

Journal of Communication Inquiry **Call for 2007 Theme Issue:** **A Tribute to James Carey**

The *Journal of Communication Inquiry* invites submissions for its 2007 theme issue, "A Tribute to James Carey."

In commemorating the outstanding contributions of James Carey to the field of communication, the JCI theme issue of 2007 invites submission of manuscripts that are informed by his scholarship and ideas. Papers written following the style of James Carey, expanding on or critiquing concepts he explored (e.g. communication as culture, ritual view of communication, the impact of technology on communication, the communication-democracy interface) are welcome. Articles using Carey's theory as the basis for empirical analysis are also appropriate for submission. Memoirs, personal essays, or other non-scholarly writing are NOT acceptable.

A professor of journalism, media critic, and a distinguished communication scholar of our time, James Carey was perhaps best known for his call to move beyond the orthodox transmission model of communication toward a ritual model that would better enable us to glean the symbiotic relationship between communication and culture. In his oft-cited *Communication as Culture: Essays on Media and Society* (1989), Carey writes: "media of communication are not merely instruments of will and purpose but definite forms of life: organisms, so to say, that reproduce in miniature the contradictions in our thought, action, and social relations" (p. 9).

Beyond acting as a means to transcend space and overcome geographic bounds, Carey essentially viewed communication and culture as inseparable. He articulated that when members of a society communicate they continually re-affirm cultural values and norms: "A ritual view of communication is directed not toward the extension of messages in space but toward the maintenance of society in time; not the act of imparting information but the representation

of shared beliefs" (p. 18). Inspired in part by the works of Harold Innis and Marshall McLuhan, Carey was preoccupied with the question of how democracy can thrive in large, industrialized societies, notably emphasizing the irreversible drawbacks of technology including its bias toward power centralization. Yet he believed that the bias of technology can be controlled, arguing that such control lies in substantive rationality, democracy, and time.

JCI is a "blind review" journal and all papers will be reviewed by peers.

The deadline for submitting manuscripts is April 8, 2007. We look forward to receiving your submissions.

For more information, please contact jci@uiowa.edu or visit www.uiowa.edu/~jciweb.

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It's a thrill to be part of the group planning the Cultural and Critical Studies Division's program

for the 2007 convention in Washington, D.C.

I received lots of positive feedback in San Francisco from many members. Some highlights of the convention:

Our PF&R Award winners, John McManus and Michael Stoll of San Francisco-based "Grade the News" gave a compelling presentation of the terrific work they've been doing for the past few years to bring good and bad news practices to light in the Bay Area.

A group of former heads of the Cultural and Critical Studies Division—Bonnie Brennen, Ana Garner, Ted Glasser, and Frank Durham—contributed as panelists on the "Rabble-Rousers" session. The panel lived up to its billing, and generated a spirited discussion about the origins and purpose of the division (originally named Qualitative Studies, and changed by vote to Cultural and Critical Studies in 1999). The point

everyone could agree on is that the Division should maintain a critical voice, particularly in its panel ideas and members' research papers.

The Division tested a new format for the high-density paper session (developed by Bob Trumpbour), and it worked quite well, breaking out nine paper presenters into three small seminar-like groups with a respondent. We had a well-attended Top Paper award session with papers from Carolyn Kitch of Temple University and Matt Carlson, a graduate student from University of Pennsylvania, and thoughtful responses from Janice Peck of Colorado at Boulder. At the end of that session, we also awarded the new Top Reviewer awards to colleagues who wrote particularly insightful reviews. This year's award winners were John Pauly and Phillip Chidester.

All of us in the Division felt a great loss at the death of James W. Carey in May. Carey was a long-time member of our Division, and his work—especially in envisioning communication as a ritual, rather than a mechanistic process of transmission—has been incredibly influential in cultural and critical communication studies. At our members meeting, there was unanimous agreement on naming the Cultural and Critical Studies Division's annual top student paper award the *James W. Carey Memorial Top Student Paper Award*.

