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Pioneers Chair in Telecommunications
Professor of Telecommunications
Department of Telecommunications and Media Industries
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Media/Communication/Telecommunications Policy and Regulation; Broadband Policy, Planning & Deployment; Localism; Local Media; Local News; Rural Communication; Public & Community Media; Critical Theory; Critical Political Economy; Critical Geography; Qualitative Research Methods

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy   Summer 2013
Communication Studies
Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Dissertation: *Where is Here? An analysis of localism in media policy in three Western democracies*
Supervisor: Dr. Marwan Kraidy
Committee: Prof. Monroe Price; Dr. Victor Pickard

Master of Arts   Spring 2011
Communication Studies
Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA
Project: *A Broadcast System in Whose Interest? Tracing the origins of broadcast localism in Canadian and Australian television policy, 1950-1963*
Supervising Professors: Dr. Marwan Kraidy; Prof. Monroe Price

Master of Arts   Spring 2009
Media Studies
Concordia University, Montreal, QC
Thesis: *Of Logos and Owners: The Re-branding of Canada's Private Television Networks*
Supervisor: Dr. Matthew Soar
Committee: Dr. Leslie Shade; Dr. Brian Gabrial

Bachelor of Arts   Spring 2006
Double Major in Film & Media Studies and Sociology
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Pioneers Chair in Telecommunications   2022-Present
Full Professor of Telecommunications with Tenure
Department of Telecommunications
Bellisario College of Communications
The Pennsylvania State University
State College, PA

Associate Professor with Tenure   2019-2022
Department of Media Studies
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA

Assistant Professor   2013-2019
Department of Media Studies
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA

FELLOWSHIPS

CARGC Faculty Fellow   2022
Center for Advanced Research in Global Communications
Annenberg School for Communications
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA

Affiliate Faculty   2021-2022
UVA Equity Center
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA

Knight News Innovation Fellow   2020-2022
Tow Center for Digital Journalism
Columbia University
New York, NY

Faculty Fellow   2019-2020
Benton Institute for Broadband & Society
Chicago, IL

Fellow   2018-2019
World Economic Forum
Information and Entertainment Council
Geneva, Switzerland

CARGC Fellow   2017
Center for Advanced Research in Global Communications
University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA

Knight News Innovation Fellow   2016-2017
Tow Center for Digital Journalism
Columbia University
New York, NY

Gressly-Fleck Visiting Scholar   2015
Department of Communication and Media Research
Université de Fribourg/ Universität Freiburg
Fribourg, Switzerland

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Puppis, M. & **Ali, C.** (Eds). (2023). *Public Service Media's Contribution to Society*. Nordicom.

Ali, C. (2021). *Farm fresh broadband: The politics of rural connectivity.* MIT Press
        Nominated: McGannon Prize

Ali, C. (2017). *Media localism: The policies of place.* University of Illinois Press.
        Nominated: Donner Prize, best book in Canadian public policy

Katz, E., **Ali, C.** & Kim, J. (2014). *Echoes of Gabriel Tarde: What we know better or
        different 100 years later.* USC Annenberg Press.

Edited Special Issues

Oltmann, S., Strover, S., Kammer, J., & **Ali, C.** (Eds). (2024). Information Access. Special issue of
        Journal of Information Policy. https://scholarlypublishingcollective.org/psup/information-
        policy/article/doi/10.5325/jinfopoli.14.2024.0006/389234/Special-Issue-Information-Access

Peer-reviewed articles

Popiel, P., **Ali, C.,** Thein, H., Forde, S. (accepted with minor revisions). U.S. wireless market concentration,
        performative competition and the T-Mobile-Sprint Merger. *International Communication Gazette.*

Cates, L., **Ali, C.,** Jordan, A., Katz, V. (in progress). Reclaiming our time: How undergraduates
        experienced online learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Computer Mediated
        Communication.*

Ali, C. & Forde, S. (2025). Public Media Lobbying: The case of APTS. *Frontiers in Communication.*
        https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/communication/articles/10.3389/fcomm.2025.1548625/full

Ali, C., Van den Bulck, H, & Kropko, J. (2025). An Island of Trust: Public Broadcasting in
        the United States. *Journal of Communication.* https://doi.org/10.1093/joc/jqaf009

Ali, C. (2025). People, Power, Praxis: A critical qualitative reminder to policy scholars and makers.
        Canadian Journal of Communication. https://cjc.utppublishing.com/doi/10.3138/cjc-2024-0018

Ali, C. & Forde, S. (under review). The "NextGen" of subsumption: The adoption of ATSC 3.0 by US public broadcasters. *Television & New Media.*

Ali, C. & Katz, V. (2024). Evidence-based pathways for leveling digital access in higher education during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Information Policy.* https://doi.org/10.5325/jinfopoli.14.2024.0019

Ali, C. (2023). Telecommunications Localism: The fight for control over local communication networks in the United States. *Media International Australia.*

Ali, C. (2023). Lived Policy: Towards the humanization of telecommunications. *Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media.* https://doi.org/10.1080/08838151.2023.2218954

Ali, C., Simmerman, A., & Lansing, N. (2022). Towards a connected commonwealth: The role of counties in Virginia broadband deployment. *Community Informatics.* https://openjournals.uwaterloo.ca/index.php/JoCI/article/view/4806/5555

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Mathews, N. & **Ali, C.** (2022). Desert Work: Life and Labor in a News and Broadband Desert. *Mass Communication & Society.* https://doi.org/10.1080/15205436.2022.2093749

Ali, C. (2020). The politics of good enough: Rural broadband and policy failure in the United States *International Journal of Communication.* https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/15203/3285

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Ali, C. & Herzog, C. (2018). From praxis to pragmatism: Junior scholars and policy impact. *Communication Review.* Open access at: https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10714421.2018.1492284

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- Republished in *Journalism: Theory, Practice & Critique* April 2020

Ali, C. (2016). The merit of merit goods: Local journalism and public policy in a time of austerity. *Journal of Information Policy, 6,* 105-128.

Ali, C. (2016). Critical regionalism and the policies of place: Revisiting localism for the digital age. *Communication Theory, 26,* 106-127. [lead article]

Herzog, C. & **Ali, C.** (2015). Elite interviewing in media and communication policy research. *International Journal of Media and Cultural Politics, 11*(1), 37-54.

Ali, C. & Conrad, D. (2015). A community of communities? Emerging dynamics in the community media paradigm. *Global Media and Communication, 11*(1), 2-23. [lead article]

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Ali, C. (2012). Of logos, owners, and cultural intermediaries: Defining an elite discourse in re-branding practices at three private Canadian television stations. *Canadian Journal of Communication. 37*(2), 259-279.

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Ali, C. (2023). An ethereal connection: A policy memo on fixed wireless access. Prepared for the FCC's precision agriculture task force. (not public)

RebuildLocalNews & Ali, C. (2023). Comments to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) re: Digital Equity Act Programs. https://www.rebuildlocalnews.org/solutions/broadband/

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Book Chapters & Encyclopedia Entries

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United States. In K. Kedrowski & L. Murray (eds) *No longer fly over country: The politics of rural America.*

Ali, C. (under review). Digital dreams, Analog fears. Lived policy in US rural communities. In E. Hargittai (ed), *Handbook of Digital Inequality.*

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Ali, C. (2020). Localism revisited: Understanding local media regulation in the United States. In. G. Agnes and D. Baines (eds), *Routledge Companion to local media and journalism.* Routledge.

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Ali, C. (2017). Regulatory (de-)convergence: Localism, federalism, and nationalism in American communications regulation. In Sparviero, S., Peil, C., & Balbi, G. (eds), *Media (De-)Convergence.* Palgrave Press.

Ali, C. (2016). Understanding Canadian 'local media ecosystems': An international comparative approach. In M. Gasher, C. Brin, C. Crowther, G. King, E. Salamon & S. Thibault (eds). *Journalism in Crisis: Bridging theory and practice for democratic media strategies in Canada*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

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Reviews

Ali, C. (2024). Review of Eszter Hargittai's (ed) *Handbook of Digital Inequality. International Journal of Communication.* https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/22399/4474

Ali, C. (2023). Review of Sawney & Ekbia's *Universal Access and its Asymmetries. Journal of Information Policy.*

Ali, C. (2023). Christopher Ali on Garcia-Swartz & Campbell-Kelly, *Celluar.* H-Net. https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=58522

Ali, C. (2022). Review of Thomas Klikaur Media Capitalism. *TripleC.* https://www.triple-c.at/index.php/tripleC/article/view/1344

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Ali, C. (2019). Review of Leen d'Haenens, Helena Sousa, and Josef Trappel (Eds.), Comparative Media Policy, Regulation and Governance in Europe: Unpacking the Policy Cycle (Palgrave, 2018). *International Journal of Communication.* Available at: https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/13205

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'information society' – Towards a human rights-based governance (Divina Frau-Meigs, 2011). *Inmedia: the French Journal of Media and Media Representations in the English-Speaking World, 3*(1). At: http://inmedia.revues.org/524

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Ali, C. (2024). The frightening financialization of broadband. *Law & Political Economy.* https://lpeproject.org/blog/the-frightening-financialization-of-broadband/

Ali, C., Berman, D., Forde, S., Meinrath, S., & Pickard, V. (2024). The bad business of BEAD. *Digital Beat.* Benton Institute for Broadband & Society. https://www.benton.org/blog/bad-business-bead

Ali, C. (2023). Can California bring everyone up to internet speed? *Zocalo Public Square.* https://www.zocalopublicsquare.org/2023/06/06/california-digital-divide-internet-speed/ideas/essay/

Ali, C. (2023). Putting rural American on the (broadband) map. *Law and Political Economy.* https://lpeproject.org/blog/putting-rural-communities-on-the-broadband-map/

Ali, C. (2023). Big Money, Even Bigger Promises, in the Global Push for Universal Broadband. *FairInternetReport.* https://fairinternetreport.com/research/broadband-funding-oecd

Ali, C. (2023). Closing the Digital Divide Requires More than a quick fix. *GovTech.* https://www.govtech.com/opinion/closing-the-digital-divide-requires-more-than-a-quick-fix

Ali, C. (2023). The Future of our Journal, Communication Law & Policy. *Media Law Notes, 51*(2).

