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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

August 2026 Assistant Professor of Journalism
College of Communication, Media, Design and Information
University of Colorado Boulder

2024-present Postdoctoral Research Associate
Hubbard School of Journalism & Mass Communication
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

2024-present Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Center for Journalism, Media & Democracy
University of Washington, Seattle

EDUCATION

2024 Ph.D., University of Washington, Department of Communication
Co-chairs: Patricia Moy and Matthew Powers
Dissertation: Beyond believability: Factors driving media trust in Uganda

2021 M.A., University of Washington, Department of Communication
Chair: Matthew Powers
Thesis: Interpreting Peace Journalism in East Africa: Individual, Organizational, and Professional Influences

2016 B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Journalism & Mass Communication
Certificates: African Studies and Global Health
Degree conferred with Distinction

HONORS & AWARDS

2025 ICA Political Communication 2023-2024 Best Dissertation Award

2025 ICA Journalism Studies Outstanding Dissertation Award - Honorable mention

2025 AAPOR Burns Roper Fellow Award

2025 UMN Postdoctoral Association Career Development Award

2024 African Studies Ottenberg-Winans Fellowship

2024 Professional Development Funds, UW Department of Communication

2024 Graduate and Professional Student Senate Travel Grant

2023 UW Presidential Dissertation Fellowship in the Social Sciences

2023 Barbara Warnick Dissertation Proposal Award

2023 Travel award, UW Department of Communication

2023	African Studies Ottenberg-Winans Fellowship
2023	Graduate and Professional Student Senate Travel Grant
2023	Communication Graduate Student Research Fund
2023	Graduate School Conference Presentation Award
2022	Travel award, UW Department of Communication
2022	Communication Graduate Student Research Fund
2021	Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation Scholarship
2021	Faculty Award for Outstanding M.A. Thesis
2021	Graduate School Distinguished Thesis Award in the Social Sciences
2021	Top Student Paper Award (third), AEJMC Newspaper and Online News
2020	Peter Clarke and Susan Evans Graduate Research Fund
2020	African Studies Ottenberg-Winans Fellowship
2020	Communication Graduate Student Research Fund

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Powers, M., **Doll, M. E.**, Hansen, R. & Moy, P. (In press). Neither expected nor planned: How young female journalists become political reporters. *Journalism Studies*.

Doll, M. E. (2025). Expectations of journalists and journalism in Uganda: Advancing a theory of relative institutional trust in journalism. *International Journal of Communication*, 19, 1873-1892.

Doll, M. E., Hansen, R., Straub-Cook, P., Powers, M. & Moy, P. (2025). Missing a beat? Exploring U.S. state legislative coverage beyond the politics desk. *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*. Advanced online publication.

Hansen, R., **Doll, M. E.**, Moy, P. & Powers, M. (2025). Explaining the feminization of statehouse reporting in one American state: A field analysis. *Journalism Practice*. Advanced online publication.

Powers, M., **Doll, M. E.**, Hansen, R., Straub-Cook, P. & Moy, P. (2025). New life for statehouse reporting? The view from one American state. *Journalism*, 26(11), 2461–2479.

Doll, M. E. (2025). Picturing peace journalists: An examination of social profiles and professional model diffusion. *International Journal of Press/Politics*, 30(2), 574-595.

Doll, M. E. (2024). New model, same practices? Examining professional values and peace-journalism training. *Journalism*. Advanced online publication.

Doll, M. E., Moy, P. & Beckers, K. (2023). In peace journalism we trust? Effects of peace journalism on news-item credibility and media trust. *Journalism Studies*, 24(16), 1999-2019.

Doll, M. E. (2022). For people, for policy: Journalists' perceptions of peace journalism in East Africa. *International Journal of Press/Politics*, 28(4), 1017-1036.

Doll, M. E. & Moy, P. (2022). Mapping peace journalism: Toward a shared understanding of success. *Journalism Studies*, 23(2), 263-280.

