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BIO

Ryan J. Thomas is an Associate Professor of Journalism Studies in the Missouri School of Journalism at the University of Missouri. His research program addresses the intersection of journalism ethics and the sociology of news, focusing on journalism amid processes of change. He studies the forces shaping journalism, how journalists make sense of them, and how these changes affect journalism's institutional obligations and role in public life. His research has been published in such journals as *Journalism Studies*, *Digital Journalism*, the *Journal of Media Ethics*, *Journalism Practice*, and *New Media & Society*.

Thomas teaches Principles of Journalism in Democracy at the undergraduate level and Media Ethics, Media Sociology, Qualitative Research Methods, and Philosophy of Journalism at the graduate level. Thomas serves on the editorial boards of *Digital Journalism*, the *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*, the *Journal of Media Ethics*, and *Journalism & Mass Communication Educator*. He is a former head of the Media Ethics Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). He holds Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in Communication from the Edward R. Murrow College of Communication at Washington State University and a B.A. degree in American Studies from Swansea University. He is a first-generation college student from Merthyr Tydfil, Wales.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Journalism and democracy; Journalism ethics; Journalism studies; Media accountability systems; Metajournalistic discourse; Normative theory; Press criticism; Sociology of news; Qualitative methods

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Communication, Washington State University, 2012

Dissertation: "Dinosaurs and donkeys: British tabloid newspapers and trade unions, 2002-2010"

Dissertation chair: Dr. Elizabeth Blanks Hindman

M.A., Communication, Washington State University, 2008

Area: Journalism ethics

B.A., American Studies, Swansea University, 2005

Area: U.S. political history

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Missouri

Missouri School of Journalism

Wallace Turner Memorial Faculty Fellow	2020-present
Associate Professor of Journalism Studies (tenured)	2018-present
Assistant Professor of Journalism Studies	2012-2018

Department of Communication, College of Arts & Sciences Courtesy faculty

2015-present

Washington State University

The Edward R. Murrow College of Communication

Teaching assistant/Instructor of record	2006-2012
Research assistant to Dr. Elizabeth Blanks Hindman	2009-2011

Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) Arab Journalism Project Program assistant

2011

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Single asterisk (*) indicates co-author was a University of Missouri doctoral student at the time work on the project commenced. Double asterisk (**) indicates co-author was a Masters' student. Triple asterisk (***) indicates co-author was an undergraduate student.

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Cortés-Martínez, C. A.*, & **Thomas, R. J.** (In press). Probing peace journalism: The discursive construction of blackness within the racial democracy of Colombia. *Journalism*.
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Craig, D., Plaisance, P. L., Schauster, E., **Thomas, R. J.**, Roberts, C., Place, K. R., Sun, Y., Chen, J., Yetter, C., & Thomas, R. L. (2021). Moving into the media world: The moral psychology of emerging adults in journalism and communication. *Journalism & Mass Communication Educator*, 76(3), 314-337. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077695821992244>

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- Finneman, T., **Thomas, R. J.**, & Jenkins, J. (2019). “I always watched Eyewitness News just to see your beautiful smile”: Ethical implications of U.S. women TV anchors’ personal branding on social media. *Journal of Media Ethics*, 34(3), 146–159. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23736992.2019.1638260>
- Vos, T. P., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2019). The discursive (re)construction of journalism’s gatekeeping role. *Journalism Practice*, 13(4), 396–412. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17512786.2018.1478746> (Lead article).
- Hinnant, A., Subramanian, R.*, Ashley, R. R.*, Perreault, M.*, Young, R., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2019). How journalists characterize health inequalities and redefine solutions for Native American audiences. *Health Communication*, 34(4), 383–391. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2017.1405482>
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- Kelling, K.*, & **Thomas, R. J.** (2018). The roles and functions of opinion journalists. *Newspaper Research Journal*, 39(4), 398–419. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0739532918806899>
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- Thomas, R. J.**, & Perreault, M. F.* (2018). A lineage of leakers? The contingency of collective memory in coverage of contemporary leaking cases. *Journalism Practice*, 12(10), 1259–1276. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17512786.2017.1389293>
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- Thomas, R. J.**, & Hindman, E. B. (2012). “People will die because of the BBC”: British newspaper reaction to the BBC Gaza appeal decision. *Journalism*, 13(5), 572–588. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1464884911431539>
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- Thomas, R. J.** (2011). Media morality and compassion for “faraway others.” *Journalism Practice*, 5(3), 287–302. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17512786.2010.540132>
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- Ross, S. D., Carter, D. L., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2009). Reporting the U.S./Mexico border in times of peace. *Media Development*, 56(1), 35-39.

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- Antony, M. G., & **Thomas, R. J.** (Eds.) (2018). *Interdisciplinary perspectives on child migrants: Seen but not heard*. Lexington.

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- Thomas, R. J.** (2021). Social empathy + compassion: Building blocks for poverty coverage. In S. L. Borden (Ed.), *The Routledge companion to news media and poverty* (pp. 74-83). Routledge.
- Thomas, R. J.**, Tandoc, E. C., Westlund, O., & Jenkins, J. (2020). Critical incidents in journalism: Conceptualization, characteristics, communities, and consequences. In E. C. Tandoc, J. Jenkins, R. J. Thomas, & O. Westlund (Eds.), *Critical incidents in journalism: Pivotal moments reshaping journalism around the world* (pp. 244-260). Routledge.
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- Thomas, R. J.**, & Hendricks, M.* (2020). Making class matter: Journalism and social class. In M. E. Len-Rios & E. L. Perry (Eds.), *Cross-cultural journalism and strategic communication: Storytelling and diversity* (2nd ed., pp. 77-99). Routledge.
- Thomas, R. J.** (2018). Harm in journalism. In P. L. Plaisance (Ed.), *Communication and media ethics* (pp. 215-234). De Gruyter Mouton. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110466034-012>
- Thomas, R. J.** (2018). Advocacy journalism. In T. P. Vos (Ed.), *Journalism* (pp. 391–413). De Gruyter Mouton. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9781501500084-020>
- Antony, M. G., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2018). Introduction: The child migrant in interdisciplinary context. In M. G. Antony & R. J. Thomas (Eds.), *Interdisciplinary perspectives on child migrants: Seen but not heard* (pp. xvii-xxv). Lexington.

