

2016 Call for Papers and Panel Proposals
“Communication and Conscience”

86th Annual Southern States Communication Association Convention
April 6-10, 2016 - Hyatt Regency - Austin, Texas

In the heart of LBJ's beloved Hill Country and on the shores of Lady Bird Lake, we can be inspired by the questions of social justice, equality, conservation, caring, and civic responsibility that characterized the vision of the Great Society.

Fifty years later, we can consider how communication intersects with matters of conscience in our personal, professional, and public lives. The word "conscience" comes from Latin, *conscientia* (knowledge within oneself, sense of right, a moral sense), from *consciens*, present participle of *conscire* (to know, to be mutually aware), and from *com-* (together) + *scire* (to know).

Certainly we associate "conscience" with our personal sense of values, but "conscience" also resides in our relationships, actions, artifacts, symbols, and sites. The 2016 convention theme invites individual papers, panels, and other innovative programs that explore the significant intersections between communication and conscience.

Each division and interest group is encouraged to program at least one panel consistent with the conference theme. Co-sponsored panels where thematic presentations cut across divisions or interest groups are also welcome. In addition to traditional panels of papers, the Vice President is interested in workshops and interactive programs that maximize opportunities for intellectual engagement and professional development. Where entire panels are proposed, submitters are encouraged to diversify the institutional affiliation of the panel participants. Program proposals that do not fit within SSCA's divisional and interest group structure may be submitted directly to the Vice President for consideration as part of the Vice President's Spotlight Series.

The deadline for all submissions is September 10, 2015. For more information, contact Dr. Roseann Mandziuk by email at rm07@txstate.edu or by telephone at (512) 245-3136. We look forward to seeing you in Austin in 2016!

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American Society for the History of Rhetoric Interest Group

The American Society for the History of Rhetoric (ASHR) Interest Group of the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) invites submissions for the 2016 convention in Austin, Texas.

The theme of this year's convention is "Communication and Conscience," and while we especially encourage work related to this theme, ASHR more broadly welcomes submissions that promote study of the theory and practice of rhetoric. Proposals concerned with all periods and languages are welcome. Possible areas of focus include, but are not limited to: rhetorical history, methodology, criticism, pedagogy, poetics, religion, law, politics, technology, and other cultural influences.

We invite submissions in the form of completed papers, as well as proposals for thematic panels, interactive roundtables, and non-traditional formats. Additionally, authors may propose sessions co-sponsored with other divisions and interest groups. We also strongly encourage that panel submissions contain participants from two or more different institutions.

Completed paper submissions should include two files: 1) a cover page file containing the paper title, the author's name, affiliation, and contact information and 2) a file containing the completed paper with an abstract of no more than 100 words on the first page. Note: Please be sure to remove any author identification from the completed paper file. If the author is a student or if this is the author's first conference submission, please be sure to include the designation STUDENT or DEBUT on the cover page.

Panel submissions should be sent as a single electronic file containing the following materials: 1) the panel title, as it should appear in the conference program; 2) a panel abstract of no more than 50 words; 3) a list of all participants with affiliation and contact information included; 4) a panel justification not to exceed 200 words; and 5) individual titles and abstracts for each presenter's paper (or equivalent for other panel formats) with

a maximum of 100 words each. Audio-visual resources must be clearly requested with the paper or panel proposal, along with a clear justification for why AV would be necessary. SSCA has limited audio-visual resources, so please limit requests only to necessary cases.

The ASHR Interest Group will also designate awards for the top student paper and the top faculty paper from the complete paper submissions.

Submit materials by Thursday, September 10, 2015 via electronic mail to Melody Lehn at MelodyL@mailbox.sc.edu; other inquiries may also be directed here. Please indicate your email subject line as ASHR-SSCA for clarity. Preferred file formats include Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) or Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx). All submissions will receive a reply email confirming receipt of the submission within 48 hours.

Applied Communication Division

The Applied Communication Division invites paper and panel proposals for competitive selection. We especially welcome works that address the 2016 convention theme, *Communication and Conscience*. A broad interpretation of this theme is encouraged as researchers explore how communication is, and will be, used in applied contexts. The Applied Division welcomes research from many contexts, such as: consulting, culture, group, health, instructional development, mass media, organizational, public relations, rhetoric, and training and development.

The Applied Communication Division will also seek opportunities to co-sponsor panels with other Divisions and Interest Groups. Paper and panel submissions that support intersections among disciplines are encouraged. Graduate students are encouraged to submit papers.

Papers and panels may report empirical findings of applied research projects; advance applied communication theory; discuss ways to apply communication research in organizations or teaching; or review, critique or synthesize applied communication theories or methods. In addition to traditional panels of related research presentations, we invite innovative panel formats such as: round-table discussions addressing an important issue, interviews with prominent scholars or spotlights on their work, discussions with local community members on issues significant to the region, and workshops or collaborative discussions on applied research and teaching.

Paper submissions must include two Microsoft Word file attachments: (1) a file containing a cover sheet listing the paper title and author name(s), affiliation, e-mail, physical addresses and phone number for all authors, and (2) a file including a 50-word abstract and the completed paper not to exceed 25 double-spaced pages, excluding references and appendices. For the purposes of blind review, please omit all author-identifying information from the manuscript. All papers submitted will be considered for the Division's Top Paper Award. For student papers, please indicate —STUDENT| on

the cover sheet. The Division's Top Student Paper will be submitted for consideration for the SSCA Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

Panel proposals must include one attachment containing the following: (1) the SSCA Program Proposal Form (available on the SSCA website, <http://www.SSCA.net>), (2) a one-page rationale for the proposed panel, (3) a brief (50-word) description for the conference program, and (4) a list of all participants including names, affiliations and contact information (e-mail, physical address and phone number).

