

Pepperdine Journal of Communication Research Call for Papers

Our goal in this volume of the journal is to reflect the broader changes and dialogue developing in communication practices. This is a platform for emerging scholars to showcase their research and ideas. Working with the journal allows you to walk away with a new understanding of your role in reshaping the social, political, and commercial status quo of communication in your respective fields.

This brings us to this journal's current theme, "illuminate." Today's evolving discussions of social responsibility have simultaneously shown our culture's deepest divisions and the potential to illuminate the issues at hand. This journal asks how communication patterns have reflected tension and changes in our beliefs, from personal conversations to boardroom meetings.

Research Paper

These submissions should be original, previously unpublished work centered around scholarly research and methodology. In deciding your paper's focus, a question you may find helpful is: *Does my paper advance a question or argument that is relevant to the field of communication?* Your submission will be strongest if you write about your topic as if you are informing the public on countering future communication challenges. We encourage students to build off of papers they have completed for various classes, so long as these papers are relevant to your major and focus on addressing a bigger picture.

Book or Journal Article Review

This volume also encourages students to review academic books and articles. These can be works read in classes or in your personal research. In your review, you would evaluate the strength of the writer's points and evidence, examining the limits and usefulness of their argument. What communication patterns or problems should the writer have addressed in more depth or differently? Your review should also describe how the article topic relates to a separate theme you notice.

Submission Guidelines

- All submissions should be sent with a short cover letter, including a paragraph addressing the call.
- Research papers should be submitted in proper APA format; with the help of a faculty sponsor.
- Submissions need to include an abstract and keywords that address the major components.
- If you are doing any research involving human subjects, you must be IRB certified and have your method approved through IRB before conducting your research. This includes (but is not limited to) surveys, interviews, case studies, focus groups, etc. This does not include (but is not limited to) autoethnographies, rhetorical criticisms, etc.
- Papers, case studies, etc., should be sent as a Word document or a PDF; without any author-identifying information.

Submissions will be accepted from now until the deadline on **March 24th, 2023**. Please submit using the following link: <https://digitalcommons.pepperdine.edu/cgi/submit.cgi?context=pjcr>. Once you go to the link, you will create a username and password and make the submission.

Submissions will undergo a peer review process in which the editor-in-chief in consultation with associate editors will determine if submissions meet the journal criteria. Submissions may be accepted with minor revisions, pending major revisions, or rejected based on fit for the journal, faculty support of the project, and the student's willingness to revise the manuscript. The review and revision process is such that the publication will occur at the end of the Spring 2023 semester. Questions regarding the submission process may be addressed to this year's editor-in-chief, Morgan Purdy, Morgan.purdy@pepperdine.edu, or the faculty advisor, Dr. Diana Martínez diana.martinez@pepperdine.edu.