

# Rosemary M. Pennington

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## **Education**

Indiana University  
*School of Journalism* June 2015 Bloomington, IN

- PhD Mass Communication

Indiana University  
*School of Journalism* February 2010 Bloomington, IN

- MA Journalism

Ohio University  
*E.W. Scripps School of Journalism* June 2001 Athens, OH

- BSJ Broadcast News

## **Academic Experience**

Miami University – Oxford, OH

- *Assistant Professor*, Department of Media, Journalism & Film (Fall 2015-Present)

Indiana University – Bloomington, IN

- *Graduate Assistant*, School of Journalism (2007-2015)

## **Research Interests**

Media and society, Muslims and media, uses of new media, media and identity, and globalization and communication.

## **Research Networks**

- *Young Scholars Network on Culture, Media Uses, and Media Effects*. Funded by the German Research Foundation and based at Touro College Berlin.

## **Refereed Books**

Pennington, R. and Kahn, H. (eds.) (2018). *Re-Scripting Islam: Reporting on Muslims and their Faith*. Indiana University Press.

## **Book Chapters**

Pennington, R. (2018). "New Media and Muslim Voices" in *Re-Scripting Islam: Reporting on Muslims and their Faith*, Rosemary Pennington and Hilary Kahn (eds.) Indiana University Press.

## **Refereed Journal Publications**

Pennington, R. and Birthisel, J. (2016). "When new media makes news: Framing technology and sexual assault in the Steubenville rape case." *New Media & Society*, 18(11), 2435-2451.

Pennington, R. (2016) "Dissolving the other: Orientalism, consumption, and Katy Perry's insatiable 'Dark Horse.'" *Journal of Communication Inquiry*, 40(2), 111-127.

Ogan, C., Willnat, L., Pennington, R. and Bashir, M. (2014) "The rise of anti-Muslim prejudice: Media and Islamophobia in Europe and the United States." *International Communication Gazette*, 76(1), 27-46.

Ogan, C., Bashir, M., Camaj, L., Lou, Y., Gaddie, B., Pennington, R., Rana, S., Salih, M. (2009) "Development communication: The state of research in an era of ICTs and globalization." *International Communication Gazette*, 71(8), 655-670.

### **Non-Refereed Publications**

Pennington, R. (2011). Review of The Trouble with Culture: How Computers are Calming the Culture Wars by F. Allan Hanson. *The Information Society*, 28(2), 51-52.

### **Refereed Conference Presentations**

Pennington, R. (Accepted). "*John Oliver: Committing Acts of Journalism through Dick Jokes and Snark.*" To be presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) annual conference, Washington, DC, August 2018.

Pennington, R. (Accepted). "*Visualizing the #MuslimBan: An Analysis of Social Media and News Images of the Trump Travel Ban.*" To be presented in the Race and Ethnicity Division of the International Communication Association's annual conference, Prague, Czech Republic, May 2018.

Jankowski, S.M. and Pennington, R. (2017). "*Preaching the News: Using Journalism and Social Media to Contextualize Politics and Religion.*" Presented at The Centre for Ecological, Social, and Informatics Cognitive Research (ESI.CORE) inaugural "Moving Forward: Where is the Journalist in Social Media?" conference, New York, September.

Pennington, R. (2017). "*Making space in social media: Activism and argumentation around #MuslimWomensDay.*" Presented in the Commission on the Status of Women of Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) annual conference, Chicago, August.

Rahimi, M. and Pennington, R. (2017). "*Diasporic vs. national media in covering an international deal: An investigation of how American and Iranian diasporic media covered the Iran Nuclear Deal.*" Presented in the International Communication Division of Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) annual conference, Chicago, August.

Pennington, R. (2017). "*Mourning the 'The Greatest': 'Unforgivably black' and peacefully Muslim Muhammad Ali.*" Presented at the *Ali in Un/Expected Spaces Symposium* of the John Morton Center of Turku University, Finland, May.

Pennington, R. (2017). "*A glossy Islam: Muslim lives in fashion magazines.*" Presented

at the annual meeting of the Eastern Communication Association, Boston, March.