- Thomas, R. J.,** Kelling, K.*, Wolfgang, J. D.*, & Greenwood, K. (2018). Discourses of compassion? British newspapers and the Alan Kurdi image. In M. G. Antony & R. J. Thomas (Eds.), *Interdisciplinary perspectives on child migrants: Seen but not heard* (pp. 45-64). Lexington.
- Thomas, R. J.,** & Antony, M. G. (2018). Conclusion: Looking forward. In M. G. Antony & R. J. Thomas (Eds.), *Interdisciplinary perspectives on child migrants: Seen but not heard* (pp. 217-223). Lexington.
- Greenwood, K., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2017). Locating the journalism in citizen photojournalism: The use and content of citizen-generated imagery. In S. Allan (Ed.), *Photojournalism and citizen journalism: Co-operation, collaboration, and connectivity* (pp. 298-316). Routledge.
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- Antony, M. G., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2016). “The classroom is NOT a sacred space”: Revisiting citizen journalism and surveillance in the digital classroom. In A. Davisson & P. Booth (Eds.), *Controversies in digital ethics* (pp. 29-43). Bloomsbury Press.
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- Antony, M. G., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2012). “This is citizen journalism at its finest”: YouTube and the public sphere in the Oscar Grant shooting incident. In M. Wall (Ed.) (2012). *Citizen journalism: Valuable, useless, or dangerous?* (pp. 99-14). iDebate Press. (Reprinted from ““This is citizen journalism at its finest’: YouTube and the public sphere in the Oscar Grant shooting incident,” 2010, *New Media & Society*, 12[8], 1280-1296, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1461444810362492>).
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Thomas, R. J. (2014). A dialectic approach to journalism ethics: Fascinating, yet unfulfilled [Review of *Journalism ethics: Arguments and cases for the twenty-first century*, by R. Patching & M. Hirst]. *Journal of Media Ethics*, 29(3), 200-202. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08900523.2014.922009>

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Thomas, R. J. (2016, April). Could Donald Trump change journalism for the better? *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/could-donald-trump-change-journalism-for-the-better-57856>

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Thomas, R. J. (2012, Spring). Considering the ethical obligations of presidential debate moderators. *Media Ethics Magazine*, 23(2). <http://www.mediaethicsmagazine.com/index.php/browse-back-issues/143-spring-2012/3998424-considering-the-ethical-obligations-of-presidential-debate-moderators>

Thomas, R. J. (2011, Fall). The future of press regulation in Britain after the *News of the World* scandal. *Media Ethics Magazine*, 23(1). <http://www.mediaethicsmagazine.com/index.php/browse-back-issues/121-fall-2011/3998404-the-future-of-press-regulation-in-britain-after-the-news-of-the-world-scandal>

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Thomas, R. J. (2021, September). *Resisting "normalization" and articulating normative foundations*. Manuscript accepted for presentation at the Future of Journalism conference, Cardiff, Wales.

Craig, D., Place, K., Schauster, E., Plaisance, P. L., Roberts, C., **Thomas, R. J.**, Yetter, C., Chen, J. (2021, August). *Moral foundations in life narratives of emerging adults in media-related fields* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Media Ethics Division). Virtual conference.

Finneman, T., Mari, W., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2021, August). *"I didn't know how we were going to survive": COVID-19's disruption of U.S. community newspapers* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Newspaper & Online News Division). Virtual conference.¹

Greenwood, K., **Thomas, R. J.**, & MacNeil, C. (2021, August). *What "lens-based workers" are owed: An exploration of the Photo Bill of Rights* [Poster presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Visual Communication Division). Virtual conference.

Craig, D., Plaisance, P. L., Schauster, E., Roberts, C., Place, K., **Thomas, R. J.**, Chen, J., & Yetter, C. (2021, May). *Toward identifying moral exemplars among emerging-adult graduates in media-related fields* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association annual conference (Mass Communication Division). Virtual conference.

Craig, D., Plaisance, P. L., Roberts, C., **Thomas, R. J.**, Place, K., Chen, J., Sun, Y., Yetter, C., & Thomas, R. L. (2021, January). *Moral psychology profiles of emerging adults by media major* [Paper presentation]. Association for Practical & Professional Ethics annual conference. Virtual conference.

Craig, D., Plaisance, P. L., Schauster, E., **Thomas, R. J.**, Roberts, C., Place, K. (2020, August). *Moving into the media world: The moral psychology of emerging adults in journalism and communication* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Media Ethics Division). Virtual conference.²

Johnson, B. G., **Thomas, R. J.**, & Fuzy, J. (2020, March). *Beyond journalism about journalism: Amicus briefs as metajournalistic discourse* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication Southeast Colloquium (Law & Policy Division). Virtual conference.

Vos, T. P., Tandoc, E. C., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2019, September). *Constructing the legitimacy of journalists' marketing role* [Paper presentation]. Future of Journalism conference, Cardiff, Wales.

Thomas, R. J. (2019, September). *Slow journalism studies* [Paper presentation]. Future of Journalism conference, Cardiff, Wales.

Hinnant, A., **Thomas, R. J.**, Volz, Y., & Vos, T. P. (2019, May). *The evolution and devolution of online comments: U.S. journalists' discursive construction of audience comments, 1990s-2018* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association annual conference (Journalism Studies Division), Washington, DC, United States of America.

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² Top faculty paper.

- Johnson, B. G., Kelling, K.*, & **Thomas, R. J.** (2019, May). *Passion or poison? Journalistic perspectives of the legal and ethical limits of hate speech* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association annual conference (Journalism Studies Division), Washington, DC, United States of America.
- Tandoc, E. C., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2019, February). *Fake vs. news: How does fake news look like compared to real news?* [Paper presentation]. European Communication Research & Education Association conference (Journalism Studies Section), Vienna, Austria.
- Thomas, R. J.**, & Tandoc, E. C. (2019, February). *In defense of (some) binaries: How and why we're not all journalists after all* [Paper presentation]. European Communication Research & Education Association conference (Journalism Studies Section), Vienna, Austria.
- Finneman, T., **Thomas, R. J.**, & Jenkins, J. (2018, November). *"I always watched Eyewitness News just to see your beautiful smile": Social media comments on women TV anchors' appearance* [Paper presentation]. International Symposium on Digital Ethics, Chicago, IL, United States of America.
- Thomas, R. J.**, & Jenkins, J. (2018, September). *Softening the news binary: Normativity, democratic capacity, and magazine journalism* [Paper presentation]. Rethinking Theories and Concepts of Mediated Communication conference, Barcelona, Spain.
- Bent, E.*, Kelling, K.*, & **Thomas, R. J.** (2018, August). *Electoral reckonings: Press criticism of presidential campaign coverage, 2000-2016* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Media Ethics Division), Washington, DC, United States of America.³
- Vos, T. P., **Thomas, R. J.**, Hinnant, A., & Volz, Y. (2018, August). *The discursive (re)construction of the objectivity norm* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Media Ethics Division), Washington, DC, United States of America.
- Thomas, R. J.**, & Vos, T. P. (2018, May). *The normative construction of participatory journalism* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association annual conference (preconference on "The participatory turn ten years later: Trust/distrust and engagement/disengagement"), Prague, Czech Republic.
- Vos, T. P., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2018, May). *The discursive (re)construction of journalism's gatekeeping role* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association annual conference (Journalism Studies Division), Prague, Czech Republic.
- Vos, T. P., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2017, September). *The discursive construction of journalistic authority in a post-truth age* [Paper presentation]. Future of Journalism conference, Cardiff, Wales.
- Morales, A.*, & **Thomas, R. J.** (2017, August). *"Praised Be" praised: Religious and secular magazine coverage of Pope Francis' climate encyclical* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Religion & Media Interest Group), Chicago, IL, United States of America.

