

2024-25 ASJMC Officer Candidates

Vice President

The ASJMC Vice President selected for 2024-25 will automatically move through the leadership ladder to become the President in 2026-27.

Kim Bissell

Louisiana State University



Kim Bissell, Ph.D., serves as the Dean of the Manship School of Mass Communication and holds the Douglas L. Manship, Sr. professorship within the School. She launched the inaugural Sports Summit in Fall 2023, the inaugural Olympics Project Study Abroad Program in Summer 2024, and the Last Lecture Series in Spring 2024.

Prior to this role, she served as the Southern Progress Endowed Professor in Magazine Journalism and Associate Dean for Research in the College of Communication and Information Sciences at the University of Alabama. Additionally, she served as the Executive Director of the college's research institute, the Institute for Communication and Information Research, and was a full professor in the Department of Journalism & Creative Media. Dean Bissell has studied the social effects of media specific to health outcomes for more than 20 years and has an active research program examining the intersection of sports, body image, and health.

Bissell has received more than \$2.25 million in external funding for her research and community-outreach programs. She has published more than 100 peer-reviewed academic journals and was the recipient of the Frederick Moody Blackmon-Sarah McCorkle Moody Outstanding Professor Award for the development of an iPad app, "Track My Plate," that could be used by children to record their food intake and activity. Dean Bissell was also the University of Alabama's recipient of the SEC Professor of the Year award in 2015. In 2009, she received the Kriegbaum Under-40 Award, recognizing her as one of the top scholars in the discipline of journalism and mass communication through AEJMC.

Andrea Hickerson

University of Mississippi



Andrea Hickerson, Ph.D., is Dean and Professor in the School of Journalism and New Media at the University of Mississippi. Previously she was an associate dean in the College of Information and Communications and the director of the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of South Carolina. Before that, she was the director of the School of Communication at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York.

Hickerson conducts research on journalism routines with an emphasis on technology use and adoption, as well as on political communication with an emphasis on transnational populations. She routinely collaborates with interdisciplinary teams including experts in artificial intelligence, law, computer science and cybersecurity. One such team, DeFake, is building a deepfake detection tool for journalists. This work is supported by grants from the Knight Foundation and the National Science Foundation.

In Fall 2023 Hickerson was named the co-director of the National Center for Narrative Intelligence at the University of Mississippi. This new interdisciplinary research center is dedicated to understanding how artificial intelligence contributes to the circulation, effects, consumption and characteristics of digital media narratives.

Hickerson has a B.A. from Syracuse University in Journalism and International Relations; an M.A. in Journalism and an M.A. in Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Texas at Austin; and a Ph.D. in Communication from the University of Washington.

Deadline for voting is May 15, 2024.

Representative to ACEJMC

Andrea Miller University of North Texas



Andrea Miller is Professor and Dean in the Mayborn School of Journalism at the University of North Texas. Prior to that, she served as Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies in LSU's Manship School of Mass Communication. Miller received her doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of

Journalism, her master's degree from Texas Christian University and her undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University.

Additionally, Miller was an award-winning television news producer for a decade. Miller has published articles on television news and crisis coverage in *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, *Media Psychology*, *Visual Communication Quarterly*, and the *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management*. Additionally, Miller has three books: *Oil & Water* (with Shearon Roberts and Victoria LaPoe, 2014) details the media lessons from Hurricane Katrina and the BP oil disaster, *News Evolution or Revolution?* (with Amy Reynolds, 2014) explores the future of the newspaper industry using the *New Orleans Times-Picayune* as a microcosm of the industry, and *Public Relations and Journalism in Times of Crisis, A Symbiotic Partnership* (with Jinx Broussard, 2019) includes communication case studies explored from both the public relations and journalistic perspectives. A forthcoming book project with Keren Henderson will explore the history of television news from a labor perspective and was a winner of the AEJMC-Peter Lang Scholarsourcing Series.

Miller is an advisory board member for the UNT Advanced Environmental Research Institute, also served as an associate board member of the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters, was named a Columbia School of Journalism Dart Center for Journalism & Trauma Academic Fellow, and has conducted media crisis communication training for the military, politicians, and K-12 school leadership.

Katie Foss Middle Tennessee State University



Katie Foss is a health communication scholar and the director of the ACEJMC accredited School of Journalism & Strategic Media at Middle Tennessee State University. Foss is the author of *Capturing Covid: Media and the Pandemic in the Digital Era* (forthcoming), *Constructing the Outbreak: Epidemics in Media and Collective Memory* (2020), *Breastfeeding and*

Media: Exploring Conflicting Discourses That Threaten Public Health (2017) and *Television and Health Responsibility in an Age of Individualism* (2014). She edited books on prison, children & marketing, and graduate education. Foss has also published in *The Washington Post*, *The Tennessean*, *Slate*, *The Conversation*, *Smithsonian Magazine*, and other outlets. Her work has been featured and quoted internationally in *The New York Times*, *U.S. News & World Report*, CNN, History.com, and numerous other podcasts, radio and television programs, and news articles.

Foss is an active participant in the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), serving in leadership positions for more than 15 years, including four years on the AEJMC Board of Directors. As the head of the Council of Divisions, she led the AEJMC transition to the virtual conference in 2020 and 2021. She is currently serving on the Standing Committee on Research and is on the journal editorial boards for Health Communication and the Image of the Journalist in Popular Culture.