Jankowski, S.M. and Pennington, R. (2016). "*Tweeting to the flock: The Pope, celebrity, and the rebranding of modern-day Catholicism.*" Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Pop Culture Association/Midwest American Culture Association, Chicago, October

Pennington, R. and Jankowski, S.M. (2016). "*'Nail them while they're vulnerable' – Addiction, depression, stigma and the story of Robin Williams's suicide.*" Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Atlanta, March.

Pennington, R. (2016). "*TMI Tumblr: Muslim explorations of gender, love, and sex in social media.*" Presented at the Media, Gender & Religion Conference, Boulder, January.

Pennington, R. (2015). "*'Blurring the lines' and breaking down boundaries in social media – Muslims creating connections and community in Tumblr.*" Presented at the Media.Bridges.Culture Conference, Istanbul, December.

Pennington, R. and Jankowski, S.M. (2015). "*Manic pixie dream mom: Sick kids and the framing of motherhood on film.*" Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Pop Culture Association/Midwest American Culture Association, Cincinnati, October.

Pennington, R. (2014). "*Dissolving the Other: Orientalism, consumption, and Katy Perry's insatiable 'Dark Horse.'*" Presented in the Entertainment Studies Interest Group of Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) annual conference, Montreal, Canada, August.

Pennington, R. and Birthisel, J. (2014). "*When new media makes news: Framing technology and sexual assault in the Steubenville rape case.*" Presented in the Newspaper and Online News Division of Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) annual conference, Montreal, Canada, August.

Pennington, R. (2013). "*America's doctor is a (not-so-secret) Muslim? Discussing Doctor Oz's religion.*" Presented in the Commission on the Status of Women and Religious Studies Interest Group of Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) annual conference, Washington, D.C., August.

Pennington, R. (2012) "*Male in the masjid: Framing men on Little Mosque on the Prairie.*" Presented in the Religious Studies Interest Group of Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) annual conference, Chicago, August.

Pennington, R. (2012) "*Veiling the news, anchors in hijab: Deconstructing the framing of Western journalists who wear the headscarf in the field*" Presented in the Commission on the Status of Women and Religious Studies Interest Group of Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) annual conference,

Chicago, August.

Pennington, R. (2012) "*Stepping into modernity: Narratives of Egypt's January 25th uprising in New York Times editorials.*" Presented in the Journalism Studies Division of the International Communication Association (ICA) annual conference, Phoenix, May.

Pennington, R., Kothari, A., Jankowski, S.M. and Lee, J.K. (2011) "*Cultivating, or alleviating, fear? How religion and media influence feelings about terrorism.*" Presented in the Religion and Media Interest group of Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) annual conference, St. Louis, August.

Ogan, C., Willnat, L, Pennington, R. and Bashir, M. (2011) "*The rise of anti-Muslim prejudice: Media and Islamophobia in Europe and the United States.*" Presented in the Islam and Media Working Group of International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) annual conference, Istanbul, July.

Pennington, R. (2011) "*Science, faith and news: How religion and media influence what Americans believe about science.*" Presented in Open Division of Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) southeast colloquium, Columbia, March.

Pennington, R. (2010) "*Say I am you – or not: Images of the “other” in children’s illustrated atlases.*" Presented in Cultural and Critical Studies Division of Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) midwinter conference, Norman, March.

Pennington, R. (2008) "*Chips and curry; Kraut and kebabs – Exploring multiculturalism through comedy.*" Presented in International Communication Division of Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) annual conference, Chicago, August.

### **Non-Refereed Conference Presentations**

Pennington, R. (2014). *Framing #Woolwich: A qualitative textual analysis of Twitter conversation.* Presented at *Techie Women Have More* conference poster competition. Conference organized by Indiana University’s Center for Excellence for Women in Technology, March. (Award winner.)

