# SSCA's 84th Annual Convention

## Call for Participation

SSCA 2014 Convention

Sheraton New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

## 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 appears 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.ssca.net/ and in upcoming Connections. The deadline for submission of papers and panels is **Thursday, September 12, 2013.**

For more information, contact Dr. John Haas of the University of Tennessee by email at jhaas1@utk.edu or by phone at (865) 974-2090.

See you in New Orleans in 2014!

# Southern States Communication Association
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**American Society for the History of Rhetoric Interest Group**

The American Society for the History of Rhetoric (ASHR) Interest Group of the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) invites submissions for the 2014 convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

While we always welcome submissions concerning the history of rhetoric broadly, for the 2014 convention we especially encourage work relating to the following three areas: the robust history of the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana, the role of the southern region in the development of the field of speech communication, and the conference theme "Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field." The upcoming centennial of the split of Speech Communication from English prompts reflection of the role that the southern region has played in the development the discipline, calling for disciplinary and institutional historical work and reflection. Working from the convention theme, the interest group also encourages work that frames examinations in the history of rhetoric as resources for envisioning the future(s) of the fields of rhetoric and communication studies.

More broadly, the ASHR Interest Group is interested in work that enhances the theory and practice of rhetoric in all periods and languages. We invite submissions in the form of completed papers, as well as proposals for thematic panels, roundtables, or non-traditional panel formats. Please note that we strongly encourage panel submissions to contain participants from two or more different institutions.

Completed paper submissions should include two files: 1) a cover page file containing the paper title, and the author's name, affiliation, and contact information and 2) a file containing the completed paper with an abstract of no more than 100 words on the first page. Note: Please be sure to remove any author identification from the completed paper file. If the author is a student or if this is the author's first conference submission, please include the designation "STUDENT" or "DEBUT" on the cover page.

Panel submissions should be sent as a single file containing the following materials: 1) panel title, as it should appear in the program book; 2) a panel abstract of no more than 50 words; 3) a list of all participants with affiliation and contact information; 4) a panel justification not to exceed 200 words; and 5) individual titles and abstracts for each presenter's paper (or equivalent for other panel formats) to a maximum of 100 words each.

Audio-visual resources must be requested with the paper or panel proposal along with a clear justification for why AV would be necessary. SSCA has limited audio-visual resources so please limit requests only to necessary cases. The ASHR Interest Group will designate awards for the top student paper and the top faculty paper from the complete paper submissions.

All materials must be submitted via electronic mail by Thursday, September 12, 2013 to

Gina L. Ercolini at GinaErcolini@gmail.com. Please indicate your e-mail subject line as "ASHR-SSCA" for clarity. Preferred file formats include Adobe Acrobat (.pdf), Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx), or Open Document (.odt). All submissions will receive a reply email confirming receipt of the submission within 48 hours.

**Applied Communication Division**

The Applied Communication Division invites paper and panel proposals for competitive selection. We especially welcome works that address the convention theme, *Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field.* A broad interpretation of this theme is encouraged as researchers explore how communication is, and will be, used in applied contexts.
The Applied Division welcomes research related, but not limited to, the following communication areas:

- consulting
- culture
- group
- health
- instructional development
- mass media
- organizational
- public relations
- rhetoric
- training and development

The Applied Communication Division will seek opportunities to co-sponsor panels with other Divisions related to these fields. Paper and panel submissions that support intersections among disciplines are encouraged. Graduate students are encouraged to submit papers.

Papers and panels may report empirical findings of applied research projects; advance applied communication theory; discuss ways to apply communication research in organizations or teaching; or review, critique or synthesize applied communication theories or methods. In addition to traditional panels of related research presentations, we invite innovative panel formats such as: round-table discussions addressing an important issue, interviews with prominent scholars or spotlights on their work, discussions with local community members on issues significant to the region, and workshops or collaborative discussions on applied research and teaching.