I would like to thank Carolina Acosta-Alzuru of the University of Georgia for her superb work heading the division for the last year. It's a great pleasure to have a number of people returning this year to the Division's list of officers: Ocek Eke, as vice-head; Karen Kline, as secretary, Bob Trumpbour as Professional Freedom and Responsibility (PF&R) chair, and Carolyn Bronstein as Teaching Standards chair. Erika Engstrom and Susan Brockus are our new research co-chairs. I'm also pleased to have Jacqueline Lambiase and Amanda Hall Gallagher share responsibilities as Listserv administrators, Webmasters, and newsletter editors. Alison Plessinger, a former CCS head, will serve as Graduate Student Liaison Committee chair, with Diana Nastasia and Paul Myron Hillier as student representatives on that committee.

I have high hopes for our program in Washington in 2007. We plan to further reflect on Jim Carey's contributions with a panel featuring research in the spirit of Carey. We hope our attention to Carey's contributions is a fitting tribute to him, and a good foundation for what I hope will be plenty of rabble-rousing cultural and critical work in 2007.

**2007 AEJMC MIDWINTER
CONFERENCE CALL:
PAPER ABSTRACTS AND
PANEL PROPOSALS**

February 23-24, 2007
Reynolds School of Journalism
University of Nevada, Reno
<http://communication.utoledo.edu/aejmc2007>

The AEJMC Midwinter Conference is an annual forum for the presentation of research in areas relevant to the nine AEJMC divisions sponsoring the conference. The conference follows a rather informal structure that allows for presentations and extended discussions in a relaxed setting. This year, 11 AEJMC divisions and interest groups are sponsoring the conference, scheduled for Feb. 23-24, 2007 (Friday & Saturday), at the Reynolds School of Journalism in Reno. The location offers participants many winter diversions outside the conference activities, from gaming and nightlife to world-class ski resorts at nearby Lake Tahoe.

Questions about paper proposal submissions to specific divisions and interest groups can be directed to the appropriate contacts below. General questions about the conference can be sent to Jennifer Greer, Conference Site Host (jdgreer@unr.edu) and Jim Benjamin, Communication Technology Division Midwinter Chair (jbenjam@utnet.utoledo.edu).

Paper submissions: Authors should submit research paper proposals consisting of a 300- to 500-word abstract. Do not submit full papers. The abstracts should give a clear sense of the scope of the research and the method of inquiry used. Conclusions should be highlighted for works that have been completed by the submission deadline. Do not send full research papers for consideration. However, authors of proposals accepted for presentation at the conference must submit complete research papers, not exceeding 30 pages, to their discussant two weeks prior to the conference. PAPERS PRESENTED AT THIS CONFERENCE ALSO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PRESENTATION AT THE NATIONAL AEJMC CONVENTION. Accepted authors are encouraged to use feedback from reviewers at this conference as they improve and finalize works in progress for submission to the national conference.

Panel submissions: Panel organizers should submit proposals indicating 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.

Format: Identify the paper's author(s) or panel's organizer(s) on the title page only and include the mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person to whom inquiries should be addressed. The title should be on the first page of the text and on running heads on each page of text. Include your abstract or proposal as an attachment in a standard word-processing format (preferably Word or RTF). Also, please ensure

that you remove any identifying information from your document (with the exception of the title page).

Deadline: All abstracts and panel proposals must be e-mailed to the appropriate division's midwinter paper chair (see below) by **December 20, 2006**. Send abstracts and proposals to the appropriate division contact on the next page. Please include an e-mail address so that the midwinter paper chair of the division can notify you. You will be notified by January 10.

Registration: Details on conference registration, hotel accommodations, and travel information will be available at <http://communication.utoledo.edu/aejmc2007>.

AEJMC Midwinter Paper Calls by Division

Listed below are the paper calls for the 2007 AEJMC Midwinter Conference. Please direct any questions about individual paper submissions to the appropriate division contact.

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