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**Academic positions**

2015-present **Associate Professor** (2020-present),(**Assistant Professor**, 2015-2020), Richard T. Robertson School of Media and Culture, Virginia Commonwealth University

2018-2019 **Fulbright Scholar**, School of Journalism and Communication, University of Rwanda

2012-2015 **Roy H. Park Doctoral Fellow**, School of Media and Journalism, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2011-2012 **Adjunct Faculty**, Sierra Nevada College

2010-2011 **Graduate Assistant**, University of California, Berkeley

**Education**

2015 **Ph.D., Journalism and Mass Communication**,School of Media and Journalism, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill   
Dissertation: *“Constructive journalism: The effects of positive emotions and solution information in news stories”*

2011 **M.A., Journalism**, Graduate School of Journalism, University of California, Berkeley

Thesis: *“Looners: Inside the world of balloon fetishism”*

Dean’s List, 4.0 GPA

2007 **B.A., Journalism**, California State University, Chico   
 *Minor in Psychology*

Graduated Cum Laude

**Awards and Honors**

2021 Hillier Krieghbaum Under-40 Award, AEJMC – “one of the highest honors that AEJMC can bestow on a member”

2020 Nominated by VCU for the SCHEV Rising Star Award; VCU only nominates one person for this state-level award by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

1. Best Paper Award, *African Journalism Studies* journal, AEJMC annual meeting

2020 Best Paper Relating to Africa Award, Global Communication and Social Change Division, ICA annual meeting

2019 Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Junior Woman Scholar Award, Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication

2019 Selected to attend the Solutions Journalism Educators Academy, a collaboration of the Solutions Journalism Network and the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication, Portland, OR

2017 Top Faculty Paper Award, Visual Communication Division, AEJMC annual meeting

2017 Best Paper Award, *African Journalism Studies* journal, AEJMC annual meeting

2017 Faculty Scholar Recognition, College of Humanities and Sciences, Virginia Commonwealth University

2017 Top Paper Award, Global Communication and Social Change Division, ICA annual meeting

2017 Best Paper Award, *African Journalism Studies* journal, ICA annual meeting

2016 Top Faculty Paper Award, Newspaper and Online News Division, AEJMC annual meeting

2016 Selected as Kopenhaver Center Fellow, Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication; attended workshop at AEJMC annual meeting

2016 Top Faculty Paper Award, Open Division, AEJMC Southeast Colloquium

2014 Top Student Paper Award, Electronic News Division, AEJMC annual meeting

2014 Research Award for Best Student Paper, Kappa Tau Alpha, AEJMC annual meeting

2013 Honorable Mention Award, Research on Teaching Competition, AEJMC annual meeting

2010 Selected as Carnegie-Knight News21 Fellow; full support for a ten-week in-depth, multimedia reporting project on the California prison system

2007 Best News Writer, *The Orion* student newspaper, California State University, Chico

**Refereed Journal Publications**

35 Lough, K., & McIntyre, K. (2021). A systematic review of constructive and solutions journalism research. *Journalism*, advance online publication, doi: 14648849211044559.

34 Sobel Cohen, M. & **McIntyre, K**.(2021). Tweeter-in-Chief: Rwandan President Paul

Kagame’s use of Twitter. *Journal of African Media Studies, 13*(1), 17-33.Special issue,

“Transformations and Disruptions of Digital Media in Africa.”

33 **McIntyre, K.** & Sobel Cohen, M. (2021). Public Trust in State-Run News Media in Rwanda. *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, *98*(3), 808-827.

32 **McIntyre, K**., & Sobel Cohen, M. (2021). Salary, suppression, and spies: Journalistic challenges in Uganda. *Journalism Studies, 22*(2), 243-261.

31 Lough, K. & **McIntyre, K**. (2021). Transitioning to solutions journalism: One newsroom's shift to solutions-focused reporting. *Journalism Studies, 22*(2), 193-208.

30 Rosenberg, A., Uwitonze, E., Dworkin, M., Guidry, J. P. D., Cyuzuzo, T. Banergee, D.,

**McIntyre, K.**, Carlyle, K., Uwitonze, J. M., Kabagema, I., Dushime, T., & Jayaraman, S. (2020). Pain in the prehospital setting in Rwanda: Results of a mixed-methods quality

improvement project. *Pain Research and Management*, 2020, 1-9.

29 Sobel, M., & **McIntyre, K.** (2020). Local-language radio stations in Kenya: Helpful or harmful? *African Journalism Studies, 40*(3), 73-88.

28 Sobel, M., & **McIntyre, K.** (2020). The State of Press Freedom in Uganda. *International*

*Journal of Communication*, *14*(2020), 649-668.