**Paper** submissions must include two Microsoft Word file attachments: (1) a file containing a cover sheet listing the paper title and author name(s), affiliation, e-mail, physical addresses and phone number for all authors, and (2) a file including a 50-word abstract and the completed paper not to exceed 25 double-spaced pages excluding references and appendices. For the purposes of blind review, please omit all author-identifying information from the manuscript. All papers submitted will be considered for

the Division's Top Paper Award. For student papers, indicate "STUDENT" on the cover sheet. The Division's Top Student Paper will be submitted for consideration for the SSCA Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

**Panel proposals** must include one attachment containing the following: (1) the SSCA Program Proposal Form (available on the SSCA website, http://www.SSCA.net), (2) a one-page rationale for the proposed panel, (3) a brief (50-word) description for the conference program, and (4) a list of all participants including names, affiliations and contact information (e-mail, physical address and phone number).

Submissions must be received by the Division program planner no later than **Thursday, September 12, 2013**. Submissions must be sent electronically as email file attachments in Microsoft Word. Document file names should include the name of the Division and a short paper title; e.g.: *Applied Comm-short title.doc*. To assist with the blind review process, do not identify the author in the file name or any other document properties. Any submission not meeting the above requirements will not be accepted for review. Send submissions to Division Vice-Chair, Dr. Abby Brooks, at sscaapplied@gmail.com

**Association for Communication Administration Interest Group**

The ACA calls for papers and programs that explore ways in which communication administrators engage customs, challenges, and changes in higher education. Submissions that focus on the convention theme are strongly encouraged as well as programs or papers on following topics: communication professors in positions other than department head, the role of Oral Communication in the general education of different campuses, best practices for adjuncts; and any other program or paper that fits the mandate of this division. Send completed papers and panel proposals to Charles Howard, Tarleton State University at choward@tarleton.edu by Thursday, September 12, 2013.

**Communication Theory Division**

The Communication Theory Division of the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) invites submissions for competitive papers, panels, roundtable discussions for the 2014 convention. Given that the theme for the convention focuses on the future of our field, the division has a special interest in featuring papers and panels that address the future of communication theory in a variety of subfields (see the Vice-President's call for more information on the theme). We welcome submissions from all theoretical and methodological perspectives across all areas of the field of communication research. We especially welcome student papers and work from individuals who have not attended a prior SSCA convention.

Submissions should not exceed 25 pages (30 pages including references, tables, etc.), and should conform to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA), 6th Edition*. Authors should submit two Microsoft Word documents: (a) the paper with all identifying information removed and (b) a title page with author's name(s), educational institution, and contact information. Student submissions should include the notation "STUDENT" on title page, and individuals submitting to SSCA for the first time should include the notation "DEBUT" on the title page. Note: All submissions should conform to the Universal Submission Requirements set by the Vice-President and Program Planner. Individuals may not submit more than one paper as first author to the division. Panel submissions featuring only individuals from the same institution will not be considered. Suggestions for co-sponsorships of panels are welcome. Submissions are due by midnight (PST) on Thursday, *12 September 2013.*

Audiovisual equipment is extremely limited. Any requests for audiovisual equipment (even if you intend to use your own) should accompany the submission. However, participants should be prepared to present *sans* audiovisual aids.

Please direct all submissions to **tlgoen@yahoo.com** using "SSCA Comm Theory Submission" as the e-mail header. You will receive a confirmation e-mail within 48 hours. If you do not receive a confirmation receipt, please contact Todd Lee Goen, Vice Chair and Program Planner, using the information below.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:
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**Community College Division**

The Community College Division invites submissions for the 2014 SSCA Convention. While all papers and panel proposals will be considered, we are especially interested in papers and panels focusing on this year's theme – Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field. Submissions may include papers, panels, roundtables or discussions:

We are also inviting submissions for the **G.I.F.T.S**. panels.

Submission deadline: Thursday, September 12, 2013 (6:00 pm CDT).

For papers, please include an abstract of no more than 100 words, and limit papers to 25 pages. Remove all references to the author in the paper. Be sure to clearly identify papers

that are "Student Authored" or "Debut." Include a separate title page giving the name, affiliation, email, and address of the author or authors.

For panel proposals, please include a title; abstract of no more than 100 words; name, affiliation, email, and address, of the contact person; and names, affiliations, e-mails, and addresses of all participants.

**GIFTS (Great Ideas for Teaching Students)** For G.I.F.T.S. submissions, in addition to ideas for teaching Public Speaking, ideas for teaching other topics of communication are encouraged. Send a detailed description of your idea along with your name, affiliation, email address, and phone. All ideas presented must be original to the presenter and must have been tested in the classroom. The use of AV equipment is strongly discouraged.