Submissions must be received by the Division program planner no later than Friday, September 10, 2015. Submissions must be sent electronically as email file attachments in Microsoft Word. Document file names should include the name of the Division and a short paper title; e.g.: Applied Comm-short title.doc. To assist with the blind review process, do not identify the author in the file name or any other document properties. Any submission not meeting the above requirements will not be sent out for review.

Send submissions to Division Vice-Chair, Dr. Raymond R. Ozley, at ozleyr@montevallo.edu

For more information about the SSCA 2016 Convention or the Southern States Communication Association, visit the SSCA website at: <http://www.scca.net>.

Association for Communication Administration Interest Group

The Association for Communication Administration (ACA) calls for papers and programs that explore ways in which communication administrators engage customs, challenges, and changes in higher education. Submissions that focus on the convention theme of "Communication and Conscience" are strongly encouraged as well as programs or papers on following topics: respect and understanding of the discipline by upper administration, departmental assessment issues and practices, strategies and tactics for keeping communication in the general education curriculum, the Degree Qualifications Profile, departmental administration problems, diversity within communication administration, the role of the administrator in crisis situations; and any other program or paper that fits the mandate of this division.

Send completed papers and panel proposals to program planner Cole Franklin, East Texas Baptist University at cfranklin@etbu.edu by Thursday, September 10, 2015.

Communication Theory Division

The Communication Theory Division of the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) invites papers, thematic panel proposals, and innovative programming alternatives (e.g., roundtable discussions, debates) for competitive selection. We

especially welcome papers and panels that address the convention theme, Communication and Conscience. A broader interpretation of this theme is encouraged to foster research that explores communication theory. We welcome submissions that explore, develop, test, critique, and/or refine one or more of the many theories of human communication. We especially welcome student papers and work from individuals who have not attended a prior SSCA convention. We also welcome any methodology.

Submission Requirements. To receive full consideration, completed papers and program/panel proposals must be received by September 10, 2015. Submissions must be sent via e-mail, with attachments in MS Word format, to the 2015 program planner: Shaughan Keaton, Ph.D, Young Harris College, sakeaton@yhc.edu. Abstracts are not acceptable.

Submissions should not exceed 25 pages (double-spaced; excluding tables and references). Papers should follow APA style, have 1-inch margins, and use 12-point Times New Roman font. Submissions of completed papers should be sent as two separate files in an MS Word format for blind review and must include:

a) A title page with author's name(s), affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

Student submissions should include the notation “—STUDENT” on title page, and individuals submitting to SSCA for the first time should include the notation “—DEBUT” on the title page. b) A separate manuscript in APA format, beginning with the abstract. No identifying information about the author(s) should appear outside of the title page. The e-mail subject header should include the abbreviation “—SSCA” and the title of the paper.

Note: Individuals may not submit more than one paper as first author to the division.

All program/panel submissions should be sent as an MS Word file and must include a thematic title for the program/panel, the name of the Chair and Respondent (if any), the names, institutional affiliations, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of all participants, titles and abstracts (150-300 words) for each paper or presentation, and a detailed rationale for the program/panel. The e-mail subject header should include the abbreviation “—SSCA” and the title of the panel. Panel submissions featuring only individuals from the same institution will not be considered. Suggestions for co-sponsorships of panels are welcome.

Audiovisual equipment is extremely limited. Any requests for audiovisual equipment (even if you intend to use your own) should accompany the submission. However, participants should be prepared to present sans audiovisual aids.

Please direct all submissions to Shaughan Keaton at sakeaton@yhc.edu. You will receive a confirmation e-mail within 48 hours. If you do not receive a confirmation receipt, please contact Shaughan Keaton, Vice Chair and program planner. Phone: 386.848.6281 E-mail: sakeaton@yhc.edu

Community College Division

The theme for the 2016 Southern States Communication Association Convention in Austin, TX is *Communication and Conscience*. Keeping with this theme, the Community College division invites submissions that explore how communication – relevant to the mission of community college education, within the broad contexts of academics, professionalism, extracurricular involvement, and assessment/accreditation – significantly intersects with our internal sense of knowing what is morally right in our personal, professional, and public lives. Several ideas for panels have been suggested – *but are certainly not limited to* – topics focusing on:

- The effects of offering Bachelor’s Degrees
- Balancing teaching and research objectives
- College readiness & remedial services
- Adjunct &/or non-tenured faculty pressures
- Navigating and understanding the various college provided services/programs
- Retention & completion rates
- Student organizations
- Community engagement
- The effects of dual enrollment
- Great Ideas For Teaching Students (G.I.F.T.S.).

Submissions: To submit a panel – including roundtables and discussions – or paper, include a title, up to 200 word abstract, name of the contact person, and name, email address, affiliation, and address of all participants. The maximum length for papers is 25 pages (excluding tables & references), double-spaced. For purposes of blind review, all author-identifying information should be on a separate title page. Please indicate by including on the title page if the paper is a “STUDENT” and/or “DEBUT” paper.

G.I.F.T.S.: Teaching ideas are welcome for all courses – Interpersonal, Organizational, Small Group, Media, Gender, etc. – not just Public Speaking. All ideas must be original to the presenter, does not duplicate any other previously published work, including your own previously published work, and has been implemented in the classroom. All GIFTS submissions will be considered for Top GIFTS recognition. Please include your name, affiliation, e-mail address, and phone number on a separate title page with your submission. GIFTS submissions should follow the general structure of *Communication Teacher*, organized including the following sections and information, when applicable:

- Title
- Course/Program: The applicable course(s) for which the GIFTS was conducted
- Abstract: No more than 100 words
- Rationale: A brief explanation of the reason for the activity, research question, and/or hypothesis(es)
- Method/Directions: A description of the process, procedures, etc.
- Results/Debrief: A discussion of the results, findings, benefits, etc.

