

Call for Submissions: Theodore Clevenger Undergraduate Honors Conference

94th Annual Southern States Communication Association Convention

April 3-7, 2024 | Frisco, TX | Embassy Suites & Frisco Conference Center

The 34th annual Theodore Clevenger Undergraduate Honors Conference (UHC) will take place during the Southern States Communication Association's annual convention in Frisco, TX, April 3-7, 2024. The UHC provides an opportunity for outstanding undergraduate students to present their research and engage in conversations about their scholarship with faculty and fellow students. The UHC endeavors to support excellence in undergraduate scholarship, providing opportunities for participants to network and exchange ideas with other scholars, as well as exploring graduate study opportunities. Undergraduate students are invited to submit papers and digital and/or applied projects on any topic that is relevant to the study of human communication or mass communication. Past participants represent a wide range of colleges and universities, and their research has represented rhetorical, social scientific, humanistic, critical, applied, and performance approaches to understanding communication. We especially welcome papers or projects that connect to the 2024 conference theme, "Communicating Belonging."

Deadline: The submission deadline for the UHC is December 15, 2023, by 11:59 pm (Pacific).

The UHC will include one or more panels dedicated to digital and/or applied projects that are research-based which demonstrate, illustrate, or interrogate aspects of rhetoric, media, performance, and/or communication theory and practice. Public relations campaigns addressing the 2024 Frisco, TX, SSCA Convention (promoting SSCA, and the conference location for faculty and graduate and undergraduate students) are also welcome as part of this special call.

Submissions must adhere to the stipulations for projects indicated below.

- Any student who is currently enrolled as an undergraduate student is eligible to submit a paper or project, but only ONE submission is permitted per student, whether submitted individually or as a group.
- In the case of multiple-authored papers or projects, one student must be designated as the submitting/presenting author, and, again, no student may present more than one paper or project.
- Submissions from anyone other than the author(s) will disqualify the paper or project from review.
- All submissions must be original, and cannot have been previously presented at SSCA, or any other state, regional or national academic conferences.
- Please note that the submission of a paper or project implies the author's commitment to register for and fully participate in the conference if the paper or project is selected. Attending and presenting at a conference is an honor, and not attending, if selected, goes against professional ethical practices. In addition to their own panel, participants should plan to attend other research panels throughout the conference, as well as the Saturday morning UHC breakfast.

Papers:

- Must be double-spaced in 12-point font and formatted with standard one-inch margins.
- Submissions should not exceed 25 pages (including all references, figures, tables, and appendices), should avoid sexist or racist language, and should include an abstract of 100-150 words.
- The identity of the author(s) or institution should not appear anywhere in the paper.

Projects: Whether a case study, applied research project, campaign, film, or applied, digital, or performance project, the project length must conform to one of the following stipulations:

- Either (1) the entire project can be uploaded in the online submission system,
- or (2) the author(s) will prepare a written description of the project and provide sample screen shots of the project, in an uploadable file, and adhering to the stipulations for papers indicated above.
- In other words, applied projects may need to be condensed for reviewing purposes. The exception to this would be film projects which may be submitted with a YouTube link. Any film/video/audio or recorded performance projects submitted should not exceed 10 minutes in length. Please note that PowerPoint presentations are not acceptable as digital projects, or as a mechanism for submitting other projects.

All paper and project submissions should be submitted through the online submission site, following all the guidelines listed there: <https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member>. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Patrick Wheaton: pwheaton@georgiasouthern.edu. Please be sure to include "UHC Submission Question" in the subject line.