

Southern States Communication Association

84th Annual Convention

## **Call for Papers**

April 1-6, 2014

Sheraton New Orleans

New Orleans, Louisiana

### **Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field**

The theme for the SSCA 2014 convention is “Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field.” This is perhaps the most interesting time in human history to study communication whether the focus of inquiry is applied or theoretical. As scholars, we see the communication landscape around us changing in both pronounced and subtle ways. We see new communication technologies influencing the nature of relationships, workplace interaction, and social movements. We also see communication being influenced by cultural shifts and societies that appear to be increasingly polarized. With what often appear to be competing currents taking place in the communication landscape, scholars and educators need to prepare for the opportunities and pitfalls that confront the field. The way forward holds the potential to be very different from the path that lies behind us.

The Vice President is especially interested in papers and programs that explore emerging topics of inquiry, new ways of examining communication, and new ways of delivering educational programs. 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. In addition to traditional panels of papers, the Vice President is interested in workshops and interactive programs that maximize opportunities for intellectual engagement and professional development. Where entire panels are proposed, submitters are encouraged to diversify the institutional affiliation of the panel participants. 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 complete call for papers will be posted at SSCA’s website <http://www.scca.net> and in upcoming Connections. For more information, contact Dr. John Haas of the University of Tennessee by email at [jhaas1@utk.edu](mailto:jhaas1@utk.edu) or by phone at (865) 974-2090.

See you in New Orleans in April, 2014!