Ali, C. (2022). How Murder, She Wrote helped me come out of the closet. *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC).* 13 October 2022. https://www.cbc.ca/arts/how-murder-she-wrote-helped-me-come-out-of-the-closet-1.6614045

Ali, C. (2022). How USDA is quietly reshaping broadband policy. *Broadband Breakfast.* 5 April 2022. https://broadbandbreakfast.com/2022/04/christopher-ali-how-the-u-s-department-of-agriculture-is-quietly-reshaping-broadband-policy/

Ali, C. (2021). How the Infrastructure Bill can make Broadband Accessible to more Americans *Washington Monthly.* https://washingtonmonthly.com/2021/11/13/how-the-infrastructure-bill-can-make-broadband-accessible-to-more-americans/

Ali, C. (2021). The Legacy of the Rural Electrification Act and the Promise of Rural Broadband. *Law & Political Economy*. https://lpeproject.org/blog/the-legacy-of-the-rural-electrification-act-and-the-promise-of-rural-broadband/

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Beat. https://www.benton.org/blog/counties-missing-pieces-broadband-puzzle

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Contractor, H. & Ali, C. (2021). Affordable broadband is finally within reach. *The Hill.* https://thehill.com/opinion/technology/536609-affordable-broadband-is-finally-within-reach?rl=1

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Ali, C. (2020). Everything you wanted to know about broadband (but were afraid to ask). *Digital Beat.* https://www.benton.org/blog/everything-you-wanted-know-about-broadband-were-afraid-ask

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Ali, C. (2017, March 28). Trump's FCC continues to redefine the public interest as business interests. *The Conversation.* Available at https://theconversation.com/trumps-fcc-continues-to-redefine-the-public-interest-as-business-interests-75120

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Ali, C. (2010, October 15). How can the public media 2.0 framework shed light on open government initiatives? *Future of Public Media.* Center for Social Media, American University. Available at: http://www.centerforsocialmedia.org/future-public-media/public-media-showcase/how-can-public-media-20-framework-shed-light-open-governme.

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CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Ali, C. (writing stage). *If these maps could talk: Tales from the digital divide.* Book project.
- Ali, C. (research stage). Reform and revolution.
- Ali, C. (research stage). Mayday: Connectivity Among First Responders in Rural Pennsylvania.
- Ali, C. (development stage). COVID-19, global broadband networks, and human rights.
- Ali, C., Van den Bulck, H., & Kropko, J. (writing stage). Trust and Public Service Media.

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS/HONOURS

- Dean's Excellence Award for Research & Creative Accomplishment. Bellisario College of Communications, April 2025
- Broadband Hero Award, Bonfire Infrastructure Group, 2025
- Member of US team for the Global Media Industry Concentration Project (GMICP) funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). 2024-ongoing
- Center for Rural Pennsylvania Grant: Connectivity Among First Responders. 2025. $50,000
- Bellisario College Alumni Association, Excellence in Teaching Award. 2024
- Top paper, 2024 Annual Meeting of the International Communication Association Law & Policy Division.
- Faculty Fellow, Center for Advanced Research in Global Communications (CARGC), Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania. Fall 2022.
- SSHRC Race, Gender and Diversity Initiative. "Intersectional Community Communications as Critical EDI Work." Co-Applicant. ($448,376). 2022-2025
- AEJMC Mass Communication & Society Division Top Paper, 2021
- Tow Center for Digital Journalism, 2020-2021 ($15,000)
- IMP Society Teaching Honor, Spring 2020
- Center for Global Inquiry Grant, University of Virginia 2020 ($2500)
- Z Society Teaching Honor, Spring 2019
- Faculty Fellow, Benton Foundation, 2019-2021 ($17,000)
- Fellow, World Economic Forum, Council on Information & Entertainment, 2018-2019
- Mead Endowment Grant for student engagement. Mead Foundation, 2017-2018. ($3,000)
- USOAR Research Assistant Grant. University of Virginia. 2016-2021
- Fellow, Center for Advanced Research in Global Communications, University of Pennsylvania, Winter 2017 ($4,000)
- Fellow, Tow Center for Digital Journalism 2016-2017. ($35,000)
- Support in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant, University of Virginia, Spring 2016 ($3,000)
- Top Paper Award, 2016 annual meeting of the International Communications Association, Communication Policy and Law division. June 2016, Fukuoka, Japan
- University of Virginia Summer Research Stipend, Summer 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018 ($5,000)
- Gressly-Fleck International Scholarship – University of Fribourg, Switzerland Summer 2015 ($5,000)
- Support in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant, University of Virginia, Winter 2014 ($3,000)
- Education and Diversity Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2013-2014 ($1,000)

- International Communications Association Annual Conference, High Ranking Student Paper, Communication Law & Policy Division, Spring 2013
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship, Spring 2011 ($20,000)
- International Communications Association Annual Conference, Third Runner-Up, Best Student Paper, Communication, Law and Policy Division, Spring 2011
- Annenberg Summer Research Fellowship, 2010, 2011, 2012
- Annenberg School for Communication Doctoral Fellowship – U. of Pennsylvania, 2009-2013.
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship (Declined), Spring 2009 ($35,000).
- Power Corporation of Canada Graduate Fellowship – Concordia University, Fall 2008
- Arts & Sciences Graduate Fellowship – Concordia University, Fall 2007
- Graduated with Distinction – University of Alberta, Spring 2006
- Member of the Golden Key International Honor Society (inducted Fall 2005)
- Film Studies Essay of the Year "Making the Impossible, Believable: The Hollywood Musical & Realism" (Nomination) – University of Alberta, Spring 2005
- Entrance Scholarship – University of Manitoba, Fall 2002

CONFERENCES/LECTURES/TALKS/WORKSHOPS/TESTIMONIES

Conference papers and presentations

Ali, C. (2025). Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star(link). Paper presented at the ECREA Communication Law & Policy Workshop. Brussels, Belgium.

Pawel, P., Ali, (2025). Concentrating on "competition": Denaturalizing neoclassical assessments of US wireless market competition. Paper presented at the IAMCR Annual Conference. Singapore, SPG.

Ali, C. (2025). When you wish upon a Star(link). Paper presented at the IAMCR Annual Conference. Singapore, SGP.

Ali, C., Forde, S., & Simmerman, A. (2025) The Voldemort of Broadband Policy: The discursive dismissal of 'rate regulation'. Paper presented at the Union for Democratic Communication conference. Tacoma, WA.

Forde, S., Ali, C., Popiel, P., Theine, H. (2025). Increasing and High Media Concentration Across telecoms and internet access infrastructure, online advertising, and online search: Findings from the US. ICA Annual Conference. Denver, CO.

Forde, S., Theine, H, Ali, C., Popiel, P. (2025). Competitive or concentrated? An analysis of trends and dynamics in U.S. media and communication markets. ICA Annual Conference. Denver, CO.

Ali, C. & Forde, S. (2025). Public media governance: The case of APTS. ICA Annual Conference. Denver, CO.

Jeong, D., & Ali, C. (2025). Unpacking the Media Hegemony and Strategies of Global and Local Major: A political economic analysis of the battles in South Korea between global CPs and ISPs towards network usage fees and open internet. ICA Annual Conference. Denver, CO.

Van den Bulk, H., Ali, C., & Kropko, J. (2025). Future-proofing PBS: American Public Service Broadcasting in the post-Trust Era. ICA Pre Conference on Trust & Media. Boulder, CO.

Jeong, D., Wang, R., Jayakar, K., Ali, C., Meinrath, S., Forde, S. (2024). Predicting the rate of adoption of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) among eligible households: A diffusion model with panel data. Paper presented at the 2024 TPRC Conference.

Ali, C. (2024). The Ontology of Praxis. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communication Association. Gold Coast, Australia.

Ali, C. & Katz, V. (2024). Evidence-based pathways for leveling digital access in higher education during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communication Association. Gold Coast, Australia.

Ali, C. & Forde, S. (2024). The "NextGen" of subsumption: The adoption of ATSC 3.0 by US public broadcasters. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communication Association. Gold Coast, Australia.
*Top paper award in Communication Law & Policy Division.

