

Call for Papers for the 2008 Conference

The theme for the 2008 conference is “Communicating to Change the Human Condition.” There is perhaps no academic discipline whose instruction and scholarship, whether applied or theoretical, has the potential to change the human condition as does the study of communication. Our relationships and workplaces are made more or less satisfying by the quality of the communication that occurs in them. Our mental and physical health is made better or worse by the quality of communication in health campaigns, or by communication between physicians, caregivers, and patients. National and international events and policies are influenced for better or worse by communication between nations, public servants and citizens, and institutions and various constituent populations.

The Vice President is especially interested in papers and programs that explore ways in which communication can influence, or has influenced, the human condition in positive or negative ways. Each division and interest group is encouraged to program at least one panel consistent with the conference theme. Co-sponsored panels where thematic presentations cut across divisions or interest groups are also welcome.

Universal Submission Requirements

Calls for conference submissions to the Vice President or specific divisions and interest groups are presented below. Regardless of the entity to which the submission is made, submissions *must be received by September 15, 2007* and should conform to the following guidelines:

Papers—Papers should not exceed 25 pages of text (approximately 6000 words). Papers should include a detached title page listing the authors and with complete contact information for each author. The contact information should include names, mailing addresses, institutional affiliations, telephone numbers, fax numbers, and email addresses for each author. The identity of authors should be hidden in the text of papers. Papers must be submitted electronically to the appropriate division or interest group program planner. Papers should be submitted in MS Word format or some format compatible with MS Word.

Some divisions recognize outstanding work by student authors. Papers submitted by students should clearly note on the title page that an author is a student. Use the designation “STUDENT” in the authorship information.

Panels—Proposals for complete panels or roundtable discussions should be submitted using the Standard Program Proposal Submission Form found on the SSCA website. The submission should be accompanied by a one page description and rationale for the panel or roundtable discussion. Importantly, panel and roundtable proposals that include participants with diverse institutional affiliations will have a greater likelihood of acceptance than those proposals that do not. The text of the brief program description

and rationale should be submitted in MS Word format or some format compatible with MS Word.

Vice President's Call for Papers, Panels, and Workshops

Program proposals that do not fit within 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.

The Vice President's Spotlight Series will include three sorts of programs:

- Panels featuring significant scholarship specifically related to the conference theme "Communicating to Change the Human Condition."
- Panels honoring the scholarly contributions of long-time SSCA members to field and the association.
- "Welcome Panels" featuring the research of scholars who have recently relocated to the Southern region or whose first position after recently completing a terminal degree was in the Southern region. Names of scholars that might be recognized on such panels should be sent to the Vice President along with the person's cv.

In addition to Spotlight Panels the Vice President is interested in workshops and interactive programs that maximize opportunities for intellectual engagement and professional development of SSCA members.

Workshop proposals should be submitted in MS Word format or some format compatible with MS Word and should include a description and rationale for the workshop, a list of workshop facilitators or presenters, a description of any audio visual needs, and an estimate of the time needed for the workshop.

Vice President's Spotlight or Workshop proposals should be submitted to Jerold L. Hale, Department of Speech Communication, University of Georgia, via email jhale@uga.edu. The email should specifically include the phrase SSCA Submission in the subject line of the email.

Division Calls for Papers and Panels

Applied Communication Division

The Applied Communication Division invites papers and panel proposals that address applied communication topics, particularly those related to the conference theme. We welcome innovative panel proposals, especially those that connect to the local community. Please limit paper submissions to 25 double-spaced pages (excluding references and appendices). Please use the SSCA panel submission form for panel proposals. All submissions must be sent electronically to Elissa Foster at commscholar@hotmail.com

Communication Theory Division

The Communication Theory Division invites paper submissions, panel proposals (research/discussion), teaching ideas, or thematic workshops/interactive programs for the 78th Annual Southern States Communication Convention. Submissions addressing the conference theme, "**Communicating to Change the Human Condition**" are especially welcomed. Papers and panel proposals should be submitted in the prescribed format to Monette Callaway-Ezell, Hinds Community College, via email MEzell@hindsc.edu.

Community College Division

The Community College Division invites you to submit a paper, a panel proposal, or round table discussion topic on issues of interest to the division. Papers, panel proposals, or round table topics related to the conference theme, "Communicating to Change the Human Condition" are especially welcome, but submissions need not address the theme. Please submit your papers and proposals in the prescribed format to Catherine Gragg, San Jacinto College through email Catherine.Gragg@sjcd.edu.

Freedom of Speech Division

Reflecting the convention theme of "Communicating to Change the Human Condition," the Freedom of Speech Division encourages paper and proposal submissions that address topics such as the relationships and potential conflicts between free expression and social change, the prospects and limits of various approaches to understanding freedom of speech and the First Amendment, and freedom of expression in contemporary social movement arenas. Send papers and program proposals to Pat Arneson, Duquesne University via email arneson@duq.edu .

