

A Message from the Founder

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Greetings and welcome to the inaugural issue of the Canadian Edition of *Global Media Journal*—“The Global Network of Communication Scholars”—with 15 confirmed and established editions throughout the world.

I appreciate the foresight of **Dr. George Lang**, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, for authorizing and supporting this initiative, and congratulate **Dr. Mahmoud Eid** and **Dr. Daniel Paré**, Editors of the *Global Media Journal -- Canadian Edition*, and their colleagues at the University of Ottawa for their interest and commitment to this exciting and rapidly expanding global project. Their collective vision in realizing the outstanding potential of digital technologies—particularly the Internet—is displayed by their enthusiasm in joining this innovative electronic journal which continues to connect major universities, scholars, students, and academic organizations around the globe.

The first issue of *Global Media Journal* was launched in fall of 2002. As the founder and managing editor of GMJ, I am pleased to note that since then this groundbreaking, open-access publication has steadily and firmly established itself as a credible and respected journal and is routinely cited by media professionals, communication scholars, and researchers. Several global editions, including the American, Mediterranean, Spanish, Persian and others, are indexed in ProQuest CSA and are under review for inclusion in other prominent indexes.

The consistent goal of GMJ is to address diverse interests of media and journalism scholars, researchers, teachers, students, and institutions engaged in international activities, particularly global media and communication. As of this writing (Spring 2008), in addition to the American Edition (www.globalmediajournal.com), we have the following established and confirmed editions: African, Arabic, Australian, Canadian, Chinese, Indian, Pakistani, Persian, Polish, Spanish, Mediterranean, and Turkish. For details, see http://lass.calumet.purdue.edu/cca/gmj/gmj_editions_editors.htm. More editions, including Japanese and Bangladeshi, will be added in the near future.

My goal is to establish an edition of GMJ in every major language and region of the world, thereby creating a truly global research and communication network for scholars, students, teachers, journalists, and institutions around the globe. Ultimately, such a network will facilitate exchange of information and knowledge in a timely and efficient manner. It will, thus, serve as powerful channel for enhancing and promoting intercultural communication, international understanding, inter-campus collaboration, and global cooperation among diverse peoples, cultures, and institutions.

Once again, congratulations to the editors, advisory board members, the administration, students, and faculty members of the University of Ottawa on your successful launching of the *Global Media Journal -- Canadian Edition*. I join you in proud recognition of yet another accomplishment in the history of your progressive and highly regarded world-class university.

Welcome to the progressive and forward-looking family of *Global Media Journal*—“The Global Network of Communication Scholars.”

With warm regards,

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