

Rhetoric and Public Address Division

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The Rhetoric & Public Address Division of the Southern States Communication Association invites submissions for the 2021 convention. The RPA Division welcomes papers and panel proposals that range across the spectrum of approaches in rhetorical theory and criticism. Submissions relating to the conference site—Norfolk, VA—or the conference theme—“Harboring Hope: Rebuilding through Communication—are especially encouraged. As ground zero for sea level rise, Norfolk’s coastline has dropped 1.5 feet over the last century, a rate double the global average, so submissions addressing global warming and sea level rise are especially relevant and encouraged. The division also welcomes rhetorical scholarship on a broad range of topics related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the George Floyd protests including but not limited to the Trump Administration’s leadership during the crises, Election 2020 and the pandemic, countermovements and social protest, or the intersection of any of the aforementioned topics.

The division welcomes two types of submissions: (1) thematic panels and (2) completed papers. For thematic panels, please identify panelists and their institutional affiliations. Preference will be given to proposals with panelists from multiple institutions. For completed papers, please remove identifying information to facilitate anonymous peer-review. Students submitting papers should also designate their papers as “STUDENT” on the title page and in the email. Papers should be limited to 25 pages (excluding references). In the body of your email please provide your name, contact information, and the panel/paper title. If you are requesting audio-visual equipment, please understand that resources will be extremely limited, so submit a clear justification for any requests.

The division recognizes excellent scholarship with two awards: Top Student Paper and Top Faculty Paper. The top student paper will also be entered into the SSCA Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award competition.

Submit all materials electronically in DOC, DOCX, or PDF format only to Scott by midnight (EST) October 1, 2020. We ask that you also use the new submission portal that is found at (<https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/abstract/index.cfm?ID=7Zb2tA0>)