

Interpersonal Communication Division

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The Interpersonal Communication Division of the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) invites submissions for competitive papers, panels, roundtable discussions, and Spotlight Scholars for the 2021 convention in Norfolk, Virginia.

Submissions that highlight the theme of “Harboring Hope: Rebuilding through Communication” are appreciated and encouraged. We invite papers reflecting contemporary and emerging interpersonal scholarship, as well as additional topic areas that overlap with the conference theme. The theme may be highlighted in the topic of the submission or in scholars’ methodology.

Innovative ideas for panels are welcome. We also invite co-sponsored panels with any other division within SSCA, but particularly of interest might be collaborations with the Applied Communication, Communication Theory, and Intercultural Communication divisions. Submitters whose work aligns with Health Communication and Computer Mediated Communication (CMC) are invited to submit their work to the Interpersonal Communication Division.

Paper submissions must adhere to the following requirements: a completed paper not to exceed 25 double-spaced pages excluding references and appendices. For the purposes of blind review, please omit all author-identifying information from the manuscript. All papers submitted will be considered for the Division’s Top Paper Award. Papers submitted by graduate students should include the designation “STUDENT” on the first page of the manuscript. The Division’s top graduate student paper will be submitted to the Vice President to compete for the SSCA Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award. Undergraduate students are encouraged to submit their work to the Theodore Clevenger, Jr. Undergraduate Honors Conference.

Panel proposals must include a brief (50-word) description for the conference program, a panel rationale (no more than two double-spaced pages), an abstract/summary for each presentation, and the names and affiliations of all panel presenters.

Submit paper and panel proposals via SSCA’s online submission system:

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

Feel free to contact the division’s planner, Emily Scheinfeld (escheinf@kennesaw.edu), with any questions or concerns you may have.

Audiovisual equipment is extremely limited. Any requests for audiovisual equipment should accompany the submission. However, participants should be prepared to present without a projector.

The deadline for all submissions is **Thursday, October 1st, 2020** at 11:59pm CST.