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Thursday, June 19, 2008

1:00–6:00 pm **Registration**

Conference: California Mission Lobby, Benson Center

Lodging: Casa Italiana (Residence Hall)

4:00–4:30 pm **Opening Session**

Welcoming Remarks

California Mission Room

Anne Pym

MEA Convention Co-Director, California State University East Bay

Atom Yee

Dean of Arts and Sciences, Santa Clara University

4:45–6:00 pm Session I–A

California Mission Room

Theology, Religion and Technology

Chair: Stephanie Bennett, Palm Beach Atlantic University

A Test of Strictness and Marketing upon Church Growth and Health

-Ronda Oosterhoff

Montclair State University

KPOF: A Pillar of Fire on the Denver Airwayes

—Kimberly Eberhardt Casteline, University of Colorado

Narrative Convergence and Evangelical Homiletics

—Curt Wanner, Toccoa Falls College

Electrical Equivocal: The Desacralizing Effect of Electric Media in Sacred Worship Space

—Steven Reagles, Bethany Lutheran College



Session I–B Kennedy Commons 108 4:45–6:00 pm

Sustaining What's Sacred: Finding the Ghosts in/through Our Machines

Chair: Robert MacDougall, Curry College

Natural Boundings

—Bronac Ferran, Royal College of Art, UK

The Creative Ghost

—Barry Liss, University of Wisconsin

The Feeling of Flow: A Phenomenological Analysis of On- and Off-line Life
—Robert MacDougall, Curry College

Aural Space, Acoustic Space, and Visual Space: The Quest for Virtual Reality in Musical Reproduction

—James Morrison, Western Connecticut State University

Session I–C Kennedy Commons 109 4:45–6:00 pm

Theorizing Media Ecology

Chair: Thom Gencarelli, Manhattan College

Meta-Four-Play: A Comparison of Marshall McLuhan's Tetrad and Claude Levi-Strauss' Canonical Formula

—Robert Blechman, St. George's University

Sin and Sacrament: Media Criticism from the Contrasting Theological Perspectives of Jacques Ellul and Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

—Peter Fallon, Roosevelt University

Are We the Center of Construction of the Universe? Teilhard's Sacred Perspective on Media Construction

—Christine Tracy, Eastern Michigan University

Ellul and Communication

-Ray Gozzi, Ithaca College



4:45 - 6:00 pm

Session I–D

Benson Center, Parlor A

Theorizing the Human Soul in a Digital Age

Chair: Janet Sternberg, Fordham Universiy

The Human Soul and the Sacred:
The Influence of Communication Technologies
—Magda Rodrigues de Cunha
Pontificia Universidade do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

Theology in a Digital Age: The Example of David Tracy
—Jerry Harp, Lewis and Clark College

The Gods are Back in Town: Pagan Beauty and the Culture of Spectacle
—Arthur Hunt, The University of Tennessee at Martin

University Welcome Reception

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Hors d'oeuvres and California wines

Santa Clara Mission Gardens

Hosted by Rev. Paul Locatelli, S.J. President, Santa Clara University

7:30 - 8:45 pm

Session II

California Mission Room

Featured Presentation

Introduction: Lance Strate, Fordham University

Learning from Leonardo Fritjof Capra

Center for Ecoliteracy



Friday, June 20, 2008

Registration

Conference: California Mission Lobby, Benson Center 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Lodging: Casa Italiana (Residence Hall)

Breakfast Casa Italiana Residence Hall 7:30 – 9:00 am

All conference sessions will take place in Benson Memorial Center. Plenary sessions will meet in the California Mission Room on the lower level. Exhibitors have their displays in the Mission Room Lobby. Paper sessions will generally meet in the conference rooms on the first level: Take the stairs at the west end of the building and turn right at the first corridor. Parlor A, B, C, and the Williman Room follow along that corridor. Some sessions will meet in the Kennedy Commons, the building to the west of the Benson Center.

Representatives from the University IT department will be available to register personal computers for use on the University systems Friday morning, from 7:30–9:00 am, and afternoon, from 3–4 pm.

