

Inter-cultural division
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The Inter-cultural division of the Southern States Communication Association seeks manuscripts, papers and panels to address the 2021 conference theme, *Harboring Hope*. The signifier of the verb “harboring” aligns beautifully with the inter-mixing and inter-mingling of inter-cultural communication perspectives; the harbor is a space where exchanging ideas, culture, services, trade and meaning is conducted—as well as a potential site of conflict. But the signifier “hope” also has great academic significance. While some consider hope a positive concept, others consider hope a sign of sadness, despair, shame or regret—that one only hopes when one feels powerless to act (Spinoza, *Ethics*). Yet various religious texts imply that once all distractions are stripped away from the world, the only truly valuable concepts that will remain are faith, hope, and love (Corinthians).

The Inter-cultural communication division seeks academic papers to address the meaning of *Harboring Hope*, and manuscripts that address general aspects of inter-cultural communication. The Inter-cultural communication division encourages the submission of original essays and research reports related to all aspects of the human communication process. The division also encourages the submission of faculty and student collaborative work, rigorous student submissions and important pilot studies. The division is interested in receiving a variety of material and methods including quantitative, qualitative, critical and/or rhetorical analysis that makes noteworthy contributions to the advancement of inter-cultural communication scholarship.

Please submit only electronic submissions in Microsoft Word documents or PDF. Preferred manuscript length is 10-20 pages. Include a separate cover page with the title, author(s) name, address(es), e-mail address(es), affiliation(s) and an abstract of no more than 100 words. All submissions should be uploaded through the following link - <https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/abstract/index.cfm?ID=7Zb2tA0>. The deadline for all submissions is October 1, 2020.

Prepare all manuscripts double-spaced and in accordance with latest edition of APA or MLA guidelines. Begin the manuscript with the title and an abstract, then start the body of the paper on the second page. Be sure to remove all references to the author(s) within the manuscript itself to facilitate blind review. Submissions are made through the association’s website at ssca.net.

Where entire panels are proposed, submitters are encouraged to diversify the institutional affiliation of the panel participants, and to consider opportunities to bring in colleagues and peers who have not recently or never attended an SSCA conference. Program proposals which do not align with SSCA’s divisional and interest group structure may be submitted directly to the vice president for consideration as part of the *Vice President’s Spotlight Series*.