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Curriculum Vitae 2018

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Education

Ph.D., Communication and Information, 2017

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Dissertation title: *Uses and gratifications of digital media: The case of live blogs*
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Erin Whiteside
Committee: Drs. Catherine Luther, Ronald Taylor and Jennifer Morrow

M.A., European Studies, 2013

Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, Serbia
Thesis title: *Political criteria for the EU membership: The case of Serbia*

B.A., Journalism and Communication Studies, 2004

Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Faculty Positions

Assistant Professor in Digital Journalism (September 2017-present)

Pace University, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Courses taught:

MCA 610: Communication Research; a master-level course that focuses on various methods utilized in communication research.

JRN 238: The Global Newsroom; this course focuses on global media issues, the structures and operations of news organizations around the world, and international reporting, with a particular focus on technological change.

MCA 499A: Persuasive Communication; this seminar examines basic principles and theories of persuasion.

JRN 104: News Reporting; writing and reporting intensive course where students learn about the theory and practice of gathering and evaluating news.

JRN 101: Introduction to News Media; the course explores the fundamentals of journalism and how it operates in diverse news media.

Teaching Associate - Instructor of Record (August 2014-August 2017)

University of Tennessee, School of Journalism and Electronic Media

Courses taught:

JREM 200: Media Writing; writing intensive course required for all journalism and public relations majors.

JREM 250: Multimedia Storytelling; digital media course providing students with knowledge and skills they need to become multimedia journalists.

Guest Lecturer and Mentor (July 2015-December 2017)

University of Tennessee, School of Journalism and Electronic Media

JREM 230: Media Reporting; a guest lecturer for the course that introduces students to reporting and interviewing.

JREM 200: Media Writing; mentoring an incoming teaching associate for teaching the course.

JREM 175: Principle and History of Journalism; delivered a guest lecture on new media practices in November 2017.

Research Assistant (August 2014-August 2017)

University of Tennessee, School of Journalism and Electronic Media

Supervisors: Dr. Barbara Kaye and Dr. James Stovall

Research and Scholarships

Refereed Journal Publications

Pantic, M. (forthcoming, 2018). Participatory spaces in online media: Half-opening the gates to users. *Newspaper Research Journal*.

Cvetković, I., & Pantic, M. (forthcoming, 2018). Multimodal discursivity: Framing EU borders in live-blogs. *Journal of Communication Inquiry*. Special issue: "Mediating Global Migration."

Pantic, M., Whiteside, E.E., & Cvetkovic, I. (2017). Politics, conflict generate more live-blog comments. *Newspaper Research Journal*, 38(3), 354-365.

Pantic, M. (2017). Active Readers: Exploring uses and gratifications of live blogs. *American Communication Journal*, 19(1).

Conference Research Presentations

Pantic, M. (forthcoming, 2018, August). *Citizen engagement with live blogs: Passive consumption rather than participation*. Paper to be presented at the AEJMC annual conference, Washington D.C.

Pantic, M. (2018). *Gratifications of digital media: What motivates users to consume live blogs*. Poster presented at the 68th Annual International Communication Association conference, Prague, Czech Republic.

Pantic, M. (2017). *Half-opening the gates: Adoption of user-generated content in the newsrooms*. Paper presented at the AEJMC annual conference, Chicago, Illinois. *Top Student Paper – Participatory Journalism Interest Group.

Cvetkovic, I. & Pantic, M. (2017). *Framing EU borders in live blogs: A multimodal approach*. Paper presented at the AEJMC annual conference, Chicago, Illinois.

Pantic, M. & Tipton, W. (2017). *Anxiety, uncertainty, and attitudes toward refugees from Syria*. Paper presented at the Southern States Communication Association 87th Annual Convention, Greenville, South Carolina.

Pantic, M. & Pjesivac, I. (2017). *Live-blogging the crisis: Determinants of news coverage of the Syrian refugee crisis*. Paper presented at the International Studies Association annual conference, Baltimore, Maryland.

Pantic, M. (2016). *Active readers: Exploring uses and gratifications of live blogs*. Paper presented at the international conference Media and the Public Sphere 2016: Empowered Audiences in the Digital Age, University of Georgia, Athens.

Pantic, M., Whiteside, E.E., & Cvetkovic, I. (2015). *Employing transparency in live-blogs: the case of the Guardian*. Paper presented at the AEJMC annual conference, San Francisco, California.

Symposium Research Presentations

Pantic, M. & Tipton, W. (2016, February). *Anxiety, uncertainty, and attitudes toward refugees from Syria*. Poster presented at the Annual Research Symposium of the University of Tennessee College of Communication and Information, Knoxville, TN.

Other Research Projects

Pantic, M. & McNabney, K. (2016). *The Belgrade Police: Refugee coping strategy and public diplomacy*. Research project conducted for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, U.S. State Department.

