International Communication Gazette*. 85(2), 120–140. doi:10.1177/17480485221118501.
11. **Moon, R.** (2022). Moto-taxis, Drivers, Weather, and WhatsApp: Contextualizing New Technology in Rwandan Newsrooms. *Digital Journalism*. 10(9), 1569–1590. doi:10.1080/21670811.2021.1929365.
12. **Moon, R.** (2021). When Journalists See Themselves as Villains: The Power of Negative Discourse. *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, 98(3), 790–807. doi:10.1177/1077699020985465.
13. **Moon, R.** (2019). Beyond Puppet Journalism: The Bridging Work of Transnational Journalists in a Local Field. *Journalism Studies*, 20(12), 1714–1731. doi:10.1080/1461670X.2019.1638293.
14. **Moon, R.** (2018). Getting into Living Rooms: NGO Media Relations as Strategic Practice. *Journalism: Theory, Practice & Criticism*, 19(7), 1011–1026. doi:10.1177/1464884917691542.
15. Habel, P., **Moon, R.**, and Fang, A. (2018). Assessing News and Information Leadership: A Computational Approach. *Information, Communication & Society*, 21(11), 1604–1619. doi:10.1080/1369118X.2017.1346136.
16. **Moon, R.** (2016). A Corpus-Linguistic Analysis of News Coverage in Kenya’s *Daily Nation* and *The Times* of London. *International Journal of Communication*, 10, 2381–2401.

Book Chapters

17. **Moon, R.** (Book under contract). Navigating Uncertainty in the Field. Invited contribution to *Methodological Challenges of Conducting Media Research in the Global South*, edited by Meghan Cohen, Karen McIntyre, and Vanessa Higgins Joyce. Oxford University Press.

18. **Moon, R.** (2025). Above the Street or in the Field? Newsroom Space and Serendipity in Martinique. Book chapter in *Media Building*. Eds. James West, Carole O'Reilly, and Will Mari. Palgrave Macmillan.
19. **Moon, R.** (2025). Contextualizing WhatsApp as Reporting Infrastructure in East Africa. Book chapter in *WhatsApp in the World: Disinformation, Encryption, and Extreme Speech*. Eds. Sahana Udupa and Herman Wasserman. New York University Press.

Encyclopedia Entries

20. **Moon, R.**, McCammon, M., & Conaty, M. (In production). The Impact of Online Messaging. Invited contribution to *Routledge Handbook on Disinformation and the Media*. Ed. Herman Wasserman. Routledge.

Working Papers, White Papers, & Other Projects

21. **Moon, R.** (In press). Freedom at the Intersection of Journalism and Diplomacy: US approaches to Press Freedom in Africa During the LBJ-Era Cold War (1963–1969). Invited contribution for National History Day Educator Resource on the Freedom of the Press, edited by Kathryn McGarr and Krista Grensavich.
22. Barthel, M., **Moon, R.**, and Mari, W. (2015). Who Retweets Whom? How Digital and Legacy Journalists Interact on Twitter. Tow Center for Digital Journalism. Tow/Knight Report 030520151. 21 pp. New York, New York.
23. Grant, T., & **Moon, R.** (2014). Asking Many, Many Sensitive Questions: A Person-Count Method for Social Desirability Bias. *Working Paper*.

Book Reviews

24. Moon, R. (In draft). Book Review: *Disinformation in the Global South*, edited by Herman Wasserman and Dani Madrid-Morales.
25. Moon, R. (2024). Book Review: *In the Shadow of the Global North: Journalism in Postcolonial Africa* by James Wahutu. *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*.
26. Moon, R. (2021). Book Review: *Journalistic Role Performance: Concepts, Contexts, and Methods* by Claudia Mellado, Lea Hellmueller, and Wolfgang Donsbach. *International Journal of Communication*.
27. Moon, R. (2021). Book Review: *Aggregating the News* by Mark Coddington. *Media Industries Journal*.
28. Moon, R. (2020). Book Review: *Media Politics in China: Improvising Power Under Authoritarianism* by Maria Repnikova. *International Journal of Communication*.
29. Moon, R. (2019). Book Review: *Becoming the Story: War Correspondents Since 9/11* by Lindsay Palmer. *Digital Journalism*.