³ Top faculty paper.

- Thomas, R. J.** (2017, February). *There is no such thing as the mainstream media: An exploration of conceptual degradation* [Paper presentation]. Reconceptualizing the Field: International Perspectives conference, Brussels, Belgium.
- Hinnant, A., Subramanian, R.*, Ashley, R.*, Perreault, M.*, Young, R., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2016, August). *How journalists characterize health inequalities and redefine solutions for Native American audiences* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Communicating Science, Health, Environment, & Risk Division), Minneapolis, MN, United States of America.
- Tandoc, E. C., Takahashi, B., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2016, August). *Bias against bias: How Fox News covered Pope Francis' climate change stance*. Paper presented at Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Media Ethics Division), Minneapolis, MN, United States of America.
- Finneman, T.*, & **Thomas, R. J.** (2016, August). *The royal family, the British press, and a hoax: Evaluating journalistic and public responses* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Media Ethics Division), Minneapolis, MN, United States of America.
- Craft, S. C., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2016, July). *Metajournalism and media ethics* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association annual conference (Journalism Studies Division), Fukuoka, Japan.
- Antony, M. G., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2015, November). *"Stop sending your kids across our border": Discursively constructing the unaccompanied youth migrant* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association annual conference (International & Intercultural Communication Division), Las Vegas, NV, United States of America.
- Tandoc, E. C.*, & **Thomas, R. J.** (2015, August). *Objective, opaque, and credible: The impact of objectivity and transparency on news credibility* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Newspaper & Online News Division), San Francisco, CA, United States of America.
- Antony, M. G., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2014, November). *"The classroom is NOT a sacred space": Revisiting citizen journalism and surveillance in the digital classroom* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association annual conference (Human Communication & Technology Division), Chicago, IL, United States of America.
- Thomas, R. J.** (2014, October). *Paternalism as an ethical orientation (or, how I learned to stop worrying and love paternalism)* [Paper presentation]. Digital Disruption to Journalism & Mass Communication Theory conference, Brussels, Belgium.
- Thomas, R. J.**, Tandoc, E. C.*, & Hinnant, A. (2014, August). *Truth, objectivity, and false balance in public health reporting: Michele Bachmann, HPV, and "mental retardation"* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Communicating Science, Health, Environment, & Risk Division), Montreal, Canada.⁴

⁴ Top 4 faculty paper.

- Tandoc, E. C.*, & **Thomas, R. J.** (2014, August). *Is “doing well” doing any good? How web analytics and social media are changing journalists’ perceptions of news quality* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Mass Communication & Society Division), Montreal, Canada.
- Karaliova, T.*, Russell, F.*, Choi, H.*, Christensen, M.*, & **Thomas, R. J.** (2014, August). *Picturing health and community: A visual perspective of Photovoice Missouri* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Visual Communication Division), Montreal, Canada.⁵
- Tandoc, E. C.*, & **Thomas, R. J.** (2014, May). *The ethics of web analytics: Implications of using audience metrics in news construction* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association annual conference (Journalism Studies Division), Seattle, WA, United States of America.
- Thomas, R. J.**, & Antony, M. G. (2013, November). *“Britain is at her best when she is bold”: British Newspaper comment on the 2012 Olympics opening ceremony* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association annual conference (Political Communication Division). Washington, DC, United States of America.
- Thomas, R. J.**, & Hindman, E. B. (2013, August). *Juan Williams, NPR, and role-related responsibilities* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Media Ethics Division), Washington, DC, United States of America.
- Finneman, T.*, & **Thomas, R. J.** (2013, August). *“Greatest” Grace Coolidge: Why a First Lady who once captured America is now forgotten* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Commission on the Status of Women). Washington, DC, United States of America.
- Grillo, M. C., Antony, M. G., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2013, April). *The symbolic politics of peace: How Great Britain used the opening ceremony of the Olympics to redefine its national identity* [Paper presentation]. Midwest Political Science Association annual conference (Ethnicity & Nationalism Division), Chicago, IL, United States of America.
- Woffinden, C. R., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2012, November). *Moving the critical into the social: Critical and cultural studies, persuasion, agency, & resistance* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association annual conference (Critical & Cultural Studies Division), Orlando, FL, United States of America.
- Drzewiecka, J. A., Hoops, J. F., **Thomas, R. J.**, & Ross, S. D. (2012, November). *Rescaling migrants and disciplining workers in discourses on EU migration in UK newspapers* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association annual conference (International & Intercultural Division), Orlando, FL, United States of America.
- Hindman, E. B., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2012, August). *When old and new media collide: The case of WikiLeaks* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Communication Technology Division), Chicago, IL, United States of America.

⁵ 2nd place faculty paper.

- Antony, M. G., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2011, November). *Realism, rationalization, and rejection: Moral disengagement and real media violence* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association annual conference (Mass Communication Division), New Orleans, LA, United States of America.
- Hindman, E. B., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2011, August). *Journalism's "crazy old Aunt": Helen Thomas and paradigm repair* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Media Ethics Division), St. Louis, MO, United States of America.⁶
- Hindman, E. B., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2011, August). *Media responsibility in a public health crisis: An analysis of news coverage of H1N1 "swine" flu in one community* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Media Ethics Division), St. Louis, MO, United States of America.
- Peterson, J. C., **Thomas, R. J.**, & Antony, M. G. (2011, May). *"I am doing what I can": Exploring home stability using photovoice and CBPR* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association annual conference (Visual Communication Division), Boston, MA, United States of America.
- DeLaurier, M., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2010, November). *Speaking of materiality: Re-centering the material world in critical communication scholarship* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association annual conference (Organizational Communication Division), San Francisco, CA, United States of America.
- Hoops, J. F., **Thomas, R. J.**, Drzewiecka, J. A., & Ross, S. D. (2010, June). *The Polish plumber as a pawn in the British newspaper discourse on Polish post-EU enlargement immigration to the UK* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association annual conference (Race & Ethnicity Division), Singapore.⁷
- Thomas, R. J.** (2009, November). *The discourse of welfare reform in Labour Party election manifestos, 1945-2005* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association annual conference (Political Communication Division), Chicago, IL, United States of America.
- Thomas, R. J.**, & Antony, M. G. (2009, November). *Keeping the chavs in check: Fashion, identity, and the British underclass* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association annual conference (Critical & Cultural Studies Division), Chicago, IL, United States of America.
- Antony, M. G., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2009, November). *"This is citizen journalism at its finest": YouTube and the public sphere in the Oscar Grant shooting incident* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association annual conference (Mass Communication Division), Chicago, IL, United States of America.
- Thomas, R. J.** (2009, August). *Media morality and compassion for "faraway others."* Paper presented at the Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Media Ethics Division), Boston, MA, United States of America.⁸

⁶ Top faculty paper.

