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Research Areas: hostility toward the press, journalistic roles and routines, journalistic well-being, political communication

Teaching Areas: broadcast journalism, multimedia reporting, political communication, video production, media ethics

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor , University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Science Department of Journalism and Creative Media	2020 to Present
Faculty Advisor / Instructor of Record , University of Oregon Duck TV, Student Run News/Sports/Creative Television Show	2018 to 2020
Ethics Coordinator , University of Oregon Charles Snowden Program for Excellence in Journalism	2017 to 2019
Graduate Employee , University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication	2016 to 2020
ABC FOX Montana , Bozeman, MT Live TV Reporter/Multimedia Journalist	2015 to 2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Oregon, School of Journalism and Communication Media Studies	2020
M.S. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Journalism	2015
B.A. California State University, Sacramento Journalism, Summa Cum Laude Deaf Studies Minor	2014

Journal Articles (peer reviewed)

Abdenour, J., Denny, M., Maduneme, E., **Miller, K. C.**, Hedding, K., Blankenship, J. (2026). The good, the bad, and the not-so-terrible: A comprehensive analysis of Sinclair's effect on local television news quality. *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/10776990261424267>

Miller, K. C. (2025). “I empathize with them”: How newsroom leadership assesses mental health and hostility toward their journalists. *Digital Journalism*, 1–19. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21670811.2025.2548795>

Miller, K. C., & Maddox, J. (2025). On air and on TikTok: How broadcast journalists use the growing social media site. *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*, 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08838151.2025.2467398>

Miller, K. C., Morris, D. L., & Dahmen, N. S. (2024). “Being there”: How photojournalists navigate making images during the covid-19 pandemic. *Journalism Practice*, 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17512786.2024.2310717>

Mesmer, K. R., & **Miller, K. C.** (2024). Who Teaches About Hostility? Examining Factors for Inclusion in Journalism Curriculum. *Journalism & Mass Communication Educator*, 79(2), 205-223. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10776958231225709>

Kocan, S., & **Miller, K.** (2023). “Anything for the shot”: Organizational support, gender, and their effects on journalists covering U.S. protests. *Journalism Practice*, 18(10), 2608–2626. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17512786.2022.2157314>

Miller, K. C., & Lewis, S. C. (2022). Journalistic visibility as celebrity and its consequences for harassment. *Digital Journalism*, 11(10), 1886–1905. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21670811.2022.2136729>

Kreutler, M., Fengler, S., Asadi, N., Bodrunova, S. S., Budivska, H., Diop, L., [...] **Miller, K.C.** [...] & Litvinenko, A. (2022). Migration Coverage in Europe, Russia and the United States: A comparative Analysis of Coverage in 17 countries (2015-2018). *Central European Journal of Communication*, 2(31), 202-226.

Miller, K. C., & Kocan, S. (2022). Taking to the streets: The effects of in-the-field harassment against journalists covering protests. *Journalism*, 25(2), 275-294. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14648849221138429>

Perreault, G., & **Miller, K.** (2022). When journalists are voiceless: How lifestyle journalists cover hate and mitigate harassment. *Journalism Studies*, 23(15), 1977–1993. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1461670X.2022.2135583>

Miller, K. C., & Nelson, J. L. (2022). “Dark participation” without representation: A structural approach to journalism’s social media crisis. *Social Media + Society*, 8(4). <https://doi.org/10.1177/20563051221129156>

Deavours, D., Heath, W., **Miller, K.**, Viehouser, M., Palacios-Plugge, S., & Broussard, R. (2022). Reciprocal journalism’s double-edged sword: How journalists resolve cognitive dissonance after experiencing harassment from audiences on social media. *Journalism*, 24(11), 2454-2473. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14648849221109654>

Miller, K. C. (2022). The “price you pay” and the “badge of honor”: Journalists, gender, and harassment. *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, 100(1), 193-213. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10776990221088761>

Holder, B. M., Tolan, S. E., Heinrich, K. K., **Miller, K. C.**, Hudson, N., Nehra, G., [...] & Kim, B. J. (2022). Brain barriers virtual: An interim solution or future opportunity?. *Fluids and Barriers of the CNS*, 19(1), 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12987-022-00314-2>

Miller, K. C. (2021). Harassment’s toll on democracy: The effects of harassment towards us journalists. *Journalism Practice*, 17(8), 1607–1626. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17512786.2021.2008809>

