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Call for Submissions
SSCA 2021
Instructional Development Division

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The Instructional Development Division of the Southern States Communication Association invites submission of papers and panel ideas for the 2021 SSCA conference in Norfolk, Virginia. IDD seeks submissions demonstrating specific interest and expertise in teacher education, curriculum development, instructional and learning strategies, and the teaching of communication courses at all academic levels in various academic and non-academic settings.

IDD welcomes both faculty and student papers, as well as panel proposals, pertinent to the stated interests of the group and the conference theme, "Harboring Hope: Rebuilding Through Communication." Papers and panels do not have to directly address the conference theme, but must anticipate sharing ideas, experiences, and innovative pedagogy for teaching communication courses. IDD also invites submissions addressing related topics such as, but not limited to, learning platforms, training or mentoring undergraduate majors and graduate students, course/program assessment, service learning, and civic discourse in instructional contexts. IDD's top student paper will be submitted for consideration for the Association's Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

Papers should be limited to no more than 25 pages (not including references and appendices) with an abstract of no more than 100 words. All papers should be stripped of any identifying information for anonymous review. Student submissions should be labeled clearly with "student" on the title page and as a header for the paper. Paper submissions should follow a consistent style of documentation, contain clear organization and progression, exhibit a clear understanding and review of pertinent literature, employ appropriate methodology, and come to a reasoned researched-based conclusion.

Panel proposals should include a title, abstract of fewer than 100 words, rationale, titles for individual presentations (if applicable), as well as names and contact information for all participants. Panels with participants representing a variety of institutions are given priority. IDD also welcomes submissions of workshops and hands-on interactive panels. The submission process is the same as a regular panel except the focus should be an interactive experience for the audience. For example, a panel of presenters might demonstrate class activities used to teach a communication concept, theory, or technique, such as verbal speech citations, persuasive appeals, conflict resolution, and so forth.

A note about audio-visual requirements: These are very expensive to rent, so please request them only if you feel it is a necessary requirement for your presentation. If you can provide your own (for example, a phone projector), please indicate that on your submission.

We are continuing to use the new electronic submission system this year. To submit, you must first set up an account. Please be patient and if you have any questions, please direct them to the IDD program planner, Kevin Bryant at kevin.bryant@usm.edu. Submit papers and panel proposals electronically in Microsoft Word format (no .pdf please) at the following link: https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/abstract/index.cfm?ID=7Zb2tA0 by Oct. 1st, 2020.