⁷ Top faculty paper.

⁸ Top student paper; Winner, AEJMC/Kappa Tau Alpha/University of Hawaii Carol Burnett Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Media Ethics.

- Thomas, R. J., & Kushin, M. J.** (2009, August). *Moral panics, media, and happy slaps* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Cultural & Critical Studies Division), Boston, MA, United States of America.
- Thomas, R. J., & Antony, M. G.** (2009, August). *Sniffing out sleeping dogs: Web 2.0 and reconceptualizing the public sphere and guard-dog media* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Mass Communication & Society Division), Boston, MA, United States of America.
- Thomas, R. J.** (2008, August). *I'm looking for Jack Bauer: 24, torture, and getting your hands dirty* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Cultural & Critical Studies Division), Chicago, IL, United States of America.
- Carter, D. L., **Thomas, R. J., & Ross, S. D.** (2008, July). *You are not a friend: Media conflict in times of peace* [Paper presentation]. International Association for Media & Communication Research annual conference (International Communication Division), Stockholm, Sweden.
- Thomas, R. J.** (2007, November). *The construction of identity among college-age Democrats* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association annual conference (Student Section), Chicago, IL, United States of America.⁹
- Thomas, R. J., Antony, M. G., Chang, H., Conley, D. B., & Zhu, Z.** (2007, November). *Blue in the face: Media framing of the Clinton/Wallace interview* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association annual conference (Political Communication Division), Chicago, IL, United States of America.
- Pinkleton, B. E., Austin, E. W., Arganbright, M., Bryant, E., Chang, H., Dalisay, F., Epstein, E., Fu, H., Gallagher, E. B., Hmielowski, J. D., Solodovnikova, Y., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2007, August). *Cynicism versus skepticism in citizens' attitudes toward the media and political decision-making* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Mass Communication & Society Division), Washington, DC, United States of America.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PANEL PRESENTATIONS

- Craft, S. C., Meyers, C., Plaisance, P. L., **Thomas, R. J., & Wasserman, E.** (2020, February). *Normalizing the aberrant: Responsible journalism in a hyper-partisan era* [Panel presentation]. Association for Practical & Professional Ethics, Atlanta, GA, United States of America.

INVITED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Thomas, R. J.** (2021, August). *Diversity, equity, and inclusion in different types of media ethics courses* [Invited paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Media Ethics and Media Law & Policy Divisions). Virtual conference.

⁹ Top student paper.

- Thomas, R. J.** (2021, August). *Social empathy + compassion: Building blocks for poverty coverage* [Invited paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference (Commission on the Status of Women and Media Ethics Division). Virtual conference.
- Hendricks, M., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2020, November). *Why social class matters in journalism coverage* [Invited paper presentation]. National High School Journalism Convention, Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association, Orlando, FL, United States of America. Virtual conference.
- Thomas, R. J.** (2018, September). *The “is-ought” tension in journalism studies and beyond* [Invited paper presentation]. Rethinking Theories and Concepts of Mediated Communication conference, Barcelona, Spain.
- Thomas, R. J.** (2017, March). *What is Britain? Competing constructions of British national identity in UK newspapers during the “Brexit” campaign* [Invited paper presentation]. Diversity of European Identities conference at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, United States of America.
- Thomas, R. J.** (2015, October). *In defense of journalistic paternalism* [Invited paper presentation]. Lincoln University Annual Conference on Philosophy & Theology, Jefferson City, MO, United States of America.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS

- Thomas, R. J.** (2020, November). *Media ethics research* [Invited presentation, delivered virtually]. Department of Media & Communication, East Tennessee State University, United States of America.
- Thomas, R. J.** (2019, November). *Journalism ethics amid processes of change* [Invited presentation]. Faculty of Information Technology & Communication Sciences at Tampere University, Tampere, Finland.
- Thomas, R. J.** (2017, November). *Paternalism, journalism, and journalism studies* [Invited presentation, delivered virtually]. Wee Kim Wee School of Communication & Information at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.
- Thomas, R. J.** (2016, November). *Teaching media ethics in the 21st century: Strategies and perspectives* [Invited presentation]. The Walter Cronkite Conference on Media Ethics & Integrity at Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, MO, United States of America.
- Thomas, R. J.** (2016, October). *Journalism ethics and “disruption”* [Invited presentation, delivered virtually]. Wee Kim Wee School of Communication & Information at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.
- Thomas, R. J.** (2015, October). *The relationship between journalism and democracy amid processes of change* [Invited presentation, delivered virtually]. Wee Kim Wee School of Communication & Information at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

Thomas, R. J. (2015, March). *Journalism, democracy, and technological change* [Invited presentation, delivered virtually]. Department of Communication Studies at Schreiner University, Kerrville, TX, United States of America.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI PROGRAMS

Moy, A.***, & **Thomas, R. J.** (2016, February). *Journalism and social justice* [Invited presentation]. University of Missouri Social Justice Symposium, Columbia, MO, United States of America.

Thomas, R. J. (2013, October). *Dinosaurs and donkeys: British tabloid newspapers and trade unions, 2002-2010* [Invited presentation]. Department of Communication research colloquium, Columbia, MO, United States of America.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS, SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM PROGRAMS

Thomas, R. J. (2017, March). *Journalism ethics and the problem of “the mainstream media”* [Invited presentation]. Missouri School of Journalism Global Programs, Columbia, MO, United States of America.

Thomas, R. J. (2016, September). *Journalism ethics in a changing media landscape* [Invited presentation]. Missouri School of Journalism Online M.A. Program, Columbia, MO, United States of America.

Thomas, R. J. (2015, April). *Journalism and democracy* [Invited presentation]. Alfred Friendly Press Partners fellows, Columbia, MO, United States of America.

Vos, T. P., & **Thomas, R. J.** (2014, April). *Journalism ethics and professionalism* [Invited presentation]. East-West Center, Pakistan-United States Journalists Exchange. Columbia, MO, United States of America.