27 **McIntyre, K**. (2020). ‘Tell me something good’: Testing the longitudinal effects of

constructive news using the Google Assistant. *Electronic News, 14(1), 37-54*. doi:

10.1177/1931243120910446

26 Abdenour, J., **McIntyre, K.**, & Dahman, N. (2020). Seeing eye to eye: A comparison of

audiences’ and journalists’ perceptions of professional roles and how they relate to trust.

*Journalism Practice*. doi: 10.1080/17512786.2020.1716828

25 Stevens, E., & **McIntyre, K.** (2019). The layers of *The Onion:* The impact of satirical news on affect and online sharing behaviors. *Electronic News*, *13*(2), 78-92. doi: 10.1177/1931243119850264

24 **McIntyre, K.** & Sobel, M. (2019). How Rwandan journalists are using WhatsApp to advance their profession and collaborate for the good of their country. *Digital Journalism*, *7*(6), 705-724. doi: 0.1080/21670811.2019.1612261

23 **McIntyre, K.** (2019). Solutions journalism: The effects of including solution information in news stories about social problems (Revision of previously published article for special issue, "Journalism Research in Practice: Scholarly Inquiry for Journalists"). *Journalism Practice*.

22 Dahmen, N., Abdenour, J., & **McIntyre, K.** (2019). Covering Mass Shootings: Journalists’ perceptions of coverage and factors influencing attitudes (Revision of previously published article for special issue, "Journalism Research in Practice: Scholarly Inquiry for Journalists"). *Journalism Practice*.

21 **McIntyre, K.**, & Lough, K. (2019). Toward a clearer conceptualization and operationalization of solutions journalism. *Journalism*. doi: 10.1177/1464884918820756

20 **McIntyre, K.** (2019). Solutions journalism: The effects of including solution information in news stories about social problems. *Journalism Practice*, *13*(1), 16-34. doi: 10.1080/17512786.2017.1409647

\*\*\*One of Journalism Practice’s six top articles in 2019

19 Baden, D., **McIntyre, K.**, & Homberg, F.(2019). The impact of constructive news on

affective and behavioral responses. *Journalism Studies*, *20*(13), 1940-1959. doi:

10.1080/1461670X.2018.1545599

18 Sobel, M., & **McIntyre, K.** (2018). Journalists’ perceptions of human rights reporting in Rwanda: Opportunities and challenges. *African Journalism Studies*. doi: 10.1080/23743670.2018.1495659

17 Sobel, M., & **McIntyre, K.** (2018). The State of Journalism and Press Freedom in Post-Genocide Rwanda. *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, *96*(2), 558-578. doi: 1077699018782201

16 **McIntyre, K.**, & Gyldensted, C. (2018). Positive psychology as a theoretical foundation for constructive journalism. *Journalism Practice*, *12*(6), 662-678.

15 **McIntyre, K.**, Lough, K., & Manzanares, K. (2018). Solutions in the shadows: The effects of incongruent visual messaging in solutions journalism news stories. *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*. doi: 10.1177/1077699018767643

14 Lough, K., & **McIntyre, K.** (2018). Visualizing the solution: An analysis of the images that accompany solutions-oriented news stories. *Journalism Studies*. doi: 1464884918770553

13 Lough, K., & **McIntyre, K.** (2018). Journalists’ perceptions of solutions journalism and its place in the field. *#ISOJ Journal*, *8*(1), 33-52.

12 **McIntyre, K.**, Dahmen, N., & Abdenour, J. (2018). The contextualist function: U.S. newspaper journalists value social responsibility. *Journalism, 19*(12), 1657-1675.doi: 1464884916683553.

11 **McIntyre, K.** & Sobel, M. (2018). Reconstructing Rwanda: How Rwandan reporters use constructive journalism to promote peace. *Journalism Studies, 19*(14), 2126-2147. DOI 10.1080/1461670X.2017.1326834

10 **McIntyre, K.**, & Gyldensted, C. (2017). Constructive journalism: An introduction and

practical guide for applying positive psychology techniques to news production. *Journal of*

*Media Innovations*, *4*(2), 20-34.

9 Abdenour, J., **McIntyre, K.**, & Dahmen, N. (2017). Putting broadcast news in context: An analysis of U.S. television journalists’ role conceptions and contextual values. *Electronic News*, 10.1177/1931243117734585

8 Dahmen, N., Abdenour, J., **McIntyre, K.**, & Noga-Styron, K. (2017). Covering gun violence: U.S. Journalists’ perceptions of how the media report on mass shootings. *Journalism Practice*. DOI 10.1080/17512786.2017.1326832

7 **McIntyre, K.**, & Sobel, M. (2017). Motivating news audiences: Shock them or provide them with a solution? *Communication & Society*, *30*(1), 39-56.

6 **McIntyre, K. E.**, & Gibson, R. (2016). Positive News Makes Readers Feel Good: A “Silver-Lining” Approach to Negative News Can Attract Audiences. *Southern Communication Journal*, 1-12.