30. Moon, R. (2018). How Do NGOs Attract News Coverage in a Digital News Landscape? Guest post for Humanitarian News Research Network.
31. Moon, R. (2018). Book Review: *Journalistic Authority: Legitimizing News in the Digital Era* by Matt Carlson. *International Journal of Communication*.
32. Moon, R. (2016). Book Review: *Mapping BRICS Media*. *International Journal of Communication*, 10, 6165–6168.
33. Moon, R. (2014). Book Review: *Bits and Atoms: Information and Communication Technology in Areas of Limited Statehood*. *New Media & Society*, 16 (8), 1340–1342. doi:10.1177/1461444814546303a.

Manuscripts in Submission

34. **Moon, R.**, *Zuberi, S., *Diep, U., *Sackey-Rockson, I., & *Randeree, T. (Under review after revision). Field Collision: Tracing Power Flows and Capital Conferral in Media Development.

Manuscripts in Preparation

35. **Moon, R.** & *Diep, U. (In preparation). Journalists As Overlooked Actors: A Scoping Review of the Research Linking Authoritarianism and Media Systems.
36. **Moon, R.** (In preparation). From “press warfare” to “not-so-beautiful friendship”: A backstage look at mediated public diplomacy in the Cold War.
37. **Moon, R.** (In preparation). Becoming and Being a Journalist: Emplacement in Local Spaces. Data-analysis stage.
38. **Moon, R.**, *Kafiliveyjujeh, S., & *Hosen, D. (In preparation). Crossing Borders, Entering the Diaspora: Towards a Typology of Journalistic Precarity. Data-analysis stage.
39. **Moon, R.** & Shaban, S. (In preparation). Assessing Gendered Differences in Role Performance in a Global South Context. Data-analysis stage.
40. **Moon, R.** (In preparation). “Everyone Knows Me but Nobody Will Talk:” Social Capital and the Pitfalls of Small-Network Journalism.
41. **Moon, R.**, Ncube, M., & Mutsvairo, B. Special issue call in progress; topic: journalism education in conflict and authoritarian countries. Journal: *Journalism & Mass Communication Educator*.

Conference Presentations

Presentations are solo authored unless otherwise noted.

Instigator, Mediator, Megaphone: Theorizing the Power of Media in Authoritarian

Systems. Abstract accepted for presentation at 2026 *International Journal of Press/Politics* conference.

Soft Power, Imperialism, and Resistance in Global South Journalism. Presented at Future of Journalism 2025 conference (Cardiff, Wales).

Assessing the Link Between Gender and Ethics in Global South Pandemic Coverage. First author with Sara Shaban. Presented at AEJMC 2025, Media Ethics division.

Life on the rural-urban continuum: Using metajournalistic discourse to examine boundary definition among rural adjacent journalists. Presented at ICA 2025. Fourth author with Jessica Walsh, Grace Smith, Gregory Perreault, Mildred Perreault, & Louisa Lincoln.

Practicing accountability or promoting power? Journalistic newsgathering through an authoritarian practice lens. Presented at ICA 2025. First author with *Uyen Diep.

Soft Power, Media Policy, and the (De)Westernization of Global South Journalism. Presented at ICA 2025. First author with *Saad Zuberi & Sara Shaban.

Practicing accountability or promoting power? Journalistic newsgathering through an authoritarian practice lens. Presented at ICA 2024 post-conference “P³: Power, Propaganda, Polarisation.”

WhatsApp, Extreme Speech, and the Global Challenge of Human Rights Violations. Panelist, ICA 2024.

Questioning the Researcher: Reflecting on the Researcher-Researched Relationships in Fieldwork in Marginalized Spaces. Blue Sky Workshop panelist, ICA 2024.

Illuminating the Orthodoxies of Rwandan Journalism Practice. Presented at the East African Communication Association conference, Kigali, Rwanda, 2023.

Exploring the Infrastructure of Journalism Work in the Global South. (First author, with Will Mari.) Presented at the Futures of Journalism conference, Cardiff, UK, 2023.

Covering COVID-19 in the Global South: Identifying the Range of Political Reporting Among Ugandan Journalists. Presented at ICA 2022.

Media Handbooks as an Indicator of Journalism’s Field Boundaries in East Africa. (Second author, with Will Mari.) Presented at ICA 2022.