- **Also published as chapter in a book:**
- Westlund, O., Krøvel, R., & Orgeret, K.S. (Eds.). (2024). Journalism and safety: An introduction to the field (1st ed.). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781032705750>

Miller, K. C. (2021). Hostility toward the press: A synthesis of terms, research, and future directions in examining harassment of journalists. *Digital Journalism*, 11(7), 1230–1249. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21670811.2021.1991824>

Dahmen, N. S., **Miller, K. C.**, & Walth, B. (2021). The Power of Images? Visual Journalists’ Assessment of the Impact of Imagery. *Visual Communication Quarterly*, 28(1), 34-44. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15551393.2020.1862662>

Miller, K. C., & Lewis, S. C. (2020). Journalists, harassment, and emotional labor: The case of women in on-air roles at US local television stations. *Journalism*, 23(1), 79-97. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1464884919899016>

Miller, K. C., & Dahmen, N. (2020). “This is still their lives”: Photojournalists’ ethical approach to capturing and publishing graphic or shocking images. *Journal of Media Ethics*, 35(1), 17-30. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23736992.2020.1731313>

Hedding, K. J., **Miller, K. C.**, Abdenour, J. & Blankenship, J.C. (2019). The Sinclair effect: Comparing ownership influences on bias in local television news. *Journal of Broadcast and Electronic Media*, 63(3), 474-493. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08838151.2019.1653103>

Bane, K. C. (2017). Tweeting the agenda: How print and alternative web-only news organizations use Twitter as a source. *Journalism Practice*, 13(2), 191-205.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17512786.2017.1413587>

Articles in Review

Miller, K. C. & Kocan, S. (Under Review). “Talk as if it doesn't impact you”: Black journalists’ experiences covering BLM protests. *Journalism: Theory, Practice, and Criticism (Special Issue)*.

Maddox, J. L. & **Miller, K. C.** (Under Review). The Ethics of the Journalist Influencer: Navigating Labor, Platformization, and Bias on TikTok. *Digital Journalism*..

Book Chapters

Mesmer, K., & **Miller, K. C.** (2023). Hostility toward the press: Background and steps forward. In *Issues in contemporary American journalism* (pp. 203-210). Routledge.

Conference Papers (peer reviewed)

Miller, K.C. (2025, June). “I empathize with them”: How newsroom leadership assesses mental health and hostility toward their journalists. Presented at *International Communication Association*.

Miller, K. C. & Maddox, J. (2024, April). On Air and On TikTok: How Broadcast Journalists Use the Growing Social Media Site. Presented at *Broadcast Education Association, News Division*. **Top Debut Paper Award, 2nd place.**

Maddox, J. & **Miller, K. C.** (2023, June). On-Air and Online: Mapping the Relationship Between TikTok and Local News Broadcasters. Presented at *International Communication Association*.

Kocan, S. & **Miller, K. C.** (2022, August). ‘We have a Black reporter’: Black journalist’s experiences covering BLM protests. Presented at *Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication*.

Miller, K. C., Morris, D. L. & Dahmen, N. S. (2022, August). ‘Being there’: How photojournalists navigate making images during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Presented at *Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Visual Communication Division*.

Miller, K.C. & Nelson, J. (2022, August). “Dark participation” without representation: A structural approach to journalism’s social media crisis. Presented at *Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication*.

Perreault, G., & **Miller, K. C.** (2022, August). When journalists are voiceless: How lifestyle journalists cover hate and mitigate harassment. Presented at *Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication*.

Miller, K.C. & Kocan, S. (2022, May). Taking to the streets: The effects of in-the-field harassment against U.S. journalists covering protests. Presented at *International Communication Association, Journalism Studies Division*.

Kocan, S. & **Miller, K.C.** (2022, May). ‘Do anything for the shot’: Organizational support and its effect on journalists covering U.S. protests. Presented at *International Communication Association, Journalism Studies Division*.

Miller, K.C. & Lewis, S.C. (2022, May). Putting Yourself ‘Out There’: Harassment and the Consequences of Visibility for Journalists. Presented at *International Communication Association, Journalism Studies Division*.

Miller, K. C. (2021, August). Hostility toward the press: A synthesis of terms, research, and future directions in examining harassment of journalists. Presented at *Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Electronic News Division*. **Top Paper Award, 2nd place**.