- References

AV Equipment: Please plan to furnish your own audiovisual equipment if required.

Procedures: Please email your submissions as an attachment, either as a .doc or .rtf file **ONLY (not as a PDF)**, to nswelch1@gmail.com no later than 5pm on **September 10, 2015**. Write “SSCA Submission” in the subject line of the email. For any questions, please contact Dr. Nakia Welch at the email listed above or by phone at 832-738-7754.

Ethnography Interest Group

The Ethnography Interest Group invites submissions for competitive papers, panels, workshops, and roundtable discussions for the 2016 Southern States Communication Association Convention in Austin, Texas that use or discuss the study of ethnography. Our theme this year, **Communication and Conscience**, invites ethnographic explorations of communication in ways that promise to be transformative, and we welcome paper and panel submissions that address this theme. We use the term ethnography broadly, encompassing ethnographic methods and ethical consciousness as well as autoethnography, performance ethnography, narrative ethnography and more. We are especially interested in innovative and creative explorations of ethnography and welcome hands-on and alternative formats for both papers and panels.

All submissions will be peer-reviewed. To allow for blind review please omit all author identifying information from manuscripts and panel descriptions. Papers submitted by students should be designated —Student - on the cover sheet. The Interest Group’s top student paper will be submitted to the Vice President to compete for SSCA’s Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award. Please understand that audio-visual requests can be challenging.

All **paper submissions** should include two file attachments in Microsoft Word. File 1 should include cover sheet listing the paper title and author name(s), affiliation, e-mail, physical address, and phone number for all authors. File 2 should include a 150-word abstract along with the paper not to exceed 25 double-spaced pages, excluding references and appendices.

All **panel submissions** should include two file attachments in Microsoft Word. File 1 should contain a cover sheet listing the panel title and presenters’ names, affiliation, email, physical address, and phone number for all authors. File 2 should include (1) session description (150 words), (2) a session rationale (200 words), and (3) titles and abstracts (150 words) for each presentation.

Please send your electronic submissions to the program planner at dbreede@coastal.edu with the subject line —SSCA (panel/paper) submission - no later than Thursday, September 10, 2015. You will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of your submission. If

you have any additional questions, please contact Dr. Deborah Cunningham Breede, Coastal Carolina University, Department of Communication, Languages, and Cultures, Conway, South Carolina 29526, (843) 349-6481, dbreede@coastal.edu.

Freedom of Speech

Interested in going to Austin, TX in the spring? Everyone is! Interested in helping your research get published? I hope so! And the good people of the Freedom of Speech division of SSCA can help you with both of these.

You might be thinking, "I'm no lawyer, I'm not into that kinda stuff." Well, we're not lawyers either. We're good wholesome rhetoric and communication people who believe that speaking out is a good thing. If you've got an idea, paper, or panel about some communication or rhetorical theory and how it applies to free speech, send it in. If something happened at your school or community that deals with speaking out or being censored, send it in! If there's something about the abuse of authority that you'd like to address, send that in too. We're much more than legal analysis. And we're pretty cool people too.

So, if you have a paper that touches on ANY aspect of free speech or censorship, you should really submit it to the nice folks of our division. Every year, we've helped people get their research out. The division has two former editors of NCA's First Amendment Studies and two former editors of the Communication Law Review (and the current editor!). We take an active interest in the research of our division, we love helping anyone we meet, and we welcome everyone to join us.

Here are the important details:

All papers will be peer reviewed by our fabulous reviewers, who work to help, not destroy papers and ideas. Papers reflecting the conference theme, "Communication and Conscience" are especially welcome, but you don't have to follow that theme if you don't want. We're all about free speech.

Email your awesome ideas, papers, or panels by attachment in Microsoft Word (or a PDF) to the Chief Program Planner: Dave Dewberry (ddewberry@rider.edu). Submissions should include: 1) an attachment with the idea or paper with no author(s) ID information, and 2) a cover page with author contact info so that we can hopefully get back in touch with you about how we will see you in Austin.

If you want to bring some cool friends/great colleagues, all panel proposals should follow the posted convention instructions for such proposals.

If this is the first time you've ever presented, let us know of your debut status. If you're a student, let us know that too. If you do either of these, good things will most likely happen.

Completed panel and paper submissions must be received by the official deadline of September 10, 2015. But deadlines are meant to be passed, so the real deadline will probably be 9/12.

All completed papers submitted by the deadline will compete for the division's top paper awards. All presenters will be invited to go out after the top paper panel and have a good time with a good bunch of people too. Some say that's the real prize.

Questions, submissions, or concerns about the tone of this email can be e-mailed to David R. Dewberry (ddewberry@rider.edu)

Gender Studies Division

SSCA's Gender Studies Division is accepting scholarly papers and panel proposals on gender issues for presentation at the 86th annual SSCA convention in Austin, Texas, April 6-10, 2016. All papers will be peer reviewed. Papers reflecting the conference theme, "Communication and Conscience," are especially welcome.

The Gender Studies division welcomes communication scholarship from any methodological or theoretical tradition and defines "gender" broadly--to include at least studies that focus on masculinity, femininity, sexuality, gender identity, and feminist and queer theory. Given the theme and location of the conference, the Gender Studies division is particularly interested in research that spotlights gender and the self, gender and politics (particularly Texan politicians), intersectionality, civility, feminist conscience, activism, and gender and country music. Moreover, we especially welcome research that considers Austin itself, including but not limited to the "Keep Austin Weird" and the "Keep Austin Queer" campaigns.