Foss is a recent fellow of the Institute of Diverse Leadership and the Leadership on Deck program, a winner of the National Women's History Trailblazer award, and a recipient of the Jinx C. Broussard Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Media History.

Felicia McGhee Florida A&M University



Felicia McGhee is the associate dean of Curriculum and Student Success in the School of Journalism and Graphic Communication at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

McGhee has more than 13 years of broadcasting experience, having worked as a general assignment reporter in Alabama, a morning show news anchor in Mississippi, and a reporter/fill-in anchor in Tennessee. She was the host and moderator of WTCI's Tennessee Insider, the only local primetime public affairs show in Chattanooga. She has also hosted special reports, such as "One-on-One with the Candidates," a 30-minute special featuring the recent senatorial candidates and provided political commentary for "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer" during the presidential primary.

McGhee has been teaching for 24 years. In 2019-2020, she was chosen as a fellow in the Association of Journalism and Mass Communication's Institute for Diverse Leadership, and currently serves on the executive board of the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication.

McGhee is dedicated to diversity, as she has served as a panelist and moderator for numerous events, i.e. "Minorities in the Media," "Racial Profiling in America," and "Exploring Inclusive Excellence in the Classroom."

As she prepares to roll off the ASJMC executive board, she looks forward at the opportunity to serve as the ASJMC representative on the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. She would be honored to have your vote!

Representative to the ASJMC Executive Committee (Large-sized Programs)

(This election only appears on the ballot of Large-sized programs.)

Gerry Lanosga
Indiana University



Gerry Lanosga is associate professor and director of journalism in The Media School at Indiana University. His research and teaching revolve around the profession of journalism and its intersections with legal and political infrastructures.

He has studied the role of journalism's awards culture and the development of investigative and data journalism in both historical and contemporary settings. His work has been published in *Digital Journalism*, *Journal: Theory, Practice and Criticism*, *Journalism Studies*, *Journalism Practice*, *American Journalism*, and *Journalism History*, among other venues. Lanosga completed his Ph.D. in 2010 at IU and taught for three years at Ball State University before joining the faculty at IU.

Previously, he spent nearly two decades as a print and broadcast journalist, winning numerous state, regional and national honors, including the duPont-Columbia award, the George Foster Peabody award, Sigma Delta Chi's public service award, and the Freedom of Information medal from Investigative Reporters and Editors. Lanosga serves on the boards of directors of the Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting and the Indiana Coalition for Open Government.

He is also on the board of the Arnolt Center for Investigative Journalism, which he helped establish at Indiana University after The Media School received a major donor gift.

Born and raised in Colorado, Lanosga completed his undergraduate work at the University of Redlands (California) and later earned an M.A. in history at Indiana University. He is married and has three grown sons.

Shari R. Veil
University of Nebraska-Lincoln



Shari R. Veil, MBA, Ph.D., is the Jane T. Olson Dean of the College of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she oversees the strategic, programmatic, financial, fundraising and management operations that support the mission and vision of the college and its role within the university and state. Veil also serves as a research fellow with the National Strategic Research Institute and on accreditation site teams for the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. She is a member of the Arthur W. Page Society and has been honored with the Nebraska PRSA Professional of the Year, Friend of Nebraska Broadcasters, Kappa Tau Alpha Keith P. Sanders Outstanding Service Award and National Communication Association's Outstanding Contribution to Public Relations Education Award. Veil came to Nebraska from the University of Kentucky, where she was associate dean for undergraduate affairs in the College of Communication and Information, chair and professor in the Department of Communication, and director of the Risk Sciences Division. Prior to Kentucky, she taught strategic communication in the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication and served as the director of the Center for Risk and Crisis Management at the University of Oklahoma. She earned a Bachelor of Science in communication with a concentration in public relations and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Mary. Her doctorate in communication, with a research focus on risk and crisis communication, is from North Dakota State University.

Representative to the ASJMC Executive Committee (Small-sized Programs)

(This election only appears on the ballot of Small-sized programs.)

Kenneth Pybus Abilene Christian University



Kenneth Pybus is a professor and chair of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Abilene Christian University. He holds a law degree from Baylor University and a Ph.D. in media and communication from Texas Tech University. His professional background is in business journalism, serving as managing editor of the *Houston Business Journal* and editor of the *Nashville Business*

Journal before joining the ACU faculty. He teaches advanced journalism courses and communication law and has advised student media for nearly two decades.

His research areas include media coverage of state appellate courts, particularly in Texas, as well as Texas legal privileges to the tort of libel.

Kevin Qualls Murray State University



Kevin Qualls has enjoyed careers in media, law, and higher education. While an undergraduate, he worked at Kentucky Educational Television, helping to televise legislative sessions. And that is where his interests in law, media, and education combined. He is a member of the American Bar Association's Forum on Communication Law, The Kentucky Bar Association, and a former member of the Virginia State Bar. He has worked as a trial attorney and expert witness regarding pre-trial publicity.

He earned a Juris Doctorate from Liberty University, a Master's in Journalism from Marshall University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Telecommunication from the University of Kentucky. In the late 1980's and early 1990's he produced the nationally syndicated television series, "The Great American Outdoors." He later produced media for corporate, legal, and broadcast clients with a company he owned and operated, "Digital Age Recording."

He has served on the Murray State University JMC faculty since 2008, and as the department's chair since 2021. He recently led the Murray program through ACEJMC re-accreditation and is currently implementing a curriculum revision. He serves as an educational representative on the board of the Kentucky Press Association.