Beckers, K. & **Doll, M. E.** (2022). The representation of public opinion in routine U.S. network news. *Mass Communication and Society*, 27(2), 360-383.

Non-refereed Publications and Reports

Powers, M., **Doll, M. E.**, Hansen, R., & Moy, P. (2025) Statehouse Journalism in Transition: Insights from Olympia, Washington. Center for Journalism, Media & Democracy at the University of Washington. <https://cjmd.com.uw.edu/cjmd-report-statehouse-journalism-in-transition-insights-from-olympia-washington/>

Book Reviews

Doll, M. E. (2025). [Review of the book *Revisiting Peace Journalism in the Kenyan News Landscape*, by Cecilia Arregui Olivera], *African Journalism Studies*.

Doll, M. E. (2020). [Review of the book *Worlds of journalism: Journalism cultures around the globe*, by Thomas Hanitzsch, Folker Hanusch, Jyotika Ramaprasad, and Arnold S. de Beer (Eds.)], *International Journal of Communication*, 14, 3.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

Books

Doll, M. E. *Beyond Believability: Expectations and Aspirations for News in Uganda's Electoral Autocracy*. Full manuscript in preparation, proposal under review with Oxford University Press.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Doll, M. E. (Under review). Media trust, mixed methods: Expanding our understanding of trust in news.

Mudavadi, K., **Doll, M. E.** & Shanahan, J. (Under review). The rise of alternative digital media sites in Kenya.

Ssenkaaba, S. & **Doll, M. E.** (Under review). "Kampala is the pothole capital of the world": Examining networked counterpublic narratives in Uganda's restrictive social media spaces.

Toff, B, Bagrov, G., **Doll, M. E.**, Grannan, C., Ofori, M, & Tuleassi, J. (Under review). What "missing the news" means today: The appeal of platforms like TikTok and Instagram for young adults and lessons for news organizations.

Book Chapters

Doll, M. E. (2026). Normative concepts. In Löffelholz, M., Johansson, B., Sarışakaloğlu, A., & Estella, P. G. (Eds.), *The Routledge Companion to Conflict and Crisis Reporting*. Routledge.

Non-refereed Publications and Reports

Doll, M. E., Toff, B. & Grannan, C. "Report: Challenges and opportunities around reaching and engaging with news audiences through public events." Minnesota Journalism Center, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. <https://hsjmc.umn.edu/research-centers/centers/mn-journalism-center/minnesota-journalism-center-research>

Grannan, C., Toff, B. & Doll, M. E. "Meeting young adults where they are: Lessons for news organizations on TikTok and Instagram." Minnesota Journalism Center, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. <https://hsjmc.umn.edu/research-centers/centers/mn-journalism-center/minnesota-journalism-center-research>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Doll, M. E. (2026). "Perceiving the public: How journalists interpret audiences in Uganda's electoral autocracy." To be presented in the Journalism Studies Division at the International Communication Association annual meeting, June 4-8, Cape Town, South Africa.

Doll, M. E., Hansen, R., Moy, P. & Powers, M. (2026). "Re-reading public opinion: American political actors and public opinion in the 21st century. To be presented in the Political Communication Division at the International Communication Association annual meeting, June 4-8, Cape Town, South Africa.

Toff, B, Bagrov, G., **Doll, M. E.**, Grannan, C., Ofori, M, & Tuleassi, J. (2025). "What 'missing the news' means today: The appeal of platforms like TikTok and Instagram for young adults and lessons for news organizations." Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, August 8-10, 2025, San Francisco, CA.

Doll, M. E. (2025). "Expectations of journalists and journalism in Uganda: Advancing a theory of relative institutional trust in journalism." Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, June 12-16, Denver, CO.

Doll, M. E., Toff, B., & Grannan, C. (2025). "Public events as news engagement: An audience perspective." Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, June 12-16, Denver, CO.