5 **McIntyre, K.** (2016). What Makes “Good” News Newsworthy? *Communication Research Reports*, *33*(3), 223-230.

4 **McIntyre, K.**, Barnes, S. R., & Ruel, L. (2016). The Effects of Online News Package Structure on Attitude, Attention, and Comprehension. *Electronic News*, *10*(3), 178-193.

3 **McIntyre, K.** (2015). How current law might apply to drone journalism. *Newspaper Research Journal*, *36*(2), 158-169.

2 **McIntyre, K.** (2014). The evolution of social media from 1969 to 2013: A change in competition and a trend toward complementary, niche sites. *The Journal of Social Media in Society*, *3*(2), 5-25.

1 Evans, S., & **McIntyre, K.** (2014). MOOCs in the humanities: Can they reach underprivileged students? *Convergence: The International Journal of Research into New Media Technologies*, doi: 1354856514560311.

**Book**

**McIntyre Hopkinson, K**. & Dahmen, N. (Eds.). (2021). *Reporting Beyond the Problem: From Civic Journalism to Solutions Journalism*. Peter Lang Publishing, Inc.

\*Also wrote the preface for the Chinese edition of this book

**Book Chapters**

**McIntyre, K.** (2020). Solutions Journalism: The Effects of Including Solution Information in News Stories About Social Problems. In Gutsche, Jr., R. E. & Brennen, B. *Journalism Research in Practice: Perspectives on Change, Challenges, and Solutions.* Routledge.

**McIntyre, K.** & Sobel, M. (2019). Who tells the story of Uganda? Cultural and political factors influencing local and international news coverage. In G. Tait & T. DeMars (Eds.), *Narratives of Storytelling: The Complexities of Intercultural Communication*. Lexington Books.

**Non-Refereed, Trade or Other Publications**

**McIntyre, K.** (2022). Solutions Journalism. In G. A. Borchard (Ed.), *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Journalism: 2nd Edition*. Sage Publications.

**McIntyre, K.**, & Sobel, M. (2021, March 8). Why working as a journalist in Uganda is particularly tough. *The Conversation - Africa*. https://theconversation.com/why-working-as-a-journalist-in-uganda-is-particularly-tough-156505

**McIntyre, K.** (2019). Solutions Journalism. In D. L. Merskin (Ed.), *The SAGE International*

*Encyclopedia of Mass Media and Society*. Sage Publications.

**McIntyre, K.**, & Sobel, M. (2019, June 4). What’s it like to be a journalist in Rwanda? This is

what they told us. *The Conversation - Africa*. https://theconversation.com/whats-it-like-to-be-a-journalist-in-rwanda-this-is-what-they-told-us-117514

Sobel, M., & **McIntyre, K.** (2019, April 4). A fragile period’: Journalism in Rwanda, 25 years

after the genocide. *Columbia Journalism Review*.

https://www.cjr.org/watchdog/journalism-rwanda-25-years-after-genocide.php

**McIntyre, K.** (2019). Schedule announced for Toronto conference, *Static*, 57(2), 8-10.

**McIntyre, K.** (2019). Just me and a chalkboard: Electronic media in the classroom, or the lack thereof, *Static*, 57(1), 5.

**McIntyre, K.** (2018). Rwandan journalists use WhatsApp to advance their career and country. *Static*, 56(3), 7-9.

**McIntyre, K.** (2017). Similar storytelling genres complement PJ. *The Peace Journalist*, 6(2), 20-22.

**McIntyre, K.** (2017). U.S. journalists and news consumers agree on how to improve mass shooting coverage. *Static*, 55(3), 3.

**Refereed Conference Presentations**

36 Sobel Cohen, M., **McIntyre, K.**, Semujju, B., Ireri, K., & Munyarukumbuzi, E. (2022, May). Digital Media Literacy in East Africa: A comparative study between Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya. Paper to be presented at the International Communication Association annual conference, Paris.

35 **McIntyre, K**., & Lough, K.(2021, August). Evaluating the effects of solutions and constructive journalism: A systematic review of audience-focused research. Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference (virtual).

34 **McIntyre, K.**, & Sobel, M. (2020, September). The Role of News Media in the Development of Post-Genocide Rwanda. Presented at the Responsible Journalism and Communication in Divided and Conflicted Societies conference, UK (virtual).

33 **McIntyre, K.**, & Sobel, M. (2020, August). Press Freedom in East Africa: Perceptions from journalists in Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya. Presented at the Association for the Education of Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, San Francesco (virtual).

**\*African Journalism Studies Best Paper Award for Journalism Research**

32 **McIntyre, K.** & Sobel Cohen, M. (2020, May). In The Press We Trust: Rwandan Citizens Highly Trust State-Run News Media. Presented at the International Communication Association annual conference, Gold Coast (virtual).