Session III–A Kennedy Commons 9:00-10:15 am

Methodology in Media Ecology I

Chair: Corey Anton, Grand Valley State University

Postman

—Lance Strate, Fordham University

Walter Ong: Recovering Historical Sources

—Paul Soukup, S.J., Santa Clara University

Classical Rhetoric and Media Ecology Methodology

—Anne Pym, California State University, East Bay

Using Q-sort Methodology

—Paul Grosswiler, University of Maine



9:00 – 10:15 am **Session III–B**

Parlor B, Benson Center first floor

Emergent Media, Systems Theory, & Informatics

Chair: Janet Sternberg, Fordham University

A Biological Approach to the Rhetoric of Emergent Media: Exploring the Biological Design, News and Religion Ecosystems

- -Robert Logan, University of Toronto
- —Christine Tracy, Eastern Michigan University

Designing for Emergence and Innovation: Redesigning Design

—Greg Van Alstyne, University of Toronto

The Design Ecosystem: Designing for Emergence and Innovation

- —Robert Logan, University of Toronto
- —Greg Van Alstyne, University of Toronto

Constructed Reality "Re-Sacralized"? Systems Theory Perspectives

—Yu-Cheng Liu, National Chengchi University, Taiwan

9:00 – 10:15 am **Session III–C**

Parlor C, Benson Center first floor

Media Depictions

Chair: Fernando Gutiérrez, Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico

The War Bride: Folklore of Military Man
—Brett Robinson, University of Georgia

Forsaking Convention, Forsaking Content? Postmodern Fiction, Typographical Experimentation, and Letters in an Electronic Age

-Matt Thomas, University of Iowa

World Wide Web and Religious Integration in Egypt: Coptic United and Islam Online as Case Study

—Samy Saad, American University in Washington

Screen Hierophants: Orally and Literately Inflected Modes of Engagement with the Sacred in Visual Narrative

-Sheila Nayar, Greenboro College



Session IV California Mission Room 10:30 – 11:45 am

Featured Presentation

Introduction: Anne Pym, California State University, East Bay

Leonardo's Brain: The Left/Right Roots of Creativity

Leonard Shlain, M.D.

Lunch Bronco and Bronco Patio, first level 12:00 – 1:20 pm

Session V California Mission Room 1:30 – 2:45 pm

Featured Session: New Technologies in Education

Moderator: Paul Soukup, S.J., Santa Clara University

Ian Griffin, Hewlett Packard Rick Tywoniak, Cisco Systems Megan Steward, Adobe Systems

Session VI–A California Mission Room 3:00 – 4:15 pm

Co-Featured Session: McLuhan & Ong in Conversation

Chair: Anne Pym, California State University, East Bay

The Priest and the Prophet: Ong, McLuhan, and the Mysteries of Media

—David Curtis, Blackburn College

Contemporary Theo-Technology

—Curt Wanner, Taccoa Falls College

Discussant

—Paul Soukup, S.J., Santa Clara University

Discussant

—Lance Strate, Fordham University



3:00 - 4:15 pm **Session VI–B**

Kennedy Commons

Co-Featured Session: Award Winner Presentations

Chair: James Morrison, Western Connecticut State University

Imaginary Futures: From Thinking Machines to the Global Village
—Richard Barbrook, University of Westminster

Digital Performance: A History of New Media in Theater, Dance, Performance Art, and Installation

—Steve Dixon, Brunel University

Watching the Traffic Go By: Transportation and Isolation in Urban America
— Paul Mason Fotsch

4:30-5:45 pm **Session VII–A**

Parlor B

Sacred Earth, Sacred Universe

Chair: Mike Russo, St. Mary's College

The City's Curse: The Church's Plight—An Ellulian Perspective
—Stephanie Bennett, Palm Beach Atlantic University*

Media Ecology, Sacred Earth, and the Agrarian Mind
—Arthur Hunt, The University of Tennessee at Martin

The Metaphysics of Media: Toward an End of Postmodern Cynicism and the Creation of a Virtuous Reality

—Peter Fallon, Roosevelt University

12,000 Years from Pythagoras: Numbers, Time and the Music of the Long Now—Ed Tywoniak, Saint Mary's College

4:30-5:45 pm Session VII–B

Parlor C

Histories and Evolution in Media Ecology

Chair: Phil Rose, York University, Toronto

Clocks, Synchronization, and the Fate of Leisure: A Brief Media Ecological History of Digital Technologies