Deavours, D., Heath, W., **Miller, K.C.**, Viehouser, M., Palacios, S., & Broussard, R. (2021, August). Reciprocal Journalism’s Double-Edged Sword: How Journalists Resolve Cognitive Dissonance after Experiencing Harassment from Audiences on Social Media. Presented at *Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Newspaper and Online News Division*.

Miller, K.C. (2021, May) The ‘price you pay’ and the ‘badge of honor’: Journalists, gender, and harassment. Presented at *International Communication Association, Journalism Studies Division*.

Miller, K.C. (2021, May) Harassment’s toll on democracy: The effects of harassment towards U.S. journalists. Presented at *International Communication Association, Journalism Studies Division*.

Zhang, J., Broussard, R., Quick, M., **Miller, K.C.**, & Kim, B. (2021, May). In Media We Trust: The Effect of Masspersonal Communication on Trust in the Mass Media. Presented at *International Communication Association, Journalism Studies Division*.

Bane, K. C., & Lewis, S.C. (2019, August). Women broadcast journalists and the emotional labor of dealing with harassment. Electronic News Division, *The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication*, Toronto.

Dahmen, N., Walth, B., & **Bane, K. C.** (2019, August). The impact of imagery: Visual journalists' assessment of the power of images. Presented at the Association for *Education in Journalism and Mass Communication*, Toronto. **Top Faculty Paper Award, 1st place, Visual Communication Division**

Bane, K. C., & Lewis, S. C. (2019, July). Harassment of women working in U.S. television news: Lessons for journalism education. Presented at the *World Journalism Education Congress Conference*, Paris.

Dahmen, N. S., **Bane, K. C.**, & Walth, B. (2019, May). Journalistic impact and the ethical justification for graphic images. Presented at the *International Communication Association*, Washington D.C.

Bane, K. C., & Dahmen, N. S. (2018, August). "This is still their lives": Photojournalists ethical approach to capturing and publishing graphic/shocking images. Presented at the *Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication*, Washington, D.C.

Bane, K. C. (2018, April). Harassing the fourth estate: How broadcast journalists make sense of harassment. Presented at the *Broadcast Education Association Conference*, Las Vegas.

Bane, K. C. (2017, August). Twitter building the agenda: How journalists use twitter as a source while reporting. Presented at the *Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication*, Chicago.

Trade/Popular Press

Miller, K. C. (2024). Conflict of interest norms will shift. *Nieman Lab*.

Miller, K. C. (2023). Harassment in journalism won't get better, but we'll talk about it more openly. *Nieman Lab*.

Miller K. C. & Nelson, J. (2022). How can newsrooms improve when it comes to their social media policies? Diversify their leadership. *Columbia Journalism Review*.

Miller, K. C. (2020) Journalism has a harassment problem—particularly for women in broadcast. *National Press Photographer Association Magazine*.

Miller, K. C., & Lewis, S. C. (2020). Women broadcast journalists: Enduring harassment, emotional labor from viewers. *Media Report to Women*.

INVITED TALKS

TITLE: Hostility Toward the Press: The U.S. context

The Nordic Journalism Studies Seminar Series, Virtual—Norway (Oslo Metropolitan University)

TITLE: Hostility Toward the Press

International Colloquium: Journalists and online harassment, Virtual—Portugal (NOVA Institute of Communication, ICNOVA)

TITLE: Hostility toward the press: The U.S. Case

Seminar on American Politics for Danish Journalists, In-Person—USA (Political Science Department, University of Alabama)

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE SERVICE (COMPLETED)

Spring 2025, Dissertation Committee Chair

Amy Ritchart

TITLE: *Influencing For Advocacy on Social Media: A Thematic Analysis of Tiktoks About Tourette Syndrome*

Spring 2023, Dissertation Committee Chair

Samantha Kocan

TITLE: *“Pretend It Never Happened”*: Journalists’ Likelihood of Psychological Help-Seeking upon Exposure to Work-Related Traumatic Events

Spring 2023, Dissertation Committee Member

William Singleton

TITLE: *“We Have Felt the Trauma, but We Are Still Going to Work”*: Black Journalists in a Changing Field and the Negotiations of Objectivity, Roles and Emotional Labor

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Graduate Council, University of Alabama (*University Level Service*)

2025 to Present

Elected Representative for the College of Communication and Information Sciences

Graduate Policy Committee, University of Alabama (*University Level Service*)