Thomas, R. J. (2013, November). *Mastering graduate school* [Invited presentation]. Missouri School of Journalism undergraduate students. Columbia, MO, United States of America.

Thomas, R. J. (2013, September). *Studying journalistic narratives* [Invited presentation]. Missouri School of Journalism online MA students. Columbia, MO, United States of America.

TEACHING

Undergraduate courses taught:

JOURN 1100: Principles of Journalism in Democracy (F14; F15¹⁰; F17; F19; F20; S21; F21)
 Freshman-level, large lecture course required for students seeking to certify into the journalism major. Introduces students to journalism's roles and responsibilities in a democracy.
Course coordinator, Fall 2015-present

¹⁰ Co-taught with Dr. Brett Johnson.

JOURN 2000: Cross-Cultural Journalism (S13; F16¹¹)

Sophomore-level, large lecture course required for students seeking to certify into the journalism major. Examines issues of equity and diversity in journalism and strategic communication.

Graduate courses taught:**JOURN 8000: Mass Media Seminar (F12; S13; F13; F15)**

MA required course that introduces students to research in journalism studies and strategic communication and helps them develop their own research interests.

JOURN 8008: Qualitative Research Methods in Journalism (S14; S20)

MA required course and PhD elective. Introduces students to the theory and application of qualitative research methods in journalism studies and strategic communication.

JOURN 8026: Philosophy of Journalism (F15; F17; F18; F19; F20; F21)

MA/PhD elective seminar. Examines normative theories of journalism in the context of the relationship between journalism and democracy.

JOURN 8032: Media Sociology (S18; S19)

MA/PhD elective seminar. Explores the levels of influence that explain why journalism turns out the way it does.

JOURN 8080: Media Ethics (F13; F14; S15; S16; F16; S17; S18; S20)

MA/PhD elective seminar. Explores classic and contemporary approaches to ethical decision-making and applies them to ethical problems in journalism and strategic communication.

JOURN 9006: Doctoral Theory & Research II (S14¹²)

PhD required course. Focuses on theories and methods specific to the fields of journalism studies and strategic communication.

JOURN 9010: Doctoral Research Design (S16)

PhD required course. Examines principles of research design from conceptualization to execution.

Undergraduate independent studies supervised:**JOURN 4350: Problems in Journalism:**

Marginalized Groups in Journalism (S14)

Graduate independent studies supervised:**JOURN 8085/9085: Problems in Journalism**

Critical & Cultural Studies (S14)

The Interpretive Tradition in Journalism Studies (Su14)

Metajournalistic Discourse and Press Criticism (S15)

Journalism & Democracy (F16)

Teaching Journalism & Democracy (S20)

Political Philosophy & its Application to Journalism Ethics (F20)

Political Economy of News (F21)

¹¹ Co-taught with Dr. Debra Mason.

¹² Co-taught with Dr. Shelly Rodgers.

Guest lectures given for Missouri School of Journalism courses:

JOURN 1010: Career Explorations in Journalism (Nov. 2016)

JOURN 1100: Principles of American Journalism (Sept. 2016; Oct. 2016)

JOURN 2000: Cross-Cultural Journalism (Oct. 2012; Sept. 2014; Nov. 2016; Nov. 2017; Oct. 2018; March 2019; Nov. 2020)

JOURN 2100: News (Mar. 2016)

JOURN 8008: Qualitative Research Methods in Journalism (Apr. 2016; Feb. 2017)

JOURN 9000: Doctoral Theory & Research I (Nov. 2016; Oct. 2017; Oct. 2018; Oct. 2019; Oct. 2020)

JOURN 9010: Doctoral Research Design (Apr. 2015)

JOURN 9087: Doctoral Professional Development (Feb. 2015; Mar. 2016)

Teaching resources developed:

Coordinated training for incoming Journalism Studies teaching assistants (F15; F16, F18)

Created a module on Journalism Ethics for an American Society of News Editors (ASNE) [training toolkit](#) for secondary-school journalism teachers and students (S16; S19)

Mentorship and evaluation of doctoral student apprentice instructors:

JOURN 1100: Principles of American Journalism

Youn-Joo Park, Mimi Perreault, Alecia Swasy (2013/14)

Joy Jenkins, Frank Russell (2014/15)

Marina Hendricks, Joseph Moore (2015/16)

T. J. Thomson (2017/18)

Shane Epping, Rob Jones (2019/20)

Chad Owsley (2020/21)

LaRissa Lawrie (2021/22)

JOURN 2000: Cross-Cultural Journalism

Edson C. Tandoc (2013/14)

Alejandro Morales (2016/17)

Peer teaching evaluations conducted

Dr. Beverly Horvit Oct. 2016

Dr. Brett Johnson Oct. 2018

Dr. Cristina Mislán Apr. 2019

Dr. Michael Kearney Oct. 2019

Dr. Monique Luisi Feb. 2020

Prof. Amy Simons Sept. 2020

Dr. Amanda Hinnant Oct. 2020

ADVISING

Doctoral committees currently chairing

Elizabeth Bent

Jeremy Fuzy

Indah Setiawati

Doctoral dissertations supervised

Kimberly Kelling (dissertation defended April 2018). *The battle within: A mixed methods exploration into political journalism and role strain*. Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.¹³

Marina Hendricks (dissertation defended July 2017). *Journalism's next generation: Socialization of high school journalists*. Assistant Professor, South Dakota State University.

Mimi Perreault (dissertation defended April 2016). *Local journalism beyond the command post: Journalists as strategic communicators and citizen stakeholders in natural disaster recovery*. Assistant Professor, East Tennessee State University.

Doctoral committee membership (current)

Siti Rahil Binte Dollah¹⁴
 Nathan Katz¹⁵
 Lisa Lenoir
 Joseph Moore
 Wm. Bryan Paul¹⁶
 Diamond Stacker

Doctoral committee membership (completed)

<i>Student</i>	<i>Defended</i>
Joseph Jones	Apr. 2021
Lei Guo	July 2020
Sara Shaban Hendrixson	Apr. 2020
Ayleen Cabas-Mijares ¹⁷	June 2019
Joel Reed ¹⁸	May 2019
Alejandro Morales	July 2018
Carlos Cortés-Martinez	Apr. 2018
Rocio Galarza-Molina ¹⁹	Apr. 2018
T. J. Thomson	Apr. 2018
Yanfang Wu	July 2017
Tatsiana Karaliova	June 2017
J. David Wolfgang	Apr. 2016
Teri Finneman	Apr. 2015
Alecia Swasy	Aug. 2014

Doctoral qualifying papers/portfolios reviewed

Spring 2021: LaRissa Lawrie, Cory MacNeil, Indah Setiawati
 Spring 2020: Yuanyi Chen, Jeremy Fuzy
 Spring 2019: Lisa Lenoir
 Spring 2018: Elizabeth Bent, Lei Guo, Sara Shaban Hendrixson
 Spring 2017: Ayleen Cabas-Mijares
 Spring 2016: Rokeshia Ashley, Kimberly Kelling, T. J. Thomson, Douglas Wilbur
 Spring 2015: Liz Lance, Joseph Moore, Alejandro Morales, Anthony Roth
 Spring 2014: Heesook Choi, Marina Hendricks

¹³ Winner, Missouri School of Journalism doctoral dissertation of the year.