Toff, B., **Doll, M. E.**, Ahn, S., Ofori, M., Tuleassi, J., Bagrov, E. & Grannan, C. (2025). "How does following news on social media impact political engagement and trust?" Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, June 12-16, Denver, CO.

Doll, M. E. (2025). "Perceived Disinformation and Media Habits Beyond the Western World: Uganda as a Case Study." Presented at the American Association for Public Opinion Research annual meeting, May 14-16, 2025, St. Louis, MO.

Doll, M. E. (2025). "A case for mixed-method research: Context-specific polling in Uganda and beyond." Presented at the World Association for Public Opinion Research annual meeting, May 12-15, 2025, St. Louis, MO.

Hansen, R., **Doll, M. E.**, Powers, M. & Moy, P. (2024). "The feminization of statehouse reporting in the United States: A field analysis." Presented at the Annual Conference of the International Journal of Press/Politics, October 17-18, 2024, Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

Ssenkaaba, S. & **Doll, M. E.** (2024). "Kampala is the pothole capital of the world: Examining counterpublic narratives in Uganda's restrictive social media spaces." Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, June 20-24, 2024, Gold Coast, Australia.

Powers, M., **Doll, M. E.**, Hansen, R. & Straub-Cook, P. (2024). "New life for statehouse reporting? The view from one American state." Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, June 20-24, 2024, Gold Coast, Australia.

Doll, M. E. (2024). "Media trust, qualitative methods: Expanding our understanding of trust in news." Presented at the American Association for Public Opinion Research annual meeting, May 15-17, 2024, Atlanta, GA.

Doll, M. E. (2023). "Picturing peace journalists: An examination of social profiles and professional model diffusion in East Africa." Presented at the African Studies Association annual meeting, November 30-December 2, 2023, San Francisco, CA.

Doll, M. E., Moy, P. & Beckers, K. (2023). "In peace journalism we trust? Effects of peace journalism on individuals' perceptions of news." Presented at the Mass Communication & Society Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, August 7-10, 2023, Washington, D.C.

Doll, M. E., Moy, P. & Beckers, K. (2023). "The effects of peace journalism on issue attitudes and cognitive complexity." Presented at the Mass Communication & Society Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, August 7-10, 2023, Washington, D.C.

Doll, M. E. (2023). "Beyond believability: Examining factors driving media trust in Uganda." Presented at the International Communication Association Journalism Studies Division's PhD Colloquium, May 25, 2023, Toronto, Canada.

Doll, M. E. (2023). "Predicting media trust in Uganda using a multi-level framework for political power." Presented at the American Association for Public Opinion Research annual conference, May 10-12, 2023, Philadelphia, PA.

Doll, M. E. (2022). "Beyond new knowledge: Examining peace-journalism training motivations in East Africa." Presented at the International Communication Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, August 3-6, 2022, Detroit, MI.

***Doll, M. E.** (2021). "For people, for policy: Journalists' perceptions of peace journalism." Presented at the Newspaper and Online News Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, August 4-7, 2021, virtual.

**Top Student Paper Award, third-place*

Doll, M. E. (2021). "Interpreting peace journalism: Individual, organizational, and professional influences." Presented at the Journalism Studies Division of the International Communication Association annual conference, May 27-31, 2021, virtual.

Beckers, K. & **Doll, M. E.** (2021). "The representation of public opinion in U.S. network news." Presented at the Journalism Studies Division of the International Communication Association annual conference, May 27-31, 2021, virtual.

Doll, M. E. & Moy, P. (2020). "Mapping peace journalism: Toward a shared understanding of success." Presented at the Newspapers and Online News Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, August 9, 2020, virtual.

INVITED TALKS & SYMPOSIA

Invited speaker, "Update: Minnesota's Local News Ecosystem in 2025." MN Friends in the Field virtual meeting on the topic of "Rural Media and its Impact on Community Building and Democracy," October 8, 2025.

Invited panelist, "The Future of State and Local Opinion Research." Interdisciplinary Collaborative Workshop: Eighty Year of the Minnesota Poll, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, September 19, 2025.