Ali, C. (2024). What would Graham Spry Think? Global Media Industry Concentration Project. Canada Respondent. Annual Conference of the International Communication Association. Gold Coast, Australia.

Forde, S., & Ali, C. (2024). APTS & ATSC 3.0: The politics of US public media lobbying. RIPE@2024. Lisbon, Portugal.

Ali, C. & Forde, S. (2023). Public broadcasters as digital intermediaries: The adoption of ATSC 3.0 in the United States. Paper presented at the ECREA Law & Policy Workshop. Salzburg, Austria.

Ali, C. (2023). Critical Qualitative Research Methods. Union for Democratic Communications. Philadelphia, PA.

Ali, C. (2023). People and Policy. Politics after Broadband Policy Panel. TPRC. Washington, DC.

Ali, C. & Katz, V. (2023). Evidence-based pathways for leveling digital access in higher education during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. TPRC. Washington, DC.

Ali, C. (2023). What is it with broadband policy and failure? Presentation to the International Communication Association Annual Conference. Toronto, ON.

Ali, C. (2023). Working with undergraduate researchers. Panel presentation at the International Communication Association Annual Conference. Toronto, ON.

Ali, C. (2023). Communication Law & Policy. Radio Preservation Taskforce Conference. Library of Congress, Washington, DC.

Ali, C. (2023). Respondent on Media Rurality Panel. Annual conference of the Society for Cinema and Media Studies (SCMS). Denver, CO.

Ali, C. (2022). Beyond the document: Policy impact and intervention as process. Special Panel. 2022 ECREA Conference, Aarhus, Denmark.

Ali, C. (2022). Enduring or Endangered? The future of communication law and policy research. Special Panel. 2022 ECREA Conference, Aarhus, Denmark.

Ali, C. and Van den Bulck, H. (2022). A yank in PSM's court. Paper presentation at the 2022 ECREA Conference, Aarhus, Denmark.

Ali, C, Zimmer, J., Buck, T., & Simmerman, A. (2022). Broadband in the OECD. Paper presented to the 2022 Annual Conference of the International Communication Association. Paris, France.

Ali, C. & Simmerman, A. (2022). Towards a connected commonwealth. Paper presented to the 2022 Annual Conference of the International Communication Association. Paris, France.

Puppis, M & Ali, C. (2022). Contribution to society. Paper presented to the 2022 Annual Conference of the International Communication Association. Paris, France.

Mathews & Ali (2022). Waiting. Poster presented to the 2022 Annual Conference of the International Communication Association. Paris, France.

Puppis, M & Ali, C. (2021). Communication Strategy or Alternative Vision? "Contribution to Society" between Legitimacy Management and Organizational Change. Paper presented to the RIPE@2021 conference. Online

Ali, C. & Van den Bulck, H. (2021). Islands of Trust in a sea of distrust: Why Americans trust PBS. Paper presented to the RIPE@2021 conference. Online.

Mathews, N. & Ali, C. (2021). Informational, Infrastructural and Emotional Labor: The Extra Work in a News and Broadband Desert. Paper presented to the AEJMC annual conference.
* Top Paper Award in the Mass Communication & Society Division

Mathews, N. & Ali, C. (2021). Desert Work: Life and Labor in a News and Broadband Desert. Paper presented to the Journal Division of the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (online).

Ali, C., Van den Bulck, H., Lee, B. (2021). Islands of trust. Paper presented to the Journalism Division of the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (online).

Ali, C. (2021). Lived Policy. Paper presented to the Communication Law & Policy Division of the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (online).

Ali, C. (2021). Power to PEG: Community television policy and the politics of cable policy. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Cinema and Media Studies (SCMS) (online).

Ali, C. (2020). "Good Enough:" Rural broadband policy and the discourse of connectivity. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (online).

Ali, C. (2020). The walled garden of precision agriculture and rural broadband. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (online).

Ali, C. (2019). When good is the enemy of great: Rural broadband policy and the politics of connectivity. Paper presented at the ECREA Law & Policy Workshop, Helsinki, Finland.

Ali, C., Remensperger, J. & Schwartz-Henderson, L. (2018). Net neutrality and internet policy advocacy in the Global south: Narratives of impact. Paper presented at the ECREA Bi-Annual Conference. Lugano, Switzerland.

Ali, C. (2018, Sept). USDA's Rural Utilities Service and Rural Broadband: A multistakeholder approach to American broadband policy. Paper presented at the annual TPRC conference, Washington DC.

Ali, C. (2018, May). Critical discourse analysis. Epistemological and methodological expectations for critical media policy scholars. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (ICA). Pre-conference on media policy methods. Prague, CZ.

Ali, C. (2018, May). The reluctant regulator: The Rural Utilities Service and American rural broadband policy. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (ICA). Communication Law and Policy Division. Prague, CZ

Ali, C. (2018, May). Thoughts on a critical theory of rural communication. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (ICA). Philosophy, Theory, and Critique Division. Prague, CZ.

Ali, C., Radcliffe, D., Schmidt, TR., Donald, R. (2018, May). The digital life of small market newspapers: Results from a multi-method study. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (ICA). Journalism Division. Prague, CZ.

Ali, C. (2018, May). Marx and the study of media policy: Methodologies and expectations. Marx200 Conference. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Ali, C. (2017, Sept.). From farm to docket: Utility regulation and communication policy. Paper presented at the ECREA Law & Policy Workshop. Norwich, UK.

Ali, C. & Radcliffe, D. (2017, June). Why we need to talk about local newspapers: Conversations with experts on the future of small market newspapers in the United States. Paper presented at the Is no local news bad news? Local Journalism and its future. Conference. Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada.

Ali, C. (2017, May). Critical discourse analysis and media policy studies. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communications Association, San Diego, CA.

Ali, C., Radcliffe, D., Schmitt, T., Donald, R. (2017, May). Searching for Sheboygans: On the future of small market newspapers. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the

International Communications Association, San Diego, CA.

Puppis, M. & Ali, C. (2017, Jan.). Wenn der Wachhund weder beisst noch bellt: Kommunikation als Machtressource in der Medienpolitik. Paper presented at the Workshop des Netzwerks Medienstrukturen. Hamburg, Germany.

Ali, C. & Puppis, M. (2016, Nov.). Towards a theory and method of communicative power in media policymaking. Paper presented at the bi-annual meeting of the European Communication Research and Education Association. Prague, Czech Republic.

Ali, C. & Herzog (2016, Sept). Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy-Making. Paper presented at the RIPE@2016 Conference: Public Service Media in a Networked Society? Antwerp, Belgium.

Ali, C. & Puppis, M. (2016, June). Bias, silence, capture: Communicative power in media policymaking. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (ICA). Communication Law and Policy Division. Fukuoka, Japan. *Top paper, Communication Law and Policy Division.

Ali, C. (2015, Nov.). From Public Goods to Merit Goods: A non-market intervention for sustainability in local journalism. Paper presented at the ECREA Communication Law and Policy Workshop. University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Ali, C. (2015, Sept.). The merit of merit goods: Journalism and social democracy in a time of austerity. Paper presented at the Workshop, "New Media, Old Money: Digital Technology, Social Media and the New Challenges to Campaigning and Democracy." Embassy of Switzerland in the United States of America, Washington D.C.

Ali, C. & Puppis, M. (2015, May). When the watchdog neither barks nor bites: Conceptualizing the coverage of media policy. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (ICA). Communication, Law and Policy Division. San Juan, PR.

Ali, C. (2015, May). From policy studies to policy-making: What to do with a PhD in media policy. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (ICA). Blue sky Panel San Juan.

Ali, C. (2015, May). The big society on the little screen: Neoliberalism and the local digital television programme service. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (ICA). Communication, Law and Policy Division. San Juan, PR.

Ali, C. (2015, May). Respondent to Kerry Traynor. International Communication Association Annual Meeting: Graduate Student Workshop on Journalism. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Herzog, C. & Ali, C. (2014, Nov). Elite Interviewing in Media and Communications Policy Research. Paper presented at the 5th European Communications Conference (ECREA). Lisbon, Portugal.

Ali, C. (2014d, May). Digital Spaces and Canadian Places: Geospatial Mapping and Canadian Localism.

Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Communications Association (CCA). Policy, Regulation & Governance Tract. St. Catherine's, ON.

Ali, C. (2014c, May). Critical Regionalism and the Policies of Place: Revisiting Localism for the Digital Age. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (ICA). Communication, Law and Policy Division. Seattle, USA.

Ali, C. (2014b, May). The Goods Life: Local Journalism from Public Good to Merit Good. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (ICA). Communication, Law and Policy Division. Seattle, USA.

Ali, C. (2014a, May). Gabriel Tarde on Communication Research: What we know better or different 100 years later. Miniplenary at the Annual Conference of the International Communications Association (ICA). Communication History Division & Philosophy, Theory and Critique Division. Seattle, USA.

Ali, C. (2014, March). Local, Localism, Locality, Localness: Constructing the local in UK media law and policy. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities. Charlottesville, VA.