Please save your paper/panel proposal as a Word Document and e-mail it as an attachment.

- E-mail your submission to: Ivie.Ero@hindscc.edu by Thursday, September 12, 2013.
- Please write "SSCA Submission" in the subject line.

**Ethnography Interest Group**

The Ethnography Interest Group invites submissions for competitive papers, panels, and roundtable discussions for the 2014 Southern States Communication Association Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana that use or discuss the study of ethnography in ways that have not been done before. This year's theme is Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field and we welcome paper and panel submissions that directly and creatively address this theme. In addition, we are interested in panels that explore the craft of ethnography. If you are interested in organizing a panel that engages participants in the writing, performance, or ethics of ethnography, please contact the program planner.

All PAPER submissions to the Ethnography Interest Group should include two file attachments. File 1 should include a Word document containing a cover sheet listing the paper title and author name(s), affiliation, e-mail, physical address, and phone number for all authors. File 2 should include a Word Document that includes a 150-word abstract along with the paper not to exceed 30 double-spaced pages, excluding references and appendices.

All PANEL submissions to the Ethnography Interest Group should include two file attachments. File 1 should include a Word Document containing a cover sheet listing the panel title and presenters' names, affiliation, e-mail, physical address, and phone number for all authors. File 2 should include a Word Document that includes (1) session description (150 words), (2) a session rationale (200 words), and (3) titles and abstracts (150 words) for each presenter.

To maintain blind review please omit all author identifying information from manuscripts and panel descriptions. Papers submitted by students should be designated—Student—on the cover sheet. The Interest Group's top student paper will be submitted to the Vice President to compete for SSCA's Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award. New and inventive ideas for panels are welcome!

Please send your electronic submissions to the program planner at vangelisl@missouri.edu no later than Thursday, September 12, 2013 with the subject heading, "SSCA Submission." You will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of your submission. For additional questions, please contact Linda Vangelis, Department of Communication, University of Missouri, 108 Switzler Hall, Columbia, MO 65201, phone 573-445-8422.

**Freedom of Speech Division**

SSCA's Freedom of Speech Division is accepting scholarly papers and panel proposals on free speech issues for presentation at the 84th annual SSCA convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 1-April 6, 2014. All papers will be peer reviewed. Papers reflecting the conference theme, "Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field," are especially welcome.

Papers should be submitted electronically by attachment in Microsoft Word to djmarshall112@gmail.com (including both a blind cover page and an author-identifying cover page). All panel proposals must be submitted electronically via attachment in Microsoft Word and should follow the posted convention instructions for such proposals.

Submitters should indicate if the manuscript is a debut paper or a student paper. Completed panel and paper submissions must be received by Thursday, September 12th, 2013.

Questions can be e-mailed to Doug Marshall at djmarshall112@gmail.com
All completed papers submitted by the deadline will compete for the division's top paper awards.

**Gender Studies Division**

SSCA's Gender Studies Division is accepting scholarly papers and panel proposals on gender issues for presentation at the 84th annual SSCA convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 1-April 6, 2014. All papers will be peer reviewed. Papers reflecting the conference theme, "Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field," are especially welcome.

Papers should be submitted electronically by attachment in Microsoft Word to lpjurczak@valdosta.edu (including both a blind cover page and an author-identifying cover page). All panel proposals must be submitted electronically via attachment in Microsoft Word and should follow the posted convention instructions for such proposals. Submitters should indicate if the manuscript is a debut paper or a student paper. Completed panel and paper submissions must be received by September 12th, 2013. Questions can be e-mailed to linda jurczak at lpjurczak@valdosta.edu. All completed papers submitted by the deadline will compete for the division's top paper awards.

