

Call for Papers: Communication Theory & Research Interest Group

The Communication Theory & Research (CTR) Interest Group of WSCA welcomes competitive paper submissions and program proposals for the 2011 Annual Convention in Monterey, California. The Communication Theory & Research Division is an excellent outlet for papers and programs that consider the intersections between theoretical and methodological perspectives, progressive applications of communication theories, and spotlights on the scholarship of distinguished communication theorists. For the 2011 convention, the Division is particularly interested in papers and programs that:

- 1. Expand upon the convention theme, “Communication and Community”**
- 2. Draw from diverse theoretical and methodological backgrounds**
- 3. Examine the intersections between theory and practice**
- 4. Spotlight key communication theorists/theories in our field**
- 5. Elaborate on new methodologies in communication research**
- 6. Collaborate with other WSCA divisions**
- 7. Contribute to the overall development and progress of Communication as a theoretically mindful discipline**

COMPETITIVE PAPERS

1. Authors are encouraged to submit original research essays to the CTR Interest Group. We invite submissions from faculty and graduate students interested in Communication Theory & Research, as well as professionals and practitioners who apply Communication concepts. The Division offers competitive paper awards for both the overall top paper and top student paper.

2. Competitive papers should not have been presented previously at another conference, be accepted for publication, or have been published. Please use your ethical common sense.

3. Students: The CTR Interest Group strongly encourages student submissions, and interested students should mark their paper as STUDENT in the upper right corner of their cover page. The Division offers competitive paper awards for the top student paper.

4. All manuscripts should be submitted by e-mail attachment. Please use RTF or MS Word (doc or docx) format for all documents. Submitted manuscripts should include two separate attachments:

A. A title page with title of manuscript, names of all authors, and the addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, institutional affiliations of each author. Also include audio-visual requests. NOTE: Equipment availability is extremely limited. See WSCA Policy on the Use of Audio-Visual Equipment at Conventions.

B. The manuscript should include a 75-100 word abstract and a maximum of 30 pages of text (including references). Remove author names and any identifying information from the manuscript.

C. The essay should be prepared following the most recent Chicago, MLA or APA guidelines.

5. Electronic submissions must be received no later than 11:59pm CST, Wednesday, September 1, 2010. In your subject line please include “[Your Last Name] WSCA CTR IG Competitive Paper Submission.”

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PROGRAM PROPOSALS

1. Programs connected to the conference's theme are encouraged and generally expected. Programs may consist of a chair, individual presenters, and a respondent/facilitator. However, round-table discussions and other unique formats are encouraged. The CTR Interest Group especially encourages panels that spotlight influential communication theories/theorists or emergent methodological approaches for researching communication phenomena. Programs co-sponsored with other interest groups are welcomed.

2. All program proposals should be submitted by e-mail attachment. Please use RTF or MS Word (doc or docx) format for all documents. Submitted program proposals should include two separate attachments:

A. A title page with the title of the program and the name, address, phone, e-mail, and institutional affiliation of each participant. Also include any audio-visual requests. NOTE: Equipment availability is extremely limited. See WSCA Policy on the Use of Audio-Visual Equipment at Conventions.

B. A brief rationale for the program (approx. 250-500 words). If applicable, a title and brief description of each presentation (approx. 100 words each). Remove author names and any other identifying information from this section.

C. The proposal should be prepared following the most recent Chicago, MLA or APA guidelines.

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