Call for Submissions
Theodore Clevenger Undergraduate Honors Conference
87th Annual SSCA Convention – April 5-9 2017 – Hyatt Regency, Greenville, SC

The 26th annual Theodore Clevenger Undergraduate Honors Conference (UHC) will take place during the Southern States Communication Association meeting in Greenville, South Carolina, April 5-9, 2017. The UHC provides an opportunity for outstanding undergraduate students and faculty to discuss current projects and ideas about future communication research. The goals for the UHC include supporting excellence in undergraduate scholarship and providing opportunities for participants to network and exchange ideas with other communication scholars and to explore opportunities for graduate study.

Undergraduate students are welcome to submit papers for the UHC on any topic relevant to the study of human communication. We especially welcome projects that connect to the conference theme, "Communication and Innovation." The idea of "innovation" provides several ideas for papers on the concept of innovation, new and social media, innovations in rhetoric, performance, and all forms of communication. Past conference participants represent a wide range of colleges and universities from the southern states region and beyond. The topics of papers presented have also been diverse, including rhetorical, social science, humanistic, critical, and performance-oriented approaches to the study of communication. Submitted papers do not necessarily have to link to the conference theme, but it provides a possible area for submitters.

NEW FOR 2017: And in regards to innovation, for the second year, still on a pilot basis, the UHC will include one panel devoted to original digital projects and/or other alternative academic projects/performances (such as solo or group performances) that are research based, demonstrating, illustrating, or interrogating aspects of rhetorical, media, performance and/or communication theory and practice.   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 alternative project/performance), but only ONE submission is permitted per student. In the case of multiple-authored papers or projects, one student must be designated as the submitting/presenting author, and 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. **Please note that submission of a paper or project implies the author's commitment to register for and attend the conference if selected. Attending and presenting at a conference if selected is an honor and not attending if selected simply goes against common practices of professional ethics.**

Papers must be double-spaced in 12-point font and formatted with one-inch minimum margins. Submissions should not exceed 25 pages (including all references, figures, tables, and appendices), should avoid sexist 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. Submissions not adhering to these directions may automatically be rejected.

Projects/Performances and their length must conform to one of the following two stipulations: Either 1.) the entire project can be attached to an email and sent via email (not shared through Google Drive but actually attached to the email itself) OR 2.) the author(s) shall prepare a written description of the project and provide screen shots if it a digital project and/or script if it is a performance project in a Word file, following the submission guidelines indicated below. If the author(s) choose to follow this second option, the written description should follow the stipulations for papers indicate above.

Please note that PowerPoint presentations are not acceptable as digital projects. Instead, digital projects could include things like the development of a short film, video, animation, interactive website, etc. Furthermore, performance submissions may include media aspects, but such projects should specifically grow out of performance studies courses. Performance projects, like all other projects and papers, if accepted, should not exceed 10 minutes.

All submissions must be original and cannot have been previously presented at an SSCA Undergraduate Honors Conference, nor any other academic conference.

The deadline for submission to the UHC is December 16, 2016.

Papers should be submitted by the author(s) in MS Word format to Dr. Jason B. Munsell, Columbia College, as an email attachment to jmunsell@columbiasc.edu. The subject line of the email should contain the phrase "UHC Paper Submission" and the name of the student designated as the presenting author.

Projects should be submitted as an attachment to an email OR as an MSWord file containing the project/performance description and screen shots (if relevant). The subject of the email should contain the phrase "UHC Project/Performance Submission" and the name of the student designated as the presenting author. Digital projects should be sent to Dr. Jason B. Munsell, Columbia College, as an email attachment to jmunsell@columbiasc.edu.

The email message of submission (for either paper or project) should have two files attached:

File #1:
A submission letter requesting review of the UHC paper or project that includes the title of the paper or project, name(s) of the author(s), institutional affiliation(s), mailing address(es), telephone number(s), and e-mail address(es). If the paper or project addresses the convention theme (Communication and Innovation), please note this in the submission letter.

File #2:
Your paper, beginning with the title/abstract as page one.

OR

Your abstract of the digital project or performance project with the project (or script if it is a performance) attached to the email

OR

Your written description of the project/performance and screen shots (if digital) with the abstract of the project as page one.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jason B. Munsell at jmunsell@columbiasc.edu. Please be sure to type "UHC Submission Question" in the subject line. We look forward to seeing you in South Carolina!