Invited speaker, "Assessing the Impact of News Coverage on State Government Officials" (with Russell Hansen, Matthew Powers, and Patricia Moy). 2025 Local Journalism Researchers Workshop, University of North Carolina Hussman School of Journalism and Media, March 23-24, 2025.

Invited speaker, "Public Events as News Engagement: Assessing Audience Impact" (with Benjamin Toff and Cydney Grannan). 2025 Local Journalism Researchers Workshop, University of North Carolina Hussman School of Journalism and Media, March 23-24, 2025.

Invited speaker, "Expect the worst, hope for the best: Advancing a theory of relative institutional trust in journalism." Hubbard School of Journalism & Mass Communication Faculty Research Day, University of Minnesota, October 25, 2024.

Invited speaker, "The News about Statehouse News: Initial Insights from Washington State" (with Russell Hansen, Matthew Powers, and Patricia Moy). 2024 Local Journalism Researchers Workshop, University of North Carolina Hussman School of Journalism and Media, March 25-26, 2024.

Invited panelist, "Lessons from Peace Journalism Research" in webinar series titled "How to Grow Audiences for Peace Journalism: Lessons from Research and Practice," George Washington University School of Media and Public Affairs, February 28, 2024.

Invited speaker, "Picturing peace journalists: Social position and peace journalism in East Africa." 2023 John Breaux Symposium, The Changing Labor of Global Journalism: Relationships, Tools, & Power, Louisiana State University, March 1-3, 2023.

Invited speaker, "Predicting media trust in Uganda using a multi-level framework for political power." Pacific Northwest Graduate Student Conference in Political Communication and Journalism Studies, University of Washington, June 2-3, 2023.

Invited speaker, "Washington Statehouse Reporting Project Panel" (with Russell Hansen, Polly Straub-Cook, and Matthew Powers). Pacific Northwest Graduate Student Conference in Political Communication and Journalism Studies, University of Washington, June 2-3, 2023.

Invited speaker, "Constructive journalism and institutional trust: Case studies in East Africa." Works in Progress: Africanist Scholarship in Challenging Times symposium, African Studies Program at the University of Washington, June 10, 2021.

POPULAR PRESS & MEDIA APPEARANCES

Doll, M. E. (2025). "What Does Peace Journalism Mean to Peace Journalists in East Africa?" *Peace News Network*. September 8. <https://peacenews.com/what-does-peace-journalism-mean-to-peace-journalists-in-east-africa/>

Warne-Jacobsen, W. (2024). **Interviewed for online piece.** "Opinion: Local elections and the Fourth Estate." *The Minnesota Daily*. November 3. <https://mndaily.com/290722/opinion/opinion-local-elections-and-the-fourth-estate/>

Doll, M. E. (2022). "PJ study interviews journalists in East Africa: What does PJ mean to peace journalists?" *The Peace Journalist Magazine*. April edition. <https://www.park.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/The-PJ-April-2022-web.pdf>

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, University of Washington

COM 359: Writing for Mass Media, 25 students (summer 2020, summer 2021)

COM 200: Introduction to Communication, 20 students (summer 2022, summer 2023)

Teaching Assistant, University of Washington

COM 468: Media Ethics

Doug Underwood, 95 students, four sections (winter 2022)

Matthew Powers, 95 students, grader (fall 2019, winter 2021)

COM 440: Mass Media Law

Richard Kielbowicz, 95 students, three sections (winter 2020)

COM 418: Environmental Communication

Kirsten Foot, 95 students, grader (fall 2021, fall 2022)

COM 360: Journalism & Public Interest Communication

Andrea Otáñez, 20 students, one section (fall 2020, spring 2021, winter 2023, spring 2023)

COM 220: Intro to Public Speaking

Matt McGarrity, 45 students, three sections (spring 2020)

Undergraduate Faculty Mentor, University of Washington

Lyn Tampi, Program on the Environment capstone project (2023)

WORK EXPERIENCE

2023-24 Fellow, Communication Leadership M.A. Program
Provided administrative support to executive leadership, provided instructional and pedagogical support to part-time and affiliate instructors, assisted in program application review.

