

Journalist Ronnie Dugger to be honored

Recipient of the division's 2005 Professional Freedom and Responsibility Award

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Ronnie Dugger—writer, reporter, editor, and social activist—will receive the 2005 Professional Freedom and Responsibility Award from the Cultural and Critical Studies Division in San Antonio, Texas, this August.

The award will be presented by the Cultural and Critical Studies Division as part of this year's national convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. CCS members voted in fall to present Dugger the award.



2005 PF&R Awardee Ronnie Dugger

A clear choice

Dugger is founding editor of *The Texas Observer*, an award-winning weekly newspaper dedicated to covering neglected public interest issues and to initiating discussion that “promotes democratic participation and open government.”

Dugger also is co-founder of the Alliance for Democracy, which seeks “to end corporate domination, to establish true political democracy, and to build a just society with a sustainable, equitable economy.”

Dugger has written numerous articles for periodicals including *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Harper's*, *The Nation*, *The New Yorker*, and *The Progressive*.

His books include biographies of Lyndon Johnson and Ronald Reagan and a plan for reform of corporate influence at American universities.

His latest works include writings critical of recent elections and the potential abuses of computerized voting.

Award tradition

The annual PF&R award honors a media professional whose work represents the type of insightful social analysis and criticism the CCS Division strives to advance.

Past awardees include Dan Perkins (aka Tom Tomorrow), Marcia Ann Gillespie, George Seldes, Jean Otto, and Bill Kovach. ❖

The Texas Observer:

<http://www.texasobserver.org/>

The Alliance for Democracy:

<http://thealliancefordemocracy.org/>

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Be sure you're on the listservs

Are you on the e-mail listservs? If you haven't been receiving notices from division officers, now's the time to check to see.

If you would like to participate in division discussions of issues related to our field, please send an email to Ralph Believeau at liveau@ou.edu and ask him to add you to the Yahoo!-based list.

If you would like to receive key division information via our second listserv, contact Jay Hamilton at hamilton@uga.edu to be added to our primary listserv. Please note that this list is only for division officers to send division news and notices. ❖

Headnote

Ongoing concerns, new plans

ALISON PLESSINGER, SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY

Hello CCS colleagues! Hope the start of the semester has been smooth going. Here in Pennsylvania, we are buried under snow and below zero temperatures, so those of you in warmer climates, hope you're enjoying the sunshine! We have some new activities going on in the division right now.



Alison Plessinger

I hope that this is an activity the division will continue to undertake, although we really will need a subcommittee of people to handle it (I did it myself this

CCS at AEJMC Midwinter Conference

The AEJMC Midwinter conference was held February 11-12 at Kennesaw State University.

We participated in the event for the first time this year, with what I believe to be modest success. We had 10 accepted abstracts (12 submitted), mostly from graduate students (and even one from an undergrad getting ready to enter graduate school). They ranged in subject matter and represented the division nicely.

Many thanks to Amanda Hall and Tonya Roy Couch from the University of Georgia, who served as discussants for the CCS-specific sessions.

year, and it was difficult to balance regular officer duties with the convention details).

David Thompson of Loras College (CTP head) was the main person responsible for organizing this convention, along with host Leonard Witt at Kennesaw State – they did a fabulous job of pulling this off!

News about JCI

You will notice a piece in this newsletter regarding the history of *Journal of Communication Inquiry* (JCI), our partner journal.

Many people have had questions about the journal and our affiliation with it.

JCI editor Yu Shi, adviser Gigi Durham, and I hope that we can help clear some things up regarding how the journal works and what our relationship with it is all about.

If you have questions, comments, or feedback, please contact us and we'll do our best to answer any questions.

Our contract with Sage Publishing, the JCI publisher, was up for renewal this year, much to my surprise. As my understanding was that the initial three-year contract was a trial of sorts, I feel it is critical to get a membership vote to continue our affiliation with the journal.

I arranged for a one-year renewal, which we can then settle at the August meeting.

I believe that our relationship with JCI is good, and one that the division ought to continue.

Division Bbylaws

We still have the bylaws posted on the (see "Headnote" on page 3)

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(“Headnote” continued from page 2) website, and I am anxiously awaiting your feedback on them.

We need to vote on these at the August meeting, so please send comments and suggestions over the next few months.

Panels confirmed for the convention

We have a wonderful lineup of panels

for this year’s convention, and I believe our PF&R award will be a resounding success this year (Ronnie Dugger is so excited and honored to come speak with us!).

I am looking forward to having strong paper submissions in April, and I encourage you all to submit your work. I also encourage those of you who are interested to sign up as paper judges. We are growing as a division

and need all the help we can get in judging our paper competitions.

Please let our research chairs Bob Trumbour and Karen Kline know if you would be willing to serve as a moderator or discussant (even if you aren’t able to judge for some reason). Go to the CCS website at <http://aejmc.net/ccs/> to easily find out how to contact them.