**\*Best Paper Award**

31 Sobel Cohen, M. & **McIntyre, K**. (2020, February). Tweeter-in-Chief: Rwandan President Paul Kagame’s use of Twitter. Presented at the @Africa Digital Media Conference, Houston.

30 **McIntyre, K**., & Sobel, M. (2019, September). Journalism practice in Uganda: In a nation transitioning to democracy, challenges remain. Presented at the Future of Journalism conference, Cardiff.

29 Lough, K. & **McIntyre, K**. (2019, September). Transitioning to solutions journalism: One newsroom's shift to solutions-focused reporting. Presented at the Future of Journalism conference, Cardiff.

28 **McIntyre, K**.(2018, August). ‘Tell me something good’: Testing the longitudinal effects of constructive news using the Google Assistant. Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Washington DC.

27 **McIntyre, K.**, Dahman, N., & Abdenour, J. (2018, June). Seeking to Restore Trust: U.S. Audience Perceptions of Contextual Reporting. Presented at the International Association for Media and Communication Research annual conference, Eugene.

26 **McIntyre, K**., & Lough, K. (2018, May). Toward a clearer conceptualization and operationalization of solutions journalism. Presented at the International Communication Association annual conference, Prague.

25 **McIntyre, K.**, Abdenour, J., & Dahman, N. (2018, May). Trust matters: Public perceptions of journalistic roles in the United States. Presented at the International Communication Association annual conference, Prague.

24 Dahman, N., Abdenour, J., & **McIntyre, K**., (2018, May). American news audiences’ perceptions of mass shooting news coverage. Presented at the International Communication Association annual conference, Prague.

23 Lough, K., & **McIntyre, K.** (2018, April). Journalists’ perceptions of solutions journalism and its place in the field. Presented at the International Symposium on Online Journalism annual conference, Austin.

22 Sobel, M., & **McIntyre, K.** (2017, August). Journalists’ perceptions of human rights reporting in Rwanda: Opportunities and challenges. Presented at the Association for the Education of Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Chicago.

**\*Best Paper Award**

21 **McIntyre, K.**, Lough, K., & Manzanares, K. (2017, August). Solutions in the shadows: The effects of incongruent visual messaging in solutions journalism news stories*.* Presented at the Association for the Education of Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Chicago.

**\*Top Faculty Paper Award**

20 Dahmen, N., Abdenour, J., **McIntyre, K.**, & Noga-Styron, K. (2017, May). Covering gun violence: U.S. Journalists’ perceptions of how the media report on mass shootings. Presented at the International Communication Association annual conference, San Diego.

19 Stevens, E., & **McIntyre, K.** (2017, May). The layers of *The Onion:* The impact of satirical news on perceived credibility, optimism, and online sharing behaviors. Presented at the International Communication Association annual conference, San Diego.

18 Sobel, M., & **McIntyre, K.** (2017, May). Media and Development in Post-Genocide Rwanda. Presented at the International Communication Association annual conference, San Diego.

**\*Top Paper Award**

**\*Best Paper Award**

17 **McIntyre, K.**, & Sobel, M. (2016, December). Reconstructing Rwanda: How Rwandan Reporters Use Constructive Journalism to Promote Peace.Presented at the Constructed | Constructive Journalism conference, Brussels, Belgium.

16 Lough, K., & **McIntyre, K.** (2016, December). Visualizing the Solution: An analysis of the images that accompany solutions-oriented news stories.Presented at the Constructed | Constructive Journalism conference, Brussels, Belgium.

15 **McIntyre, K.**, Dahmen, N., & Abdenour, J. (2016, August). The contextualist function: U.S. newspaper journalists value social responsibility. Presented at the Association for the Education of Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Minneapolis.

**\*Top Faculty Paper Award**

14 **McIntyre, K.**, & Gyldensted, C. (2016, August). Do journalists facilitate a visionary debate among US presidential candidates? Content analysis reveals temporal orientation of debate questions. Presented at the Association for the Education of Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Minneapolis.

13 **McIntyre, K.,** & Sobel, M. (2016, June). Motivating news audiences: Shock them or provide them with a solution. Presented at the International Communication Association annual conference, Fukuoka, Japan.

12 **McIntyre, K.**, & Gibson, R. (2016, June). Effects of positive stereotypes of sexual minorities on news consumers’ attitudes and recognition of stereotypes. Presented at the International Communication Association annual conference, Fukuoka, Japan.

11 **McIntyre, K.**(2016, March). Upworthy is on to something: How stories with positive emotions impact newsreader attitudes and engagement.Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Southeast Colloquium, Baton Rouge.

**\*Top Faculty Paper Award**

10 **McIntyre, K.**(2016, March). How the news media might contribute to increasing acceptance of same-sex marriage. Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Southeast Colloquium, Baton Rouge.

9 **McIntyre, K.**(2015, August). Constructive journalism: A definition and practical guide for applying positive psychology to news production.Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, San Francisco.