COVID-19 as an Actor in the Rural Journalist’s Network. (First author, with Jessica Fargen Walsh, Mimi Perreault, and Greg Perreault.) Presented at ICA 2022.

Gleaning Rural Journalists' Strategic Responses to Covering Environment and Agriculture. (Fourth author, with Jessica Fargen Walsh, Mimi Perreault, and Greg Perreault.) Presented at ICA 2022.

Africanization in Contemporary Journalism Practice in Uganda. Panel presentation for the 2020 African Studies Association meeting (virtual, 2021).

Covering COVID-19 in the Global South: Digital News Values in the Ugandan Journalism Field. (First author, with Tryfon Boukouvidis and Fanny Ramirez.) Presented at the 2021 Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Conference (virtual).

Why Do Journalists Leave? Identifying and Understanding the Journalist Diaspora. (First author, with Tim Klein, Soheil Kafiliveyjujeh, Delwar Hosen, and Jenee Slocum.) Research in progress presented at the ICA 2021 conference (virtual).

How Do Journalists Talk About Media Policy? Exploring the Metajournalistic Discourse of the Undeserving. Paper presented at the ICA 2020 conference (virtual).

Understanding Journalists' Responses to Authoritarian Media Policy Environments: Towards a Typology. Paper presented at the ICA 2020 conference (virtual).

Understanding Technological Actors in Semi-Authoritarian African Newsrooms. Paper presented at University of Houston's @frica Digital Media Conference, February 2020.

"They Only Threaten You or Cut Off Your Job": How Rwandan Journalists Learn Self-Censorship. Paper presented at the AEJMC Conference. Washington, D.C., August 2018.

Technology as a Coordination Tool in Geographically Dispersed, Low-Infrastructure Newsrooms. Paper presented at the ICA 2018 conference. Prague, Czech Republic.

Trading Capital: Documenting and Explaining Journalists' Career Shifts in Rwanda. Paper presented at the ICA 2018 conference. Prague, Czech Republic.

Negotiating Business and Ethical Pressures in Rwandan Journalism. Abstract accepted for presentation at the East African Communication Association 2017 conference. Kigali, Rwanda.

"20 Years is Just the Other Day": The Role of Genesis Narrative in Constructing Journalism Culture. Paper presented at the AEJMC 2017 conference. Chicago, IL.

The Impact of Media Policy on Journalistic Norms. Paper presented at the second annual conference for The International Journal of Press/Politics. Oxford, U.K., September 2016.

Models and Evidence: Globalized Journalism in an Emerging Democracy. Paper presented at ICA's 2015 conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Toward a Hybrid Press Model of African Journalism. Paper presented at the East African Communication Association. Mukono, Uganda, August 2014.

Saints and Sinners: Pros, Cons, and Tips for Interviewing Christian Elites. Round-table discussion at Christians in Political Science. Azusa, CA, May 2014.

Homophily in Online Newspaper Networks. Paper presented at the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research. Chicago, IL, November 2012.

Asking Many, Many Sensitive Questions: "Person-Count" Method for Social Desirability Bias. (With J. Tobin Grant and Shane Gleason.) Paper presented at the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research. Chicago, IL, November 2012.

Pandering or Promoting: Do Audience Demands or Publishers' Desires Explain Whose Views Appear on Op-Ed Pages? (With Philip Habel.) Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington D.C., September 2010.

Tracking American Evangelical Politics: Collecting Data on Evangelical Interest Groups. (With J. Tobin Grant, Daniel Bennett, and Emily Carroll.) Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, April 2010.

Invited Talks and Convened Workshops

"Addressing Geographic Knowledge Production Disparities in the Field: Promises, Pitfalls, and Pathways Forward," ICA 2026 Blue Sky panelist (convened by Brian Ekdale).

"Invisible Labor: Recentering the future of journalism from the Global South," ICA 2025 pre-conference (steering committee: Tanja Bosch, Summer Harlow, Lea Hellmueller, Ruth Moon, and Wendy Zhou).

Invited speaker, "Democracy, ecological transition and (tech-)media: convergences and contradictions," Utrecht University, May 2025.

Invited speaker, "Media Sustainability and Independence" symposium for World Press Freedom Day, May 2025, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Invited presentation, "Soft Power, Imperialism, and Resistance in Global South

Journalism,” University of Cape Town, May 2025.