—Corey Anton, Grand Valley State University

MoneyGod: The Economic History of the World's Most Valuable Idea
—Read Mercer Schuchardt, Wheaton College

Evolution is the Message: A Medium Theoretic Perspective on the Evolution of the Internet

—Mogens Olesen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark



4:30 - 5:45 pm

Session VII-C

Kennedy Commons

Uses of Technology in Education (a Media Ecology perspective)

Chair: Robert Blechman, St. George's University

The Impact of Technology On Pedagogy
—Michelle Seelig, University of Miami

Photojournalism and Visual Journalism

—Larry Dailey, University of Nevada

The Effects of Textbooks as a Cultural Information Transmission Technology

—Leo Fahey, The Kew-Forest School

Seeing Like a Camera: Introducing Contemporary Art Through the Use of Cameras

—Kathleen Sweeney, Marymount Manhattan College

Online Learning and Educational Computing

—Alexander Kuskis, Gonzaga University

Community Blogs

—Susan Jacobson, Temple University

Classroom Lecture Recording Technology

-Robert Blechman, St. George's University

Dinner Mission Gardens 6:00 – 7:30 pm

MEA President's Address and Awards Ceremony

California Mission Room

7:30 - 9:00 pm

Media Ecology and/as Culture
—Lance Strate, Fordham University

Presentation of annual MEA Awards



Saturday, June 21, 2008

8:30 – 5:00 pm Conference Registration

California Mission Lobby (Benson Center)

7:30 – 9:00 am

Breakfast

Casa Italiana Residence Hall

9:00 – 10:15 am **Session VIII–A**

Parlor B, Benson Center

Civic Engagement, Media, and Reality Construction

Chair: Brett Lunceford, University of South Alabama

The Civic Soul: Public Space Remixed and Curative Archive

- —Paul Guzzardo, media activist/artist
- —David Walczyk, Pratt Institute

Journalism, Cell Phone and Young Voters: The Development of an Election MoBlog in Philadelphia

- —Susan Jacobson, Temple University
- —Karen Turner, Temple University

It Ain't Heavy: The Bias of Digital Communication

—Thom Gencarelli, Manhattan College

9:00 – 10:15 am **Session VIII–B**

Parlor C, Benson Center

Modes of Media Production

Chair: Valerie Peterson, Grand Valley State University

Te dedico esta cancion: El amor en los tiempos del YouTube

—Adriana Marcela Moreno Acosta Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Living in Hybrid Spaces: Digital Photography, Subjectivity, and the

Competing Claims of Private and Public Spheres

—Dong-Hoo Lee, University of Incheon, Korea

Remediation of the Sacred on YouTube

-Mike Wesch, Kansas State University

Visual Truth

—Julianne Newton, Lane Community College



Session VIII–C Williman Room, Benson Center 9:00 – 10:15 am

The Media Ecology Tradition in Latin America

Chair: Fernando Gutiérrez, Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico

The Founders of a New Tradition

-Fernando Gutiérrez, Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico

El Pensamiento de McLuhan en la Reconfiguracion de la Academia Latinoamericana de Comunicacion

--Octavio Islas, Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico

La Comprension de los Nuevos Ambientes Para La Comunicacion

—Amai Arribas, Techologico de Monterrey, Mexico

Studying New Media: The Mexican Experience

—Arturo Caro, Tecnológico de Monterrey

Session IX California Mission Room 10:30 – 11:45 am

Featured Presentation

Introduction: Paul Soukup, S.J., Santa Clara University

The Rise of Fashion Bibles and Muslim Pop:Exploring Religious Lifestyle Branding and Mediated Religious Identity

Lynn Clark

University of Denver

Lunch Bronco and Bronco Patio 12:00 – 1:30 pm

MEA executive Board meeting Communication Conference room 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Session X California Mission Room 1:30 – 2:45 pm

Featured Presentation

Introduction: Thom Gencarelli, Manhattan College

Power, Pleasure, Patterns: Intersecting Narratives of Media Influence

Joshua Meyrowitz

University of New Hampshire



3:00-4:15 pm Session XI-A

Williman Room

Methodology in Media Ecology # 2

Chair: Corey Anton, Grand Valley State University

Figures of Speech as Method

—Valerie Peterson, Grand Valley State University

What I Learned from Marshall McLuhan

—Robert Logan, University of Toronto

Extreme Visual Tactics and Social Movements: No Method is Sacred When the Whole World is No Longer Watching