Papers should be submitted electronically by attachment in Microsoft Word to Leland Spencer at SpenceLG@miamioh.edu. For paper submissions, please send the title page (with names, institutions, mailing, and email addresses of authors) as a separate attachment. Student submissions should be labeled clearly with "student" on the title page and in the submission email. A/V equipment should be requested only if absolutely essential to the presentation. Individual papers are to be no longer than 25 pages in length (not including tables and references) with an abstract of 100 words or less. Text should be in 12 point font. Papers that exceed the length limitation will be returned without review.

All panel proposals must be submitted electronically via attachment in Microsoft Word and should follow the posted convention instructions for such proposals. Panel proposals should include a title, abstract of no more than 100 words, names, affiliations, emails and

addresses of all participants. No paper or panel should be submitted to multiple units, and no author should submit more than one paper or panel to the same unit.

Emails should include “SSCA submission” in the subject line. All submissions will receive an email confirmation within 72 hours of receipt. Completed panel and paper submissions must be received by September 10, 2015. Questions can be e-mailed to Leland Spencer at SpenceLG@miamioh.edu. All completed papers submitted by the deadline will compete for the division’s top paper awards.

Instructional Development Division

SSCA’s Instructional Division is accepting scholarly papers and panel proposals on instructional issues for presentation at the 86th annual SSCA convention in Austin, Texas, April 6-10, 2016. All papers will be peer reviewed. Papers reflecting the conference theme, “Communication and Conscience,” are especially welcome. Communication scholarship from any methodological or theoretical tradition is welcome.

Papers should be submitted electronically by attachment in Microsoft Word to linda jurczak at lpjurczak@valdosta.edu. For paper submissions, please send the title page (with names, institutions, mailing, and email addresses of authors) as a separate attachment. Student submissions should be labeled clearly with “student” on the title page and in the submission email. A/V equipment should be requested only if absolutely essential to the presentation. Individual papers are to be no longer than 25 pages in length (not including tables and references) with an abstract of 100 words or less. Text should be in 12 point font. Papers that exceed the length limitation will be returned without review. All panel proposals must be submitted electronically via attachment in Microsoft Word and should follow the posted convention instructions for such proposals. Panel proposals should include a title, abstract of no more than 100 words, names, affiliations, emails and addresses of all participants. No paper or panel should be submitted to multiple units, and no author should submit more than one paper or panel to the same unit.

Emails should include “SSCA instructional submission” in the subject line. All submissions will receive an email confirmation within 72 hours of receipt. Completed panel and paper submissions must be received by September 10, 2015. Questions can be e-mailed to linda jurczak at lpjurczak@valdosta.edu. All completed papers submitted by the deadline will compete for the division’s top paper awards.

Intercultural Communication Division

The Intercultural Communication Division invites submissions for competitive papers, panels, roundtable discussions, and interactive programs that compare cultural groups, explore cultural contexts and phenomena, and examine intercultural encounters. We welcome a range of theoretical and methodological perspectives that examine any aspect of culture – including race, class, gender, sexual orientation and identity, socioeconomic status, religion, nationality, and other cultural identities. We also welcome jointly-sponsored panels. Program proposals that engage the 2016 SSCA convention theme “Communication and Conscience” (particularly social justice, equality, conservation, caring, and civic responsibility) are especially encouraged.

Individual Paper submissions must include two Microsoft Word file attachments:

1. Title sheet – a cover sheet listing the paper title and author name(s), affiliation, and contact information (e-mail, physical addresses and phone numbers) for all authors.
2. Main document – a file that includes:
 - a. a 50-100 word abstract
 - b. the completed paper – not to exceed 25 double-spaced pages (excluding references and appendices).

To enable blind review, please delete all author-identifying information from the manuscript. All submitted papers will be considered for the Division’s Top Paper Award.

Student submissions must list “STUDENT” on the cover sheet. The Division’s Top Student Paper will be considered for the SSCA Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

Panel proposals should be sent as a single file containing:

1. A panel title, as it would appear in the convention program
2. A 50-word panel abstract
3. A list of all participants with affiliation and contact information
4. A one-page panel rationale
5. Individual titles and 100-word abstracts for each presenter’s contribution.

Audio-Visual resources (e.g., computer, LCD projectors, screens etc.) must be requested at the time of paper or panel proposal submission, along with a clear justification for A/V inclusion. SSCA has very limited audio-visual resources, and A/V can only be provided where absolutely necessary.

Submission Procedures:

- Submit papers, panels, and other program proposals electronically as Microsoft Word documents to Dr. Mary Grace Antony at mgantony@schreiner.edu no later than Thursday, September 10, 2015.
- Please include “SSCA ICD SUBMISSION” in the subject line.
- Document file names should include the name of the Division and a short paper title; e.g.: Intercultural-short title.doc.
- Individual paper submissions must include the title page (containing identifying author information) as a separate attachment.

Email confirmation will be provided to all submitters within 48 hours of receipt. For additional information, please contact Mary Grace Antony at mgantony@schreiner.edu.

Interpersonal Communication Division

The Interpersonal Communication Division invites submissions for competitive papers, panels, roundtable discussions, and Spotlight Scholars for the 2016 convention. We especially welcome works that address the convention theme, *Communication and Conscience*. A broad interpretation of this theme is encouraged as researchers explore how communication and conscience intersect in various interpersonal contexts. In addition to traditional panels of related research presentations, we invite innovative panel formats such as: round-table discussions addressing an important issue, interviews with prominent scholars or spotlights on their work, discussions with local community members on issues significant to the region, TEDx format presentations, and workshops or collaborative discussions on interpersonal communication research. We also invite co-sponsored panels with other Divisions related to these fields. Paper and panel submissions that support intersections among disciplines are encouraged.