Gender Studies Division

The Gender Studies division invites complete papers and panel proposal submissions for the 2008 convention. Submissions should be made in electronic form. Submissions addressing the conference theme as well as topics such as gender and politics, gender and popular culture and gender issues in pedagogy are encouraged. Please limit papers to 25 pages of text. Nominees for Outstanding Gender Scholar are also welcomed. Please send information to Debbie Phillips at Muskingum College dphillip@muskingum.edu You may also call 740 826-8180 for additional information.

Instructional Development Division

The Instructional Development Division invites complete panels and competitive papers that emphasize the teaching and learning process. This includes teacher training, pedagogy, and assessment of learning. Any submission relating to the overall scope will be reviewed. The Division also presents an Outstanding GTA award. Nominations should include evidence of teaching effectiveness, letters of recommendation, and any other supporting material. Send papers and program proposals to Deborah Hefferin, Broward Community College, Dhefferi@broward.edu.

Intercultural Communication Division

The Intercultural Communication Division invites submissions of papers and panel proposals on any aspect of intercultural communication. Papers and panels related to the convention theme will be given special attention as will panel proposals that address diversity, immigration, and civil rights issues in the Savannah region. Papers should be free from sexist, discriminatory language and include a 100-150 word abstract. Author identification must be removed from the essay. In addition, the title page should include name, mailing address, email address, telephone and fax number, and school affiliation of author(s). Students should write STUDENT in the upper right hand corner of the title page.

The recipient of the Division's Top Paper award will receive a plaque. In addition, the top graduate student paper from the division will be submitted for consideration for the Association's Bostrom Award.

Submit papers and panel proposals electronically to Dr. Dominique M. Gendrin at dgendrin@xula.edu. For paper submissions, please send the title page as a separate email attachment. All submissions will receive an email confirmation within 24 hours of receipt. For additional information, contact Dominique Gendrin at 504-520-5460 or Department of Communications, P.O. Box 93, Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA 70125.

Interpersonal Communication Division

The Interpersonal Division requests submissions for competitive papers, panels, roundtable discussion or Spotlight Scholars for the SSCA Convention. Please use APA format for submission and limit papers to 25 pages. Submissions should include two documents, one without identifying characteristics and a second title page with author(s) name, educational institution and contact information. Audiovisual equipment is limited. Make essential AV requests with submission. Submit papers and program proposals to Abby Brooks, University of Tennessee, Knoxville by emailing abrook12@utk.edu.

Language and Social Interaction Division

The Language and Social Interaction Division invites submissions of competitive papers and panel proposals investigating speech, language, and/or gestures in human interaction. This may include, but is not limited to, conversation analysis, discourse analysis, analysis of talk based on ethnographic fieldwork, studies of discourse process, and face-to-face interaction. Papers and panels emphasizing the conference theme are encouraged. Please submit papers to Professor Heather Gallardo, University of North Carolina, Charlotte. Papers should be submitted electronically to hgallard@uncc.edu.

Mass Communication Division

The Mass Communication Division invites paper submissions, panel proposals (research and discussion), thematic workshops, and production showcase entries for the 2008 SSCA Convention. Submissions addressing the conference theme are especially welcomed. All submissions should be sent electronically to Wendy Hajjar, University of New Orleans, at whajjar@uno.edu as Microsoft Word attachments. Please visit our Web site at <http://www.muw.edu/ssca> for more detailed submission information and requirements.

Performance Studies Division

The Performance Studies Division invites submissions of competitive papers and paper and/or performance panels concerning any area of performance studies. Submissions fostering cross-disciplinary discussion and potential co-sponsorship with other divisions/groups, and submissions addressing the convention's theme, are encouraged. Innovative formats welcome (round-tables, workshops, full-length performances). Nominations sought for SSCA Outstanding Performance Studies Scholar of the Year. Send submissions/inquiries to rkennerly@georgiasouthern.edu.

Political Communication Division

The Political Communication Division invites paper submissions, panel proposals (research and discussion), or thematic workshops/interactive programs for the 2008 SSCA Convention. Submissions addressing the conference theme are especially welcomed. All submissions should be sent electronically to Barry Smith at commdoctor@gmail.com as Microsoft Word attachments. Please visit our Web site at <http://www.msstate.edu/org/ssca/political/> for more detailed submission information and requirements.

Popular Communication Division

The popular communication division invites completed papers and panel submissions for the 2008 SSCA convention. Submissions should be made in electronic form (with author removed from any header and title page). Make sure your name and school only appear in the email subject heading. Preference will be given to mediated forms of popular communication, online role playing communication, and areas related to the convention theme. Please submit to Mike Eaves, Valdosta State University at meaves@valdosta.edu. The division asks that papers be limited to 25 pages. All panel submissions should include authors and contact info for each panelist. It is expected that all submitters are able to attend the conference. Direct questions to me at email or 229-259-5116.

Public Relations Division

The Public Relations Division invites completed papers and panel proposals to be considered for presentation. The division welcomes a broad range of theoretical and methodological approaches to public relations issues, including research investigating public relations pedagogy. Special consideration will be given to papers addressing the convention theme, "Communicating to Change the Human Condition." Papers over 25 pages in length (excluding charts and graphics) will not be accepted. Papers and panel proposals will be accepted from now until September 15, 2007.