—Donna Flayhan, State University of New York, New Paltz

Phenomenological Methodologies for Media Ecology

—Corey Anton, Grand Valley State University

3:00 - 4:15 pm **Session XI–B**

Parlor C

Political Life and Mediation

Chair: Margot Hardenbergh, Fordham University

The New Religion: How Technoculture is Transforming our Experiences of the Sacred

—Pete Moberg, Jacksonville University

I'm Not Bad, I'm Just Drawn That Way: Political Remixes and Transgressive Political Women

-Karla Stevenson, The University of Iowa

Where Girard Meets McLuhan: On the Need to Communicate Violence
—Phil Rose, York University*

The Blogos-Fear: A Case Study of the Sacred and Profane

—Paul Grosswiler, University of Maine

3:00 - 4:15 pm **Session XI–C**

Parlor B

Catholic Theology and catholic Technology

Chair: John Jasso, University of Pittsburg

The Logos, the Trinity, and the Trivium: Fine Tuning a Classical Antenna for Modern Reception and Broadcast

—John Jasso, University of Pittsburg



The Splendor of Form: Rhetoric, Aesthetics, and the Medium of the Mass
—Anthony Wachs, University of Pittsburg

The Commodification of Authority in the Media Age

—Daniel Dooghan, University of Pittsburg

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Acolytes: The Church, the Media and the Power of the Image

—P. J. Barnett, University of Pittsburg

Session XI-D Special Session

California Mission Room

3:00 - 4:15 pm

Thus Spoke the Spectacle: Music Video Perspectives on Media Ecology Themes

—Eric Goodman, Thus Spoke the Spectacle Project

Session XII California Mission Room 4:30 – 5:45 pm

Keynote Address

Introduction: Dennis Gallagher

Structuring the Cartesian Incision

Frank Dance
Denver University

Dinner Mission Gardens 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Special session California Mission Room 7:30 – 8:00 pm

Introduction: Mike Russo, Saint Mary's College

Meditative Drumming. The Voices of Rhythms—Milton Dawes, Ambassador at LargeInstitute of General Semantics

Reception & Hootenanny

Casa Italiana Lobby Commons

8:00 pm



Sunday, June 21, 2008

7:30 – 9:00 am Breakfast

Casa Italiana Residence Hall

9:00 – 10:15 am **Session XIII–A**

Parlor B

Worship and Media

Chair: Thom Gencarelli, Manhattan College

Tele-visuality, Dreams, and Intercession among Coptic Orthodox of Contemporary Egypt

—Angie Heo, University of California, Berkeley

Vlogging for God

—Brian Dixon

The Role of Media Effects in Popular Eschatology

—Jon Olsen, Luther Seminary

9:00 – 10:15 am **Session XIII–B**

Parlor C

Language and Media Strategies

Chair: Leo Fahey, The Kew-Forest School

The Key Factors to Driving Chinese Players into MMORPG Online Game
—Li Yifan, Fudan University, China

New Forms of Cognition from the Use to Internet

—Luis Esau Bravo, Autonomous University, Mexico City

On Metaphor

—Sun Zhenbin, Fairleigh Dickenson University

Postman, Pictures, and Propositions

—Gerald Erion, Medaille College



Session XIII–C Williman Room 9:00 – 10:15 am

Embodiment in Media Technology

Chair: Jim Morrison, Western Connecticut State University

The Body and the Sacred in the Digital Age: Thoughts on Posthuman Sexuality

-Brett Lunceford, University of South Alabama

Where Did the Wild Ones Go? Manic Media Environments Melt Rituals, Mutate Primates, and Sacrifice the Sacred

—Donna Flayhan, State University of New York, New Paltz

The Nature of Equilibrium as an Intrinsic Feature of Personal Health, Growth and Self-Cultivation

—Barry Liss, University of Wisconsin Colleges

McLuhan Redivivus: Hemisphericity, Plasticity, Electricity and the Ratios of the Soul

—Steven Reagles, Bethany Lutheran College

Session XIII–D Parlor A 9:00 – 10:15 am

Communicating Truth, Values, and the Sacred through the Medium of Higher Education

Discussion Leaders:

- —Stephanie Bennett, Palm Beach Atlantic University
- —Peter Fallon, Roosevelt University

This panel will take the form of a drop-in discussion for any conference participants interested in sharing experiences, teaching techniques, or challenges in dealing with values and religion in higher education.