**Instructional Development Division**

The Instructional Development Division of the Southern States Communication Association invites submissions for papers and panels on any aspect of instructional development for the 2014 convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Submissions centered on the general convention theme: "Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field" are especially encouraged. The Division welcomes submissions addressing this theme as well as related topics such as learning platforms, training of graduate assistants, assessment of the basic course/program reviews, and massive open online courses (MOOCs). The Division's top graduate student paper will be submitted for consideration for the Association's Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

Submit papers and panel proposal electronically in Microsoft Word format to Dr. Lora Helvie-Mason at helviemason@tarleton.edu no later than Thursday, September 12, 2013. Emails should have "SSCA submission" in the subject line. For paper submissions, please send the title page (with names, institutions, mailing, and email addresses of authors) as a separate email attachments and limit the paper to no more than 25 pages with an abstract of 100 words or less. Panel proposals should include a title, abstract of no more than 100 words, names, affiliations, emails and addresses of all participants. Student submissions should be labeled clearly with "student" on the title page and in the submission email. A/V equipment should be requested only if absolutely essential to the presentation. All submissions will receive an email confirmation within 48 hours of receipt. Submissions for GIFTS (Great Ideas for Teaching Speech) should be submitted directly to ivie.ero@hindscc.edu.

**Intercultural Communication Division**

The Intercultural Communication Division invites submissions for competitive papers, panel proposals, roundtable discussion, workshops and interactive programs on any aspect of intercultural communication, from any theoretical and methodological perspective, and complementary fields. The division also welcomes jointly-sponsored panels. Program proposals related to the 2014 SSCA convention theme "Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field" will be given special attention as will program

submissions that address race, class, gender and ethnicity issues, in New Orleans. The convention theme can be highlighted in the topic of submission (how and what to research in intercultural communication and how to study intercultural communication with advancing technologies). Additional topics may include social media and international conflict, Confucius Institutes and American culture, international faculty, cultural representations in television, etc.

Papers should be free of sexism, 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, 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 Top Paper will receive a plaque. In addition, the top graduate paper from the division will be submitted for consideration for the Association's Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

Submit papers, panels, and other program proposals electronically in Microsoft Word format to Dr. Dominique Gendrin at dgendrin@xula.edu no later than Thursday, September 12, 2013. For paper submissions, please send the title page as a separate email attachment. All submissions will receive an email confirmation of receipt. For additional information, contact Dominique Gendrin at 504-520-5460, Xavier University of Louisiana, Department of Communications, 1 Drexel Drive, New Orleans, LA 70125. Consult http://www.ssca.net for general submission guidelines.

**Interpersonal Communication Division**

The Interpersonal Communication Division invites submissions for competitive papers, panels, roundtable discussions, and Spotlight Scholars for the 2014 convention. New and inventive ideas for panels are welcome. Submissions that highlight the theme of Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field are highly appreciated. The theme may be highlighted in the topic of the submission or in scholars' approach to the conducing of research.

Papers submitted by graduate students should include the designation "Student" on the cover sheet. The Division's top graduate student paper will be submitted to the Vice President to compete for the SSCA Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

Paper submissions should follow the manuscript preparation guidelines established in the 6th Edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. Author information should be confined to the cover sheet.

Please submit all papers in Word or .pdf format by email to the division's planner, Carrie Oliveira at oliveira@goldmail.etsu.edu. You will receive an email confirming the receipt of your submission. All other inquiries can be directed to Carrie Oliveira by email, postal mail or phone at Department of Communication, East Tennessee State University, PO

Box 70667, Johnson City, TN, 37604, 423.439.4167. The deadline for submission of papers and panels is **Thursday, September 12**.

**Kenneth Burke Society Interest Group**

The Kenneth Burke Society of the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) is seeking submissions for the 2014 SSCA Annual Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Kenneth Burke Society seeks to promote research in the theory and application of Burkean scholarship.

Papers and panels that engage with the 2014 convention theme, "Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field," will be given special consideration. Submissions that cut across disciplines are also encouraged. In addition to submissions connected to the convention theme, the group is interested in submissions related to the host city of New Orleans, contemplating ways to teach Burke, or connecting Burkean scholarship to areas of research beyond rhetorical studies.

Burkean scholars are invited to submit alternative panel formats such as interactive sessions, workshops or roundtable discussions. The Kenneth Burke Society is friendly towards graduate student work; please identify such work by noting "STUDENT PAPER" on the first page. Top paper and top student paper will be awarded. The top student submission will be nominated for the Bostrom Award.