Paper submissions must include two Microsoft Word file attachments: (1) a file containing a cover sheet listing the paper title and author name(s), affiliation, e-mail, physical addresses and phone number for all authors, and (2) a file including a 50-word abstract and the completed paper not to exceed 25 double-spaced pages excluding references and appendices. For the purposes of blind review, please omit all author identifying information from the manuscript. All papers submitted will be considered for the Division's Top Paper Award. For student papers, indicate —STUDENT| on the cover sheet. The Division's Top Student Paper will be submitted for consideration for the SSCA Bostrom Young Scholar Award. Panel proposals must include one attachment containing the following: (1) the SSCA Program Proposal Form (available on the SSCA website, <http://www.SSCA.net>), (2) a one-page rationale for the proposed panel, (3) a brief (50-word) description for the conference program, and (4) a list of all participants including names, affiliations and contact information (e-mail, physical address and phone number).

Submissions must be received by the Division program planner no later than September 10, 2015. Submissions must be sent electronically as email file attachments in Microsoft Word. Document file names should include the name of the Division and a short paper title; e.g.: Interpersonal-short title.doc (or .docx). To assist with the blind review process, do not identify the author in the file name or any other document properties. Any submission not meeting the above requirements will not be accepted for review. Send submissions to Division Vice-Chair, Dr. Carrie L. West at clwest@schreiner.edu.

Kenneth Burke Society

The Kenneth Burke Society of the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) is seeking submissions for the 2016 SSCA Annual Convention in Austin, Texas. The Kenneth Burke Society seeks to promote research in the theory and application of Burkean scholarship.

Papers and panels that engage with the 2016 convention theme, “Communication and Conscience,” will be given special consideration. Submissions that cut across disciplines are also encouraged. In addition to submissions connected to the convention theme, the group is interested in submissions related to the host city of Austin, contemplating ways to teach Burke, or connecting Burkean scholarship to areas of research beyond rhetorical studies.

Burkean scholars are invited to submit alternative panel formats such as interactive sessions, workshops or roundtable discussions. The Kenneth Burke Society is friendly towards graduate student work; please identify such work by noting “STUDENT PAPER” on the first page. Top paper and top student paper will be awarded. The top student submission will be nominated for the Bostrom Award.

Please submit all proposals electronically to ryan.mcgeough@gmail.com by Thursday, September 10, 2015. In the body of the email, provide your name, contact information, and paper/panel title. Completed papers should remain within 25 pages (double spaced, not including references), begin with an abstract, and should not include the name of the author(s). Panel submissions should include the names and affiliations of all participants in a document separate from the panel proposal itself, which should include a rationale for the panel and an abstract/summary for each presentation. It is expected that all those submitting will attend the conference if selected for inclusion in the program.

Please direct any questions to: Ryan McGeough, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Studies, University of Northern Iowa, ryan.mcgeough@gmail.com

Language and Social Interaction Division

The Language and Social Interaction Division of the Southern States Communication Association invites submissions of competitive papers, extended abstracts, and panel proposals for the 2016 convention in Austin, TX. The division is interested in submissions that examine language use, discourse, or gesture in social contexts, including mediated contexts. LSI methodological approaches include conversation analysis, discourse analysis (including critical and rhetorical discourse analysis), ethnography of communication, ethnomethodology, or quantitative studies of language variables. We welcome proposals examining language and discourse across all communication contexts, including interpersonal, small group, organizational and workplace, instructional, health, public & political, sports, and humor. Proposals related to language and identity—particularly race, ethnicity, and gender—have been especially popular in the division.

Proposals related to the convention theme (“Communication and Conscience”) or to the convention city are especially encouraged, as are panels jointly sponsored by LSI and another division. The LSI division will submit its top graduate student paper to the SSCA vice president to compete for the Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

Papers, extended abstracts, and panel proposals should be submitted as Word files (.doc or .docx) to Craig.Stewart@memphis.edu, with SSCA-LSI SUBMISSION in the subject line.

- **Individual papers** should not exceed 25 pages of text and should include a cover page with title, author(s) and institution(s), and contact information for the submitting author, as well as a 100-word abstract.
- **Extended abstracts** should be 1500-3000 words and thoroughly describe the issue, research context, data, methodology, and conclusions; include a cover page with title, author(s), institution(s), and contact information for the submitting author, as well as a 100-word abstract.
- **Panel proposals** should describe panel rationale and individual contributions; include a cover page with the names, institutions, mailing and email addresses of all participants.
- Papers submitted by graduate students should be designated “Student” on the cover sheet.
- A/V equipment should be requested only if absolutely essential to the presentation.
- **Deadline for submissions is September 10, 2015.**

Direct questions to Craig O. Stewart, Department of Communication, University of Memphis, at Craig.Stewart@memphis.edu.

Mass Communication Division

The Mass Communication Division invites papers and panel proposals in the field of mass communication for the 86th meeting of the Southern States Communication Association, to be held April 6-10, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency in Austin, Texas. Papers and panels addressing the convention’s theme, Communication and Conscience, are especially welcome.

The Mass Communication Division welcomes papers on all aspects of mass media, mass communication, computer-mediated communication, and new media technologies. Previous papers in our division have presented research from areas that have included emerging technologies, the Internet, print journalism, online journalism, television, radio, film, international broadcasting, advertising, political communication within the media, sports media and communication, and more. The highest-ranked papers will be recognized in a Top Papers panel, and the Top Faculty Paper and Top Student Paper will receive an award at the conference.

Panel ideas may also be submitted, and they will also be peer reviewed. Panels may be co-sponsored with other divisions. Please include the names and affiliations of all those who would be participating in the panel.