Business Meeting

Williman Room

10:15-11:30 am

—Lance Strate, Fordham University MEA President



11:45 - 1:00 pm

Session XIV

California Mission Room

Communication,

Social Action, and the New Journalism

Chair: Ed Tywoniak, Saint Mary's College

Role of Journalism in the Construction of a Just Society
—Mike Russo, St. Marys College

Ecology and Democracy: Citizen Journalism in the Digital Age
—Christine Tracy, Eastern Michigan University

The Emerging "Female Voice" in Contemporary American Politics
—Valerie Peterson, Grand Valley State University

1:00 pm Closing Remarks

California Mission Room

—Paul Soukup, S.J., Santa Clara University Local host

1:00 pm

Lunch

Bronco and Bronco Patio

2:00 pm – Optional tour of local wineries and dinner in Los Gatos

The 2008 MEA Top Paper Award

Stephanie Bennett, for "The City's Curse; The Church's Plight: Technology, Communication and the Sacred"

The 2008 Linda Elson Scholar Award for Top Student Paper

Phil Rose, for "Rene Girard as Media Ecologist"

^{*}The 2008 MEA Top Paper Awards



The 2008 MEA Awards

The Marshall McLuhan Award for Outstanding Book in the Field of Media Ecology to RICHARD BARBROOK for

Imaginary Futures: From Thinking Machines to the Global Village

The **Walter Benjamin Award** for Outstanding Article in the Field of Media Ecology to ROBERT MACDOUGALL for

"Identity, Electronic Ethos, and Blogs: A Technologic Analysis of Symbolic Exchange on the New News Medium"

The **Erving Goffman Award** for Outstanding Scholarship in the Ecology of Social Interaction to PAUL MASON FOTSCH for

Watching the Traffic Go By: Transportation and Isolation in Urban America

The **Susanne K. Langer Award** for Outstanding Scholarship in the Ecology of Symbolic Form to ROBERT HARIMAN and JOHN LOUIS JUCAITES for

No Caption Needed: Iconic Photographs, Public Culture, and Liberal Democracy

The **Dorothy Lee Award** for Outstanding Scholarship in the Ecology of Culture to

PAUL RUTHERFORD for

A World Made Sexy: Freud to Madonna

The **Lewis Mumford Award** for Outstanding Scholarship in the Ecology of Technics to Steve Dixon for

Digital Performance: A History of New Media in Theater, Dance, Performance Art, and Installation

The **Harold A. Innis Award** for Outstanding Thesis or Dissertation in the Field of Media Ecology to STEPHANIE BENNETT for

The Disappearance of Silence: A Dialectical Exploration of the Interpersonal Implications of Personal Mobile Media as Viewed through the Lens of Jacques Ellul's La Technique

The Mary Shelley Award for Outstanding Fictional Work to

JEAN-CLAUDE CARRIÈRE for

Please, Mr. Einstein

The John Culkin Award for Outstanding Praxis in the Field of Media Ecology to

ERIC GOODMAN for

Thus Spoke the Spectacle (video and website)

The **Louis Forsdale Award** for Outstanding Educator in the Field of Media Ecology to Lee Thayer

The **Jacques Ellul Award** for Outstanding Media Ecology Activism to MARGOT HARDENBERGH



- The **James W. Carey Award** for Outstanding Media Ecology Journalism to MARVIN KITMAN
- The Walter J. Ong Award for Career Achievement in Scholarship to JOSHUA MEYROWITZ
- The **Neil Postman Award** for Career Achievement in Public Intellectual Activity to Frijof Capra