2025 to Present

Elected Representative for the College of Communication and Information Sciences

Graduate Council, College of Communication and Information Sciences

2025 to Present

Appointed Representative from the University Graduate Council

Undergraduate Council, College of Communication and Information Sciences

2025 to Present

Appointed Representative from the Department of Journalism and Creative Media

Social Media Manager, Department of Journalism and Creative Media

2025 to Present

2022 to 2023

Student group Co-advisor, Capstone Association of Black Journalists

2022 to Present

Assessment Committee Member, Department of Journalism and Creative Media

2022 to 2025

Awards Committee Member, Department of Journalism and Creative Media

2022 to 2025

Student Group Co-advisor, Radio, Television, Digital News Association, UA Chapter

2021 to 2022

Graduate Committee Member, Department of Journalism and Creative Media

2020 to 2022

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Electronic News Division, AEJMC

Membership Chair, 2023 to 2024

Professional Freedom and Responsibility Chair, 2020 to 2022

Graduate Student Liaison, 2019 to 2020

**Journalism and Communication Graduate Student Association
School of Journalism and Communication, University of Oregon**

President, 2018 to 2019

Vice President, 2017 to 2018

Graduate Student Interest Group, AEJMC

Membership Chair, 2018 to 2019

PF&R Chair, 2017 to 2018

**Graduate Student Advisor Board, University of Oregon
Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee**

Board Member, 2018 to 2019

Peabody Awards, University of Georgia

Graduate Student Judge, 2017 to 2020

Peer-Reviewer for:

Journals (list is non-exhaustive)

- International Journal of Communication
- European Journal of Criminology
- Journalism: Theory, Practice, and Criticism
- Journalism Practice
- Communication and Sport
- Journalism Studies
- Digital Journalism
- The International Journal of Press/Politics
- Critical Studies in Media Communication
- Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly

Conferences

- Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences, Mediated Conversations Minigroup
- International Communication Association Conference, Journalism Studies Division
- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Conference, Graduate Student Interest Group, Electronic News Division
- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Mid-Winter Conference, Newspaper and Online News Division

GRANTS

Office of Research and Economic Development

2021

Small Grant Program

Solo-PI

University of Alabama, \$5,796

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Certified Navigator, Faculty Mentorship Professional Development Training

University of Alabama, Graduate School, Spring 2025

Description: A five-part training as party of Crimson Odyssey, which supports the personal and professional success of all graduate students through a comprehensive curriculum focused on establishing a culture of mentorship based on mentoring and mentee competencies that transcend disciplines.

Virtual Teachapalooza: Front-Edge Teaching Tools for College Educators

Poynter, June 2021

Wayne State University 2019 Doctoral Seminar

Wayne State University, June 2019

Description: Took stock of the currents in feminist media and communications scholarship and produced written documents that underscore trends and issues for subsequent research and collaboration.

Introduction to R Workshop

University of Oregon, October 2018

Description: Learned basic mechanics of R for analyzing and regrouping data.

Basics of Mobile Storytelling

Broadcast Education Association, April 2018

Description: Learned various tools for telling stories using mobile devices, including capturing and editing material in the field.

HONORS AND AWARDS

BEA, 2nd Place Debut Paper	2024
News Division	
AEJMC Top Faculty Paper, 2nd Place	2021
Electronic News Division	
Outstanding Dissertation Award	2020
School of Journalism and Communication, University of Oregon	
Lorry I. Lokey Journalism Scholarship	2019
School of Journalism and Communication, University of Oregon	
Anderson Family Graduate Fellowship	2017, 2018, 2019
School of Journalism and Communication, University of Oregon	
Columbia Scholarship	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
School of Journalism and Communication, University of Oregon	
AEJMC Top Faculty Paper	2019
Visual Communication Division	
1st place for Best Student Photojournalism Piece	2015
Illinois Broadcasters Association, University of Illinois	
Marilyn Miller Kaytor Fellowship	2014
College of Media, University of Illinois	
Kathleen Beasley Scholarship	2014
Sacramento Press Club	
Ose Family Scholarship	2013

Honors Program, California State University, Sacramento

Edward Ermet Scholarship

2012

Honors Program, California State University, Sacramento

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCIES

Adobe Premiere, Adobe Audition, Final Cut Pro, SPSS