¹⁴ Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University.

¹⁵ Department of Sociology, University of Missouri.

¹⁶ Department of Communication, University of Missouri.

¹⁷ Winner, Missouri School of Journalism doctoral dissertation of the year.

¹⁸ Department of Communication, University of Missouri.

¹⁹ Department of Communication, University of Missouri.

M.A. thesis/professional project committees currently chairing

Nathan Anderson
 Samuel Manas
 Diana Manuhutu

M.A. theses/professional projects supervised

- Xuan Qi. *Local grassroots left-wing activists' use of social media and the aftermath of the removal of their Facebook accounts*. Professional project defended April 2021.
- Trevor Hook. *Pivot to what? The metajournalistic discourse surrounding Facebook's "pivot to video."* Professional project defended December 2020.
- Indah Setiawati. *To quit or not to quit: Voluntary turnover among millennial English-language journalists in Indonesia*. Thesis defended July 2020.
- Toan Quach. *Understanding the practice and attitude of community engagement by journalists at American nonprofit newsrooms*. Thesis defended May 2020.
- Rose McManus. *When does attention Trump all? Examining coverage decisions during the 2016 Presidential Election*. Thesis defended November 2019.
- David Estrada Orúe. *Multi-tasking as a student-reporter: Video journalism and news quality in local television*. Professional project defended April 2019.
- Alexandra Bishop. *Bursting your (filter) bubble: How personalization is changing the way you perceive reality from the information you consume on social media*. Thesis defended February 2019.
- Kelsie Schrader. *Second class: Local and elite media framing of poverty in the Appalachian opioid epidemic*. Thesis defended November 2018.
- Brooke Vaughan. *Covering Catalonia: Hard news and travel journalism on the Spain-Catalonia conflict of 2017*. Thesis defended November 2018.
- Caroline Bauman. *How journalists shift toward engaging historically marginalized communities in a digital age*. Thesis defended April 2017.
- Francisco Vara-Orta. *The resilience of journalists of color in newsroom management*. Professional project defended April 2017.
- Andrew Koch. *Voracious villains or hungry heroes? Depictions of food critics in popular media*. Thesis defended April 2017.
- Elizabeth Pippert. *Framing same-sex marriage: A comparative textual analysis of Maryland newspapers*. Professional project defended September 2016.
- Aaron Franco. *Seeking spoils from the millennial float: The emerging generation's implications for advertising ethics*. Thesis defended July 2015.
- Sasu Siegelbaum. *To infinity and beyond: An exploration of the impacts of technological and economic changes on journalism*. Thesis defended April 2014.
- Noelle Steele. *Trolls under the bridge: Anonymous online comments and gatekeeping in the digital realm*. Thesis defended November 2013.

M.A. thesis/professional project committee membership (current)

Wei Hua
 Don Hughes
 Ryan Schleeter
 Kathleen Snow

M.A. thesis/professional project committee membership (completed)

<i>Student</i>	<i>Defended</i>
Victoria Alaniz	Apr. 2021
Maria Benevento	Apr. 2021
Leslie Klein	Apr. 2021
Marlee Baldrige	Dec. 2020

Ralph Chapoco	Dec. 2020
Hiroaki Kono	May 2020
Alexis Allison	Apr. 2020
Isabel Crane	Apr. 2020
Tynan Stewart	Nov. 2019
Joseph Siess	May 2019
Arthur Bremer	Apr. 2019
Katie Cothron	Apr. 2019
Gordon Severson	Apr. 2019
Monica Kwasnik	Apr. 2018
Genevieve Conti	Oct. 2017
Nana Naskidashvili	July 2017
Brittany Carlson	Apr. 2017
Sopheak Hoeun ²⁰	Apr. 2017
Cecilia Salamone	Apr. 2017
Katie Yaeger	Apr. 2017
Eimear Arkins	Nov. 2016
Kevin Drew	Apr. 2016
Frances Gordon	Apr. 2016
Michael Hoffman	Apr. 2016
Landon Woodruff	Apr. 2016
Amanda Kappel	Dec. 2015
Tatiana Darie	Nov. 2015
Joy Han	Oct. 2015
Cameron Dodd	Apr. 2015
Maura Hohman	Apr. 2015
Abby Johnston	Apr. 2015
Vicki Brown	Nov. 2014
Gan Yi	May 2014
Emily Stewart	Feb. 2014
Raven Maragh	Nov. 2013
Scott Snipkie	Apr. 2013

Mentorship of undergraduate students

<i>Student</i>	<i>Years mentored</i>	<i>Program</i>
Abby West	2019-2020	Discovery Fellow
Lauren Bishop	2017-2019	Discovery Fellow/Walter Williams scholar
Andrew McCulloch	2014-2015	Discovery Fellow
Eric Yount	2013-2014	Walter Williams scholar

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2021 Top paper, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (Newspaper & Online News Division)
- 2021 Recipient, University of Missouri Faculty Council Shared Governance Award
- 2020 Top paper, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (Media Ethics Division)

²⁰ Department of Communication, University of Missouri.

- 2020 Recipient, University of Missouri Gold Chalk Teaching Award
- 2020 Nominee, *Journalism Studies* article of the year
- 2020 Recipient, Donald W. Reynolds Faculty Fellowship
- 2020 Recipient, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication Senior Scholars Grant
- 2019 Commendation for reviewing for *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*²¹
- 2019 Finalist, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication Media Ethics Division Teaching Excellence Award
- 2019 Nominee, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication Kriehbaum Under-40 Award
- 2019 Inductee, Kappa Tau Alpha Honor Society
- 2018 Top paper, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (Media Ethics Division)
- 2018 Reynolds Journalism Institute research support grant, \$10,765
- 2017 Nominee, University of Missouri President's Early Career Award
- 2017 Nominee, University of Missouri Provost's Outstanding Junior Faculty Award
- 2015 Nominee, Andrew Carnegie Fellows program
- 2015 Nominee, University of Missouri Provost's Outstanding Junior Faculty Award
- 2014 2nd place paper, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (Visual Communication Division)
- 2014 Top 4 paper, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (Communicating Science, Health, Environment, & Risk Division)
- 2012 Nominee, Nafziger-White-Salwen Dissertation Award, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication
- 2012 Winner, Graduate Student Researcher of the Year, The Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, Washington State University
- 2012 Winner, Graduate Student Teacher of the Year, The Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, Washington State University
- 2011 Top paper, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (Media Ethics Division)
- 2011 Winner, Graduate Student Teacher of the Year, The Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, Washington State University
- 2011 Runner-up, Graduate Student Researcher of the Year, The Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, Washington State University
- 2011 Winner, Doctoral Scholarship for Research Excellence, Washington State University
- 2010 Top paper, International Communication Association (Race & Ethnicity Division)
- 2009 Top student paper, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (Media Ethics Division); Winner, AEJMC/Kappa Tau Alpha/University of Hawaii Carol Burnett Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Media Ethics
- 2007 Top paper, National Communication Association (Student Section)
- 2003 Recipient, Welsh Assembly Learning Grant