Ali, C. & Conrad, D. (2013, June). Community of Satellites or a Satellite of Communities? Emerging dynamics in the community media paradigm. Paper presented at the International Association of Media and Communication Research Annual Conference. Community Communication Section. Dublin, Ireland.

Ali, C. (2013e, June). The Policies of Place: A critical regionalism approach to local media regulation in the digital age. Paper presented at the International Association of Media and Communication Research Annual Conference. Political Economy Section. Dublin, Ireland.

Ali, C. (2013d, June). "Local and local and local, local": Conversations with regulators about the future of media localism in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. Paper presented at the International Communications Association Annual Conference. Communication, Law and Policy Division, London, UK.

Ali, C. (2013c, June). The Public in Public Media: Debates, Dilemmas, and Discrepancies. Paper presented at the International Communications Association Annual Conference. Philosophy, Theory & Critique Division, London, UK.

Ali, C. (2013b, June). International comparisons of 'local media ecology' studies: Implications for the Canadian Regulatory Context. Paper presented at the International Communications Association Annual Conference. Communication, Law and Policy Division, London, UK.

Ali, C. (2013a, June). "Local TV Matters"? The life and death of the CRTC's Local Programming Improvement Fund. Paper presented at the Canadian Communications Association Annual Conference. Policy, Regulation & Governance Tract. Victoria, BC.

Ali, C. (2012, June). The local media citizen: Citizens, Journalisms, Citizen Journalisms,

and Democracies in the local media ecosystem. Paper presented at the 1st International Conference on Journalism Studies: Identity, changes and challenges of the profession in the 21st century. University of Santiago de Chile, Santiago, Chile.

Ali, C. (2012, May). The Last PEG or Community Media 2.0? Negotiating Place and Placelessness at PhillyCAM. Paper presented at the International Communications Association Annual Conference, Philosophy of Communication Division, Phoenix, AZ.

Ali, C. (2012, April). There's no place like home: Towards the Study of Canadian Media Localism – an international comparative approach. Paper presented at the Journalism Strategies Conference, McGill University, Montreal, QC.

Ali, C. (2011, October). Media at the Margins: Policy and Practice in American, Canadian, and British Community Television. Paper presented at the Global Fusions Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

Ali, C. (2011, June). Media at the Margins: Experiencing Community Television in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. Paper presented at the Canadian Communications Association Annual Conference, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB

Ali, C. (2011, May). A Broadcast System in Whose Interest? Tracing the origins of broadcast localism in Canadian and Australian television policy, 1950-1963. Paper presented at the International Communications Association Annual Conference, Communication, Law and Policy Division, Boston, MA.
* Third Runner-Up, Best Student Paper, Communication, Law and Policy Division

Ali, C. (2010, Sept). The Second Day Story: Re-imagining public broadcasting through community. Paper presented at the RIPE@2010 (Re-Visionary Interpretations of the Public Enterprise) – Public Service Media After the Recession, University of Westminster, London, England.

Ali, C. (2010, June). Of Logos, Owners and Cultural Intermediaries: Defining an elite discourse in re-branding practices at three private Canadian television stations. Paper presented at the Canadian Communications Association Annual Conference, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec.

Ali, C. (2009, April). When Saying "Local" isn't enough: Local Television Regulation as a Discursive Formation in American and Canadian Broadcasting Policy. Paper presented at the McGill/Concordia Graduate Student Joint Symposium on Global Media Policy, Transnational Activism and International Communication, McGill University, Montreal, QC.

Ali, C. (2009, March). Of Logos & Owners: The Re-Branding of Canada's Private Television Networks. Paper presented at the "Spaces:" Graduate Student Conference, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec.

Ali, C. (2007, Sept). We are more than the sum of our genes: The rejection of genetic determinism in recent Hollywood science fiction. Paper presented at the Advanced Food Materials Network (AFMnet) and GE3LS (Genome Canada) Joint Biotechnology Workshop, Victoria, British Columbia.

Invited Keynotes, Panels, Talks & Testimony

Ali, C. (2025). Digital equity panel. Broadband Communities Summit. Houston, Texas.

Ali, C. (2025). From empathy to equity: Planning our connected future. Invited keynote to the Community Broadband Action Network Annual Meeting. Ames, Iowa.

Ali, C. (2025). The life and times of the digital divide. Invited keynote to Fiber Broadband Association Regional Conference. Philadelphia, PA.

Ali, C. (2025). "What is your broadband story?" Epistemics and empathy in telecommunications policy. Elihu Katz Colloquium, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Ali, C. (2024). People Points: Putting the public in broadband policy one story at a time. Keynote address to the Michigan Broadband Summit. Thompsonville, MI.

Ali, C. (2024). Life in the last mile: Lessons from the digital divide. Keynote address to Connected Oklahoma: The Rural Broadband Summit. Oklahoma City, OK.

Ali, C. (2024). Moderator: Formula for Success: Rural and Community Based Operators. Connected Oklahoma: The Rural Broadband Summit. Oklahoma City, OK.

Ali, C. (2024). Broadband policy. Our National Conversation. Webinar.

Ali, C. (2024). Moderator: Respondents' Panel. Rural Economic Development Summit: Broadband Infrastructure and Workforce Opportunities. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Harrisburg, PA.

Ali, C. (2024). Digital Equity. Panel presentation. Broadband Communities Summit. Houston, TX.

Ali, C. (2024). Rural Broadband. Presentation to the Permian Connected Board (Ector County, Texas).

Ali, C. (2024). Broadband beyond BEAD: Planning for a digitally inclusive future. KINBERCON. Lancaster, PA.

Ali, C. & Meinrath, S. (2024). Keynote Plenary session: Bolstering digital equity or reinforcing the digital divide? KINBERCON. Lancaster, PA.

Ali, C. (2024). Panel on digital equity coalition building. KINBERCON. Lancaster, PA.

Ali, C. (2024). From rural electrification to rural broadband: What history can teach us about connectivity. Invited talk to the Kluge Center's Congressional Staff Dinner Series.

Ali, C. (2024). Strength through connectivity. Keynote speech delivered to the Reservation Economic Summit (RES) hosted by the National Center for American Indian Economic Development. Las Vegas, NV.

Ali, C. (2024). A primer on federal broadband programs. Reservation Economic Summit (RES) hosted by the National Center for American Indian Economic Development. Las Vegas, NV.

Ali, C. (2024). Cooperatives panel. Connect America Conference. Dallas, TX.

Ali, C. (2024). Practitioners and researchers panel. Net Inclusion Conference, National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA). Philadelphia, PA.

Puppis, M. & Ali, C. (2023, November). Public Service Media's Contribution to Society. *From value to contributions: Rethinking the societal role of public service media.* IAPMR Webinar.

Ali, C. (2023, Nov.). The ontology of praxis or the digital equity revolution. *Neoliberal Failures and Anti-Capitalist Information Futures.* Keynote. NYU Steinhardt. https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/events/neoliberal-failures-and-anti-capitalist-information-futures

Ali, C. (2023, Nov). Convenor. Broadband Storytelling. Broadband Navigator Summit. Penn State Extension & Rockefeller Foundation. New York City.

Ali, C. (2023, Nov). Moderator: Broadband, Equity, Deployment & Inclusion Panel. Broadband Navigator Summit. Penn State Extension & Rockefeller Foundation. New York City.

Ali C. (2023, Sept.). Critical Discourse Analysis. Invited talk to Bellisario Graduate Students. State College, PA.

Ali, C. (2023, Sept). Electric Cooperatives. Invited talk to the Re-Imagine Appalachia Meeting. https://reimagineappalachia.org/regional-broadband-check-in-with-focus-on-co-ops/

Ali, C. (2023, August). Broadband after BEAD: Planning for the long term. Invited talk at Mountain Connect Conference, Denver CO.

Ali, C. (2023, July). How did we get here? Invited panelists and moderator to Broadband Deployment & Community Readiness. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Ali, C. (2023, July). Invited Panelist. GIS and Mapping. Internet for All Broadband Summit. Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority & The National Telecommunications & Information Administration. State College, PA.

Ali, C. (2023, May). Broadband to the farm. Invited briefing to the FCC's Precision Agriculture Task Force.

Ali, C. (2023, May). Moderator: Looking to the future: Where do we go from here? Final Keynote Panel: Broadband Communities Summit 2023, Houston, TX.

Ali, C. (2023, Apr). Five questions about broadband. Presentation to the National Reservation Summit (RES). National Center for American Indian Economic Development. Law Vegas, NV.

Ali, C. (2023, Apr). Broadband at our fingertips. Invited keynote to the National Reservation Summit (RES). National Center for American Indian Economic Development. Law Vegas, NV.

Ali, C. (2023, Feb). Rural broadband in the United States: Politics, policies and polities. Invited lecture to the Department of City and Regional Planning, College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

Ali, C. (2023, Jan.). Rural Broadband in the United States: Past, Present, and Future. M.E. John Seminar Lecture, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education. Pennsylvania State University. State College, PA.

Ali, C. (2023, Jan.). How urban and suburban communities can work towards digital equity in Pennsylvania. Invited presentation to The Broadband Breakfast Series: Making Digital Equity a Reality in Pennsylvania. Next Century Cities, Philadelphia, PA.