Invited participant, “The Encryption Debate: Disinformation and Extreme Speech on WhatsApp, Telegram and Global Messaging Apps” symposium at LMU-Munich, April 2025.

Guest lecture on journalism research, University of South Florida, September 2024.

Invited participant, “Journalism and the Politics of Narrating African Suffering” conference at Harvard University’s Berkman Klein Center, April 2024.

Invited speaker, “Authoritarian Journalism: Controlling the News in Post-Conflict Rwanda” — University of Washington African Studies program and Center for Media, Democracy, and Journalism, April 2024.

Guest lecture on interview and ethnographic methods, University of Kansas — March 2024, 2025, 2026.

Invited speaker, “Authoritarian Journalism: Controlling the News in Post-Conflict Rwanda” — LSU Reilly Center, February 2024.

“Why does the news look like that?! Journalism work around the globe” — invited talk for Colorado Mountain College Leadville’s 2023–24 speaker series, March 2024 (declined).

Invited participant, “Contextualizing WhatsApp as reporting infrastructure” — for workshop on Hate and Disinformation on WhatsApp: Global Perspectives. Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Studies, Stellenbosch, South Africa, March 2023.

Phi Beta Kappa Seattle chapter spring luncheon, 2019.

Grants, Fellowships & Awards

2026

Fulbright Scholar to Stellenbosch University for “Funding Legitimacy: A Study of Innovation Amid Funding Crises in South African Journalism,” \$94,750 (awarded for 2027 travel).

Oral History Association Emerging Crises Research Grant; co-PI with Muira McCammon (Tulane): \$2,000.

2025

International Communication Association Journalism Studies Division Book Award.

Manship School Research Grant for “Understanding the Motivations, Challenges, and Innovations of Journalism on the Social and Geographic Periphery,” \$3,495.

2024

Manship School and Reilly Center Pilot Grant for “Global South Journalism Research Collaborative Lab” with co-PI Summer Harlow, \$5,000.

Lyndon B. Johnson Library Moody Research Grant for “Tracing the Foundations of Foreign Media Assistance During the LBJ Era,” \$2,376.20.

Institute for Humane Studies Expense Support Grant, \$1,500.

LSU Humanities and Social Sciences Summer Fellowship Workshop, \$700.

2023

SEC Travel Grant to Texas A&M University to develop a Global South journalism research and practice initiative, \$1,100.

LSU Provost’s Fund for Innovation in Research Council on Research Summer Stipend, \$6,000.

2022

Finalist, *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly* Outstanding Article Award for “When Journalists See Themselves as Villains: The Power of Negative Discourse.”

2021 or Prior & Multi-Year Awards

LSU Ralph S. Izard Race and Media Studies Fund/Scripps Howard Race and Media Fund Award. \$7000: 2020, 2022.

LSU David J. Kriskovich Distinguished Professorship: recognizes one faculty member from any discipline who has made contributions to promote democracy, rule of law and human rights in developing countries. \$33,094: 2021–2024.

Fellow, Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication, 2020–2021.

LSU Mary P. Poindexter Professorship, 2019–2022.

Institute for Humane Studies Hayek Travel Award, \$800: 2014 and 2018.

UW Peter Clarke Research Fund award, \$5700: 2014, 2016, and 2018.

UW Best Graduate Paper in Labor Studies, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, \$500: 2017. Awarded for “20 Years is Just the Other Day”: The Role of Genesis Narrative in Constructing Journalism Culture.

UW Ottenberg-Winans Fellowship, \$400: 2017.

AEJMC Guido Stempel Award, 2017. Awarded for “20 Years is Just the Other Day”: The Role of Genesis Narrative in Constructing Journalism Culture.

AAUW American Dissertation Fellowship (alternate status): 2017.

UW Graduate School Chester Fritz International Fellowship, \$7200: 2016.

National Security Education Program David L. Boren Fellowship, \$23,000: 2016.

UW Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies Graduate Student Grant, \$4000: 2016.

UW Simpson Center for the Humanities Graduate Interest Group Award, \$2000: 2015 and 2016.

UW Communication Faculty Award for Outstanding Research, \$500: 2015.

UW General Research Fund award, \$400: 2014.

UW Top Scholar award: 2012.

Graduate Fellowship Award, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (full tuition and stipend): 2010.

