

**2023 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for  
Communications, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology, CITAMS**

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**Introduction**

Annual reports are used by the Sections Committee to assess the health of a Section, measure the Section's vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Sections. In addition, they serve to provide institutional memory, socialize new Section leaders, and promote transparency to Section members.

This annual report covers the period of Section activity from September 2022 to August 2023 and a fiscal year from January 2023 to December 2023. This portion of the report will be shared publicly.

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**Section Governance**

Provide details of your Section's governance activity during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.

**Business Meeting**

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes from the Section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

**AGENDA**

**I Recognition of Service to our Section**

**II Award Presentations**

**III Financial Report from the Treasurer**

**IV Opportunities for Members**

**VI Issues facing the section and pass the torch**

**VII Looking ahead**

**VIII. New Business from the Floor and Future Business**

**MINUTES**

**Count: 25 Attendees**

**I Recognition of Service to our Section**

Thank our outgoing and continuing Council members, and welcome our new Council members. Thank Award Committees, Nominations Committee, DEI Committee, Social Media Coordinator, Newsletter Editors, Session Organizers

**II Award Presentations**

- CITAMS Best Student Paper Award
- CITAMS Best Paper Award

- CITAMS Book Award
- CITAMS William F. Ogburn Career Achievement Award
- CITAMS Public Sociology Award

### **III Financial Report from the Treasurer**

Celeste Campos-Castillo: Secretary/Treasurer

### **IV Opportunities for Members**

Call for Papers for the 2023 Special Issue of *ICS*

Call for Volunteers for committees and newsletter (reach out to new chair)

### **VI Issues facing the section and pass the torch**

Dustin Kidd

### **VII Looking ahead**

Tim Recuber: Chair-Elect, now Chair

### **VIII. New Business from the Floor and Future Business**

#### **Council Meeting**

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes of all council meetings. Minutes must include a list of council members present and a summary of decisions made. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

### **CITAMS Council Meeting July 25, 2023**

Present: Dustin Kidd, Celeste Campos-Castillo, Laura Robinson, PJ Patella-Rey, Tyler Burgese, Tim Recuber, Melissa Brown, Cassidy Puckett, Francesca Bella-Tripodi

Absent: Jenny Davis (due to scheduling and time zone issue)

#### **Agenda Items**

1. Welcome
2. DEI Committee
  - Esther not attending today
  - Committee continues its work
  - Concerns: Many nominees do not know they are nominated. Willingness to respond may decline after awards are announced. Gathering names, emails, and titles of nominated works is difficult. Awards process happens earlier than officer elections (award nominations due March 15; winners announced by June 1; Elections open 4/18 and close 5/23).
  - Policy proposal: Award nominations go to the award committee chair. Committee chairs thank nominators, notify nominees (if not self), collect data on all nominations using a shared format (see template), submit data to section chair who shares it with the DEI Committee chair. DEI Committee Chair sends out survey (following template from current year) on May 1 (after award nominations are collected and after election has begun; before winners for either are announced). Survey is due May 15. Awards and election results are announced at the end of May. DEI report submitted to Council before ASA meetings in August if possible. Primary audience for report is leadership and council. Chair should

discuss the findings in the annual report along with any goals for addressing concerns. This can be shared with members in the newsletter as well.

- **Proposed language adopted and placed in the CITAMS Dropbox folder under awards.**

### 3. Awards

- Concerns around naming, criteria, DEI

*Proposed language*

**Revised language is in bold**

#### **Career Achievement Award**

This award recognizes a sustained body of research by a section member who has provided multiple outstanding contributions to the advancement of knowledge in the areas relevant to the section. Nominations may be made for scholars at any career stage. The letters should describe the major contributions, what kind of product the scholar has produced (e.g., books, articles, textbooks, policy briefs, teaching, public engagement), how it has advanced the areas of concern to the section, and what the impact and/or reach has been. Please also include the CV of the nominee. Materials should be sent to the committee chair by March 15. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged, as are nominations that highlight the work of underrepresented groups—those who work internationally, work in industry, those in small teaching-oriented institutions, BIPOC scholars, scholars with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ scholars, and those at the intersections of these and other categories. If you are nominating another person, you are encouraged to notify them. All nominees will be asked to complete a survey by the section's DEI committee.

