

Performance Studies Division

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The Performance Studies Division invites submissions for the 2020 convention in Norfolk, Virginia, April 7-11, 2020. Submissions related to the conference theme, “Harboring Hope: Rebuilding through Communication” are encouraged. A broad interpretation of this theme is welcome as we explore how performance is, and will be, relevant to hope and rebuilding in a variety of contexts in 2021 and beyond. Submissions of performances, papers, and panels relevant to the conference location, and regarding all topics of interest to the Division, are also encouraged. Submissions that were accepted for SSCA’s 2020 conference that will not be presented at another conference are also welcome.

Performance and panel proposals should include two files: (1) a title, 75-word description for the conference program, and one-page rationale justifying the significance of the panel or performance(s) and (2) contact information, rank, and institutional affiliation for all authors. We will be continuing the Top Student Performance Panel, and all submitted student performances will be considered for this panel. We are also seeking submissions of full-length performances for the competitive Page-to-Stage panel. For these submissions, please indicate “PAGE-TO-STAGE SUBMISSION” on your rationale.

Submitted papers must include two files: (1) a title and 250-word description of the paper (2) the paper, no longer than 25 pages double-spaced (excluding abstract, references, figures, and appendices). For the purposes of anonymous review, please omit all author-identifying information from the manuscript. For student papers, indicate “STUDENT” on the cover page. The top graduate student paper will be submitted for consideration for the SSCA Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

We also seek nominations for the Southern States Outstanding Performance Studies Scholar of the Year Award. Award nominations should articulate scholarly, artistic, and service contributions to the Division.

Submissions must be submitted online no later than the end of the day on Oct. 1, 2020. You can find the submission site by clicking the conference website (<https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/abstract/index.cfm?ID=7Zb2tA0>) and following the link to the 2021 call for papers. To avoid technical problems, early submission is strongly advised. Submissions not meeting the above requirements will not be accepted for review. If you have additional questions, please contact the Division Vice-Chair, Dr. Lyndsay M. Gratch, at legratch@syr.edu.