²¹ From *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly* editor Louisa Ha: "Among the 432 ad hoc reviewers of JMCQ in 2018, Dr. Thomas stood out as one of the top reviewers this year."

SERVICE

Service to the Missouri School of Journalism

Standing committee membership:

- Member, Dean's executive council, 2018-present
- Member, Policy committee (elected), 2018-present
 - Chair (elected), 2018-present
 - Chair, standing committee revision subcommittee, 2018-2019
 - Chair, bylaw integration subcommittee, 2019-2021
- Member, Promotion and tenure committee (elected), 2018-present
 - Member, bylaws revision subcommittee, 2019-2020
 - Member, committee structure subcommittee, 2019-2020
- Member, Doctoral affairs committee, 2015-present
 - Chair, 2018-2019
- Member, Student recruitment and outreach committee, 2012-2015
 - Co-chair, 2013-2014
 - Chair, 2014-2015

Search committee membership:

- Member, Reynolds Journalism Institute research director search committee, 2019-2021
- Member, Leonard H. Goldenson Endowed Chair in Radio & Television Journalism search committee, 2016-2017
- Member, Journalism Studies search committee (media law/ethics), 2014-2015
- Member, Journalism Studies search committee (qualitative research methods), 2013-2014

Ad hoc committee membership:

- Member, Strategic Planning team, 2020-present
- Member, ad hoc committee on learning objectives in core curriculum, 2019
- Member, ad hoc committee on revising freshman courses, 2018
- Member, ad hoc committee on doctoral qualifying exam process, 2018
- Member, strategic planning subcommittee on faculty, staff, and student recruitment, retention, and culture, 2016-2017
- Member, ad hoc committee on core doctoral curriculum, 2016-2017
- Chair, ad hoc committee on undergraduate upper division seminars, 2016-2017
- Member, ad hoc committee on annual evaluations, 2015-2016

Research group membership:

- Member and co-lead, Media sociology research group, 2016-present
- Lead member, Media ethics, law, and policy research group, 2016-present

Service to the University of Missouri

Committee membership:

- Member, University of Missouri Faculty Affairs Committee, 2021-present
 - Graduate School
 - Reviewer, Graduate School Fellowship program, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
 - Honors College
 - Member, Honors committee, 2015-2018
 - Member, curriculum committee, 2015-2016
 - Reviewer, Stamps scholarship program, 2017
 - Member, advisory committee on scholars & fellows, 2017-2018

Participation in student organization events:

- Moderator, Residence Halls Association student debate on coverage of the U.S. Presidential election, 2016
- Panelist, Residence Halls Association forum on career possibilities in journalism, 2015
- Reviewer, Graduate Student Association “CV doctor” event, mentoring MU graduate students on their vitas, 2012, 2013

Reviewer for Tenure/Promotion/Reappointment Cases

- University of Houston, 2019
- University of South Carolina, 2019

Service in professional associations*Leadership/Service to professional associations:*

- Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication
 - Member, Name and Identity Task Force, 2021-present
 - Member, Emerging Scholars Program Steering Committee, 2017-present
 - Member, Ad hoc committee on member demographics, 2016-2017
 - Member, Council of Divisions, 2015-2017
 - Media Ethics Division
 - Reviewer, Penn State Davis Ethics Dissertation Award, 2021
 - Mentor to junior faculty, 2020-present
 - Division head, 2016-2017
 - Vice-head/Programming chair, 2015-2016
 - Research chair, 2014-2015
 - Newsletter editor, 2012-2014
 - Graduate student representative, 2011-2012

Conference panel moderation/discussant:

- 2021, Aug. Organized and moderated a panel on “The ethical obligations of journalism educators” at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference (virtual conference).
- 2020, Aug. Moderated a panel on “Journalism ethics amid conflict and change” at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference (virtual conference).
- 2019, May Co-organized an International Communication Association pre-conference on “critical incidents in journalism” co-sponsored by ICA’s Journalism Studies Division, Nanyang Technological University, Oslo Metropolitan University, the University of Missouri, and the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, Washington, DC, United States of America.
- 2018, Sept. Moderated and served as discussant for a panel on new directions in journalism studies at the Rethinking Theories and Concepts of Mediated Communication conference, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2017, Feb. Moderated and served as discussant for a panel on reconceptualizing journalism at the Reconceptualizing the Field: International Perspectives conference, Brussels, Belgium.
- 2016, Nov. Moderated a panel on emerging ethics challenges at the Walter Cronkite Conference on Media Ethics & Integrity at Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, MO, United States of America.

- 2016, Sept. Moderated a panel on student press freedom at the Price Sloan Symposium for Media, Ethics & Law, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, United States of America.
- 2016, Aug. Moderated a panel on the ethics of political cartoons at the Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference co-sponsored by the History and Media Ethics Divisions, Minneapolis, MN, United States of America.
- 2016, Aug. Organized and moderated a panel on approaches to media ethics research at the Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference sponsored by the Media Ethics Division, Minneapolis, MN, United States of America.
- 2012, Aug. Organized and moderated a panel on journalistic coverage of social class and inequality at the Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication annual conference, co-sponsored by the History and Media Ethics Divisions, Minneapolis, MN, United States of America.

