



In Memory of ANDREW STONER

Words from Colleagues at the LGBTQ Interest Group



**MINJIE
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Head
(2021-2022)

Dr. Andrew Stoner was a prolific scholar and a vocal LGBTQ rights advocate. His work was not only highly regarded in the field but also adapted by Hollywood. Andrew always had a way to create real-world impacts. He had a career cutting across journalism, public relations, and politics. Over the years, the LGBTQ Interest Group (IG)'s top research paper award winners often expressed that Andrew's books had inspired their work.

For those of us who had worked closely with Andrew, it is his heart, empathy, and willingness to uplift others that we will remember the most. Andrew extended encouragement and guidance as I navigated my roles at AEJMC and LGBTQ IG. For almost a decade, Andrew served in multiple leadership roles and as the newsletter editor for the IG. People come and go, but Andrew always stays.

We just talked on the phone on January 13. He said that, when he got better, he and his partner Randy would visit Tampa on their way to Sarasota to visit friends. I will miss Andrew--a rare colleague and friend--dearly.



**CHELSEA
REYNOLDS**
Head
(2020-2021)

When I think of Andrew, I remember his generosity.

I met Andrew at my first AEJMC when I was a new PhD student. I wrote a paper about Reagan-era HIV/AIDS PSAs, and he offered many thoughtful comments and questions. As a grad student, I appreciated the attention from a more senior scholar — even if the leading Randy Shilts biographer terrified me.

Andrew attended pretty much every conference panel I spoke on after that. He helped me advance through the LGBTQ Interest Group ranks, clarifying AEJMC mysteries that I hadn't yet mastered. Two years ago, as Interest Group Head, I saw how tirelessly he worked on our Inquiries newsletter.

Andrew was always supportive and kind. He was also honest, and blunt when need be. Last month, Andrew posted on my Facebook wall to congratulate me on an JMCE article I co-authored with my grad student. I had no doubt he read and engaged with the piece. That was Andrew — generous and attentive. Eager to show support for young scholars and offer words of kindness without reason.

He will be very missed.

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**NATHIAN
RODRIGUEZ**
Head
(2019-2020)

I best remember Andrew as a kind and giving individual with a gift of intellect and humor that he shared with the world. He went above and beyond in his role with the LGBTQ Interest Group, particularly the work on our newsletter. He was not only dependable and rigorous in his work, but also compassionate and supportive.

His contributions throughout the past years positively elevated the interest group's success and sustainability, shaping it into what it is today.

Thank you Andrew, you will be deeply missed.



**DEAN
MUNDY**
Head
(2015-2016)

Andrew was a wonderful colleague. He was fundamentally thoughtful, in the truest sense of the word. I always came away from our conversations reminded how thoughtful, and very sincere he was. And he spent his career giving voice to those who need it most – always putting others' voices ahead of his own.

Just before the pandemic, we were in on-and-off conversations about bringing him to the UO to discuss his book, *The Journalist of Castro Street: The Life of Randy Shilts*, which profiled the life and legacy of UO alum, Randy Shilts. I was getting ready to reach out to Andy this month to see if we could make it happen in 2022, in conjunction with the 35th anniversary of Shilts' own book, *And the Band Played On*.

Andrew is a profoundly felt loss to our field and to LGBTQIA scholarship. He was what we call in the south, "Good People." He is missed.

He will be very missed.



**TIEN-TSUNG
LEE**
Head
(2012-2014)

Andrew is my favorite historian. His research, which I read for both pleasure and work, is incredibly fascinating and informative. I just ordered his forthcoming book from the University Press of Mississippi.

He was always kind, sweet, and warm. I was fortunate to meet him though AEJMC, and very much appreciate his service to our interest group.

We talked about seeing each other at the next AEJMC conference when the pandemic is over. I am deeply saddened by his unexpected departure. When I think of him in the future, I will seek comfort in his writing.