Ali, C. (2022, Dec.) Broadband and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Invited presentation to the Charlottesville Area Association of Realtors (CARR). Charlottesville, Virginia.

Ali, C. (2022, Dec.) Broadband, the long game. Invited presentation to the Broadband Leaders Summit, Miami, Florida.

Ali, C. (2022, Nov.) Policy Impact. Invited Lecture. Media Inequality and Change Center. Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania.

Ali, C. (2022, Nov.) Why local broadband is the best broadband. Invited keynote. National Association of Counties Broadband Bootcamp.

Ali, C. (2022, Nov.). Meaningful Connectivity: The Politics, Policies and Polities of Digital Scarcity. CARGC Faculty Fellow Lecture. Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania.

Ali, C. (2022, Nov). Twitter Q&A for #gimmefiberday. Fiber Broadband Association. Twitter.

Ali, C. (2022, Oct.). Invited senior scholar for a panel on advice to early career scholars. Association for Internet Researchers (AoIR). Online.

Ali, C. (2022, Sept). A local approach to broadband equity. Invited keynote to the Power and Communication Contractors Association, Napa Valley, CA.

Ali, C. (2022, July). The human face of broadband policy. Invited talk to the Office of Economics and Analytics, Federal Communications Commission. Online.

Ali, C. (2022, June). Last Mile Mindset. Invited Keynote to the FiberConnect 2022 Conference.

Nashville, TN.

Ali, C. (2022, May). Farm Fresh Broadband. Invited talk to the Texas Funders Network. College Station, Texas.

Ali, C. (2022, April). Assumptive Connectivity. Invited Keynote Lecture to the Internet Filtering Symposium. University of Kentucky.

Ali, C. (2022, April). Why does my internet still suck? The political economy of rural broadband in the United States. Invited Lecture to the Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University.

Ali, C. (2022, March). Rural Broadband: The Undiscovered Country. Invited Lecture to the Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism, University of Southern California.

Ali, C. (2022, March). The Crisis of Local Journalism. Virginia Festival of the Book. Charlottesville, VA.

Ali, C. (2022, Feb). Policies for a disconnect America: The promise of rural broadband. Invited lecture to the University of Nebraska, School of Law & Rural Reconciliation Project.

Ali, C (2022, Feb). History Repeating? The promise and perils of rural broadband policy. Invited talk to the Cornell University Broadband Network.

Ali, C. (2022, Feb.) Before the largest promising the loudest: What history has taught us about rural connectivity. Invited talk to *Fiber for Breakfast.* The Fiber Broadband Association

Ali, C. (2022, Jan.) Rural Broadband/Rural Journalism. Emerging Issues and Fresh Ideas Panel. Tow Center for Digital Journalism, Columbia University. Webinar.

Ali, C. (2021, Dec.) Addressing the growing digital divide in the US: Policies & Technologies. Moderator for a panel with Fierce Telecom's Digital Divide Summit. https://www.fiercedigitaltechevents.com/fiercedigitaltechevent/digital-divide-summit

Ali, C. (2021, Nov). The hopes and heartbreaks of rural broadband policy in the United States. Invited lecture to the Moscow Readings Conference, Lomonsov Moscow State University. Online

Ali, C. (2021, Nov). The hope of a connected future. Invited talk to UVA Alumni Lifetime Learning. Online.

Ali, C. (2021, Nov). Farm Fresh Broadband. Invited talk to the Connected Nation Annual Conference. Houston, Texas.

Ali, C (2021, Nov). Farm Fresh Broadband. Invited talk to the DSA of Clackamas, Oregon. Online

Ali, C. (2021, Nov). Rural broadband. Invited talk to the Virginia Funders Network. Online.

Ali, C. (2021, Oct). Reflections of *Farm Fresh Broadband*. Invited talk to the Blandin Foundation (Minnesota) Annual Conference. Online.

Ali, C. (2021, Oct). Rural broadband. Texas Mobility Summit. Texas Department of Transportation. Webinar.

Ali, C. (2021, Sept). Repairing broken policies. Invited fireside chat with the Schools, Health, Libraries Broadband Coalition (SHLB) Online.

Ali, C. (2021, Sept). Farm Fresh Broadband. Invited book talk to the Lunch & Learn Series of the Community Broadband Action Network (CBAN). Online

Ali, C. (2021, Sept). Farm Fresh Broadband. Invited book talk to Google's Project Terra. Online.

Ali, C. (2021, Sept). When good (enough) is the enemy of great: Rural broadband in the United States. Invited Talk by the Rural Computing Research Consortium and The Quello Center, Michigan State University.

Ali, C. (2021, July). The role of counties in broadband deployment. GCTC Supercluster Workshop on Broadband and Agriculture. Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Ali, C. (2021, July). Broadband to the farm. GCTC Supercluster Workshop on Broadband and Agriculture. Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Ali, C. (2021, June). Moderator: Internet Society Panel on the State of Broadband Mapping. https://isoc.live/14207/

Ali, C. (2021, June). Invited panelist to Texas Technology Task Force Summit on Smart Infrastructure. https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/planning/texas-technology-task-force.html

Ali, C. (2021, April). Invited panelist to ConnectedNation's Telehealth Summit. https://connectednation.org/telehealthsummit/

Ali, C. (2021, April). This is why your internet sucks. Invited speech to the Blue Ridge Mountain Rotary Club. Charlottesville, VA.

Ali, C. (2021, March). National Trends in Broadband Deployment. Presentation to the Odessa Texas Broadband Task Force. Online.

Ali, C., Simmerman, A., & Lansing, N. (2021, March). Connected Commonwealth? The role of counties

in Virginia broadband deployment. Invited talk to the Deliberative Media Lab, University of Virginia. Online.

Ali, C. (2021, March). Expert Witness Testimony to the US Senate Commerce Committee for the hearing: "Recent Federal Actions to Expand Broadband: Are We Making Progress." https://www.commerce.senate.gov/2021/3/recent-federal-actions-to-expand-broadband-are-we-making-progress

Ali, C. (2021, Feb). Invited talk on fiber optics and rural broadband. *Broadband Breakfast.* http://broadbandbreakfast.com/2020/10/broadband-breakfast-live-online-on-wednesday-february-17-2021-fueling-the-fire-of-rural-innovation/

Ali, C. (2021, Feb.) Cooperatives: The Unsung Heroes of Rural Broadband. Invited talk on electric cooperatives and broadband provision. Repower REC Broadband Forum. (Online)

Ali, C. (2021, Feb). Broadband Access. Invited Panelist to the NTCA – The Rural Broadband Group.

Ali, C. (2021, Jan.). Broadband Predictions. Invited Panelist for Render Networks Broadband Forum. Online

Ali, C. (2021, Jan.) Rural Broadband in a Time of COVID: Lessons Learned and not Learned. Invited Lecture to Huddersfield University, UK. Online

Ali, C. (2020, November). When good is the enemy of great: Rural broadband in a time of COVID-19. Invited Lecture to the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy, Oxford University, UK. Online.

Ali, C. (2020, October). The Power of the Local Voice. Invited Lecture to the Rural Communication Working Group of Deakin University, Australia. Online.

Ali, C. (2020, September). Here, here! Our experts get us up to speed on broadband matters. Broadband Communities Summit. https://bbcsummit.vfairs.com/en/#agenda

Ali, C. (2020, July). College Student Broadband Access. Schools Hospitals Libraries Broadband Association. Webinar.

Ali, C. (2020, June). Everything you wanted to know about (rural) broadband but were afraid to ask. Presentation to the Powhatan County Board of Supervisors, Powhatan County, VA.

Ali, C. (2020, May). Broadband 101. Invited talk. Developing Broadband Leadership Series. State of Illinois. Webinar.

Ali, C. (2020, April). Broadband policy, deployment, and access: Lessons for New York State. Expert

testimony to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Re-Imagining New York State.

Ali, C. (2020, March). Broadband in Appalachia. Invited talk. Re-Imagining Appalachia Conference, Webinar.

Ali, C. (2020, February). "Everything is better with better broadband": Broadband Deployment in Rural America. Invited talk at the Berkman Klein Center, Harvard Law School, Harvard University. Boston, Massachusetts.

Ali, C. (2020, January). For dirt roads and main streets: Towards a national rural broadband plan. Invited talk at the Information Society Project, Yale Law School, Yale University. New Haven, Connecticut.

Ali, C. (2020, January 7). "Everything is better with better broadband." Speech delivered to the Louisa Chamber of Commerce. Louisa, Virginia.

Ali, C. (2019, December 12). Is small cell a big deal? Equity impacts in urban and rural areas. Invited talk on 5G and municipal responses. Smart Cities LAB and Texas Innovation Alliance, Webinar.

Ali, C. (2019, October). Broadband to the farm and the politics of rural connectivity in the US. Invited Lecture. School of Environmental Design and Rural Development, Guelph University, Guelph, Canada.

Ali, C. (2019, October). Broadband and Digital Equity. Invitation only workshop. Brookings Institute. Washington, DC.

Ali, C. (2019, October). Local Journalism. Invitation only workshop. Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University. Durham, NC.