In addition to traditional research papers and panels, the Mass Communication Division is soliciting proposals for multi-media showcases, presentations, and other innovative discussion formats about issues that are focal to the discipline. For more detailed submission guidelines, including how to submit audio/visual or film productions for the multi-media showcase, please visit the Mass Communication Division's website at <http://www.commdoctors.org/ssca/>.

Students submitting papers are asked to indicate "Student" status on the paper's cover page. The top graduate student paper will receive recognition from this division and will also be considered for the Bostrom Award.

All submissions should include (separately) a cover page with the title, names, addresses (email and snail mail) and phone numbers of all authors or participants. Paper submissions should be no more than 25 pages, including references, tables, and figures. All papers must include a 75-100 word abstract. Papers should be written in such a way that author identity remains hidden for the purposes of blind review. Panel submissions should be in the format consistent with recent SSCA programs for the annual convention.

The Mass Communication Division limits authors to one first-author submission with unlimited second-author submissions. All work submitted for review must be the original work of the author(s) and must not have been previously published or presented at any other conference/convention. Also, papers submitted to the Mass Communication Division may not be simultaneously submitted to any other division of SSCA. Any paper found in violation of these guidelines will be removed from consideration.

Paper and panel submissions must be **received** by Dr. Melissa Smith, vice chair of the Mass Communication Division, by **Sept. 10, 2015**. Please email submissions as attachments in Microsoft Word to mmsmith@muw.edu.

For multi-media production showcase submissions, please follow the guidelines at <http://www.commdoctors.org/ssca/>.

Performance Studies Division

The Performance Studies Division of the Southern States Communication Association invites submissions for "*Communication and Conscience*," the 2015 Convention in Austin, TX on April 6 - April 9, 2015.

Submissions related to the conference theme *Communication and Conscience* are encouraged, as are panels that can be cross-listed with other divisions. Performance studies scholar-artists use performance to ask and respond to questions of

social justice, equality, conservation, caring, and civic responsibility, and how conscience resides in our relationships, actions, artifacts, symbols, and sites. Submissions of performances, panels, and papers of all topics of interest to the Performance Studies Division are also welcome.

Performance and Panel Proposals should come with two files: 1) contact information, rank and institutional affiliation for all authors/performers, and 2) a submission, including rationale, abstracts for each presentation without identifying information, and any audio-visual requests (projector, sound, etc.) with a justification for the necessity of said equipment. *Students submitting performances should clearly designate the submission as "STUDENT" on the first page of file number two.*

Paper Proposals should also come with two files: 1) contact information, rank, institutional affiliation for the author(s), and any audio-visual requests (projector, sound, etc.) with a justification for the necessity of said equipment and 2.) the paper without identifying information. *Students submitting papers or performances should clearly designate the submission as "STUDENT" on the first page of file number two.*

The Division's top graduate student paper will be entered into the *Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award* competition for the overall top graduate student paper in the Association. Additionally we will also be continuing the Top Student Performance Panel.

Nominations for the *Southern States Outstanding Performance Studies Scholar of the Year Award* and our annual *Page-to-Stage* Honorary Panel are also being accepted. *Scholar of the Year* nominations should articulate scholarly, artistic, and service contributions to the division. Self-nominations are accepted. For *Page-to-Stage*, please include a script for the performance as well as a letter framing the performance, the presenter(s), and what this presentation brings to our disciplinary understanding of how we bring text from the page to the stage and what that means.

All materials must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word or PDF format to **bwaychoff@bmcc.cuny.edu**. Submissions will be accepted Monday, August 10, 2015 through Thursday, September 10, 2015. Submitters will receive confirmation of submission via email on Friday, September 11, 2015.

Please be aware that both the Performance Studies Division and the Southern States Communication Association consider the submission of a single paper to multiple divisions to be a highly unethical practice. If you choose to submit a paper to the Performance Studies Division, please refrain from submitting that same paper to another division of SSCA. It is completely ethical and acceptable for individuals to submit different papers to different divisions.

Philosophy & Ethics of Communication Interest Group

The Philosophy & Ethics of Communication Interest Group invites submissions for the 2016 Southern States Communication Association Annual Conference (April 6-10 in Austin, TX). While all papers and panel proposals shall be considered, those that address the philosophical and ethical dimensions of this year's theme—**Communication and Conscience**—will be particularly welcome. Submissions may include competitive papers or panels.

The use of AV equipment is strongly discouraged.

Submission deadline: September 10, 2015 (6 p.m. EST)

For competitive papers, please include an abstract of no more than 100 words, and limit papers to no more than 25 pages. Be sure to identify papers that are “Debut,” “Graduate Student,” or “Faculty.” Include a separate title page giving the name, affiliation, email and home address of the author or authors.

For panel proposals, please include a title, abstract of no more than 100 words; names, affiliations, emails and home addresses of all participants. We strongly encourage panels to address the following topics:

- Philosophy of Borders & Culture
- Philosophy of Communication & Assessment
- Philosophy of Communication & Conscience
- Philosophy of Communication & Research (Ongoing scholarly projects)
- Philosophy of Immigration
- Philosophy of Interdependence & Autonomy
- Philosophy of Music & Conscience
- Philosophy of the Death Penalty

Please save your paper/panel proposal as a Word Document and email it as an attachment with “SSCA PEIG Submission” in the subject.

Your submission must be sent to Molly Stoltz (Vice Chair) by September 10, 2015 at the following email address: mmstoltz@valdosta.edu

Statement of Professional Responsibility: Please note that if your submission is accepted, you are expected to attend the conference and deliver your presentation. If you do not plan on attending the conference, then please do not submit your work.