Past MEA Awards

The Marshall McLuhan Award for Outstanding Book in the Field of Media Ecology

- 2000 Neil Postman for Building a Bridge to the Eighteenth Century: How the Past Can Improve Our Future
- 2001 Thomas J. Farrell for Walter Ong's Contributions to Cultural Studies: The Phenomenology of the Word and I-Thou Communication
- 2002 Douglas Rushkoff for Coercion: Why We Listen to What "They" Say
- 2003 Frederick Wasser for Veni, Vidi, Video: The Hollywood Empire and the VCR
- 2004 Francis Fukuyama for Our Posthuman Future: Consequences of the Biotechnology Revolution
- 2005 Donald N. Wood for *The Unraveling of the West: The Rise of Postmodernism and the Decline of Democracy*
- 2006 Thomas de Zengotita for Mediated: How the Media Shapes Your World and the Way You Live in It
- 2007 Peter K. Fallon for *Printing, Literacy, and Education in Eighteenth Century Ireland: Why the Irish Speak English*

The Walter Benjamin Award for Outstanding Article in the Field of Media Ecology

- 2000 Walter J. Ong, S.J., for "Digitization Ancient and Modern: Beginnings of Writing and Today's Computers"
- 2001 Pablo J. Boczkowski for "Mutual Shaping of Users and Technologies in a National Virtual Community"
- 2002 Erik P. Bucy and Kimberly S. Gregson for "Media Participation: A Legitimizing Mechanism of Mass Democracy"
- 2003 Alan Randolph Kluver for "The Logic of New Media in International Affairs"
- 2004 Susan B. Barnes for "The Development of Graphical User Interfaces and Their Influence on the Future of Human-Computer Interaction"
- 2005 Sheila J. Nayar for "Invisible Representation: The Oral Contours of a National Popular Cinema"
- 2006 Edward Wachtel for "Did Picasso and Da Vinci, Newton and Einstein, The Bushman and the Englishman See the Same Thing When They Faced the East at Dawn? Or, Some Lessons I Learned From Marshall McLuhan About Perception, Time, Space, and the Order of the World"



2007 – Corey Anton for "Playing with Bateson: Denotation, Logical Types, and Analog and Digital Communication"

The Erving Goffman Award for Outstanding Scholarship in the Ecology of Social Interaction

- 2004 Corey Anton for Selfhood and Authenticity
- 2005 Aaron Ben Ze'ev for Love Online: Emotions on the Internet
- 2006 David Berreby for Us and Them: Understanding Your Tribal Mind
- 2007 Richard A. Lanham for *The Economics of Attention: Style and Substance in the Age of Infor*mation

The Susanne K. Langer Award for Outstanding Scholarship in the Ecology of Symbolic Form

- 2000 Robert K. Logan for The Sixth Language: Learning a Living in the Internet Age
- 2001 Raymond Gozzi, Jr. for The Power of Metaphor in the Age of Electronic Media
- 2002 Kevin G. Barnhurst and John Nerone for *The Form of News: A History*
- 2003 N. Katherine Hayles for Writing Machines
- 2004 Susan Sontag for Regarding the Pain of Others
- 2005 Heike Wiese for Numbers, Language, and the Human Mind
- 2006 Guy Deutscher for The Unfolding of Language: An Evolutionary Tour of Mankind's Greatest Invention
- 2007 Martin H. Levinson for Sensible Thinking for Turbulent Times

The Dorothy Lee Award for Outstanding Scholarship in the Ecology of Culture

- 2002 Susan B. Barnes for *Online Connections: Internet Interpersonal Relationships*Stuart Biegel for *Beyond Our Control? Confronting the Limits of Our Legal System in the Age*of Cyberspace
- 2003 Nancy A. Walker for Shaping Our Mothers' World: American Women's Magazines
- 2004 Thomas L. Friedman for Longitudes and Attitudes: Exploring the World After September 11
- 2005 Robert Albrecht for Mediating the Muse: A Communications Approach to Music, Media and Cultural Change
- 2006 Charlton D. McIlwain for When Death Goes Pop: Death, Media and the Remaking of Community
- 2007 David MacDougall for The Corporeal Image: Film, Ethnography, and the Senses

