

## KATHRYN A. MONTALBANO

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Appalachian State University**  
Assistant Professor, Journalism  
Department of Communication  
August 2020–present

**Young Harris College**  
Assistant Professor, Communication Studies  
August 2018–May 2020

**Neumann University**  
Assistant Professor, Communication and Digital Media  
August 2016–May 2018

### EDUCATION

**Columbia University**  
Ph.D. in Communications (2016)  
Dissertation title: Under the Eye of Providence: Surveilling  
Religion in the United States  
Committee: Richard R. John (chair), Todd Gitlin, Courtney  
Bender, David Stark, Elizabeth Blackmar

**Columbia University**  
M.Phil. in Communications (2014)

**Columbia University**  
M.A. in Communications (2011)

**Haverford College**  
B.A. in English, Sociology (minor) (2009)

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Book**

Montalbano, K. (2018). *Government surveillance of religious expression: Mormons, Quakers, and Muslims in the United States*. New York, NY: Routledge.

### **Journal Articles & Book Chapters**

Montalbano, K. (Spring 2022). Preventing yellow jack and yellow journalism: The tensions in Mississippi Valley news coverage of the 1878 yellow fever epidemic. *Journalism History*.

Montalbano, K. (2019). The FBI and the AFSC: Surveilling United States religious expression in the Cold War era. In R. Heynen and E. van der Meulen (Eds.), *Making surveillance states: Transnational histories* (pp. 238-260). Toronto, Canada: University of Toronto Press.

Montalbano, K. (2019). Islamophobia in reactionary news: Radicalizing Christianity in the United States. *Open Library of Humanities*, 5(1): 61, pp. 1–49. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.16995/olh.473>

Montalbano, K. (2018). Net neutrality, the Fairness Doctrine, and the NRB: The tension between United States religious expression and media regulation. *Media and Communication*, 6(1), 5-12.

Montalbano, K. (2015). Misunderstanding the Mongols: Intercultural communication in three thirteenth-century Franciscan travel accounts. *Information & Culture: A Journal of History*, 50(4), 588-610.

### **Book Review**

Montalbano, K. (June 2021). [Review of *The Routledge Handbook of Religion and Journalism*, edited by K. Radde-Antweiler and X. Zeiler]. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*.

## **Manuscripts Under Review or In Development**

Montalbano, K. (invited to revise and resubmit). Yik Yak and hyperlocalized messaging: An autopsy of anonymity gone awry.

Montalbano, K. (under review). Covering religion on the “Big Three” networks (1968-1979): “And that’s the way it is.”

Perreault, G., & **Montalbano, K.** (under review). From lifestyle journalism to general news: Field theory in the hard news turn of religion reporting.

Montalbano, K. (in development). “Yakety Yak, don't talk back”: Moderation on anonymous platforms.

Montalbano, K. (in development). Section 230 and digital disinformation.

**Montalbano, K.,** & Perreault, G. (in development). Resisting Protestant hegemony: Privileging coverage in religion reporting.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Section 230 and Digital Disinformation,” International Communication Association Annual Conference, “Engaging the Essential Work of Care: Communication, Connectedness, and Social Justice,” Denver, 27–31 May 2021.

“Preventing Yellow Jack and Yellow Journalism: The Tension in Mississippi Valley News Coverage of the 1878 Yellow Fever Epidemic,” Symposium on the 19th Century Press, the Civil War, and Free Expression, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 12–14 November 2020.

“Right-Wing Populism, Religion, and Reactionary News: Radicalizing United States Christianity,” International Communication Association Annual Conference, “Communication Beyond Borders,” Pre-conference, “Global Populism: Its Roots in Media and Religion,” Washington, D.C., 24 May 2019.

“Regulating Religion in the United States: Mormons, Quakers, and Muslims,” International Communication Association Annual Conference, “Voices,” Pre-conference, “Global

Media and Human Rights,” Prague, 23–24 May 2018.

“Surveilling Pacifists in Cold War America: The Quakers, the FBI, and the First Amendment,” International Communication Association Annual Conference, “Interventions: Communication Research and Practice,” Communication History Interactive Poster Session, San Diego, 25–29 May 2017.

“Considering Religious Networks and Media: A Methodological Challenge to Communication Studies,” European Communication Research and Education Association Conference, “Bridges and Boundaries: Theories, Concepts, and Sources in Communication History,” Venice, 16–18 September 2015.