Political Communication Division

The Political Communication Division of SSCA enthusiastically encourages both panel and paper submissions for the Annual Convention to be held in Austin, Texas, April 6-10, 2016. Submissions are invited on a wide range of topics, especially those pertaining to the overall convention theme “Communication and Conscience.”

Suggested topics include—but are by no means limited to—the 2016 Presidential race and/or the media coverage thereof, responsibility issues in political communication, and political communication effectiveness analyses. Submitters are encouraged to submit either qualitative or quantitative research (with strong theoretical foundation) that is well organized and well written in objective, high caliber academic language, as befits our field of study.

Abstracts and papers-in-progress may be submitted, but they may or may not be given high priority for inclusion in the final program recommendation given to the SSCA Vice Chair. Awards will be given to one top student paper and to one top faculty paper submission for the entire Political Communication Division. Only fully completed papers will be considered for each of these two awards.

Deadline for receiving submissions is **Thursday, September 10, 2015.**

Format Specifications:

Email both panel and paper submissions to the division Vice Chair, Darrell Roe (droe@etbu.edu), as a Word Doc (or RTF) attachment. All submissions must have all author-identifying and school-identifying information removed from the text of the document itself, as well as under the “Properties” heading of the document (right click to access). Submit author and school information only as a separately included title page—a separate Word (or RTF) file in the same email (but separate attachment) to the Vice Chair.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (on the title page only):

Name(s) of Submitter(s)
Physical Mailing Address
Preferred Phone and Email
Status: Faculty or Student

(Submissions which identify either author or school in the text or properties of the document will be disqualified and not sent out for peer review for possible inclusion in the program. In other words, only the Vice Chair should know the identity of submitters.)

In addition, it is important that all paper submissions follow the ***current APA style formatting guidelines***, including—but not limited to-- title page, page numbering, abstract, within-text headings, font style, margins, and references. (Submissions without proper formatting will not be given priority for inclusion in the program.)

CAUTION: Due to recent issues, the division strongly requests that submitters send papers to only one division of SSCA. Papers which are found to have been submitted to more than one division may be disqualified from presenting in the Political Communication Division, even if recommended by peer review for inclusion in the program. The Political Communication Vice Chair reserves all rights to make final decisions about which papers and panels are submitted to the SSCA Vice Chair for inclusion in the final program schedule. Subsequently, the SSCA Vice Chair has ultimately authority in creating the final program schedule.

Popular Communication Division

Popular Communication Division: The Popular Communication Division invites competitive papers, media presentations, and panel proposals for the 2016 Southern States Communication Association annual convention. The division welcomes

scholarship from a variety of theoretical or methodological approaches that are related to media, culture, and/or other aspects of communication within a popular communication framework. Special consideration will be given to submissions that emphasize cross-disciplinary scholarship related to the convention theme, "*Communication and Conscience*". Please submit all proposals electronically to SSCAPopComm@gmail.com. In the body of the e-mail provide your name, contact information, and paper/panel title.

Completed papers should be submitted as a Word document and remain within 25 pages, begin with an abstract, and should not include the author's/authors' names anywhere in the document. Student papers should be clearly marked "Student" in the paper header and in the cover e-mail. Any submission not meeting the above requirements will not be accepted for review.

Panel submissions should be submitted as two Word documents. The first document should include the names, affiliations, and email addresses of all participants. The second document should include the panel's title, a description of the panel (200 words), a rationale for the panel (250 words) and an abstract/summary (150-200 words) for each presentation/discussant. Any submission not meeting the above requirements will not be accepted for review.

Individuals may not submit more than one paper and are limited to participating in only one panel presentation. All submitting panelists, presenters, and etc. will be expected to attend the conference if selected for inclusion in the program. Please refrain from equipment requests unless AV equipment is essential to the presentation itself. Justifications for equipment must be made at the time of submission. Consult <http://www.ssca.net> for general submission guidelines.

Submissions must be received electronically by Thursday, September 10, 2015. All papers and panel proposals must be submitted as Microsoft Word or PDF files. Direct your questions to David Nelson, Vice Chair of the Popular Communication Division, at drnelson@valdosta.edu.

Public Relations Division

The Public Relations Division invites competitive scholarly papers and panel proposals for consideration for presentation. The division welcomes a broad range of theoretical and methodological approaches to public relations issues. Papers and panels that consider the 2016 theme, "*Communication and Conscience*" are strongly encouraged.

All papers must include a 75-100 word abstract and be no longer than 25 pages (excluding tables and references). Authors should not be identifiable in the text of papers. Include a detachable cover page with the names, affiliations, mailing addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and email addresses of all the authors. Student papers should be clearly marked undergraduate student or graduate student.

Panel Proposals should include: (1) the Program Proposal Form, (2) a one-page rationale for the proposed program or abstracts of the proposed papers, (3) the program copy, if applicable, and (4) a list of all proposed participants, including their names, affiliations, mailing addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses. Details and examples may be found in the "Call for Panel Proposals" section of this website.

Top paper recognition is given for competitive papers. The top graduate student paper will be submitted for consideration for the SSCA Bostrom Award.

Papers and panel proposals should be sent electronically as an email attachment in Microsoft Word format (i.e., as a ".doc" or ".docx" file) to chris.mccollough@columbusstate.edu. Requests and justifications for audio-visual equipment must be included with the submission.

DEADLINE for submissions is Thursday, September 10, 2015.

Submit scholarly paper and panel submissions to Chris McCollough at chris.mccollough@columbusstate.edu. If there are questions or problems, please contact Chris McCollough at chris.mccollough@columbusstate.edu or 706-507-8608.

