

Rhetoric and Public Address Division

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The Rhetoric & Public Address Division of the Southern States Communication Association invites submissions for the 2020 convention. The RPA Division welcomes papers and panel proposals ranging across the spectrum of approaches to rhetorical theory and criticism. Submissions related to the conference site—Frisco, TX—or the conference theme—“Disruptive Communication”—are especially encouraged. Emphasis will be placed on submissions that examine: rhetorical histories and analyses connected to the Dallas area, Texas more broadly, and the theme of disruption will be emphasized. Examples of such topics might include immigration, the frontier myth, religious rhetorics and the Christian Right, rhetoric of sport, Deep Ellum and blues music, etc... Pertinent to the division, the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment is next year and could be tied to the conference theme of disruption or disruptive communication. It was also be the 100th anniversary of the advent of Prohibition, which could be tied to the conference theme of disruption.

The division solicits 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 that include panelists from multiple institutions. For completed papers, please remove identifying information to facilitate anonymous peer-review. Students submitting papers should clearly designate their papers as “STUDENT” on the title page and in the email. Audio-visual resources will be extremely limited, so please submit a clear justification for any AV requests. Please limit papers to 25 pages (excluding references). In the body of your email please provide your name, contact information and panel/paper title.

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.

Submit all materials electronically in DOC, DOCX, or PDF format only to Samuel by Midnight (EST), Friday, September 6, 2019. We ask that you also use the new submission portal that is found at (<https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/abstract/index.cfm?ID=PugAYz3/>)