“Misunderstanding the Mongols: Intercultural Communication in Three Thirteenth-Century Franciscan Travel Accounts,” International Communication Association Annual Conference, “Communication Across the Life Span,” Pre-conference, “Communications and the State: Toward a New International History,” San Juan, 21–25 May 2015.

“Mediating Messages in Unchartered Territory: Conceptualizing Profession in 13th-Century Franciscan Travel Narratives,” Columbia University Religion Department—Graduate Student Conference, “Religion on the Move: Movement, Migration, Missions and New Media across Religious Traditions,” New York, 26 April 2013.

“Defacement and Encoding in the Network Society: The Fusion of Evangelicalism and Catholicism in the American Public Sphere,” International Conference on Media, Religion, and Culture, Eskişehir, 8–12 July 2012.

“The Environmental Movement and American Religion in the Network Society: Reconfiguring Hierarchies to Exist within Heterarchical Organizational Structures,” Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Conference, Chicago, 9–12 August 2012.

**INVITED TALKS  
AND PANELS**

“Dead and Dying Platforms” panel, Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR), Philadelphia, 13-16 October 2021.

“Dead and Dying Platforms” working group, Center for Advanced Internet Studies, Bochum, 2022.

**PUBLIC  
ENGAGEMENT**

“Has Technology Reached Escape Velocity from Law?” Law and Technology panel, Clubhouse, 28 February 2021.

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

**Appalachian State University**

“Journalism Matters” (Fall 2020, Spring 2021)  
“Communication Law” (Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

**Young Harris College**

“Religion and Media” (Fall 2019)  
“Senior Capstone” (Fall 2019)  
“Introduction to Media Communication” (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)  
“Public Speaking” (Fall 2018—Spring 2020)  
“Communication Theory” (Spring 2019, Spring 2020)  
“Protest and Social Activism” (Spring 2019)

**Neumann University**

Introduction to Communication” (Fall 2016—Spring 2018)  
“Mass Media and Society” (Fall 2016—Fall 2017)  
“Communication Research Methods” (Fall 2016—Spring 2018)  
“Globalization, New Media, and the Internet” (Spring 2017)  
“CDM Internship” (Summer 2017)  
“Senior Seminar” (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

**Columbia University**

“Organizing Innovation,” Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology (Fall 2014)  
“Ethics of Journalism,” Teaching Assistant, Columbia Graduate School of Journalism (Fall 2012)  
“History of Journalism,” Teaching Assistant, Columbia Graduate School of Journalism (Fall 2011)

**College of Mount Saint Vincent**

“Introduction to Media Studies,” Adjunct Professor (Fall 2013, Spring 2014)  
“New Media and Society,” Adjunct Professor (Fall 2013, Spring 2014)

**RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE**

Research assistant to Jonathan Zittrain, Professor of Law and Computer Science, Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University, for research on net neutrality

and Internet policy, June–August 2013.  
Research assistant to Frederick A.O. Schwarz, Jr., Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, for *Democracy in the Dark: The Seduction of Government Secrecy* (2015), February 2012–February 2013.  
Research assistant to Richard R. John, Professor of History and Communications, Columbia University, on late eighteenth-century American communications, antimonopoly, and the history of transatlantic communication, January–April 2012, January–April 2013.  
Research assistant to Richard R. John, Professor of History and Communications, Columbia University, for *The American Postal Network, 1792–1914* (2012), July–August 2011.

## SERVICE

Diversity Committee, Appalachian State University, August 2020–present.  
Curriculum Committee, Appalachian State University, August 2020–present.  
Assistant Chair Search Committee, Appalachian State University, October–November 2020.  
Parental and Emergency Leave Ad Hoc Committee, Young Harris College, November 2019–present.  
Black History Month Committee, November 2019–present.  
Academic Standards and Policies Committee, Young Harris College, September 2019–present.  
Institutional Review Board (IRB) Committee, Young Harris College, August 2019–present.  
Safety Committee, Young Harris College, August 2018–August 2019.  
NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative Association, Faculty Athletics Coach (FAC), Young Harris College, August 2018–August 2019.  
Providence Animal Shelter, Dog Trotter, Media, PA, June 2017–May 2018.  
Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee (LOAC), Neumann University, January 2017–May 2018.  
Neumann University men’s tennis team, Co-chaplain, January–May 2017.