Please submit all proposals electronically to ryan.mcgeough@gmail.com. In the body of the email, provide your name, contact information, and paper/panel title. Completed papers should remain within 25 pages (double spaced, not including references), begin with an abstract, and should not include the name of the author(s). Panel submissions should include the names and affiliations of all participants in a document separate from the panel proposal itself, which should include a rational for the panel and an abstract/summary for each presentation. It is expected that all those submitting will attend the conference if selected for inclusion in the program. The deadline for submission of papers and panels is **Thursday, September 12**.

Please direct any questions to:

Ryan McGeough
Assistant Professor of Communication
Upper Iowa University
ryan.mcgeough@gmail.com

**Language and Social Interaction Division**

The Language and Social Interaction Division of the Southern States Communication Association invites submissions of competitive papers and panel proposals for the 2014 convention in New Orleans. The division is interested in submissions focusing on

language, discourse, or gesture employing such methods as conversation analysis, discourse analysis, critical discourse analysis, ethnography of communication, ethnomethodology, rhetorical analysis of language, or quantitative studies of language variables. We welcome proposals using LSI approaches across all communication contexts, including interpersonal, small group, organizational, health, public & political, or mediated. Proposals related to the convention theme, "Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field," or to the convention site, are especially encouraged, as are panels jointly sponsored by LSI and another division. The LSI division will submit its top graduate student paper to the SSCA vice president to compete for the Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

Papers and proposals should be submitted as Word files (.doc or .docx) to bcrow@siu.edu. Individual papers should not exceed 25 pages of text and should include a cover page with title, author(s) and institution(s), and contact information for the submitting author, as well as a 100-word abstract. APA style is preferred. Panel proposals should include a cover page with the names, institutions, mailing and email addresses of all participants. Papers submitted by graduate students should be designated "Student" on the cover sheet. A/V equipment should be requested only if absolutely essential to the presentation. Deadline for submissions is Thursday, September 12, 2013.

Direct questions to Bryan Crow, Department of Speech Communication, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale IL 62901-6605, bcrow@siu.edu.

**Mass Communication Division**

The Mass Communication Division invites competitive scholarly papers, panel proposals and multi-media showcases/presentations, on all aspects of mass media, mass communication, computer-mediated communication, and new media technologies for the 2014 SSCA Annual Convention to be held in exciting New Orleans, Louisiana, from April 1-6. Panels can also be co-sponsored with the Public Relations Division. Deadline to receive submissions is Thursday, September 12, 2013 to be considered for inclusion in the program.

Submissions that reflect the convention theme are especially encouraged: "Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field." The Mass Communication Division welcomes diversity in scholarly panel proposals and research in areas that include, but are not limited to, emerging technologies, the Internet, print journalism, on-line journalism, television, radio, film, social media, international broadcasting, advertising, political communication within the media, convergence and more.

In addition to traditional research papers and panels, the Mass Communication Division is soliciting proposals for multi-media showcases, presentations, and other innovative discussion formats about issues that are focal to the discipline. These showcases/presentations will be peer reviewed.

Deadline for receipt of all submissions is Thursday, September 12, 2013. Please send all papers and panel proposals to Dr. Dedria Givens-Carroll, the program planner at dsg4921@louisiana.edu. Paper and panel submissions will be blindly reviewed to assure fairness, therefore please submit two documents: one with a cover/title page, including name, email and telephone contact details; and another without name or any identifying contact details, ie university name, etc. Additionally, please indicate on the cover/title page if the paper is authored by a student or faculty member. Top papers will be awarded.

For more detailed submission guidelines, including how to submit audio/visual or film productions for our production showcase, please visit the Mass Communication Division's website at www.muw.edu/ssca. For any questions, please email Dr. Dedria Givens-Carroll at dsg4921@louisiana.edu.

**Performance Studies Division**

The Performance Studies invites submissions for the 2014 convention in New Orleans, LA April 1 - April 6, 2014. Submissions related to the conference theme, *Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field* are encouraged, as are submissions focusing on issues relevant to the convention location in New Orleans. Submissions of performances, papers and panels on all topics of interest to the Division are also welcome.