Top-paper recognition is given for competitive papers. The top graduate student paper will be submitted for consideration for the SSCA Bostrom Award. Student papers should be clearly marked "undergraduate student" or "graduate student." For panel proposals, abstracts of papers will be considered. All equipment requests must be specified in the panel proposal or paper submission. Please submit all papers and panel proposals via e-mail to Dr. Laura Richardson Walton at Mississippi State University. Her e-mail address is lwalton@comm.msstate.edu. If there are questions or problems, please contact her at 662-325-5163.

Rhetoric and Public Address Division

The Rhetoric and Public Address Division invites submissions capitalizing on the 2008 convention theme, "Communicating to Change the Human Condition." In particular, submissions focusing on Southern issues and concerns are especially encouraged, although submissions on all topics of interest to the Division also are welcome.

The Division will review two types of submissions: completed papers and thematic panels (these panels should include some participants from different institutional affiliation). Thematic submissions that encourage audience participation will be looked upon favorably. Students submitting papers should clearly designate the paper as "STUDENT" on the cover page. The top graduate student paper will be entered into the Bostrom awards competition for the top graduate student paper in the association.

All materials must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word format to Ann Burnette, Texas State University, ab11@txstate.edu, between 1 July 2007 and 15 September 2007.

Southern Forensics Division

The Forensics Division invites papers, panels, posters, and workshops concerning argumentation (theory, criticism, pedagogy) or competitive speech and debate areas (pedagogy, history, praxis, culture, forensics across the curriculum, Urban Debate Leagues, public debate formats, critical studies, digital forensics formats, co-curricular learning, service learning, spotlight panels on forensics educators or about the activity, etc.). Non-traditional formats such as roundtable discussions are encouraged. The division is especially interested in submissions related to the conference theme: "Communicating to Change the Human Condition"

The Division is making a firm commitment to the return of the SSCA Town Hall Debate. The debate topic should relate to the conference theme. Those interested in debating, moderating, or coordinating the event, should please contact the division planner.

The Division will award the Forensics Educator of the Year Award. Those wishing to nominate a peer should include a cover letter, the C.V. for the nominee, and up to five pages of supporting material including student and peer letters of support. Self nominations are welcome.

Send submissions to Tyler Thornton at Tyler.J.Thornton-1@ou.edu or darthvt@yahoo.com Please feel free to contact me with questions at 580-581-2555.

Interest Group Calls for Papers

American Society for the History of Rhetoric

The American Society for the History of Rhetoric invites submissions of competitive papers, panel proposals, and round table discussions from faculty and students for the Southern States Communication Association Conference, to be held in Savannah, Georgia, April 2 to 6, 2008. We welcome papers and proposals suited to the convention theme, "Communicating to Change the Human Condition," and we also encourage any scholarly work that creates a broader dialogue between contemporary concerns and history of rhetoric in the world. Our interest group is interested in the theoretical, practical and pedagogical dimensions of rhetoric in all periods and languages. We offer a "Top Student Paper" award as well as a "Top Paper Award." The Top Student Paper will be submitted for consideration for the Association's Bostrom Award. Presenters and program participants do not have to be members of ASHR. The deadline for receipt of all submissions is September 15, 2007. All submissions should be sent electronically to Noemi Marin, nmarin@fau.edu as Microsoft Word attachments. Please indicate "SSCA 2008 Submission" in the email subject line. Request and justification for audio-visual equipment must be included with the submission. Authors of accepted papers/panels are expected to attend the SSCA convention, in Savannah, Georgia. You may also contact Professor Marin with questions at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton: 561-297-2623.

Association for Communication Administrators Interest Group

The Association for Communication Administrators calls for papers and programs that explore ways in which communication administrators can influence, or have influenced, the human condition, higher education, and/or the field of communication. Send completed papers and panel proposals to Janie Harden Fritz, Duquesne University (harden@duq.edu) by September 15, 2007.

Ethnography Interest Group

The Ethnography Interest Group invites submissions of competitive papers and panel proposals that use or discuss ethnography. We also invite submissions of short (1 page) stories and poems for a panel on "Performing Department Culture" (e.g., tenure and promotion, office politics, etc.) as it is lived and felt; anonymous pieces will be performed by session attendees. Send submissions to, Christine S. Davis, University of North Carolina, Charlotte via email Christine.S.Davis@uncc.edu.

Kenneth Burke Society Interest Group

The Kenneth Burke Society Interest Group invites paper and panel proposal submissions. Papers and panel proposals that explore the convention theme are especially encouraged. Panel proposals on teaching Kenneth Burke's work are welcome, as are papers and topical panel proposals exploring Burkean perspectives on Georgia culture, politics, or history. Alternative panel formats are also encouraged. Awards for the Top Paper and Top Student Paper will be made. Panel proposals must include a rationale, as well as the qualifications, names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of panelists who have agreed to participate. A/V requests must be specified but cannot be guaranteed. Submit manuscripts and proposals to Christi Moss, Department of Communication, North Carolina State University clmoss@ncsu.edu.