Ali, C. (2019). Rural broadband. Rural Broadband Summit, Louisa County, VA. Hosted by Rep. Abigail Spanberger, Louisa, VA.

Ali, C. (2019, July). Rural broadband. Briefing of the House of Representatives Task Force on Rural Broadband. Washington DC.

Ali, C. (2019, June). Farm Fresh Spectrum. Biocomplexity Institute and Initiative, Social and Decision Analytics Division, University of Virginia, Alexandria, VA.

Ali, C. (2019, May). Rural Broadband Policy. Department of Communications, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.

Ali, C. (2019, May). Universal Service in Neoliberal Times. ICA Post-Conference on Building Bridges between scholars and activists. Washington, DC.

Ali, C. (2019, May). Broadband and Bagels. Panel moderator. National League of Cities, Washington DC

Ali, C. (2019, April). The future of local news: From broadcast to broadband. Presentation at the Media, Inequality and Change Center (MIC), Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Ali, C. (2019, April). The myth of technological neutrality. Panel presentation at the 2019 Broadband Communities Summit, Austin, TX.

Ali, C. (2018, Oct.) How to publish your first book. Invited workshop at the Center for Advanced Research in Global Communications., Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Ali, C. (2018, July). Regulating localism in the 21st century. Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute. Oxford, UK.

Ali, C., Puppis, M, van den Bulck, H. (2018, July). The methods of media policy. Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute. Oxford, UK.

Ali, C. (2018, June). Net neutrality in the United States: A history. Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute. Oxford, UK.

Ali, C. (2018, June). What does it mean to be local in the digital age? And why should you care? Invited Keynote to Charter Communications. New York, NY.

Radcliffe, D. & Ali, C. (2017, Nov.). Local News in a Digital World. Fellows Lecture. Tow Center for Digital Journalism, Columbia University. New York, NY.

Ali, C. (2017, Nov.) Facebook freebasics in Nigeria and India. University of Virginia Global Inquirer panel discussion "Innovation or Digital Colonization". Charlottesville, VA. Available at: https://soundcloud.com/user-825537515/global-inquirer-presents-live-episode-promo-innovation-or-digital-colonization

Ali, C. (2017, June). The future of small market newspapers. University of Virginia Alumni Association. Charlottesville, VA.

Ali, C. (2017, April). From Kale to Broadband: Localism in the Digital Age. Fellows Lecture at the Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania.

Ali, C. (2017, April). The future of local journalism. Panel discussion of the future of Journalism, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania.

Ali, C. (2017, April). Reimagining local news for the digital age. Panel discussion, International Journalism Festival, Perugia, Italy.

Ali, C. (2017, March). What does it mean to be local in the digital age? Lessons from media studies. Paper presented at the Global/Contemporary conference. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Ali, C. (2017, March). Media Localism: The Policies of Place. Book talk at the Center for Advanced Research in Global Communications, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania.

Ali, C. (2017, March). The future of local newspapers is brighter than you think? Demystifying media series. Department of Journalism and Communication, University of Oregon.

Ali, C. (2017, March). The Local in the Global. Teaching and Learning Global Media Studies Panel organized by the Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication. Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania.

Ali, C. & Radcliffe, R. (2016, Dec). Local News in a Digital World: Small Market Newspapers in an age of Digital Disruption. Tow Center for Digital Journalism, Columbia University. New York, NY.

Ali, C. (2016, Oct). Roundtable on hyperlocal news and local newspapers. Annual meeting of Local Independent Online News Publishers association. Chicago, IL.

Ali, C. (2016, Oct). What can Local Independent Online News publishers learn from legacy print media? Presentation given at the annual meeting of the Local Independent Online News Publishers association. Chicago, IL.

Ali, C. (2016, June). The challenges and opportunities in regulating local media: Lessons from the North Atlantic triangle. Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute. Oxford University, Oxford.

Ali, C. (2016, April). The future is local. Department of Communication, Concordia University, Montreal.

Ali, C. (2016, March). US Telecom v. FCC and the future of net neutrality. University of Virginia School of Law.

Ali, C. (2016, Feb.). The policies of place: A political economy of media localism. Information Society Project, Yale University Law School.

Ali, C. & Herzog, C. (2015, Nov.). Elite interviewing. Graduate workshop. ECREA Law and Policy Workshop. Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Ali, C. (2015, Nov.). What does it mean to be local? Lessons from policy and regulation. Department of Communication and Media Research, University of Fribourg, Fribourg Switzerland.

Ali, C. (2015, Nov.). Canadian community media policy: Lessons from home and abroad. Paper presented at the Community Media Convergence Workshop. Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada.

Ali, C. (2015 Sept.) Publishing. Professional Development Day. Annenberg School for Communication. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Ali, C. (2015, March). Will the internet survive? Grounds on the Go, University of
Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Ali, C. (2015, March). Net Neutrality. Udems (Young Democrats). University of
Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Ali, C. (2015, Feb. 26). Net Neutrality. Movable Type State of the Media 2015.
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Ali, C. (2014, Oct. 22). Technology/Development/Democracy? A critical reading of an
emancipatory discourse. Panel presentation at "The Potential for Technology to Advance
Democracy" speaker series. International Relations Organization & Democracy Network,
University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA

Ali, C. (2014, July 23). Net Neutrality and the Future of Democracy? Rotary Club of
Charlottesville. Charlottesville, VA.

Ali, C. (2014, Feb. 21). The Policies of Place. Department of Engineering and Society,
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Ali, C. (2014, Feb. 16). *Monsieur Lazhar* and the dynamics of Canadian and Quebecois
cultural production. Uva French Film Festival. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Ali, C. & Donnelly, K. (2010, Oct). Public Media News: Moving from Closed to Open.
Paper presented at the Public Media Camp (PBS/NPR), American University, Washington D.C.

Workshop Facilitator
Ali, C. (2019). FCC @ UVA: Invited Former FCC Chair and Commissioner Michael J. Copps and Sitting
FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel to UVA for a day of lectures and discussions, including a
moderated Q&A on the Future of Digital Life.

Lotz, A., Ali, C., & Napoli, P. (2019, May). Building Bridges between Academia and Advocacy. Post-
Conference at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.

Ali, C. (2019, Feb.). Municipal Broadband with Next Century Cities. University of Virginia.

Ali, C. (2018, July). Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute. Oxford
University, Oxford.

Ali, C. (2018, Feb). Workshop on Research Methods for Internet Policy in Africa.
Kampala, Uganda, Feb. 23 – March 3, 2018.

Ali, C. (2017, Oct.) Workshop on Research Methods for Internet Policy in Latin America
and the Caribbean. Universidad San Andres, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Oct. 2-6, 2017.

Ali, C. (2017, June). Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute. Oxford
University, Oxford.

Ali, C. (2017, April). Workshop on Research Methods for Internet Policy in South and South Asia. National Law University, Delhi. New Delhi, India. April 10-15 2017.

Ali, C. (2016, June). The methods of media policy. Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute. Oxford University, Oxford.

Consultations

Digital Equity in Central Virginia. Consultation with the Albemarle Broadband Authority. Ongoing. [unpaid]

Broadband in Powhatan County. Consultation with the Powhatan County Board of Supervisors. Summer 2020. [Paid]

Country Correspondent. Swiss Federal Office of Communications comparison of 18 media systems. Summer/Fall 2015. Project coordinators: Manuel Puppis and Corinne Schweizer. [honorarium]

Member of the Community Media Policy Advisory Community for the 2015 CRTC Review of community media. Fall 2015. [unpaid]

Meeting with the Committee on the Impact of Media Concentration of the Korea Press Foundation. South Korea. Meeting held on May 24, 2014, Seattle. [unpaid]

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses taught at Penn State University
- COMM 180: Survey of Telecommunications & Electronic Media
- COMM 205: Gender and Diversity in the Media
- COMM 486W: Telecommunications Ethics
- COMM 597: Critical Communication Policy Studies

Courses taught at the University of Virginia
- MDST 2010: Introduction to Digital Media
- MDST 3300: Global Media
- MDST 3405: Media Policy & Law
- MDST 3510: Media Policy
- MDST 3559: What does it mean to be local in the digital age
- MDST 4000: Media Theory & Methods
- MDST 4510: Political Economy of Communication
- MDST 4559: Internet Policy and Regulation
- MDST 4704: Political Economy of Communication
- MDST 7704: Political Economy of Communication
- MDST 8003: Media Research Methods
- MDST 8966: Master's Thesis Development Preparation

COMPASS Program

- Policy Impact: Summer 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024

Guest Lectures
- Broadband. Carlton University, Fall 2023.
- PLAN 6020: Focus Groups. University of Virginia, Spring 2023
- Rural Broadband. Eastern Washington University, Spring 2021
- Qualitative Research Methods. Concordia University, Montreal, Spring 2021
- SARC 8101: Theories of knowledge in the constructed environment. Uva, Spring 2020
- LAW: Public Interest Law. UVA, Spring 2020
- MDST 2000: Network Neutrality. Fall 2017, 2018
- MSP 0821: The Future of Your TV. Temple University, Spring 2018
- SARC 8101: Theories of knowledge in the constructed environment. Uva, Spring 2018
- MDST 2000: Introduction to Media Studies. University of Virginia, Spring 2018
- MDST 2000: Introduction to Media Studies. University of Virginia, Fall 2017
- MDST 4000: Media Theory and Methods. University of Virginia, Fall 2015
- COMM 805: Media Governance in Times of Crisis, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania. Fall 2012
- COMS 413: Cultures of Production, Concordia University. Winter 2012
- COMS 413: Cultures of Production, Concordia University. Spring 2009

Teaching Fellow
- COMM 135: Mass Media and Society, University of Pennsylvania. Fall 2011
- COMM 345: Qualitative Research Methods, University of Pennsylvania. Fall 2010

Teaching Assistant
- SOC 241: Social Psychology, University of Alberta. Winter 2006.