The Division's top graduate student paper will be entered into the Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award competition for the overall top graduate student paper in the Association. We also seek nominations for the Southern States Outstanding Performance Studies Scholar of the Year Award. Additionally we will also be continuing the Top Student Performance Panel. Audio-visual resources will be extremely limited so please limit requests and submit a clear justification for why AV would be necessary. All materials must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word or PDF format to bpowell@bmcc.cuny.edu between August 19th 2013 and September 12th, 2013. The deadline for submission of all performance and panel proposals is Thursday, September 12, 2013

Performance and panel proposals should include a rationale. All submissions should come with two files 1) contact information, rank and institutional affiliation for all authors and 2) a submission, including abstract, without identifying information. Students submitting papers should clearly designate the paper as "STUDENT" on the cover page. Award nominations should articulate scholarly, artistic, and service contributions to the Division. All submitters should receive a confirmation email within 48 hours of receipt.

**Philosophy and Ethics of Communication Interest Group**

The Philosophy & Ethics of Communication Interest Group invites submissions for the 2014 Southern States Communication Association convention (April 1-6 at the Sheraton New Orleans in New Orleans, LA). While all paper and panel proposals shall be considered, those that focus on the philosophical and ethical dimensions of this year's theme—Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field—will be particularly welcome. Submissions may include competitive papers or panels. The use of AV equipment is strongly discouraged.

For competitive papers, please include an abstract of no more than 100 words, and limit papers to no more than 25 pages. Be sure to identify papers that are "Debut," "Graduate Student," or "Faculty." Include a separate title page giving the name, affiliation, email and home address of the author or authors.

For panel proposals, please include a title, abstract of no more than 100 words; names, affiliations, emails and home addresses of all participants. We strongly encourage panels to address the following topics:

- New Pathways of Research (Ongoing scholarly projects)
- Philosophy of Communication & Crisis (Disasters and Precarity)
- Philosophy of Communication & History
- Philosophy of Communication & Jazz (Music)
- Philosophy of Communication & Justice (Economics, Environment, Food, and Social)
- Philosophy of Communication & Race
- Philosophy of Communication & Religion
- Philosophy of Communication & Technology

Please save your paper/panel proposal as a Word Document and email it as an attachment, with "SSCA PEIG Submission" in the subject. All paper and panel submissions must be sent to Janie Harden Fritz (Vice Chair) by September 12, 2013, at the following email address: harden@duq.edu

**Political Communication Division**

The Political Communication Division of Southern States Communication Association invites submissions for competitive papers, panels, roundtable discussions, workshops or spotlight scholars for the 2013 convention, which will be held April 10-14 in New Orleans, La.

Submissions addressing the conference theme "Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field," are especially welcomed. Papers and panels that explore emerging topics of

inquiry, new ways of examining communication, and new ways of delivering educational programs are encouraged.

Top faculty and student papers will be recognized at the conference. Papers submitted by graduate students who wish to compete for Top Student Paper should be clearly designated "Student" on the cover sheet. The division's top graduate student paper will be submitted for consideration for SSCA's Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

All submissions and questions should be sent electronically to Melissa Smith at melissasmith1@me.com. Submissions must be received electronically by midnight on Thursday, September 12, 2013. All papers and panel proposals must be submitted as Microsoft Word or PDF files. Authors are asked to remove all material that would link them to a paper, including information contained in the "Properties" category of each Word file.

More information can be found at www.muw.edu/ssca/political_com

**Popular Communication Division**

The Popular Communication Division invites competitive papers, media presentations, and panel proposals for the 2014 Southern States Communication Association annual convention. The division welcomes scholarship from a variety of theoretical or methodological approaches that are related to media, culture, and/or other aspects of communication within a popular communication framework. Special consideration will be given to submissions that emphasize cross-disciplinary scholarship related to the convention theme, "Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field".
Please submit all proposals electronically to SSCAPopComm@gmail.com.

In the body of the e-mail provide your name, contact information, and paper/panel title. Completed papers should remain within 25 pages, begin with an abstract, and should not include the author's/authors' names anywhere in the document. Student papers should be clearly marked "Student" in the paper header and in the cover e-mail. Panel submissions should include the names and affiliations of all participants in a document separate from the panel proposal itself, which should include a rationale for the panel and an abstract/summary for each presentation/discussant. All submitting panelists, presenters, and etc. will be expected to attend the conference if selected for inclusion in the program. Please refrain from equipment requests unless AV equipment is essential to the presentation itself. Justifications for equipment must be made at the time of submission. Consult http://www.ssca.net for general submission guidelines. Submissions must be received electronically by Thursday, September 12, 2013. All papers and panel proposals must be submitted as Microsoft Word or PDF files. Direct your questions to Matthew C. Ramsey, Vice Chair of the Popular Communication Division, at mcramsey@ship.edu or (717) 477-1563.