President's Award, Wheaton College (four-year merit-based academic scholarship): 2005.

National Merit Scholar: 2005.

Media Appearances and Coverage

Invited guest, *Journal of Communication Inquiry* podcast to discuss *Authoritarian Journalism* — fall 2025

Invited guest, “Under the Influence” podcast by the Center for Information Integrity in Africa — May 2025

Expert source, “Des médias traditionnels plus facilement asservis par Donald Trump,” *Le Devoir* (Montreal): <https://www.ledevoir.com/monde/etats-unis/840490/analyse-medias-traditionnels-plus-facilement-asservis-donald-trump>

Journalism Awards

Religion Newswriters Association First place, Religion Reporting Excellence — magazine news reporting, 2012; overall excellence award for religion news reporting with Christianity Today staff, 2011.

Evangelical Press Association Second Place, Best Department — Christianity Today for “Briefing” (contributing reporter), 2012.

South Dakota Newspaper Association Third Place, Best News Series, 2012.

United Nations Student Journalist Reported on UN NGO conference in Bonn, Germany, 2011.

Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting Student Reporting Fellow, “Niger: Feeding the Forgotten,” 2010.

Illinois College Press Association First Place, News Story, 2009; Third Place, News

Story, 2009; Honorable Mention, In-Depth Reporting, 2008; Honorable Mention, Sports Photo, 2006.

Related Journalism Experience

Christianity Today: Freelance Reporter, 2008–2020; Contributing Editor, 2014–2015; Temporary News Editor, 2014.

- Contributed to Gleanings news blog by aggregating and organizing news from around the world.
- Reported news for print and online publication and produced audio slideshows for the Web.
- Acquired and edited monthly opinion feature, 2009–13. Created monthly news discussion feature for print.

Seattle Pacific University, *Response* magazine: Editor, 2017–2019; Interim Managing Editor, 2015.

- Managed editorial content, design, budget, mailing, and other considerations for a 60,000-circulation campus magazine published three times per year.
- Managed budget for freelance writers, designers, photographers, and publication process. Used Adobe Creative Suite software to assist with issue design and page proofs.
- Coordinated workflow between writers, copy editors, photographers, and designers.
- Edited and reported articles and other content for publication.

World Vision: Contract Employee in President's Office, 2013–2014.

- Researched and wrote white papers on development sectors under World Vision's purview. Provided editorial assistance, including edits and updates for book re-release.

Rapid City Journal: Staff Reporter, 2011–2012.

- Pitched, reported, and photographed military, Native American, general assignment news, and feature stories.

Teaching Proficiencies

Syllabi available upon request; undergraduate unless noted.

Qualitative Methods for Mass Communication (graduate)

Mass Communication Theory (graduate)

Writing for Mass Communication (graduate)

Public Affairs Reporting (graduate)

International Political Communication (graduate)

Religion, Media, and Politics in the U.S.

Media and the Policy Process

Global Communication

Media Ethics

Visual Communication

Effects of Mass Communication

Introduction to Human Communication

Introduction to Multiplatform Journalism

Community Journalism

Interviewing

Introduction to Public Speaking

Department and University Service

- LSU Press committee member, 2025–2028.
- Faculty adviser, Fashion Magazine at LSU, 2023–2026.
- Faculty convener for Reilly Center Breaux Symposium, “The Changing Labor of Global Journalism: Relationships, Tools, and Power,” 2023.
- Graduate committee, LSU Manship School, 2022–2024.
- African Studies faculty search committee co-chair, LSU Department of African and African American Studies, 2021–2022.
- Affiliates committee member, LSU Department of African and African American Studies, 2020–2022.
- Panelist, LSU College of Humanities and Social Sciences program for incoming doctoral students from historically underrepresented backgrounds, 2021.
- Member, Manship School diversity committee (policies subcommittee), 2020–2021.
- Faculty associate, Iowa of the Tiger student travel, 2019–2020.
- Faculty adviser, LSU Society for Politics, Communication, and Law, 2019–2022.
- Staff representative, Seattle Pacific University Board of Student Media, 2018–19.