8 **McIntyre, K.** (2015, May). Constructive journalism: The effects of solution information in news stories. Presented at the International Communication Association annual conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

7 **McIntyre, K.**, & Gibson, R. (2015, May). Positive news makes readers feel good: How using a 'silver-lining' approach to negative news can attract audiences. Presented at the International Communication Association annual conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

6 **McIntyre, K.**(2014, August). What makes “good” news newsworthy?Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Montreal, Canada.

5 **McIntyre, K.**, & Sobel, M.(2014, August). Positive news websites and extroversion: Motives, preferences, and sharing behavior among American and British readers.Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Montreal, Canada.

**\*Top Student Paper Award**

4 **McIntyre, K.**, Barnes, S., & Ruel, L. (2014, August). The effects of online news package structure on attitude, attention, and comprehension. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Montreal, Canada.

3 **McIntyre, K.** (2013, September). The evolution of social media from 1969 to 2013: A change in competition and a trend toward complementary, niche sites. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Journalism Historians Association, New Orleans, LA.

2 Evans, S., & **McIntyre, K.** (2013, August). MOOCs in the humanities: Can they reach

underprivileged students? Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for

Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Washington D.C.

**\*Honorable Mention Award**

1 **McIntyre, K.** (2013, August). Drone journalism: Exploring the potential privacy invasions of using unmanned aircraft to gather news. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Washington D.C.

**Invited Presentations and Panels**

**Invited panelist** in a session titled “Diversity in Journalism and Journalism Studies: Comparing journalistic work across countries, news platforms and beats in a pandemic context (Journalistic Role Performance Project – 2nd Wave),” International Communication Association annual meeting, Paris. (2022, May)

**Invited lecture**, “Solutions Journalism,” Virginia Press Association News and Advertising Conference, Richmond, VA (virtual). (2021, May)

**Invited panelist** in an information session called Teaching Journalism Explained where alumni speak about transitioning into teaching journalism, UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, Berkeley, CA (virtual). (2021, April)

**Invited research lecture**, “Constructive Journalism Research,” University of Oregon Demystifying Media Series, Eugene, Oregon. (2020, March)

**Invited keynote**, “Constructive Journalism Research,” Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Social Science Forum, Beijing, China. (2019, November)

**Invited research lecture**, “Constructive Journalism Research,” Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China. (2019, November)

**Invited lecture**, “Solutions Journalism,” Catholic Institute of Kabgayi, Kabgayi, Rwanda. (2019, June)

**Invited lecture**, “Solutions Journalism,” Media Challenge Fellowship Program (part of the flagship program Next-Gen-Journalist Project which is instrumental in building the next generation of journalists), Kampala, Uganda. (2019, February)

**Invited research lecture**, “Constructive Journalism,” Virginia Policy Review National Journalism Conference, University of Virginia, Charlottesville. (2018, April)

**Organizer and panelist** in a session titled “Freedom of Expression in Sub-Saharan Africa,” Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual meeting, Chicago, IL. (2017, August)

**Invited research lecture**, “Overview of Research on Constructive Journalism,” Images & Voices of Hope Restorative Narrative Summit, Catskill Mountains, New York. (2017, June)

**Invited panelist** in a session titled “Communicators without Borders: Applying socially-constructive media and culture among threedisciplines,” International Communication Association annual meeting, San Diego, CA. (2017, May)

**Invited research lecture**, “Constructive Journalism,” Constructive Journalism conference, Windesheim University of Applied Sciences, Zwolle, Netherlands. (2016, December)

**Invited research lecture**, “Constructive Journalism,” Virginia Commonwealth University Psychology Department Health Psychology Research Colloquium, Richmond, VA. (2016, November)

**Organizer and panelist** in a session titled “What’s possible? The role of contextual and constructive reporting styles in the age of digital journalism and social media,” Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Southeast Colloquium, Baton Rouge, LA. (2016, March)

**Invited research lecture**, “Constructive journalism: The effects of solution information in news stories,” UNC School of Media and Journalism Spring Research Colloquium. (2015, May)

**Invited research lecture**, “What makes “good” news newsworthy?”UNC School of Media and Journalism Spring Research Colloquium. (2014, May)

**Grants**

2021 **VCU College of Humanities and Sciences SEED Grant, $5,000**. Funded the Journalistic Role Performance Project — a global study involving nearly 40 countries.

2021 **VCU Robertson School Research and Scholarship Grant, $3,000**. Funded research assistants in Rwanda for the Journalistic Role Performance Project — a global study involving nearly 40 countries.

2020 **Facebook Research Grant on Misinformation and Polarization,**

**$70,000** (Co-Principal Investigator with M. Sobel Cohen (PI), E. Munyarukumbuzi, B. Semujju, & K. Ireri). Funded multiple-country survey project on digital media literacy in East Africa.

