An Incomplete List of Conferences for Critical-Cultural Media Research
(in order of submission deadline). Updated August 25, 2010

NOTES: (1) Please visit and carefully examine actual Call for Papers of a conference before submitting; (2) Don’t submit to a conference unless you are reasonably sure you can attend if your submission is accepted; (3) Generally papers should only be presented at one national conference.

Society for Cinema and Media Studies (SCMS): http://www.cmstudies.org/
Next Meeting is March 10-13, 2011, New Orleans, LA. Deadline: September 1, 2010 (5 PM Central).
Accepts proposals.
Originally a film studies conference, it is now broader, "Devoted to the Scholarly Study of Film, Television, Video & New Media."

Western States Communication Association: http://www.westcomm.org/
Next Meeting is February 18-22, Monterey, CA. Deadline: September 1, 2010.
Accepts full papers, panel proposals and workshop proposals.
A communication regional with a CAS emphasis, but there is a Media Studies Division. Conference has a reputation for having great parties.

Southern States Communication Association: http://ssca.net/
Accepts papers and proposals.
A communication regional, which mirrors the National Communication Association in structure and basic delineation of area divisions (as do the other three regionals, Central, Eastern, and Western). Relevant media studies divisions include Gender Studies, Mass Communication, and Popular Communication.

Broadcast Education Association: http://www.beaweb.org/
Next Meeting is April 9-13, Las Vegas, NV. Deadline: September 15, 2010.
Accepts papers and panel proposals.
NOTE: Although this conferences leans toward quantitative work or work that is professionally oriented, it also accepts critical-cultural work about electronic media (especially that focused on television and radio).

Cultural Studies Association: http://www.culturalstudiesassociation.org
Next Meeting is March 24-26, 2011, Chicago, IL. Deadline: September 17, 2010.
Accepts Paper Abstract (500 words), Session Proposals, and Seminar Proposals.
NOTE: Still a relatively new organization (founded in 2003), and is one of two broadly defined cultural studies conferences (the other being the biannual Crossroads conference, discussed below).
Next Meeting is April 5-10, 2011, Milwaukee, WI. Deadline: October 6, 2010.
A communication regional; Divisions include Media Studies, Graduate Student Caucus, and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Caucus.
Accepts full papers and panel proposals; media studies also accepts media submissions.

A communication regional that has strong CAS areas; has Media Communication, Media Ecology and Philosophy of Communication Interest Groups.

International Association for the Study of Popular Music (IASPM):
Next Meeting is TBA, likely in Spring 2011. Deadline: November 2010 (likely).
Likely accepts paper abstracts (200 words), panel and workshop proposals.
NOTE: There is also the larger international umbrella organization, and many other regions have local chapters.

Next Meeting is May 26-31, Boston, MA. Deadline: November 1, 2010.
Accepts Full Papers and Panel Proposals.
Several relevant divisions, including Ethnicity and Race in Communication Interest Group, Feminist Studies Division, Mass Communication, Philosophy of Communication and Popular Communication.

Accepts Full Papers and Panel Proposals.
Note: Assumes an interest in "medium theory": McLuhan/Postman/Ong/Meyrowitz/Innis-esque issues.

Accepts paper and panel abstracts.
A conference focusing on feminist approaches to film, TV, audio and new media.

Next Meeting is May 18-21, 2001 at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
Deadline: December 1, 2010.
Accepts proposals for papers, posters and sessions.
An interdisciplinary conference, it is associated with qualitative sociologist Norman Denzin (who is affiliated with the College of Media at U of I).
Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association (PCA/ACA):
http://pcaaca.org/
Accepts 250-word abstract (may only submit one abstract per year); many different area groups.
NOTE: The PCA attracts a diverse group, with many scholars from smaller programs and in humanities-oriented Depts. such as English. There are also a few regional conferences associated with PCA, such as the Mid-Atlantic PCA: http://www.mapaca.net/

International Association for Media and Communication Association (IAMCR):
http://www.iamcr.org/
Next Meeting will be in July 2011, Istanbul, Turkey. Deadline: likely early 2011.
Accepts Paper Abstracts (500 words), and has five sections: Media Production and Consumption; Media, Communication, Participation and Community; Media and Communication Policy and Law; Education and Journalism; Cross-Cutting Theme; these sections in turn have a number of thematic working groups each (political economy is one of them).

National Communication Association (NCA): http://www.natcom.org
Accepts Full Papers, and Panel and Workshop Proposals. There’s also usually several pre-conference workshops.
A strength of NCA is its multiplicity of divisions and groups. Relevant Divisions include Mass Communication, Critical/Cultural Studies Division, Ethnography Division, Feminist and Women’s Studies Division, and Semiotics Division.
Note: NCA is a big conference, offering most of the Divisions of ICA (both in the “mass comm” and “speech comm” research areas), but with public speaking, rhetoric and pedagogy added. A biggie for those programs that have rhetoric/public speaking (like our CAS friends in Sparks).

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC):
http://www.aejmc.org/
Next Meeting is August 10-13, 2011, St. Louis, MO. Deadline: likely April 1, 2011.
Accepts Full Papers.
Many Divisions, including Cultural/Critical Studies, Mass Communication and Society, Minorities and Communication, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Interest Group.
Note: A well-attended conference in the College of COMM, and for many of the J-school Comm programs. There is also an annual Southeast Colloquium, usually in March with a December deadline, designed for graduate student research. Papers presented at the Colloquium may be submitted to an additional conference afterwards.

Association of Internet Researchers: http://www.aoir.org/ Next Meeting is October -23, 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden, 2010. Deadline for this meeting has passed.
Accepts paper abstracts (750 words), multiple paper sessions, short presentations, creative/aesthetic presentations and roundtables.
Next Meeting is October 22-24, 2010, East Stroudsburg, PA. Deadline for this meeting has passed. Deadline for next meeting: likely Summer 2011.

Union for Democratic Communications:  [http://www.democraticcommunications.org/](http://www.democraticcommunications.org/)
Next Meeting is October 14-16, 2010, in State College, PA!! Deadline for this meeting has passed. New conference is likely Spring 2012. Deadline for next meeting: likely Fall 2011. Accepts paper abstracts.

Next Meeting is 2012 (likely in the summer), Paris, France. Deadline: likely December 2011. Accepts panel proposals and paper abstracts of 150 words.
NOTE: Lawrence Grossberg is one of the key “names” associated with this conference, and one of two general cultural studies conferences has a strong international emphasis.

Handy Tip Website (by Jonathan Sterne, a cultural historian):  [http://sterneworks.org/Academe/](http://sterneworks.org/Academe/)