The Lewis Mumford Award for Outstanding Scholarship in the Ecology of Technics

- 2000 Paul Levinson for Digital McLuhan: A Guide to the Information Millennium
- 2001 Jay David Bolter and Richard Grusin for Remediation: Understanding New Media
- 2002 Jack Lule for Daily News, Eternal Stories: The Mythological Role of Journalism
- 2003 Emily Thompson for *The Soundscape of Modernity: Architectural Acoustics and the Culture of Listening in America*, 1900-1933
- 2004 Scott Eastham for *Biotech Time-Bomb: How Genetic Engineering Could Irreversibly Change Our World*
- 2005 Margaret Cassidy for Bookends: The Changing Media Environment of American Classrooms



- 2006 Casey Man Kong Lum for *Perspectives on Culture, Technology and Communication: The Media Ecology Tradition*
- 2007 Timothy C. Campbell for Wireless Writing in the Age of Marconi
 - Fred Turner for From Counterculture to Cyberculture: Stewart Brand, the Whole Earth Network, and the Rise of Digital Utopianism

The Harold A. Innis Award for Outstanding Thesis or Dissertation in the Field of Media Ecology

- 2000 Donna Flayhan for Marxism, Medium Theory, and American Cultural Studies: The Question of Determination
- 2001 Lori Ramos for Self-Initiated Writing Practices and Conceptions of Writing Among Young Urban Adolescents
- 2002 Janet Sternberg for Misbehavior in Cyber Places: The Regulation of Online Conduct in Virtual Communities on the Internet
- 2003 Keith Hampton for Living the Wired Life in the Wired Suburb: Netville, Glocalization and Civil Society
- 2004 Brian Cogan for Wired Words: An Analysis of Newspaper Coverage of the Personal Computer and the Internet
- 2005 Mary Ann Allison for Gecyberschaft: A Theoretical Model for the Analysis of Emerging Electronic Communities
- 2006 Susan Jacobson for Scrapbook of the Chinese Cultural Revolution: Hypertext and the Representation of History
- 2007 Adriana Braga for Feminilidade Mediada por Computador: Interação Social no Circuito-Blogue [Computer-Mediated Femininity: Social Interaction on the Blog Circuit]

The Mary Shelley Award for Outstanding Fictional Work

- 2003 Paul Levinson for *The Consciousness Plague*
- 2004 William Gibson for *Pattern Recognition*
- 2005 John G. McDaid for "Keyboard Practice, Consisting of an Aria with Diverse Variations for the Harpsichord with Two Manuals"
- 2006 Rick Moody for *The Diviners*
- 2007 Janna Levin for A Madman Dreams of Turing Machines

The John Culkin Award for Outstanding Praxis in the Field of Media Ecology

- 2000 Jerome Agel for *The Medium is the Massage* (audio CD and book)
- 2001 Douglas Rushkoff for *The Merchants of Cool* (television documentary produced for the PBS program *Frontline*, initially aired February 26, 2001)
- 2002 Bill Bly and John McDaid for *Media Ecology Unplugged* (audio music recording, available on CD and as downloadable MP3 files at infomonger.com)
- 2003 Kevin McMahon for *McLuhan's Wake* (video documentary produced by Primitive Enter-tainment and the National Film Board of Canada)
- 2004 John Bishop and Harald E.L. Prins for *Oh, What a Blow that Phantom Gave Me!* (documentary film; DVD distributed by Media Generation)



- 2005 Toni Urbano and NYU-TV Productions for *A Conversation with Neil Postman* (video documentary)
- 2006 Deiren Masterson for McLuhan Way: In Search of Truth (video documentary)
- 2007 Michael Wesch for *The Machine is Us/ing Us* (video on YouTube.com)

The Louis Forsdale Award for Outstanding Educator in the Field of Media Ecology

- 2000 Christine L. Nystrom
- 2001 Joshua Meyrowitz
- 2002 Edmund S. Carpenter
- 2003 James W. Carey
- 2004 Gary Gumpert
- 2005 Frank E. X. Dance
- 2006 Terence P. Moran
- 2007 Octavio Islas

The Jacques Ellul Award for Outstanding Media Ecology Activism

- 2000 Stephanie B. Gibson
- 2001 Dennis Gallagher
- 2002 Parry Aftab
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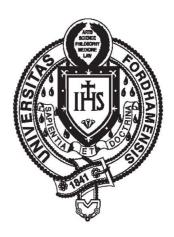
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