



AEJMC MIDWINTER CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA!

AEJMC MIDWINTER CONFERENCE 2026

March 6-7, 2026

Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication
University of Oklahoma

General Call for Paper Abstracts and Panel Proposals:

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

We are happy to host the upcoming conference again at the Gaylord College, University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma between March 6 and 7, 2026. Conference participants will be able to enjoy the College's state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities, as well as the city's and campus' world-class museums, art galleries and restaurants in person.

Paper abstract submissions: Authors are invited to submit research paper abstracts of between **600 and 800 words** (word count excludes author information and references) appropriate to **one** of the Divisions or Interest Groups represented at the conference. 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 done online and by the December 15, 2026 deadline.
Submission links below.



Note that authors can submit any specific paper abstract to only **one** participating group – submitting the same paper abstract to more than one group will result in disqualification and withdrawal from the review process. ***Do not submit full papers*** but please ensure that abstracts are between 600 and 800 words; shorter abstracts (i.e., 75 words) don't allow for adequate consideration with longer abstracts. **Authors must ensure that they remove any identifying information from their document.**

Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by early January 2026. Studies presented at the midwinter conference are also eligible for presentation at the AEJMC national convention in August. Authors are encouraged to use the midwinter conference as an opportunity to get feedback on their research, to 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 midwinter conference**. The midwinter chair for the relevant group will send authors the names and contact details of the discussant for their session.

At least one author of each accepted paper must register and attend the conference to present the paper. ***Failure to register by the deadline will result in authors' names and papers being removed from the program. NO onsite registration will be available.***

Some groups participating in the midwinter conference have award opportunities (e.g. for travel). Authors are encouraged to contact the groups' individual midwinter chairs for details.

Panel submissions: In addition, the organizers are also inviting panel proposals. These panel proposals should **NOT** be done through the online abstract submission system. Instead, submissions for panels should be sent to the relevant midwinter chair directly via email (see list of participating AEJMC groups and the midwinter chair for each group below). The deadline for panel submissions is the same as for abstract submissions, December 15, 2025, 11:59 p.m. Central Time.



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. Proposals should not exceed two double-spaced pages.

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 Elanie Steyn, Conference Site Host (elanie@ou.edu).



AEJMC Midwinter Conference Research Chairs and Submission Links 2026

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