Rhetoric & Public Address Division

With the SSCA 2016 theme of "Communication and Conscience" in mind, the Rhetoric and Public Address Division welcomes submissions of individual papers, panel sessions, student papers, and co-sponsored special sessions related to rhetorical theory and criticism.

Emphasis will be placed on submissions that clearly tie to topics articulated in the conference theme: how does rhetoric intersect with matters of conscience in public debate or civic discourse? How do we, as scholars, navigate the terrain of conscience in our professional lives, especially as we recognize the permeable boundaries of professional, personal, and political spheres? What role can rhetorical scholarship play in assisting communities or leaders in making conscientious decisions?

Submissions that draw upon themes associated with the time and place of SSCA 2016 will also be prioritized: how has Austin built a civic identity around matters of conscience? From "weird" coalitions like Willie Nelson's redneck hippies to queer activism attuned to matters of race and class, Austin is often hailed as a vanguard city when it comes to conscientious speech and action. Similarly, what Austin-related milestones will we celebrate in 2016? In 1966 alone, LBJ proposed his "Great Society" legislation, the all-black Texas Western Miners (now UTEP) defeated the all-white Kentucky Wildcats in men's college basketball, and the UT Tower shooting ushered in the terrifying reality of school massacres. Reaching farther back, the Republic of Texas, 1836-1846, lives on in state and national lore, animating political debates over states' rights and political sovereignty today.

Information for submitters: For thematic panels, please identify panelists and their institutional affiliations. Please provide an abstract that summarizes the panel's focus and indicates the contribution each presenter will make. Preference will be given to proposals that include panelists from multiple institutions. For competitive papers, please remove identifying information to facilitate blind peer review. Competitive papers have a 25 page limit. Students submitting papers should clearly designate their papers as STUDENT on the cover page but remove all other identifying information. (*Note that submissions for the Theodore Clevenger Jr. Undergraduate Honors Conference are due to Vice President-Elect Vickie Gallagher by Dec 14, 2015.*) The Division recognizes excellent scholarship with Top Student Paper and Top Faculty Paper awards. (The top student paper will be entered into the SSCA Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award competition.)

Audio-visual resources will be limited; please provide a clear justification for any requests. Ideas for co-sponsored and double-session panels may be emailed to division planner at any time before the submission deadline.

Submit all materials electronically in .doc or .docx format to Meredith M. Bagley, University of Alabama, at rpa.sca.2016@gmail.com by Thursday, September 10, 2015.

Southern Argumentation and Forensics Division

The Southern Argumentation and Forensics Division (SAFD) of the Southern States Communication Association invites submissions for the 86th Annual 2016 convention (April 6-10 in Austin, TX – Hyatt Regency – Lady Bird Lake). The division welcomes papers, panels, posters, and workshops across the spectrum of argumentation (e.g., theory, criticism, pedagogy) and competitive speech and debate (e.g., pedagogy, history, praxis, culture, forensics across the curriculum, Urban Debate Leagues, public debate formats). Non-traditional formats such as roundtable discussions and performance showcases are encouraged. The division is especially interested in submissions related to the conference theme, — Communication and Conscience.

The Division sponsors the SSCA Town Hall Debate. The debate topic should relate to the conference theme. Those interested in debating, moderating, or coordinating the event should contact the division planner.

Individual paper submissions related to the convention theme, teaching methods, research strategies, and other topics of interest are strongly encouraged. For peer review, names should appear on the cover page only. The Division will award prizes for the Top Paper and Top Student Paper (assuming there are enough submissions). Students submitting papers should designate the paper as—STUDENT— on the cover page. The top student paper will be submitted for consideration for SSCA's Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

For panels or workshops, submit the official Program Proposal Form, the title and an abstract for the entire panel that explains the unifying theme, as well as abstracts for the individual components when appropriate (e.g., a panel of papers). Submitters must provide a 200-word maximum rationale for the proposed panel, noting the expertise of the participants to address the topics covered by the panel. Please include the names, affiliations, mail addresses, phone/fax numbers, and e-mail addresses for all participants. Preference will be given to proposals that include panelists from multiple institutions.

Per the resolution adopted at the 2014 Division Business Meeting, submitters are limited in their submissions. No individual may be the sole or lead author of a paper or poster, a panelist/roundtable participant, or Town Hall debate participant for more than three (3) such submissions. There is no limit on secondary authorship or on session chairing or responding. Additionally, no paper, panel, or other convention form should be submitted to multiple divisions.

The Division will award the Forensics Educator or Contributor of the Year Award. Those wishing to nominate a peer should include a cover letter, the C.V. for the nominee, and up to five pages of supporting material including student and peer letters of support. Self-nominations are welcome.

Consult <http://www.ssca.net> for general submission guidelines. Submissions must be received electronically by Thursday, September 10, 2015. All papers and panel proposals must be submitted as Microsoft Word file. Send submissions to SAFDSSCA@gmail.com. All other inquiries should go to Kevin Bryant at kevin.bryant@eagles.usm.edu

State Association Interest Group

The State Association Interest Group of the Southern States Communication Association invites submissions to be a part of a roundtable discussion titled, “The Call of Conscience: How State Associations Can Act as Watchdogs/Advocates for Their State Institutions” at the 2016 conference in Austin, TX. We are looking for panelists who can address situations, problems, solutions, or general concerns within the panel’s theme.

All submissions should include name, school affiliation, state association affiliation, and a brief paragraph describing your experience with your state association/s and the angle you would like to discuss under the panel’s theme. All submissions will be reviewed and the ones that best fit the panel’s theme will be chosen to participate.

Email all submissions as a Word document to John Saunders, Vice Chair of the State Association Interest Group, at johnsaunders1125@gmail.com by September 10, 2015.