#### **Best Paper Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding published paper or book chapter on a topic relevant to the section, **written by a member of the section**. Submissions must be in English and published within the two calendar years prior to the award nomination deadline. If you would like to nominate a paper for the award, please send a nomination letter and a copy of the paper via email to the committee chair by March 15. **Your email should include the names of all authors and co-authors, who should also be copied on the email.** Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged, as are nominations that highlight the work of underrepresented groups—those who work internationally, work in industry, those in small teaching-oriented institutions, BIPOC scholars, scholars with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ scholars, and those at the intersections of these and other categories. If you are nominating another person, you are encouraged to notify them. All nominees will be asked to complete a survey by the section's DEI committee.

#### **Best Student Paper Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding published or unpublished paper/book chapter on a topic relevant to the section, or an outstanding design or use of media, communication, or information technology. Submissions must be in English. If you would like to nominate a paper for the award, please send a nomination letter and a copy of the paper via email to the committee chair by March 15. **Your email should include the names of all authors and co-authors, who should also be copied on the email.** Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged, as are nominations that highlight the work of underrepresented groups—

those who work internationally, work in industry, those in small teaching-oriented institutions, BIPOC scholars, scholars with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ scholars, and those at the intersections of these and other categories. If you are nominating another person, you are encouraged to notify them. All nominees will be asked to complete a survey by the section's DEI committee. For this award only, the nominees do not need to be members of the section. Award winners and honorable mentions will receive a one year section membership for either the year of being selected or the year after.

#### **Best Book Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding book on a topic relevant to the section, **written by a member of the section**. Submissions must be in English and published within the two calendar years prior to the award nomination deadline. If you would like to nominate a book for the award, please send an informal nomination letter via email to the committee members. Copies of the book need to be provided in physical or electronic form to each of the committee members on or before March 15. **Your email should include the names of all authors and co-authors, who should also be copied on the email. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged, as are nominations that highlight the work of underrepresented groups—those who work internationally, work in industry, those in small teaching-oriented institutions, BIPOC scholars, scholars with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ scholars, and those at the intersections of these and other categories. If you are nominating another person, you are encouraged to notify them. All nominees will be asked to complete a survey by the section's DEI committee.**

#### **Public Sociology Award**

This award recognizes a specific achievement in teaching, the development or the use of a communication, media, or information technology, or the dissemination of knowledge that advances public understanding or engagement on topics of concern in the section by a member of the section. If you would like to nominate a scholar for the award, please send a nomination letter via email to the chair by March 15. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged, as are nominations that highlight the work of underrepresented groups—those who work internationally, work in industry, those in small teaching-oriented institutions, BIPOC scholars, scholars with disabilities, LGBTQI scholars, and those at the intersections of these and other categories. If you would like to nominate a scholar for the award, please send a nomination letter of 1-2 pages via email to the chair by March 15. **The letters should describe the topic(s) of concern, what kind of product the scholar has produced (e.g., an easy to use tool for the public, a book that crosses over into trade/popular/public literature, media appearances, op-eds, social media), how it has advanced public understanding, and what the impact and/or reach has been. Please also include up to 10 examples with your letter. Examples could include, but are not limited to: course materials/assignments, Twitter threads, podcasts, op-eds, media appearances, or social media channels. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged, as are nominations that highlight the work of underrepresented groups—those who work internationally, work in industry, those in small teaching-oriented institutions, BIPOC scholars, scholars with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ scholars, and those at the intersections of these and other categories. If you are nominating another person, you are encouraged to notify them. All nominees will be asked to complete a survey by the section's DEI committee.**

QUESTION? Can we expand the number of awards, perhaps adding separate awards for best published and unpublished student papers? Five may be the ASA limit. ANSWER from ASA: Five is the limit.

