

## Gender Studies Division

The Gender Studies Division of the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) invites scholarly papers and panel proposals on issues broadly surrounding feminism, gender, and sexuality studies for presentation at the 91st annual SSCA convention in Norfolk, Virginia. The convention will be held April 7-11, 2021. Papers reflecting the conference theme, “Harboring Hope: Rebuilding Through Communication,” are especially welcome. Possible approaches might include—but are by no means limited to—the following: intersectionality, critical university studies, feminist studies, masculinity studies, LGBTQ studies, or other gender-related topics and their relationship(s) to communication subdisciplines.

**Paper submissions** should include two file attachments: (1) cover sheet listing the paper title and author name, affiliation, e-mail, physical address, and phone number for all authors; and (2) a file with 150-200 word abstract along with the paper, not to exceed 25 double-spaced pages excluding references and appendices. All completed papers submitted by the deadline will compete for the division’s top paper awards.

**Panel submissions** should include two file attachments: (1) a cover sheet listing the panel title and presenters’ names, affiliation, e-mail, physical address, and phone number for all authors; and (2) a file that includes session description (150-200 words), a session rationale (200-250 words), and titles and abstracts (100-150 words) for each paper. All submissions should be uploaded through the following link -

<https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/abstract/index.cfm?ID=7Zb2tA0>

All papers will be peer reviewed. To maintain anonymous review, please omit all author(s) identifying information from manuscripts and panel descriptions. Submitters should indicate if the manuscript is a **debut paper or a student paper** in the cover sheet. In your cover sheet, please include a statement indicating your commitment to attend the convention should your paper/panel be accepted. Although the availability of audiovisual technology will be very limited, please indicate your need for technology in your cover letter as well. Completed panel and paper submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. CST Thursday, October 1, 2020.

Nominations are also sought for the **Gender Scholar of the Year** award. Nominees should have made a significant impact on gender scholarship in the communication discipline by demonstrating a 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 Friday, December 1, 2020. However, to ensure full consideration, nominations should be received by Thursday, October 1, 2020. 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 2021 conference, as only nominees available to attend the convention will be considered. The selected scholar will be spotlighted and honored during our annual business meeting.