Internally Funded Academic Grants

\$750 Edward J. Meeman fellowship scholarship in international communication for distinguished students at the University of Tennessee College of Communication and Information (2016).

\$1,500 [Karl A. and Madira Bickel scholarship](#) for students who have shown superior academic achievement and professional promise at the University of Tennessee College of Communication and Information (2015).

\$5,000 ESPN scholarship for one academic year from the University of Tennessee College of Communication and Information (2014).

Scholarly Awards and Certificates

Outstanding dissertation award from the College of Communication and Information, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, for the dissertation titled “Uses and Gratifications of Digital Media: The Case of Live Blogs” (2018).

Top student paper (second place) – The Participatory Journalism Interest Group of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) for the paper “Half-opening the gates: Adoption of user-generated content in the newsrooms” (2017).

Certificate of appreciation for contribution to the research report “The Belgrade Police: Refugee coping strategy and public diplomacy” from the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (2016).

[First prize proposal poster](#) presented at the Annual Research Symposium of the University of Tennessee College of Communication and Information. The title of the poster was “Anxiety, uncertainty, and attitudes toward refugees from Syria” (2016).

Certificate for participation in [The Best Practices in Teaching Program](#) for graduate assistants and associates at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (2014).

Industry Experience

Journalist and Co-Editor-in-Chief

Novi Magazin Weekly and [Novi Magazin Website](#), Belgrade, Serbia: March 2011-July 2014
Writing feature stories and commentaries for Serbian weekly *Novi Magazine*. Editing and producing multimedia content for the web edition of the magazine. Managing social media pages such as Facebook, Twitter, and Google Plus. Supervising journalists and mentoring incoming reporters. Coordinating activities with the government, NGOs, PR agencies, and other stakeholders. Writing grant proposals for the media organization’s projects.

Freelance Journalist

Belgrade, Serbia: 2002-2014

Writing feature stories for various Serbian and regional media outlets, such as: [Al Jazeera Balkans](#), [Status Magazine](#), [Blic](#), *Ekonomist Magazine*, etc.

Journalist

All Voices Website, San Francisco: March 2013-December 2014

Writing articles about local events in the U.S. as well as writing news stories on world politics and breaking news events such as terrorism, protests, and natural disasters.

Editor-in-Chief

[Euractiv Serbia Website](#), Belgrade, Serbia: Spring 2010-November 2010

Preparing and launching [Euractiv](#) website in Serbian. Editing and producing online news on EU integration process. Coordinating activities with NGOs and Serbian state institutions dealing with issues related to the European integration process. Managing social media pages of the news website. Coordinating activities with [Euractiv](#) main office in Brussels, Belgium.

Reporter

[BETA News Agency](#), Belgrade, Serbia: *November 2007-Spring 2010*

Reporting on major political and social events in Serbia. Covering demonstrations, parliamentary debates, political rallies, presidential and parliamentary elections, press conferences of the government officials, etc. Writing stories on EU related issues, Serbian politics, corruption, abuse of power, and social issues.

Reporter

[Tanjug News Agency](#), Belgrade, Serbia: *March 2004-November 2007*

Writing stories on EU related issues, Serbian politics, social issues, etc. Covering major events such as elections, violent protests, and debates on key political issues. Some of those events included a process of dissolution of Serbia and Montenegro, demonstrations against the government, and the funeral of Slobodan Milosevic, former president of Serbia and Yugoslavia.

Awards

[Award given to the Novi Magazine](#) for being among the five best news sites in Serbia and among 50 best websites in general in the country when I was serving as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the website (2014).

[The best report published in print media on EU integration process.](#) The awards are traditionally given by the Serbian EU Integration Office and the Delegation of the EU in Serbia (2011).

Certificate for participating in a journalism program of study during the academic year 2009-2010 at the Department of Communication, Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois (2010).

Certificate for distinguished performance in a Professional Development Year Program sponsored by the Voice of America's International Media Training Center and Bradley University (2010).

Certificate of successful completion of the program [Economic and Political Reporting from Southeast Europe](#). The certificate was granted by Thomson Reuters Foundation and a German foundation [Robert Bosch Stiftung](#) (2009).

[The best report published in print media on EU integration process.](#) The awards are traditionally given by the Serbian EU Integration Office and the Delegation of the EU in Serbia (2009).

[Award for excellence in investigative journalism.](#) The annual award was granted by the Independent Journalist Association of Serbia and the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade (2009).

[Award for reporting on European regions.](#) The award was granted by the European Movement in Serbia (2006).

Trainings

Thomson Reuters course on Economic and Political Reporting from Southeast Europe. The training was organized by Robert Bosch Stiftung and Thomson Reuters Foundation in London, UK (2009).

Professional Development Year Program. Non-credit academic year at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. The program was sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Serbia and International Broadcasting Bureau – Voice of America (2009-2010).

Languages

Fluent in English, Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian, and Montenegrin.