Cheers! ❖

Schedule of Panels and Research Sessions

AEJMC Convention San Antonio, August 10-13, 2005

Wednesday, August 10

10:00 a.m.—“Climbing Out of the Ivory Tower, Treading Back to the Real World: Does Professional Work Count in Academe?” co-sponsored by CSW

1:30 p.m.—“News Blogs and their Discontents,” co-sponsored with CIVIC JOURN

5:00—refereed research session

8:30—members meeting

10:15—social off-site

Friday, August 12

7:00 a.m.—incoming exec meeting

1:30 p.m.—refereed research, top paper session

3:15—refereed research

5:00—PF&R award session with Ronnie Dugger, co-sponsored by COMM JOURN

Thursday, August 11

7:00 a.m.—outgoing executive meeting

8:15—poster session with AD, ESIG, PR,

11:45—“A Close Look at Difficult Pedagogical Encounters: Facing Resistance, Handling Classroom Dissent, and Transforming Perspectives in the Classroom,” co-sponsored with GLBT

1:30 p.m.—scholar to scholar poster session

3:15—“Feminist Advocacy” with CSW

5:00—“Considering Newspapers and Magazines as Primary Sources for the Love That Dare Not Speak Its Name” with GLBT.

Saturday, August 13

8:15 a.m.—Training for new officers

8:15—“Mother, Madre, Big Mama: Intercultural Rhetoric of Motherhood,” co-sponsored by MAC

10:00—referred research

11:45—“Missing a Beat: Labor Coverage in the News Media.” ❖

**Contribute to
the C&CS
newsletter**

Have an issue to present? A point to make? A call for scholarly contributions? If you would like it printed in *CCS News*, please send it to Jay Hamilton at hamilton@uga.edu. The next deadline for submissions is April 15, 2005. ❖

Letter from the *JCI* Editor

YU SHI, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Dear members of CCS: I would like to provide further information and update CCS members about the journal.

The *journal of communication inquiry* is a blind-refereed scholarly publication affiliated with the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Iowa. It was founded in 1974 in order to explore communication phenomena within cultural and historical perspectives, and to serve as a forum for serious consideration and exploration of communication and media phenomena from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Through comprehensive research and analysis, *JCI* has through the years emphasized taking critical and cultural perspectives to evaluate the relationship between communication and society, and it stands as one of the few communication journals dedicated specifically to publishing this type of research within the field of communication and mass communication.

Because of an ongoing contract with Sage Publishing (established in 1998), *JCI* is consistently published on a quarterly basis with issues in January, April, July, and October, and

all published articles are subject to a blind peer review and strenuous revision process. Its acceptance rate is around 22 percent.

For nearly 30 years, editors at *JCI* have sought cutting-edge and socially relevant research to publish in the journal. Some of our best-known authors include Edward Said, Ien Ang, Janice Radway, Stanley Deetz, Hanno Hardt, Lawrence Grossberg, Angie McRobbie and Robert McChesney—a list that also showcases the journal’s goal of international diversity among authors and topics.

Our most recent 30th anniversary theme issue (July, 2004), which is dedicated to one of the journal’s founding scholars and titled “Celebrating the Scholarship of Hanno Hardt, a Lifelong Mentor in Critical Cultural Communications Scholarship,” is an excellent example of the journal’s devotion to critical and cultural communication scholarship. Our contributors have included university faculty members of all ranks as well as graduate students. We have also drawn many international submissions from Canada, Australia, Israel, Japan, and China.

Two years ago, *JCI* formed a partnership with the Cultural and Critical Studies Division of AEJMC. We have been working closely with the division since then. Many of the division’s past division chairs are former editors of *JCI* and currently serve on the journal’s advisory board. Many members of division have submitted and published their works in *JCI*, and also served as peer reviewers for the manuscripts submitted to it.

In the future, we will continue to welcome division members division to submit papers and to join our reviewers’ board. Top conference papers accepted by the division will be given favorable consideration by the journal. We also plan to have a regular *JCI* section in the division’s newsletters so members can get updated information about our upcoming issues, author’s biographies, and call for papers.

Please let me know if you have further questions about *JCI*. You might also like to visit our web site at <http://www.uiowa.edu/~jciweb> for further information about our submission guidelines, editorial board, and a searchable listing of titles and authors featured in past issues. If you seek further clarification on any issues, feel free to email me at jcieditor@uiowa.edu or call (319) 335-3341. ❖

The School of Journalism at the University of Colorado, Boulder welcomes applications for the 2005-06 academic year for a **dissertation fellowship program in media, religion, and culture**. Three one-year fellowship grants of \$12,000 each will be awarded to doctoral students/candidates at the dissertation proposal-writing stage, or who are in the first year after the dissertation proposal is approved. Deadline is **April 5, 2005**. Applications are available online at www.mediareligion.org/.

Contact Scott Webber (Webbers@colorado.edu), Stewart Hoover (stewart.hoover@colorado.edu), or Lynn Schofield Clark (lynn.clark@colorado.edu). ❖

The Critical and Cultural Studies Division invites submission of original, interdisciplinary, theoretically grounded research papers. We welcome a wide range of approaches and perspectives, including, but not limited to: cultural studies, historical studies, feminist scholarship, news analysis, political economy, literary analysis, philosophy of communication ethics, and media criticism. Submissions should reflect qualitative research methodologies.

Preferred paper length is **7,500** words (approx. 25 pages). Authors are responsible for following all AEJMC guidelines for paper submission. In addition, please send **six**

copies of your paper and a 75-word abstract. Put your name on the abstract, but do not staple them to the manuscript copies. Papers that do not meet these requirements will not be accepted. Separate blind review processes will be used to examine papers of students and faculty.

Deadline: **April 1**. Send faculty/professional papers to: Bob Trumpbour, Penn State Altoona, 3000 Ivyside Park, 101C Cypress, Altoona, PA 16601, (814) 949-5769, rct4@psu.edu. Send student papers to: Karen Kline, Lock Haven University, 605 Robinson Hall, Lock Haven, PA 17745. (570) 893-2376, kkline@lhup.edu. ❖