2019 **VCU Humanities Research Center Conference Grant, $900**. Funded travel to the UK for the Future of Journalism conference.

2019 **AEJMC Emerging Scholars Award, $3,500** (Co-PI with M. Sobel Cohen). Funded a research project titled, “The role of the media in post-conflict development in three East African nations.”

2019 **Fulbright Regional Travel Program Grant,** Funded travel to Kenya to interview journalists about press freedom.

2018-2019 **Fulbright Scholar Grant, $66,000**. Funded one academic year of research and teaching in Rwanda.

2017-2018 **VCU School of Education Get Centered Research Development Grant, $7,000**. Funded collaborative research project to develop curriculum for adults earning their GED.

2015-2016 **VCU Global Education Office Virtual Online Classroom Grant, $7,000**. Funded the development of an international, interdisciplinary online course in socially responsible media, including travel to South Africa.

2015 **AEJMC Newspaper and Online News Division Special Research Grant, $200**. Funding supported research on constructive journalism.

2012-2015 **Roy H. Park Doctoral Fellow,** Full support for three years of doctoral study

**Selected Media Coverage**

How journalism can empower and engage audiences without making them feel depressed. (2021, May 18). *VCU News*. https://www.news.vcu.edu/article/How\_journalism\_can\_empower\_and\_engage\_audiences\_without\_making

Interviewed on WRIR 97.3FM. (2020, Nov. 17). Inspire Indeed: Choppin’ It Up Geek. https://www.wrir.org/show/inspire-indeed-choppin-it-up-geek/

Solution Journalism and Participation. (2020, July 13). The J Word: Episode 1. A Podcast by Journalism Practice. https://thejword.buzzsprout.com/1208318/4549841-the-j-word-episode-1-solution-journalism-and-participation

Exploring constructive journalism with Karen McIntyre. (2020, May 14). Demystifying Media Podcast at the University of Oregon. https://soundcloud.com/demystifying-media/karen-mcintyre-podcast

Hearst Demystifying Media Q&A with Karen McIntyre. (2020, May 14). Hearst Demystifying Media Series at the University of Oregon. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GKMaL8evaAA&feature=youtu.be

How to be intentional about consuming coronavirus news. (2020, March 30). *Greater Good*

*Magazine*. https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/how\_to\_be\_intentional\_about\_consuming\_coronavirus\_news

Why we need hopeful news. (2018, September 12). *Greater Good Magazine*.

https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/why\_we\_need\_news\_that\_is\_hopeful\_ not\_discouraging

VCU professor helps develop positive news feature for Google. (2018, September 3). *NBC12*

*News*. https://www.nbc12.com/story/39014566/vcu-professor-helps-develop-positive-news-feature-for-google/

‘Hey Google, tell me something good.’ Google Creative Lab taps a VCU journalism professor’s

research to share good news stories. (2018, August 21). *VCU News.* https://news.vcu.edu/article/Hey\_Google\_tell\_me\_something\_good\_Google\_Creative\_Lab\_taps\_a

Covering Mass Shootings. (2017, July 25). *National Public Radio* affiliate *OPB*.

https://www.opb.org/radio/programs/thinkoutloud/segment/covering-mass-shootings-eclipse-preparedness-nicole-georges/

Journalists, Mass Shootings and the ‘Copycat Effect’. (2017, July 7). *Center on Media Crime and*

*Justice*. https://thecrimereport.org/2017/07/07/journalists-mass-shootings-and-the-copycat-effect/

Racial Differences Over Coverage of Mass Shootings. (2017, July 6). *Journal-isms*.

http://journal-isms.com/2017/07/trumps-anti-cnn-video-has-racist-roots/

Study seeks 1,300 journalists’ opinions on improving coverage of mass shootings. (2017, July 3).

*International Journalists’ Network*. https://ijnet.org/en/story/study-seeks-1300-journalists-opinions-improving-coverage-mass-shootings (And mentioned in the *American Press Institute*: https://www.americanpressinstitute.org/need-to-know/need-know-july-5-2017/)

American journalists conflicted by mass shooting coverage. (2017, July 3). *Journalism Research*

*News*. http://journalismresearchnews.org/article-american-journalists-conflicted-by-mass-shooting-coverage/

What type of journalist are you? (2017, January 24). *Columbia Journalism Review*.

https://www.cjr.org/tow\_center/american\_journalist\_disseminator\_populist\_mobilizer\_contextualist.php /

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**Teaching Experience**

**Instructor of Record**

**Virginia Commonwealth** **University** (2015-present)

MASC 203, Journalism Writing (6 semesters)

MASC 475, Capital News Service (2 semesters)

MASC 491/691, Communicators Without Borders (online, asynchronous)

MASC 611, Research Methods in Mass Communication

MASC 643, Online Journalism II

MASC 676, Media Law and Ethics (online, asynchronous, 2 semesters)

