



**Call for Nominations/Applications:  
*Communication and Democracy* (formerly *First Amendment Studies*) Editor-Elect  
Assuming duties in 2022; overseeing 2023-2025 volumes**

During 2021, NCA's Publications Council will nominate an Editor-Elect (or co-Editors-Elect) for *Communication and Democracy* (formerly *First Amendment Studies*). To broaden its reach and impact, NCA has renamed and altered the scope of *First Amendment Studies*; now titled *Communication and Democracy*, the journal publishes original scholarship on all aspects of the relationships between human communication and democratic practice(s), broadly understood. The newly appointed Editor will begin processing manuscripts early in 2022 and will oversee the volumes for 2023-2025. The journal is published twice each year.

Editors of NCA journals occupy a particularly prominent leadership position in the field. In naming editorial boards, selecting reviewers for manuscripts, and making final publication decisions (among other duties), they make a vitally important contribution to the discipline, and they play a key role in maintaining the highest standards of integrity and scholarly inquiry.

[Position statement on the teaching, scholarly/creative activity, and service value of editing an NCA journal.](#)

*Communication and Democracy* (formerly *First Amendment Studies*) is a peer-reviewed publication of the National Communication Association. *Communication and Democracy* publishes original scholarship on all aspects of the relationships between human communication and democratic practice(s), broadly understood. *Communication and Democracy* embraces the full range of critical, historical, empirical, and descriptive methodologies.

*Communication and Democracy* welcomes scholarship addressing areas including but not limited to:

- the study of values and practices connected to the "freedoms" typically associated with the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment: freedom of expression, freedom of assembly, freedom of the press, freedom of association, freedom of religion;
- communication-based analyses of the establishment and maintenance of democracies;
- rhetorical studies of political institutions, elections, political parties, legal and judicial discourse, and civil society;
- communication-based analyses of democratic practices, theory, and culture;

- *the study of economic and social justice and the social activism seeking to advance social justice;*
- *examinations of democracy and democratic practice in varied contexts (e.g., the workplace, media institutions, the military)*

Kevin Johnson, California State University, Long Beach, is the current Editor.

**Editor Support:**

Editors of *Communication and Democracy* receive an annual stipend of \$8,000 from NCA, and administrative and editorial support from our publisher, Taylor & Francis.

**Considered Criteria:**

In selection of journal editors, the following criteria will be considered:

1. Relevant research profile
2. Relevant editorial experience
3. Relevant project management experience
4. Innovative vision for the journal

**Requirements:**

Editors must be members of NCA at the time of their appointment and must maintain membership in the Association throughout their editorial terms. Editors should plan to attend all NCA conventions from the time they are elected until they have completed their terms.

Editors also must:

- 1) Agree to observe and support NCA's publication policies.
- 2) Commit to using the Taylor & Francis online system for manuscript submission, review, and editing.
- 3) Commit to adhering to the [NCA Policy on Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination](#) and the [NCA Statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#).
- 4) Commit to meeting editorial deadlines.

**Application Process:**

Self-nominations are welcome.

Applicants/Nominators should develop a letter that addresses the following:

- 1) A commitment from the nominee to serve if elected.
- 2) Editorial plans and projections for the journal, including the nominee's vision for content direction within the established mission of the journal.
- 3) A commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- 4) If a co-editorship is proposed, a description of how the work will be managed.

In addition, application materials should include:

- A current *Curriculum Vita*.
- A letter from the responsible administrator supporting the nomination and describing assistance to be provided by the institution.
- Names and contact information for three people who can serve as references in support of the applicant/nominee.

Letters and supporting materials should be sent to:

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The NCA Publications Council reviews all nominations and makes a recommendation to the NCA Executive Committee. Following Executive Committee ratification, the recommended editor must be endorsed by a vote of the Legislative Assembly.

Nominations received by January 31, 2021, will receive full consideration. Inquiries may be made to Publications Council Chair Kevin Barge, at [kbarge@tamu.edu](mailto:kbarge@tamu.edu).