Leadership

Section Chair 2014-2015: Jenifer Whitten-Woodring (University of Massachusetts Lowell)

Section Program Chair 2015 & Section Chair 2015-2016: Babak Bahador (University of Canterbury)

Section Program Chair 2016 & Section Chair 2016-2017: Craig Hayden (American University)

Executive Committee:
Cristina Archetti (University of Salford)
Amelia Arsenault (Georgia State University)
Steven Livingston (George Washington University)
James Pamment (University of Texas at Austin)
Shayna Plaut (University of British Columbia)

Best Paper Committee:
Chair: Bob Boynton (University of Iowa)
Marie Thorsten (Doshisha University)
Madeline Carr (Aberystwyth University)

Best Book Committee:
Chair: Edward Comor (University of Western Ontario)
Robin Brown (PDNI)
Laura Roselle (Elon University)

Membership
The section’s membership is international and extremely diverse in terms of institutional affiliation, seniority and geographical reach: Our present membership is 191, which is the highest it has ever been and marking a steady growth pattern over the last decade. We project further growth in the future.

Our aims are to: 1) support the involvement of young scholars in our section (through the introduction of a poster session to our reception and the promotion of regional events where graduate student members can present their work and network); 2) more actively promote the scholarship of our members within and outside ISA both formally (awards) and informally (social media); 3) to enable greater interaction among our members, between them and ISA, as well as with external audiences (newsletter, website, social media).

ISA Annual Convention, Toronto, March 26-29, 2014

The ISA 2014 Annual Convention took place in Toronto, Canada from March 26 to March 29, 2014.

Panels and Roundtables:
The ICOMM Section sponsored or co-sponsored a total of 29 panels and roundtables, including a panel honouring the work of Daya Thussu, the recipient of the ICOMM
Distinguished Scholar Award. Our section was pleased to continue collaborating with a variety of other sections.

**ICOMM Business Meeting and Reception**

The ICOMM Business Meeting and Reception took place at 7.30pm on Thursday March 27, 2014. The Reception was jointly sponsored by Routledge & Francis and Provalis Research. A no-host dinner was organized on the same evening following the event for further networking opportunities.

Section Business covered at the meeting included:

- Volunteers were elected to form the Section’s Best Paper Award Committee: Chair: Bob Boynton (University of Iowa), Madeline Carr (Aberystwyth University) and Marie Thorsten (Doshisha University).

- A Best Book Award Committee was also formed: Chair Edward Comer (University of Western Ontario), Robin Brown (PDNI) and Laura Roselle (Elon University).

- 2014 ICOMM Distinguished Scholar Daya Thusu was recognized.

- New members elected to the Executive Committee were: Steven Livingston (George Washington University), James Pamment (University of Texas at Austin), and Shayna Plaut (University of British Columbia)

- Section Chair duties were transferred from Cristina Archetti (University of Salford) to Jenifer Whitten-Woodring 2014-2015 Chair.

**ISA West 2014**

The ICOMM section co-sponsored for the second year the ISA West 2014 Annual Conference, which took place in Pasadena in September 2014. Our section was represented by several panels with ICOMM-related themes. ICOMM’s co-sponsorship was aimed at offering junior scholars from our section this opportunity to present their work.

**ISA Annual Convention, New Orleans February 2015**

Program Chair for the 2015 Convention Babak Bahador prepared an exciting range of Panels and Roundtables. The conference theme, ‘Global IR and Regional Worlds: A New Agenda for International Studies’ is closely related to the work of the Section. At the upcoming Annual Conventions there will be 33 ICOMM events: 26 Panels, 4 Roundtables, 2 Reception Poster Sessions, and the 2015 ICOMM Distinguished Scholar Panel Honoring Monroe Price. A number of the panels and roundtables are to be co-sponsored by other sections.

**2015 Business Meeting and Reception**

The ICOMM Business Meeting and Reception will be at 7.30pm on Thursday February 19, 2015. The Reception will be sponsored by Routledge & Francis, Provalis Research, and the University of Southern California’s Center for Public Diplomacy.
A no-host dinner social will follow the event, as is now tradition, for further networking opportunities among our international membership.

**Reception Poster Sessions 2015**
For the first time, ICOMM is hosting a poster session featuring the work of junior scholars at our reception. This is in keeping with our section’s goal of fostering the work of our junior scholars.

**Distinguished Scholar Award 2015**
The Distinguished Scholar Award is going to be presented to Professor Monroe Price (University of Pennsylvania) in recognition of his contributions to the field of International Communication and his mentorship of junior scholars. Professor Price will be honored at the International Studies Association Awards Ceremony, the ICOMM Distinguished Scholar Panel, and he will receive a plaque at the ICOMM Section Reception and Business Meeting.

**Distinguished Scholar Panel 2014**
The ICOMM 2015 Distinguished Scholar Panel titled “ICOMM Honors the Work of Monroe Price” will the many contributions of Monroe Price. The panel will take place on Thursday February 19 at 4.00 pm. It will be chaired by current ICOMM Chair Jenifer Whitten-Woodring (University of Massachusetts Lowell). Participants will be, apart from honoree Monroe Price, Amelia Arsenault (Georgia State University), Philip Howard (University of Washington), and Steven Livingston (George Washington University).

**Social Media**
We continue to work on developing social media tools embedded on the ICOMM ISA webpage. They will enable greater interaction among members, between members and ISA, as well as with external audiences. Volunteers will be recruited at the Business Meeting to follow and develop this project.

**Virtual Meetings**
ICOMM’s Executive Committee connects through virtual meetings four to five times yearly between ISA conventions.