MASC 684, Multiplatform Storytelling (2 semesters)

MASC 688, Converged Media Applications (3 semesters)

MASC 691/491, Solutions Journalism (online, asynchronous) (2 semesters)

MASC 692, Independent Study/Thesis (2 advisees)

MASC 693, Fieldwork/Internship (3 advisees)

**University of Rwanda** (2018-2019)

JNC 1102, Introduction to Research Methods

JNC 1103, Introduction to News Writing and Reporting

JNC 2112, Media and Communication Research Methods

JNC 3118, Specialized Reporting and Communication

JNC 3223, Journalism Workshop

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** (2014)

JOMC 141, Professional Problems and Ethics

JOMC 187, Introduction to Interactive Multimedia (2 semesters)

**Sierra Nevada College** (2011)

ENGL 240, Introduction to Journalism

ENGL 290, Multimedia Communication

**San Quentin State Prison** (2011)

ENG 99B, college preparatory English

**Teaching Assistant**

**University of California, Berkeley**

C103, Understanding Journalism

C104B, History of Journalism

**Guest Lectures**

**University of Malaya (**2020)

AQA 7012, Global Journalism

**DePaul University (**2020)

JOUR 501, The Social Responsibility of Journalism

**University of Oregon** (2020)

J463/563, Solutions Journalism

**Virginia Commonwealth University** (2016-present)

MATX 603, Mass Media

MASC 466, Television Studio Production

MASC 415, Advanced Video Journalism

MASC 404, Special Project Reporting (two times)

MASC 203, Journalism Writing

MASC 475, Capital News Service (two times)

MASC 303, Reporting for Print and Web (four times)

MASC 686, International Journalism (two times)

MASC 101, Mass Communications, Honors

**Catholic Institute of Kabgayi** (Rwanda; 2019)

COS 229, Communication and Society

**United States International University-Africa** (Kenya; 2019)

MAC 6020, Communication Theories

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (**2014-2015)

JOMC 490, Sexual Minorities and the Media

JOMC 141, Professional Problems and Ethics

**DIS – Study Abroad in Scandinavia (**Denmark; 2014)

Changing the News: Constructive Journalism

**Relevant Professional Experience**

2012 **Beyond Productions/National Geographic Channel** Tahoe City, CA

Researcher

2010 **News21** Berkeley, CA

Staff Research Associate

2009-2010 **Richmond Confidential** Richmond, CA

Reporter/Editor

2008-2009 **New Media Lux/Netpaper.lu** Luxembourg

Website Administrator/News Anchor

**Newspapers**

2008 **Sierra Sun**,Staff Writer North Lake Tahoe, CA   
2007-2008 **Red Bluff Daily News**,Staff Writer Red Bluff, CA

2007 **Chico Enterprise-Record**,Staff Intern Chico, CA

2007 **The Orion**,News/Police Reporter Chico, CA

**Service to the Discipline**

**Leadership**

**Constructive Journalism Network**

2017-2022. Co-Founder

**Journal Editorial Board Member**

2020-present *Journalism Practice*

**AEJMC, Electronic News Division**

2019-2020 Head

2018-2019 Vice Head

2017-2018 Research Chair

2016-2018 Conference paper reviewer

2013-2014 Graduate Student Liaison

**AEJMC, Newspaper and Online News Division**

2016-2017 Professional Freedom and Responsibility Chair

2016-2021 Conference paper reviewer (for national meeting and Southeast Colloquium)

2015-2016 Research Chair for Southeast Colloquium

**ICA, Global Communication and Social Change Division**

2019-2020Conference paper reviewer

**ICA, Journalism Studies Division**

2015-2021Conference paper reviewer

**Journal Reviewing**

*African Journalism Studies*, 2021

*Journal of Public Affairs, 2021*

*Journalism and Media, 2021*

*Journal of International Crisis and Risk Communication Research*, 2021

*Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, 2017-2021

*Journalism*, 2017-2021

*Journalism Studies*, 2018-2021

*Journalism Practice*, 2017-2021

*Psychology of Popular Media*, 2021

*Social Media & Society*, 2021

*Mass Communication & Society*, 2018, 2021

*The International Journal of Press/Politics*, 2020

*African Affairs*, 2020

*Digital Journalism*, 2020

*International Journal of Conflict Management*, 2019

*Communication Reports*, 2019

*Preventative Medicine*, 2019

*Environmental* *Communication*, 2018

*Communication & Society*, 2018

*#ISOJ Journal*, 2017

*Media Psychology*, 2016

*Convergence*, 2016

**Judging**

Application reviewer, Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Early Career Award, 2020-2021

Admissions Interviewer, University of California, Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, 2012-2017

**Service to the College and University**

**VCU College of Humanities and Sciences**

Media, Art and Text Ph.D. Program Steering Committee member (2019-present)