Editorial and refereeing responsibilities

Journal editorial board member:

- Journal of Media Ethics* (2016-present)
- Digital Journalism* (2020-present)
- Journalism & Mass Communication Educator* (2020-present)
- Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media* (2021-present)

Ad hoc manuscript reviewer for journals²²:

- British Journal of Politics & International Relations* (2018)
- Communication Review* (2013)
- Communication Studies* (2020)
- Cyberpsychology* (2021)
- Electronic Journal of Communication* (2018 x2)
- Digital Journalism* (2015, 2019, 2020, 2021)
- International Journal of Press/Politics* (2013)
- Journal of Applied Journalism & Media Studies* (2015)
- Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media* (2021)
- Journal of Communication Inquiry* (2018)
- Journal of Consumer Culture* (2013)
- Journal of International Communication* (2021)
- Journal of Media Ethics* (2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 x2, 2019, 2020, 2021)
- Journal of Middle East Media* (2021)
- Journalism* (2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 x2)
- Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly* (2014 x2, 2015, 2016 x2, 2017, 2018, 2019)
- Journalism & Media* (2021 x2)
- Journalism Practice* (2016, 2017, 2019 x2, 2020 x2, 2021)
- Journalism Studies* (2010, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020)
- Mass Communication & Society* (2016, 2020)
- Media & Communication* (2018, 2019, 2021)
- Mobile Media & Communication* (2020)
- National Identities* (2017)
- New Media & Society* (2012, 2015 x3, 2016)

²² Parentheses indicate year of initial manuscript assignment to me as a reviewer.

Newspaper Research Journal (2021)
Sport in Society (2017)

Ad hoc manuscript reviewer for presses²³:

Bloomsbury (2014)
 De Gruyter (2016)
 Oxford University Press (2010, 2016)
 Palgrave Macmillan (2017, 2018)
 Polity Press (2019)
 Routledge (2016, 2017 x3, 2019, 2020)
 Rowman & Littlefield (2017, 2019)
 Sage (2011)
 University of Missouri Press (2020)

Ad hoc manuscript reviewer for professional associations²⁴:

Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (AEJMC)
 Cultural & Critical Studies Division (2013, 2016, 2017, 2018)
 Media Ethics Division (2017, 2019, 2021)
 Newspaper & Online News Division (2017)
 Tankard Book Prize (2017)
 European Communication Research & Education Association (ECREA)
 Journalism 2020 conference (2020)
 International Communication Association (ICA)
 Journalism Studies Division (2019)
 Special Call (2018)
 Walter Cronkite Conference on Media Ethics & Integrity (2016, 2017)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participant, Excellence in Online Teaching program	2020
Participant, Best Practices in Online Teaching program	2020
Participant, Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) course in Effective Online Teaching Practices	2020-2021
Participant, Online Course Design Basics program	2020
Participant, Power Shift training in Workplace Integrity	2019
Member, University of Missouri Faculty Institute for Inclusive Teaching program	2019-2020
Member, University of Missouri Faculty Scholars program	2013-2014

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Views of the News (KBIA), Guest panelist for media analysis show:

January 22, 2020, [Remembering Rod Gelatt](#)
 October 23, 2019, [Ragtag Society cuts ties with The Crossing](#)
 October 17, 2018, [The search for truth about Jamal Khashoggi](#).

²³ Parentheses indicate year of initial manuscript assignment to me as a reviewer. Listing includes book proposals, book chapters, and encyclopedia/bibliography entries.

²⁴ Parentheses indicate year of conference.

- October 3, 2018, [The ongoing Kavanaugh confirmation saga](#).
- July 25, 2018, [News deserts emerge in urban centers](#).
- March 14, 2018, [National Geographic reckons with racist past](#).
- February 28, 2018, [The influence of social media influencers like Kylie Jenner](#).
- January 31, 2018, [State of the Union, fake news, fake followers](#).
- November 16, 2017, [Is the media stirring the pot?](#)
- October 11, 2017, [Sexual harassment allegations waged against Harvey Weinstein](#).
- September 7, 2017, [What's behind the box office slump?](#)
- September 14, 2016, [Hillary Clinton's health, Donald Trump's RT interview](#).
- March 23, 2016, [Covering the Brussels terror attacks](#).
- January 14, 2015, [Ethical, safety decisions after Charlie Hebdo attack](#).
- Just the News*, July 31, 2021, "[Ethics shift: NPR will now let journalists take part in partisan activist demonstrations](#)" (interviewed).
- Vox Magazine*, December 30, 2020, "[How to navigate tough conversations at Thanksgiving](#)" (interviewed).
- Futurity*, June 23, 2020, "[2016 election prompts big question about role of journalists](#)" (research cited).
- University of Missouri*, February 25, 2020, "[Missouri faculty team receives AEJMC Senior Scholars grant to help in their study of articles written 'by journalists about journalism'](#)" (research cited).
- The Daily Beast*, January 11, 2020, "[Facebook helped decimate the media industry but wants journalists to do its job](#)" (interviewed).
- Columbia Missourian*, June 19, 2018, "[When it comes to Native American health coverage, readers need more context](#)" (research cited).
- Red Lake Nation News*, June 13, 2018, "[Journalists say context is key when covering health challenges in Native American communities](#)" (research cited).
- ABC News*, January 17, 2018, "[Is it news? Ansari story triggers media ethics debate](#)" (interviewed).
- The Maneater*, February 7, 2017. "[MU journalism faculty assess state of the press in Trump era](#)" (interviewed).
- Nieman Reports*, November 18, 2016: "[Post-truth politics](#)" (interviewed).
- KCOU*, November 6, 2016: "[International Mizzou academia give thoughts on US politics](#)" (interviewed).
- The Huffington Post*, September 29, 2016: "[The dangerous myth of media objectivity](#)" (research cited).
- Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics, and Public Policy*, January 14, 2016: "[Media and politics must-reads](#)" (research cited).
- KCUR*, November 18, 2015: "[How does America view the media?](#)" (interviewed).
- Mashable*, August 19, 2015: "[Why the media can't tell you everything about the Ashley Madison hack](#)" (interviewed).

Knight Digital Media Center, June 8, 2015: “[Citizen photography used sparingly by news organizations](#)” (research cited).

Nieman Journalism Lab, December 19, 2014: “[Complicating the network: The year in social media research](#)” (research cited).

Nieman Journalism Lab, May 30, 2014: “[What’s new in digital and social media research](#)” (research cited).

European Journalism Observatory, January 14, 2014: “[WikiLeaks, through journalists’ eyes](#)” (research cited).

The Falls Church News-Press, July 20, 2013: “[The Helen Thomas I knew](#)” (research cited).

Washington Examiner, May 27 2013: “[Report: Press threw Helen Thomas under bus to save its reputation](#)” (research cited).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE), 2020-present

Kappa Tau Alpha (KTA) Honor Society, 2019-present

International Communication Association (ICA), 2016-present
Divisions: Journalism Studies

European Communication Research & Education Association (ECREA), 2014-present
Divisions: Communication & Democracy; Journalism Studies; Philosophy of Communication

Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (AEJMC), 2007-present
Divisions: Media Ethics; Newspaper & Online News

National Communication Association (NCA), 2007-2013
Divisions: Critical & Cultural Studies; Mass Communication