**Gender Studies Division**

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The SSCA Gender Studies Division invites paper and panel proposals for competitive selection. We especially encourage submissions that address the convention theme, “Communicating Belonging.” Possible submissions might engage with transgender studies; race; indigeneity and decoloniality; feminism; masculinity; sexuality; disability studies; and other gender-related topics and their relationship(s) to communication. The division welcomes two types of submissions: (1) thematic panels and (2) completed papers. For thematic panels, please identify panelists and their institutional affiliations. Preference will be given to proposals with panelists from multiple institutions. Papers should be limited to 25 pages (excluding references).

We are seeking nominations for the Gender Scholar of the Year award. Nominees should have made a significant impact on gender scholarship in the communication discipline by demonstrating commitment to the publication and presentation of research, teaching, participation in organizations, and/or participation in programs that promote and highlight gender issues. Nominations should be received by **Monday, October 16, 2023**. Please include the following: (1) the scholar’s affiliation and a brief rationale for the nomination; (2) the nominee’s CV; and (3) a statement ensuring that the nominee plans to attend the 2024 conference, as only nominees available to attend the convention will be considered. Send nominations to Hannah Tabrizi, htabrizi@syr.edu. The selected scholar will be spotlighted and honored during our annual business meeting.

*Competitive Paper Submissions*: All submissions must be electronically submitted to the SSCA convention site at https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member.

Competitive papers are completed research projects dealing with a substantive critical, methodological, or theoretical contribution. Submissions will consist of 1) the paper with all identifying information removed; and 2) a separate cover page with the paper title, author(s)’ names, institutional affiliation(s), contact information, and an abstract of no more than 200 words.

*Panel Submissions*: All submissions must be electronically submitted to the SSCA convention site at https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member.

Best practice in the interest of the division is to submit a proposal with a diverse panel, comprised of individuals representing different institutions, and where possible and relevant, potential new members. Panel proposals are for a slate of papers focused on a central topic or theme. This type of session typically has between 3-5 presentations. Submissions must include 1) a panel title, 2) an overall panel rationale (no more than 200 words), and 3) the following information about EACH presentation on the panel: a) the presentation title, b) the presentation author(s), with their institutional affiliation(s) and contact information, and c) the presentation abstract (no more than 200 words per abstract). All of this should be compiled in a single document and submitted in the “paper upload option” on the XCD platform.

*Round Table Submissions*: All submissions must be electronically submitted to the SSCA convention site at https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member.

Round table proposals bring together a group of scholars to discuss a topic or theme. This type of session typically has between 4-7 presentations. Submissions must include 1) a session title, 2) an overall session rationale (no more than 200 words), and 3) a list of participants’ names and institutional affiliations. All of this should be compiled in a single document and submitted in the “paper upload option” on the XCD platform.

**Pertinent to All Calls**

*Anonymous Review*: All papers submitted should follow standard procedures for removing any information that identifies the author and/or the institution within the paper and within any document metadata. Divisions and interest groups reserve the right to reject any papers not following these standards.

*Audio-Visual Support*: To maintain affordable conference rates, audio-visual support is extremely limited. It must be requested only if needed with supporting rationale and should be part of the submission to the division planner. Requests will be considered and are not guaranteed.

*Deadlines*: Submissions must be submitted online no later than **11:59 PM PDT on Saturday, September 16, 2023**. Go to the paper submission site by going to the conference website (https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member) and clicking the submission link. First time visitors to the site will need to create an account. Return visitors will need to make sure to use the same email address that they used to establish the account. To avoid technical problems, early submission is strongly advised. Any submission not meeting the above requirements will not be accepted for review. If you have additional questions, please contact the Division Vice Chair and Planner, Hannah Tabrizi, htabrizi@syr.edu.

*Submission Protocol*: Submissions to SSCA must be original research that has not been published or presented at another regional, national, or international conference. Also, the same paper or panel should not be submitted to more than one division. Divisions and interest groups reserve the right to reject any submissions not following these standards.

*Student Papers*: For a submission to be considered a student paper and be eligible for student awards or recognition, the author or authors of the paper must all be students at the time the paper is submitted. A paper submitted by a student and faculty member, for instance, will not be classified as a student paper.