### **Other Writing & Media Production**

Pennington, R. (2016). Changing the News Narrative on Rape. *Huffington Post*, November 28. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/changing-the-news-narrative-on-rape\\_us\\_5839e18be4b0c2ab944369d6](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/changing-the-news-narrative-on-rape_us_5839e18be4b0c2ab944369d6)

### **Teaching**

*Miami University*

- JRN 101 H Introduction to Journalism
- JRN 101 Introduction to Journalism

- JRN 202 Reporting & Writing II
- JRN 303 Online Journalism
- JRN 350 Sex and the News

#### *Indiana University*

- J200 Reporting, Writing, and Editing I
- J206 Reporting a Global World
- J303 Online Journalism
- J410 Media as Social Institutions
- J414 International Newsgathering Systems
- J460 Sex and the News

#### **Invited Presentations**

*On Islam: Muslims and the Media* (Scheduled for July 2018): Invited to present research and philosophy informing the creation of the book *On Islam: Muslims and the Media* at American Mensa's national convention in Indianapolis, IN.

*Muslims and Islam in News Media* (Scheduled for April 2018): Invited to participate in symposium "Representations of Religion" hosted by Indiana University's Media School. Will discuss the negative representations of Muslims in news media as well as what journalists can do to better reflect Muslim communities.

*Challenges Facing Journalism Education in Western Asia* (Scheduled for April 2018): Invited to participate in symposium "Journalism in Asia: Current Trends and Challenges" hosted by the Valenti School of Communication at the University of Houston. Will discuss challenges facing journalists and journalism educators in countries like Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and Iran.

*Muslims, Islam, and the Media* (July 2015): Speak to members of the Bloomington, IN Press Club about representation of Muslims in media, about how media sometimes perpetuate stereotypes, and how media producers can work to create more nuanced and contextualized representations of Muslim life.

*Weaving Together a Socially Mediated Muslim Self* (March 2015): Present research on how Muslim bloggers use Tumblr in Indiana University's Islamic Studies Program's Lecture Series. Took questions about findings from a mixed audience of graduate students, faculty, and local community members.

*Introduction to Social Media* (April 2014): Work with Burmese high school students traveling in the United States on a United States Department of State program. Introduce them to social media, how it can be used to effect social change, and aid in the creation of social media sites for the group's use during their visit.

*Tweeting a Revolution: How Twitter Helped Shape the Story of the 2011 Arab Uprisings* (May 2013): Panelist during Indiana University's ICCI Global Mini-Conference.

Discussed the way social media was utilized during the 2011 Arab uprisings with educators from the United States and Canada.

*Social Media and Steubenville* (March 2013): Panel discussant during Robert Morris University's "Celebrating Communication" event. Panel focused on the impact of social media on the "Steubenville [Ohio] rape case" as well as what some of the potential fallout from the situation might be. Panel included Alexandria Goddard, blogger who helped bring attention to the case.

*The Role of Media in Global Affairs* (August 2008): Sole presenter on topic during International Studies Summer Institute sponsored by Indiana University's Center for the Study of Global Change. Spoke with group of thirty high school teachers about the ideas of bias and objectivity in journalism; also, how culture and politics affect the practice of journalism.

### **Service**

- Journalism Curriculum Committee
- First Generation Learning Community
- Redhawk Radio (WMSR) Advisor
- Miami University Mental Health Ally
- Stats + Stories Podcast Moderator
- Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards Judge
- Journal reviewer for *New Media & Society*, *Mass Communication and Society*, *Communication, Culture and Critique*, *Feminist Media Studies*, *International Communication Gazette*, *Journal of Communication Inquiry*, *Asian Journal of Communication*, *Applied Journalism and Media Studies*, *Journal of Gender Studies*, *Women's Studies International Forum*.
- Conference paper reviewer for International Communication Association Feminist Studies Division, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication International Communication Division, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication Commission on the Status of Women.

### **Professional Experience**

May '08-December '17                      Muslim Voices                      Bloomington, IN

*Project Coordinator/Managing Editor*

Plan and help produce audio podcasts and videos for Voices and Visions, a project aimed at breaking down stereotypes around Islam and increasing dialogue between Muslims and non-Muslims. Manage project website in WordPress. Plan four events for the Bloomington, business and media communities. Serve as media liaison for project and manage project's various social media accounts.

