

**American Society for the History of Rhetoric Interest Group**  
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The American Society for the History of Rhetoric (ASHR) Interest Group of the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) invites submissions for the 2021 convention. ASHR welcomes submissions that promote the 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 especially encourage work related to the 2021 convention theme “Harboring Hope: Rebuilding through Communication.”

We invite submissions in the form of completed papers, as well as proposals for thematic panels, roundtables, or non-traditional panel formats. Please note that we strongly encourage panel submissions to contain participants from two or more different institutions.

Completed paper submissions should include 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 include the designation “STUDENT” or “DEBUT” on the cover page.

Panel submissions should be sent as a single file containing the following materials: 1) panel title, as it should appear in the program book; 2) a panel abstract of no more than 50 words; 3) a list of all participants with affiliation and contact information; 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) to a maximum of 100 words each.

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

All submissions should be submitted via the online submission system- <https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/abstract/index.cfm?ID=7Zb2tA0> by Thursday, October 1, 2020; other inquiries may be directed to [crhawley@mail.usf.edu](mailto:crhawley@mail.usf.edu)