2022-23 Program Operations Manager, Qualitative Multi-Method Program
University of Washington
Oversaw quarterly programming, recruited and advised graduate students interested in qualitative concentrations, and assisted in various grant writing and program development opportunities.

2016-19 Assistant Director, African Studies Program
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Assisted in administering \$450K in federal grants, coordinated programs, oversaw strategic communications, and advised graduate students.

2015 Research Assistant
Save the Mothers, Mukono, Uganda
Conducted in-depth interviews for book project, transcribed interviews, wrote for popular media, and provided general administrative support.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

University of Washington

Project assistant, Peabody Award Screening Committee, news category (2020-2024)
Board member, Communication Graduate Student Association (2019-2024)
Student organizer, African Studies Graduate Student Writing Group (2019-2022)
Symposium co-organizer, “Works in Progress: Africanist Scholarship in Challenging Times,”
University of Washington, June 10 (2021)

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Conference coordinator, “Cultures in conflict: Navigating cultural difference in international human rights reporting,” University of Wisconsin-Madison, Feb. 9-10 (2018)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journals

Ad hoc manuscript reviewer: *Journalism; International Journal of Communication; Mass Communication and Society; Journalism Practice; International Communication Gazette; Peace & Change; Journalism and Media*

American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR)

- Chair, Membership & Outreach Subcommittee (2025-2026)
- Associate chair, Membership & Outreach Subcommittee (2024-2025)
- Committee member, AAPOR All-Chapter Party Subcommittee (2024-2025)
- Session moderator, annual conference (2022-2025)
- Conference abstract reviewer, annual conference (2024)

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC)

- Student research chair, International Communication Division (2025-26)
- Refereed research panel moderator, International Communication Division (2025)
- Refereed research panel discussant, Newspaper and Online News Division (2025)
- Conference manuscript reviewer, News and Online News Division SE Colloquium (2025)
- Teaching standards chair, International Communication Division (2024-25)
- Social media manager, Newspaper and Online News Division (2023-25)
- Conference manuscript reviewer, Newspaper and Online News Division (2021-25)
- Early career/student liaison, International Communication Division (2023-24)

International Communication Association (ICA)

- Student & Early Career Representative, Political Communication Division (2026-2028)
- Session moderator, Journalism Studies Division (2025)
- Conference manuscript reviewer, Political Communication Division (2023-2024)
- Conference manuscript reviewer, Journalism Studies Division (2021-2024)
- Session moderator, Political Communication Division (2023)
- Volunteer, Conference Student Volunteer Program (2022)

Pacific Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (PAPOR)

- President, Executive Council (2026)
- Vice president/President-elect, Executive Council (2025)
- Session moderator, annual conference (2023, 2025)
- Secretary, Executive Council (2022-2024)

World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR)

- Session moderator, annual conference (2025)

Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research (MAPOR)

- Session moderator, annual conference (2021)

Broadcasting Education Association (BEA)

- Conference manuscript reviewer, annual conference (2020)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2025-present	World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR)
2022-present	Pacific Association for Public Opinion Research (PAPOR)
2021-present	International Communication Association (ICA)
2021-present	American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR)
2020-present	Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC)
2018-24	African Studies Association (ASA)
2021-22	American Political Science Association (APSA)
2020-22	Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research (MAPOR)

OTHER SKILLS

COMPUTER	R, Qualtrics, NVivo, Dedoose, Datawrapper, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop, Google Suite, Microsoft PowerPoint and Excel, WordPress, Microsoft SharePoint, Asana, Mailchimp, Canva
LANGUAGES	English (native), French (intermediate)
GENERAL	AP style, photography, layout design, press release writing