THESIS ADVISING

Graduate
Advisor
Abby Simmerman (2025-Present). PhD in Mass Communications advisor. Penn State University
Erika Solis (2023-Present). PhD in Mass Communications co-advisor. Penn State University
DongWook Jeong (2023-Present). PhD in Mass Communications co-advisor. Penn State University.
Abby Simmerman (2021-2022). MA in Media Studies. Department of Media Studies, UVA
Bridget Blakely (2021-2022). MA in Media Studies. Department of Media Studies, UVA
Asher Caplan (2020-2021). MA in Media Studies. Department of Media Studies, UVA

Committee Member
Hamad Swaid (2024-present). JD committee member. Harvard University
Charlie Dennie (2024-present). DBA committee member. Marshall University
Ahmed Alrawi (2023-2024). PhD committee member. Penn State University
Lana Medina (2023-Present). PhD committee member. Penn State University
Sydney Forde (2022-Present). PhD committee member. Penn State University
Parker Bach (2020-2021). MA committee member. Media Studies. University of Virginia
Aaron Hyzen (2018-2023). PhD committee member. University of Antwerp.

Dijia Chen (2019-2023). PhD committee member. Department of Architecture. UVA
Leigh Miller (2016-2020). PhD committee member. Department of Architecture. UVA
John D. Berman (2018). PhD Committee member. Department of Mathematics. UVA

Undergraduate
Primary Advisor/Reader
James Orr (2021-2022). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt. of Media Studies.
Nathan Ray (2021-2022). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt. of Media Studies.
Hugh Jones (2020-2021). Thesis in Politics, Philosophy, and Law. University of Virginia.
Leah Taylor (2019-2021). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt. of Media Studies.
Caleigh Sturgeon (2019-2020). Thesis in Politics, Philosophy, and Law. University of Virginia.
Emily Graffeo (2019-2020). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt of Media Studies.
Alex Haden (2019-2020). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt of Media Studies.
Lukas Piertzak (2019). Independent study in Media Studies. University of Virginia.
Jordan Arnold (2018-2019). Thesis in Politics, Philosophy, and Law. University of Virginia.
Ben Tobin (2018-2019). Honors thesis in Politics. UVA
Olivia Lurillo (2017-2019). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt of Media Studies.
Ryan Jones (2017-2019). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt of Media Studies.
Beth Watson (2016-2018). Honors Thesis in Arts Administration.
Claire Poumerol (2017). Independent Study, Dpt of Media Studies.
Catharine Goss (2016-2017). Thesis in Politics, Philosophy and Law.
Tianmi Stillphen (2015-2016). Thesis in Politics, Philosophy and Law.
Alexandra Filip (2015-2016). Independent Study, Dpt of Media Studies.
Alexandra Filip (2015-2016). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt of Media Studies.
Matthew Greenspan (2015-2016). Independent Study. Dpt of Media Studies.
Amy Armentrout (Summer 2015). Independent Study. Dpt of Media Studies.
Jacob Mainwaring (2014-2015). Thesis in the Politics, Philosophy and Law Program.
Andrew Elliott (2014-2015). Thesis in the Politics, Philosophy and Law Program.
Megan Mohr (2014-2015). Independent Study Department of Media Studies.

Secondary Reader
Ben Andressen (2020-2021). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt. of Media Studies.
Kevin Baker (2020-2021). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt. of Media Studies.
Jess Miller (2019-2020). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt. of Media Studies.
Asher Caplan (2019-2020). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt. of Media Studies.
Nicholas Brozey (2019-2020). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt. of Media Studies.
Carrie West (2017-2018). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt. of Media Studies.
Carolyn Schmitt (2015-2016). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt. of Media Studies.
Anne Riddell (2015-2016). Thesis in the Distinguished Majors Program, Dpt. of Media Studies.

BELLISARIO/PENN STATE SERVICE
- Bellisario College Promotion & Tenure Committee – 2025 - Present
- Penn State Review of Politics & Media, Faculty Advisor, 2024-Present
- Pollock E-Testing Board of Advisors, 2024-Present

- Entertainment Club, Faculty Advisor, 2024-Present
- UGTA Participant, Bellisario College, 2024-Present
- DEI Module Creator, Bellisario College, 2024
- Manglona Lab, Advisory Board Member, Penn State Law, 2024-Present
- Dean's Advisory Committee Member, 2022-Present
- Departmental Tenure & Promotion Committee. 2023-Present
- Rainbow Network – LGBTQ Faculty & Staff Committee. 2023-Present
- Hiring Committee, Media Economics & Management. 2024
- Elizabeth Ellcessor Book Talk Organizer – April 2024
- Martin Marinos Book Talk Organizer – March 2024
- Talk about tenure. Lunch discussion with PhD students about hiring and tenure decisions. April 2023
- Administrative Review Committee Member, 2023
- Aynne Kokas Book Talk Organizer – January 2023
- Amit Schejter Book Talk Organizer – November 2023

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SERVICE
- Search Committee, Media Studies Chair, 2021
- Director of Graduate Studies (Interim), Department of Media Studies, Fall 2021
- Diversity and Inclusion Director, Department of Media Studies, 2018-2021
- Chair, General Faculty Search Committee, Summer 2021
- Memory Project Chair Search Committee, 2020
- Peer Review Committee, Chair, Department of Media Studies, 2021-2022
- Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2019-Present
- Search Committee, Democracy Initiative Director, University of Virginia, 2019-2020
- P&T Committee, Department of Media Studies, 2019-2020
- P&T Committee, Department of Media Studies 2019-2020
- General Faculty Search Committee, Department of Media Studies 2019
- Senior Search Committee, Department of Media Studies 2019
- Part of the "Good Old Song" campaign video, Fall 2019
- First year student advisor, 2018-2019
- Global Fusion conference organizing committee 2017-2018
- GradDays LGBTQ Lunch Panelist, March, 2018.
- Co-Director, Distinguished Majors Program, Department of Media Studies 2015-2016; 2017-2021
- Faculty Advisor, *Movable Type: Undergraduate Media Studies Journal,* 2013-2016; 2017-2021
- Faculty Advisor, Athletes for Equality. 2016 – 2019
- Member, LGBTQ Diversity Committee, University of Virginia. 2016-2022
- Athletics Department, Faculty Outreach, 2015-2018

- Member, MDST Department Chair Search Committee 2017-2018
- Panelist "Facebook Free Basics." Global Inquirer Live Podcast, Nov. 2017
- Panelist "News in the Digital World." UVA Alumni Reunion Weekend. 9 June 2017
- Moderator, Athletes for Equality Keynote Event. November, 2016
- Faculty participant, LGBTQ Student Dinner Series, 2015-2016
- Graduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Media Studies, 2015-2017
- Ad hoc hiring committee, Department of Media Studies, 2016
- Information session for student athletes interested in media studies, Winter 2016
- Professors Panel, Department of Media Studies, Winter 2016
- Head coach, Uva Figure Skating Team, 2014-2016
- Football Team, Honorary Coach – Fall 2015
- Center for Teaching Excellence Assessment – Fall 2015
- Survivor Support Network Training, Winter, 2015
- Media Studies Society Panel Participant, Winter, 2015
- Women's Basketball Team, Honorary Coach – Fall 2014
- Organizer & Participant, Global Media Reading Group, Funded by the Center for Global Inquiry, Fall 2014
- Media Studies Search Committee, Department of Media Studies, Fall 2014
- Safe Space training. LGBTQ Center, April 2014.
- GradDays LGBTQ Lunch Panelist, March, 2014.
- Organized and hosted a series of talks by former FCC Commissioner Michael Copps,. February 2014
- Men's Basketball Team, Honorary Coach, Fall 2013
- Men's Basketball Team, Faculty Outreach Program, 2013-2014
- Departmental Next Chair Committee, Department of Media Studies, Fall 2013
- American Studies/Media Studies Search Committee, Fall 2013
- Interdisciplinary Majors Fair, Media Studies Representative, Fall 2013

FIELD SERVICE

Member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Digital Equity Conference Advisory Group. 2025.