Graduate Academic Committee member (2019-present)

CHS Faculty Advisory Committee on Scholarly Leave (2022)

**Service to the School**

**VCU Richard T. Robertson School of Media & Culture**

Director of Graduate Studies (2019-present)

Research and Scholarship Taskforce Member (2020-present)

Promotion and Tenure Committee Member for Mariam Alkazemi (2021)

Promotion and Tenure Committee Member for Amanda Wintersieck (2021)

Third-Year Review Committee Member for Mariam Alkazemi (2021)

Third-Year Review Committee Member for Mallory Perryman (2021)

Third-Year Review Committee Member for Nicole O’Donnell (2021)

Third-Year Review Committee Member for Amanda Wintersieck (2021)

Promotion Committee Member for Aloni Hill (2021)

Promotion and Tenure Committee Member for Jay Adams (2020)

Public Relations Search Committee Member (2020)

Coordinator for Research and Innovation (2018-2019)

Research Roundtable coordinator (2017-2019)

Graduate Studies Committee Chair (2019-present) and Member (2015-2019)

Advertising Search Committee Member (2018)

Diversity Committee Member (2015-2018)

Assessment and Accreditation Committee Member (2015-2018)

Broadcast Journalism Search Committee Member (2017)

Virginius Dabney Distinguished Professor in Journalism Search Committee Member (2016)

**UNC School of Media and Journalism**

Research Roundtable Coordinator (2013-2014)

**Thesis and Dissertation Advising**

**Doctoral Dissertations**

2020-2021 **Dissertation Committee Chair**

Ezaddeen Almutairi, Virginia Commonwealth University’s Media, Art & Text Program. “Sharing news on Twitter in Saudi Arabia: What are the drivers?” (Dissertation completed)

2017-2020 **Dissertation Committee Chair**

Abdullah Alahmari, Virginia Commonwealth University’s Media, Art & Text Program. “Twitter’s Perceived Impact on Public Opinion Regarding National Issues in Saudi Arabia” (Dissertation completed)

2017-2018 **Dissertation Committee Member**

Michael Trujillo, Virginia Commonwealth University, Department of Psychology. “A Laboratory Study of Stress Reactions to Witnessing a Police Killing of an Unarmed Black Man: Discrimination, Distress, Tolerance, Ethnic Identity, and Risk-Taking” (Dissertation completed)

2016-present **Dissertation Committee Member**

Osita Iroegbu, Virginia Commonwealth University’s Media, Art & Text Program. “Processing Racial Microaggressions in the Media: Low-income African-American Women’s Psychophysiological Responses to the ‘Welfare Queen’ Stereotype and Social Media as a Tool of Empowerment” (Prospectus approved)

**Master’s Theses**

**Thesis Supervisor**

2021 Ghenwa Yehia, Virginia Commonwealth University

2020 Kim Trottier-Le Bossé, Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam

2020 Jaclyn Barton, Virginia Commonwealth University

2020 Eric Everington, Virginia Commonwealth University

2020 Patricia Cason, Virginia Commonwealth University

2020 Adam Hamza, Virginia Commonwealth University

2018 Diana DiGangi, Virginia Commonwealth University   
2018 Charlotte Woods, Virginia Commonwealth University  
2018 Alexa Nash, Virginia Commonwealth University   
2018 Gillian Bullock, Virginia Commonwealth University

2016 Rachel Williams, Virginia Commonwealth University   
2016 Jason Anthony Fuller, Virginia Commonwealth University   
2016 Ashley Jones, Virginia Commonwealth University   
2016 Peter Davis Mason, Virginia Commonwealth University   
2016 Rarione Maniece, Virginia Commonwealth University   
2016 Maureen E. McNabb, Virginia Commonwealth University

**Undergraduate Theses**

**Thesis Supervisor**

2019 Benjamin Protais Mugenzi, University of Rwanda School of Journalism and Communication. “Understanding How Social Media Have Impacted Traditional Media in Rwanda”

2019 Jean Damascene Bizimana, University of Rwanda School of Journalism and Communication. “The role of news media in the prevention of drug abuse and use in Rwanda: A case study of Kigali city region”

2019 Seleman Nshizirungu, University of Rwanda School of Journalism and Communication. “Media mergers in Rwanda as the financial solution to news practitioners and owners”

2019 Delphine Umwani, University of Rwanda School of Journalism and Communication. “The role of soap opera in the behavior change of Rwandan society: An Urunana case study”

2019 Dronique Mukeshimana, University of Rwanda School of Journalism and Communication. “The contribution of media in fighting against corruption in Rwanda”

2019 Innocent Twizeyimana, University of Rwanda School of Journalism and Communication. “The influence of news media in the modernization of agriculture in Rwanda”

**Professional Association Memberships**

Member, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (2012-present)

Member, International Communication Association (2013-present)