OUTCOME: The language above is taken under advisement and the advice is being passed to the next chair. Further refinement may take place but this language is closer to the desired outcome than the current language.

NOTE: In an email exchange after and independent from the Council meeting, Celeste Campos-Castillo suggested an online submission portal for the awards. This is a good idea that solves many problems, once we find a system.

#### 4. Newsletter Editor Remuneration

Proposal: \$300 each for up to 3 editors per academic year. Budget \$300-\$900 each year. Currently there is a yearly budget item of \$1000 for “Chair initiatives.” This has never been used. If we change that to Newsletter we can use that fund to pay the stipend.

**Stipend for AY 2022/2023 approved. Stipend for AY 2023/2024 approved. Will be revisited each year as budget is proposed.**

#### 5. Bylaws revisions for year ahead

1. Change start-of-term of leadership from adjournment of business at ASA to September 1, per ASA request.
2. Revise and expand award language to reflect proposal here.

The above are notes for the incoming Chair and for Council. No revision is required, but may be worth considering.

#### 6. Adjournment

##### **Awards**

Provide a list of Section awards and awardees conferred in the past year.

Allison Pugh  
for “Constructing What Counts as Human at Work:  
Enigma, Emotion, and Error in Connective Labor”  
2023 CITAMS Best Paper Award

Larry W. Isaac, Jonathan S. Coley, Quan D. Mai, and Anna W. Jacobs  
for “Striking News: Discursive Power of the Press  
as Capitalist Resource in Gilded Age Strikes”  
2023 CITAMS Best Paper Award with the distinction of Honorable Mention

Minsu Park, Chao Yu, and Michael Macy  
for “Fighting Bias with Bias: How Same-race Endorsements  
Reduce Racial Discrimination on Airbnb”  
2023 CITAMS Best Paper Award with the distinction of Honorable Mention

Risa Murase  
for "The Invisible Glass: From Criminality to Conditional Inclusion  
in Japanese Media Coverage of Migrants."  
2023 CITAMS Best Student Paper Award

Di Zhou  
for "The Elements of Cultural Power:  
Novelty, Emotion, Status, and Cultural Capital."  
2023 CITAMS Best Student Paper Award with the distinction of Honorable Mention

Karen Levy  
for *Data Driven:  
Truckers, Technology, and the New Workplace Surveillance*  
2023 CITAMS Best Book Award

Diane Vaughan.  
for *Dead Reckoning:  
Air Traffic Control, System Effects, and Risk*  
2023 CITAMS Best Book Award with the distinction of Honorable Mention

Francesca Bolla Tripodi  
for *The Propagandists' Playbook:  
How Conservative Elites Manipulate Search and Threaten Democracy*  
2023 CITAMS Best Book Award with the distinction of Honorable Mention

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## 2023 Finances

Provide a narrative on how the 2023 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2023. Please account for any substantive differences.

2023 Budget aligned with expectations. Due to remote meetings in 2020 and 2021, the Section continues to have healthy budget. We spent slightly over the expected amount on the 2023 joint reception. We also made a non-budgeted \$900 investment in the section by paying our 3 newsletter editors (all graduate students) a \$300 stipend.

## The Previous Year

Describe Section activities during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.

Provide an overview of the Section's communications with its members and include explanation of how your communication strategy meets the goals and values of the Section. Include links to the section website, newsletters, and any other electronic media used.

We communicated with members via email listserv, website (<https://citams.org/>), Twitter ([https://twitter.com/CITAMS\\_ASA](https://twitter.com/CITAMS_ASA)), and a Newsletter. Shifting onto ASA Connect was very labor intensive for section leadership, only to have it abandoned within th year.

Describe the Section’s diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. What steps were taken this year to achieve those goals?