Graduate Committees Chaired

Saad Zuberi, PhD (2025–)

Tasmiyah Randeree, MA, University of Cape Town (cochair with Tanja Bosch, 2025–2026)

Ibs Sackey-Rockson, PhD (2025–)

Lina Tragni, PhD (2025)

Hayley Booth, PhD (cochair, 2024–2026)

Uyen Diep, PhD (2024–2026)

Tryfon Boukouvidis, PhD (co-chair, 2020–2024; chair, 2024–2026)

Delwar Hosen, PhD (2022–2024)

Bailey Williams, MA (2020–2021)

Graduate Committee Membership

My Nguyen, PhD (2025–)

Mariya Watkins, MA (2025–2026)

Shamaria Massenburg, MA (2024–2026)

Caley Hewitt, PhD (2024–2026)

Robert Quiroga, MA (2023–2025)

Soheil Kafiliveyjuyeh, PhD (2022–2024)

Molly Brown, MA (2022–2023)

Gabie DeBruler, MA (2022–2023)

Aliyah Andrews, MA (2022–2023)

Allyce Trapp, MA (2020)

Undergraduate Committees

Mary Margaret LeBlanc, Honors Thesis (committee member, 2026)

Landon Zeringue, Honors Thesis (adviser, 2025)

Layla Harmon, Honors Thesis (committee member, 2025)

External Examiner

University of South Africa, dissertation, 2025–2026

University of KwaZulu-Natal, dissertation, 2025–2026

Professional Service

Religion Newswriters Association annual award reviewer, 2025

Journal Leadership

Editorial board member, *Journalism Studies*, 2026–ongoing.

Book review editor, *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, 2025–2027 (start date: October 1, 2025).

Editorial board member, *Case Study Repository on Global Media Industries*, 2025–ongoing.

Editorial board member, *African Journalism Studies*, 2024–ongoing.

Disciplinary Service

International Communication Association Journalism Studies Division Research Matchmaking Co-Chair, 2025–2026.

International Communication Division Chair, AEJMC, 2025–2026.

AEJMC ICD Vice-Chair, 2024–2025.

AEJMC ICD Research Competition Chair, 2023–2024.

AEJMC ICD Markham Student Research Chair, 2022–2023.

AEJMC ICD Professional Freedom & Responsibility Chair, 2021–2022.

AEJMC ICD Teaching Chair, 2020–2021.

AEJMC reviewer, 2019–present: Mid-Winter Conference, International Communication, Mass Communication, Newspaper and Online News, and History divisions and Graduate Student Interest Group.

ICA reviewer: Journalism Studies division, ongoing.

Session chair: ICA, 2020–2021.

Session discussant: AEJMC ICD, 2019–2024; AEJMC GSIG, 2021.

Research co-chair, Graduate Student Interest Group of AEJMC, 2017–2018.

Organizing committee, East African Communication Association conference, 2017.

Journalism training volunteer for media organizations in Rwanda, 2017.

Grant Reviews

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation), 2025.

Reilly Center Community Collaborative project, 2021; 2022.

Institute for Data, Democracy & Politics at George Washington University, 2021.

Journal Manuscript Reviews

African Journalism Studies

American Journalism

Cogent Arts & Humanities

Communication Theory

Digital Journalism

Information, Communication & Society

International Journal of Communication

International Journal of Press/Politics

Journal of Communication Inquiry

Journal of Media Ethics

Journalism

Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly

Journalism History

Journalism Studies
Journalism Practice
Media, War & Conflict
Mobile Media & Communication
Online Media and Global Communication
Political Communication
Public Opinion Quarterly
Research and Politics
Sur le Journalisme

Book Manuscript Reviews

Cambridge University Press
Oxford University Press
Routledge

Award Committees

AEJMC Tankard Book Award committee member, 2026

Languages

French (intermediate)
Kinyarwanda (beginner)

Software Proficiencies

Adobe Creative Suite (proficient)
WordStat (proficient)
MaxQDA (proficient)
Stata (intermediate)
SPSS (intermediate)
Python (beginner)

Certifications, Workshops, & Memberships

Member, LSU Oral History Collective, 2025–2026.
LSU Humanities and Social Sciences Grant-Writing Workshop, 2024.
Global Journalist Security Hostile Environment and First Aid Training, 2023.
Alliance Française B1.1 course, 2022.
IFALPES French language intensive, Annecy, France, 2022.
LSU Lighthouse Advocate training to support survivors of interpersonal violence, 2021.
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