CALL FOR PAPER ABSTRACTS & PANEL PROPOSALS

The AEJMC Midwinter Conference is an annual forum for the presentation of research and debate in areas relevant to the 13 AEJMC groups (divisions, interest groups and commissions) sponsoring the event. The conference provides a platform for presentations and extended discussions in a relaxed setting.

The upcoming conference is scheduled for March 4-5, 2011 at the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication (University of Oklahoma) in Norman, Oklahoma. For the third year in a row, conference participants will be able to enjoy the College’s state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities, as well as many winter diversions outside the conference activities, including world-class museums and art galleries.

■ Paper Abstract Submissions
Authors are invited to submit research paper abstracts of between 600 and 800 words (word count excludes author information and references). Abstracts should give a clear sense of relevant literature, research objectives, methodological approach, stage of research project (conceptual, data gathering, data interpreting), findings and conclusions.

Submissions should be made by e-mail to the midwinter chair (from the list below) of the group authors wish to submit to. Note that authors can only submit a paper abstract to one participating group – submitting the same paper abstract to several groups will result in disqualification and withdrawal from the review process. Do not submit full papers.

Authors of accepted papers will be notified by mid-January 2011. Papers presented at the midwinter conference are also eligible for presentation at the AEJMC national convention. Authors are encouraged to use the midwinter conference as an opportunity to get feedback on their research, improve and finalize it for submission to the national conference.

Authors of accepted abstracts must submit complete papers (not exceeding 30 pages) to the discussant of their conference session at least two weeks before the conference.

At least one author of each accepted paper must register and attend the conference to read the paper.

■ Panel Submissions
In addition, the organizers are also inviting panel proposals sent to the relevant midwinter chair of the group they wish to present the panel to. Panel submissions should include the panel title, a description of the session’s focus, the issues to be discussed, and a list of panelists (potential and confirmed), including affiliation. Panel proposals should not exceed two double-spaced pages.

■ Submission Format
All submissions (for paper abstracts and panels) should include the name(s) of the author(s) or panels organizer(s) on the title page only. The title page should also include the corresponding author’s mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address. The title should be on the first page of the text and on running heads on each page of text. Authors should e-mail their abstracts or proposals as attachments (saved with the author’s last name as file name) in a standard word-processing format (preferably Word or RTF) to the relevant midwinter chair. Authors must ensure that they remove any identifying information from their document (with the exception of the title page).

■ Deadline
All submissions should reach the appropriate group’s midwinter chair by noon, December 3, 2010.

The University of Oklahoma is located in Norman, 20 miles south of Oklahoma City, with easy access to the Will Rogers World Airport. Details on conference registration, hotel accommodation and airport transportation will be available at http://www.ou.edu/gaylord.

For more information, please contact Conference Site Host:
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