**Public Relations Division**

The Public Relations Division invites competitive scholarly papers and panel proposals for consideration for presentation. The division welcomes a broad range of theoretical and methodological approaches to public relations issues. Papers and panels that consider the 2014 theme, "***Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field***" are strongly encouraged.

All papers must include a 75-100 word abstract and be no longer than 25 pages (excluding tables and references). Authors should not be identifiable in the text of papers. Include a detachable cover page with the names, affiliations, mailing addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and email addresses of all the authors. Student papers should be clearly marked undergraduate student or graduate student.

Panel Proposals should include: (1) the Program Proposal Form, (2) a one-page rationale for the proposed program or abstracts of the proposed papers, (3) the program copy, if applicable, and (4) a list of all proposed participants, including their names, affiliations, mailing addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses. Details and examples may be found in the "Call for Panel Proposals" section of this website.

Top paper recognition is given for competitive papers. The top graduate student paper will he submitted for consideration for the SSCA Bostrom Award.

Papers and panel proposals should be sent electronically as an email attachment in Microsoft Word format (i.e., as a ".doc" or "docx" file) to mmatthews@uttyler.edu . Requests and justifications for audio-visual equipment must be included with the submission. DEADLINE for submissions is Thursday, September 12, 2013.

If there are questions or problems, please contact Marsha Little Matthews at mmatthews@uttyler.edu or 903-566-7099.

**Rhetoric and Public Address Division**

The Rhetoric & Public Address Division of the Southern States Communication Association invites submissions for the 2014 convention. The RPA Division welcomes papers and panel proposals ranging across the spectrum of approaches to rhetorical theory and criticism. Submissions related to the conference site—New Orleans—or the conference theme—"Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field"—are especially encouraged.

The Division solicits 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 that include panelists from multiple institutions. For completed papers, please remove identifying information to facilitate blind peer review. Students submitting papers should clearly designate their papers as "STUDENT" on the cover page.

The Division recognizes excellent scholarship with Top Student Paper and Top Faculty Paper awards. The top graduate student paper will be entered into the SSCA Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award competition. Audio-visual resources will be extremely limited, so please submit a clear justification for any AV requests. Submit all materials electronically in .pdf or .doc format to Megan Foley, University of South Carolina, at RPA.SSCA@gmail.com by Thursday, September 12, 2013.

**Southern Argumentation and Forensics Division**

The Southern Argumentation and Forensics Division invites papers, panels, posters, and workshops concerning argumentation (e.g., theory, criticism, pedagogy) or competitive speech and debate (e.g., pedagogy, history, praxis, culture, forensics across the curriculum, Urban Debate Leagues, public debate formats). Non-traditional formats such as roundtable discussions and performance showcases are encouraged. The division is especially interested in submissions related to the conference theme, "Moving On: Envisioning the Future of the Field"
The Division supports the SSCA Town Hall Debate. The debate topic should relate to the conference theme. Those interested in debating, moderating, or coordinating the event should contact the division planner.

Individual paper submissions related to the convention theme, teaching methods, research strategies, and other topics of interest are strongly encouraged. For peer review, names should appear on the cover page only. The Division will award prizes for the Top Paper and Top Student Paper. Students submitting papers should designate the paper as "STUDENT" on the cover page.

For panels or workshops, submit the official Program Proposal Form, the title and an abstract that explains the idea, as well as abstracts for the individual components when appropriate (e.g., a panel of papers). Submitters must also provide a 250-word rationale for the proposed panel, noting the expertise of the participants to address the topics covered by the panel. On an attached page, include the names, affiliations, mail addresses, phone/fax numbers, and e-mail addresses for all participants.

The Division will award the Forensics Educator or Contributor 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.

Please indicate room requirements (e.g., size, seat configuration, stage) with your submission.

Consult http://www.ssca.net for general submission guidelines.

Submissions must be received electronically between June 1, 2013, and September 12, 2013. All papers and panel proposals must be submitted as Microsoft Word or PDF files. Send submissions or inquiries to David Nelson at southernforensics@gmail.com