CITAMS has had an ad-hoc DEI committee for the past 3 years. They help draft nomination calls for both awards and leadership positions and collect data on all nominees to measure our distribution of opportunities across race, class, gender, geography, sexual orientation, and career track. This past year, we passed new bylaws that make the DEI committee a standout committee. We also revised our awards and nominations procedures to improve our capacity to address DEI issues and to collect better data.

Provide an overview of the section’s programming at the annual meeting and include explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the section (e.g. intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).

### **ASA 2023 CITAMS Sessions**

#### **Technologies of Disability Representation (Joint Session with Disability in Society)**

Communication technologies are the primary method of representation in the narratives and images of modern life. These technologies include mass media, social media, smart phones, and much more. This session is focused on disability media studies through an intersectional lens. It highlights the important role of both media studies and disability studies in the study of communications and information technology. Papers for this open panel might include quantitative studies of unequal representations, qualitative studies of key themes in representation, case studies of particular models of representation, and theoretical analyses that help to explain or contextualize representations of disability and its intersections with one or more of the following: race, ethnicity, sexuality, gender, nationality, region, class, etc. Papers might focus on television, film, social media platforms, smart phone applications, novels and other text-based communication, YouTube, search engines, and assistive or adaptive technologies. This session is co-sponsored by the Disability in Society section of ASA. Thanks to a special relationship between the Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology (CITAMS) section and the journal *Information, Communication & Society* (ICS), all papers with a theme of information, communication, or media that are presented at the 2023 meetings of the ASA are eligible for submission to a special issue of ICS edited by the CITAMS chair each fall. CITAMS is committed to full accessibility of participation for all members and will work with contributors to ensure this.

#### **Technologies of Disability Identification (Joint Session with Disability in Society)**

Increasingly, governments, service providers, corporations, and disabled people themselves use information and communication technologies and digital media to find, classify, and connect with other disabled people. This session highlights the important role these technologies have in creating, maintaining, and changing disability statuses and identities. Papers could include quantitative methods, such as examinations of “big data” that include variables defining/classifying disability in a variety of ways, or qualitative studies that, for instance, examine identity management techniques of disabled people on social media. Papers could focus on a wide range of digital technologies (hardware, software, assistive technologies) and media, and disability in sensory, communicative, physical, or mental domains, as well as chronic illnesses. This session is co-sponsored with the Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology (CITAMS) section.

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### **Miscommunication, Disinformation Technologies, and Bad Media**

Lies and manipulation are frequent topics of public discourse, regarding a range of topics from politics and public policies to jobs and consumerism. The tools of these lies are often the very technologies that are central to the CITAMS section. This is an opportunity to explore the dark corners of information technology, communication, and the media. Thanks to a special relationship between the Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology (CITAMS) section and the journal *Information, Communication & Society* (ICS), all papers with a theme of information, communication, or media that are presented at the 2023 meetings of the ASA are eligible for submission to a special issue of ICS edited by the CITAMS chair each fall. CITAMS is committed to full accessibility of participation for all members and will work with contributors to ensure this.

### **Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology Open Panel**

This session is open to paper submissions for any work related to the themes of the Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology (CITAMS) section. This is an opportunity to highlight cutting edge work in the field, or to revisit classic themes. Thanks to a special relationship between the Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology (CITAMS) section and the journal *Information, Communication & Society* (ICS), all papers with a theme of information, communication, or media that are presented at the 2023 meetings of the ASA are eligible for submission to a special issue of ICS edited by the CITAMS chair each fall. CITAMS is committed to full accessibility of participation for all members and will work with contributors to ensure this.

### **Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology Open-Refereed Roundtables**

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Provide an overview of the Section's programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g. webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include explanation of this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

We held three online networking events in January, February, and March, with attendees from all over the world. These were held on Zoom.

We published the CITAMS-edited issue of *Information, Communication, and Society* in spring 2023. Editing the issue dominated the work of the section chair in the fall of 2022.