Division and Interest Group Mentoring Committee, International Communication Association, 2024-Present

Advisory Board, Public Knowledge, Blueprint for Equitable Digital Participation Project. 2024-Present

Co-founder & Co-director: Pennsylvania Broadband Research Institute (PBR-I). 2023-Present

Advisory Board, Digital Equity Research Center. Metropolitan Library of New York. 2023-Present

Editorial Board, *Palgrave Global Media Policy & Business* book series. 2023-Present

Tenure & Promotion Outside Reviewer. 2023-Present
    University of Florida, University of Alberta, University of Missouri
    UNC Charlotte, Michigan State, UMass Amherst

Judge, US Broadband Awards. Fierce Telecom. 2023-Present

Associate Editor, *Communication Law & Policy.* 2021-Present

Member, International Advisory Board. *ICA Handbook Series.* International Communication
        Association (ICA). 2022-present

Member, Advisory Board, Centre County Film Festival. 2023-Present

Member, Technical Advisory Board. CENIC. 2021-2023.

Member, Board of Directors, International Communication Association (ICA). 2021-2023

Member, Communications Equity & Diversity Council (CEDC) working group, Federal
        Communications Commission (FCC). 2021-2023
            • Co-director, Workstream 2: Best Practices on emergency broadband
              programs. Term ended in June 2023

Member, Board of Directors. Charlottesville Tomorrow. 2020-2023.

Chair, Communication Law and Policy Division, International Communication Association (ICA)
        2021-2023

Vice-Chair, Communication Law and Policy Division, International Communication Association
        (ICA), 2019-2021

Agency Reviewer: Internet Society Foundation, Swiss National Science Foundation, Social Sciences
        and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Manuscript Reviewer: Springer, Palgrave Macmillan, Routledge, Pearson Press, McGill-Queens
        University Press, University of Michigan Press, University of California Press

Journal Reviewer: *Mass Communication and Society, Digital Policy, Regulation & Governance,
        New Media & Society, Journal of Politics, Cinémas, Communication Theory, Oxford
        Bibliographies Online, Quaderna, International Journal of Communication, Journal of
        Historical Sociology, Journal of Information Policy, Journalism: Theory & Critique,
        Critical Studies in Media Communication, Media Culture & Society, Canadian Journal
        of Communication, Communication Culture and Critique, Regional Science,
        Communication & Society, Television & New Media, Digital Journalism, Journalism*

Practice, Communication Review, Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health, Computer Mediated Communication, Communication Law & Policy, Digital Society, Politics and Governance, Rural Sociology, Communication Law & Policy, Communication Review, Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media, Journal of Civic Media

Conference Reviewer: ICA Annual Conference, IAMCR Annual Conference, CCA Annual Conference, ECREA Biannual Conference, RIPE Biannual Conference

Correspondent: *Inmedia: The French Journal of Media and Media Representations in the English-Speaking World.* 2014-2016

M.A. Representative: Concordia University, Department of Communication Studies. 2008-2009

Co-organizer: "Spaces/Espaces: Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference." Concordia University. 2008-2009

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- Society for Cinema and Media Studies (2019-present)
- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (2017-present)
- European Communication Research and Education Association (2014-present)
- International Communications Association (2011-present)
- Canadian Communications Association (2009-2014; 2016-2017)
- Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities (2013)
- International Association for Media and Communication Research (2013)
- Golden Key International Honor Society (2004-present)

MEDIA COVERAGE

- Interview about the Trump Administration and the digital divide. *KFF Health News.* 20 June 2025. https://kffhealthnews.org/news/article/broadband-rural-west-virginia-bead-commerce-department-new-rules-delay-telehealth/
- Interview about AI and the digital divide. *Yahoo News.* 7 June 2025. https://www.yahoo.com/news/experts-artificial-intelligence-amplifying-digital-035900325.html?guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly9saW5rcy5jaXNpb24ub25lLw&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAALU9CRIjlwKEbn1sNBZr0JtyX7vziGkb2WrQCnf7WWIhG_I5qS9hhj9js24CNdbp84AK-Dcgo-FTpTwQefgeJxBkyhFPOhFUKSiVtYJfL3Ocp3WQw0tR-AzcriFE9OtEbiCN_snNRYmVbjRbC-fy8WtRKnBH9x2sgKAW2A3he4fi&guccounter=2
- Interview about Starlink in rural areas. *Spotlightpa.* 18 June 2025. https://www.spotlightpa.org/news/2025/06/pennsylvania-broadbrand-grant-trump-rural/
- Interview about broadband pricing. *CNET.* 18 April 2025 https://www.cnet.com/home/internet/broadband-is-expensive-cnet-survey-finds-63-of-internet-users-are-paying-more-than-before/?utm_campaign=Newsletters&utm_medium=email&utm_source=sendgrid

- Interview about digital discrimination. *CNET* 14 April 2025. https://www.cnet.com/home/internet/the-broadband-divide-in-the-us-is-not-color-blind/?utm_campaign=Newsletters&utm_medium=email&utm_source=sendgrid
- Interview with CNet about broadband cooperatives. 9 April. 2025. https://www.cnet.com/home/internet/former-spectrum-workers-fight-for-fair-internet-how-theyre-closing-the-digital-divide/
- Interview with TechNewsWorld about Geosynchronous Satellites. 20 March. 2025 https://www.technewsworld.com/story/low-earth-orbit-networks-pushing-geostationary-giants-to-innovate-179658.html
- Interview with KFF about telehealth. 10 March 2025. https://kffhealthnews.org/news/article/dead-zone-sickest-counties-slow-internet-broadband-desert-health-care-provider-shortage/
- Interview with Investigative TV about telehealth. 10 March 2025. https://www.investigatetv.com/2025/03/10/millions-us-live-places-where-doctors-dont-practice-telehealth-doesnt-reach/
- Interview with *CNET* about Starlink. 13 February 2025. https://www.cnet.com/home/internet/features/inside-the-rise-of-7000-starlink-satellites-and-their-inevitable-downfall/
- Interview with Gray Media on telehealth. February 2025.
- Expert interview for the documentary *ThoughtWaves.* January 2025
- Interview with *CNET* about internet service providers. 4 January 2025. https://www.cnet.com/home/internet/stuck-with-one-internet-provider-the-secret-behind-internet-monopolies/https://www.cnet.com/home/internet/stuck-with-one-internet-provider-the-secret-behind-internet-monopolies/
- Interview with *CNET* about internet monopolies. 16 December 2024. https://www.cnet.com/home/internet/breaking-down-internet-monopolies/
- Interview with the *Christian Science Monitor* about municipal broadband. 19 November 2024. https://www.csmonitor.com/Daily/2024/20241119
- Interview with the *Globe and Mail* about Bell acquisition of Ziply. November. https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/article-bells-us-ambitions-started-with-thwarted-bid-for-largest-pure-play/
- Interview with *CNET* about broadband and the election. October 2024. https://www.cnet.com/home/internet/how-a-republican-election-victory-would-change-the-way-we-use-the-internet/
- Interview with *Politico* about the BEAD program. September 2024. https://www.politico.com/news/2024/09/04/biden-broadband-program-swing-state-frustrations-00175845
- Interview with WDET (Created Equal) about broadband and democracy. August 2024.
- Interview with *Washington Post* about the Affordable Connectivity Program. August 2024.
- Interview with Penn State about democracy and the internet. August 2024. https://www.psu.edu/news/research/story/ask-expert-democracy-internet-age/?utm_audience=Faculty&utm_source=newswire&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Penn%20State%20Today&utm_content=08-22-2024-21-28&utm_term=TopStories%20-%201

- Interview with *Politifact* about Biden's broadband policy. June 2024. https://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/promises/biden-promise-tracker/promise/1591/expand-broadband-or-wireless-broadband-5g-every-am/
- Interview with *Broadband Besties* about new book. 8 May 2024.
- Interview with *ConnectedNation* about research. 8 May 2024. https://connectednation.buzzsprout.com/915022/15034652-inside-the-2024-broadband-communities-summit-part-two
- Interview in *The Conversation* about rural broadband. 23 April 2024.
- Quoted in CNET about public broadband options. 14 April 2024. https://www.cnet.com/home/internet/the-future-of-us-internet-city-run-broadband-satellite-web-and-subsidies/
- Quoted in CNET about broadband and mental health. 11 April 2024. https://www.cnet.com/home/internet/internet-aid-cut-how-the-loss-of-fccs-acp-may-worsen-the-mental-health-crisis/
- Interview with SciLine about rural broadband. March 2024.
- Interview with WBOY in West Virginia about the affordable connectivity program. March 2024. https://www.wboy.com/news/west-virginia/more-than-100000-west-virginians-set-to-lose-savings-on-internet-service/
- Live interview with ScrippsNewsLive about the affordable connectivity program. March 2024.
- Podcast with *Broadband Communities* on digital discrimination. December 2023. https://bbcmag.com/discussing-digital-policymaking-and-the-fccs-new-discrimination-rules-with-dr-christopher-ali/
- Q&A with Local News Initiative on broadband. December 2023. https://localnewsinitiative.northwestern.edu/research/state-of-local-news/research-insights/2023-12-12-christopher-ali-broadband-q-and-a/
- Interview with CNET about the Affordable Connectivity Program. December 2023. https://www.cnet.com/home/internet/the-acp-helps-millions-afford-internet-it-could-be-gone-by-next-year/
- Interview with Associated Press about digital discrimination. November 2023. https://apnews.com/article/fcc-broadband-redlining-internet-access-rural-race-f7fe239eb61b1241020d6b5737789277
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