

The Kenneth Burke Society of the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) is seeking submissions for the 2021 SSCA Annual Convention in Norfolk, VA. The Kenneth Burke Society seeks to promote research in the theory and application of Burkean scholarship.

Papers and panels that engage with the 2021 convention theme, “Harboring Hope,” 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 Norfolk, 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 <https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/abstract/index.cfm?ID=7Zb2tA0> by Thursday, October 1, 2020. 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 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:

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