May '13-July '15                      Framing the Global                      Bloomington, IN

*Web Editor*

Create content for, and edit, project website in WordPress. Work with project fellows to prepare short posts for Framing the Global blog. Manage project's social media accounts. Aid in the planning of academic conference.

Nov. '03-Aug. '07                      WBHM FM                      Birmingham, AL  
*Announcer/Producer*  
Host afternoon public radio news programming including Fresh Air, All Things Considered and Marketplace. Produce news features, interviews and webpages covering wide array of topics including social issues, medicine and science. File for such entities as Day to Day, The Health Show, Prime Time Postscript, Voice of America, Marketplace and online magazine Dragonfire.

Nov. '01-Nov. '03                      WOUB News                      Athens, OH  
*Managing Editor*  
Assist news director and assistant news director in management of student and paid staff, edit reporters' stories and copy for nightly television newscast. Finalize rundown for evening newscast. Also work as general assignment reporter and anchor for both television and radio.

Fall '01                      CNN International                      London, UK  
*News Assistant (Intern)*  
Take feeds, transcribe interviews and sound bites, conduct research for anchors and reporters, call correspondents and assist camera people on shoots.

Sept. '98-Sept. '01                      WOUB News                      Athens, OH  
*Reporter/Anchor/Producer/Editor*  
General assignment reporter handling special series tackling such issues as drug abuse and elder care. Also, serve as host of afternoon radio news magazine, fill-in host for classical programming and Morning Edition host for AM station.

Summer '00                      WTAM Newsradio 1100                      Cleveland, OH  
*Reporter (Intern)*  
General assignment reporting, take news feeds, check wires, make informational calls, and do research for anchors and reporters.

### **Academic and Research Honors**

- Miami University Humanities Center Altman Faculty Scholar – '18-'19
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place CEWiT *Techie Women Have More...* Conference Research Poster Competition (Graduate) – '14
- Finalist Alexander von Humboldt Foundation German Chancellor Fellowship – '13
- United States Department of Education Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (German) – '12
- Indiana University OVPIA Pre-Dissertation Research Grant – '11
- Indiana University School of Journalism's Frances G. Wilhoit Research Paper Award – '08
- John R. Wilhelm Foreign Correspondence Scholarship – '01
- E.W. Scripps School of Journalism Broadcast Senior of the Year – '01

### **Professional Fellowships and Honors**

- RIAS/RTNDF German American Journalist Exchange – June ‘11
- American Council on Germany Immigration Study Tour – April ‘11
- Bloomington Human Rights Award – Group ‘09
- Douglas L. Cannon Broadcast Award for Excellence in Medical Reporting – ‘08
- Alabama AP Awards – Best Specialized Reporter – ‘07
- PRNDI – Best Call-in Program – ‘07
- RTNDA Regional Edward R. Murrow Award – News Documentary ‘07
- Douglas L. Cannon Broadcast Award for Excellence in Medical Reporting – ‘07
- Knight Center for Specialized Journalism: Cities, Suburbs and Beyond – Feb. ‘07
- Alabama AP Awards – Best Specialized Reporter ‘06
- Alabama AP Awards – Public Affairs or Documentary ‘06
- RTNDA Regional Edward R. Murrow Award – Best News Series ‘06
- RTNDA Regional Edward R. Murrow Award – Best Continuing Coverage ‘06
- Douglas L. Cannon Broadcast Award for Excellence in Medical Reporting – ‘06
- Michael E. DeBakey Journalism Award – Radio ‘06
- SoundVision’s “Science Literacy Project” – March ‘06
- RIAS/RTNDF German American Journalist Exchange – June ‘05
- Alabama AP Awards – Best Extraordinary Coverage of a Planned Event ‘04
- Alabama AP Awards – Best Use of Tape ‘04
- Knight Center for Specialized Journalism: The Human Brain – Oct. ‘04
- Ohio AP Awards – Best Use of Sound ‘03
- Best Practices in Journalism: Political Storytelling – June ‘02
- WOUB Radio Journalist of the Year ‘99-‘00