

**WESTERN STATES COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATION INTEREST GROUP**

Annual Convention, Monterey, California

February 18-22, 2011

Call for

Competitive Papers, Paper Panels, and Alternative Sessions

focusing on theory, research, and the practical knowledge of  
environmental issues and their communicative dimensions

The theme for the 2011 WSCA convention, "Communication and Community," is extremely relevant for environmental communication issues, problems, concerns, and actions, especially in relationship to community. This theme provides participants an opportunity to engage multiple aspects of environmental communication.

Please note that we will continue with last year's category for alternative proposals. It is our hope that this new addition will add to the exploration of the conference theme and the sensibilities of the diverse range of people interested in environmental communication. In addition, panels co-sponsored with other interest groups are highly encouraged.

→ **Competitive Papers:** Competitive papers may utilize any accepted theoretical framework, methodology, or form of critique, or extend the discipline's understanding through literature reviews, theoretical articulations, and other forms of critical engagement. Student-authored papers are especially encouraged.

Competitive papers must include (a) title, (b) abstract not exceeding 200 words, and (c) main document (body and references). Papers may NOT exceed 25 pages double-spaced (excluding title, abstract, and references). In a separate document list the paper title, author(s), and contact information, and clearly indicate if the paper is a student and/or a debut paper. Papers should not have been presented previously at a conference, be accepted for or published at the time of submission.

Note: It is the responsibility of the participants in competitive paper panels to confirm that their assigned respondent was given their paper by the program planner or to directly provide the respondent with the most recent revision of their paper by February 1, 2011. Authors will be notified of their respondent's identity when they receive notification of acceptance of their paper.

→ **Paper Panel Sessions:** Collection of individual papers working in concert within a single panel proposal (e.g., unified by a common theme, focus, methodology, etc.).

Paper panel proposals must include (a) thematic title for the panel, (b) an abstract describing the panel's thematic contribution, and (c) an extended abstract for each contributing paper. In a separate document please include the name, institutional affiliation, address, and phone/email for the chair, respondent, and each participant. **The entire panel proposal should not exceed 1,500 words** (excluding names and addresses).

Note: Participants in paper panel sessions are responsible for submitting their completed paper to their assigned respondent by February 1, 2011 should the panel be accepted.

→ **Alternative Sessions:** This category is for panel submissions that are not of the traditional "four papers and a respondent" ilk. Examples include roundtable discussions (i.e., a clearly articulated environmental concept or issue around which participants will engage), performance panels, poster sessions, networking panels, activist-training panels etc.

Alternative Session Proposals must include (a) title and (b) an abstract detailing the content and format of the proposed panel. In a separate document please include the name, institutional affiliation, address, and phone/email for each participant. **The entire panel proposal should not exceed 1,500 words** (excluding names and addresses).

Note: Participants in alternative sessions are generally not expected to submit a paper to their assigned chair/moderator. Should the proposal be accepted, participants should be in communication with their chair and/or moderator regarding submission and presentation expectations.

**Note: Both *paper panel sessions* and *alternative sessions* will be grouped together for the purposes of review and selection.**

→ **Pre-conference proposals:** please contact the chair of the Interest Group well in advance of the conference (contact information below).

Electronic submissions must be received no later than **September 1, 2010**. Receipt will be confirmed within 48 hours of the submission deadline. Please follow the submission guidelines detailed below.

For all paper and panel proposal submissions, email: [ssowards@utep.edu](mailto:ssowards@utep.edu)

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Submission Notes:

→ **Electronic Submission:** All papers and proposals should be submitted as attachments to an email. Documents must be submitted in either in Microsoft Word or PDF. Emails must include **two separate documents:**

(1) **Cover page** detailing title and contact information for *all* participants/authors including name, institutional affiliation, phone, email address, and audio-visual requests. For competitive papers, please clearly identify student and/or debut papers on the cover page (see below).

(2) **Main document** consisting of your paper or panel description and abstract(s).

**NOTE: The main document should be free of all identifying references to the authors and/or participants.**

**Student Papers:** To qualify as a student paper, all authors must, at the time of submission, be currently enrolled in a bachelors, masters, or doctoral program and must not hold a full-time faculty position at a college or university.

**Audio-Visual Requests:** Equipment availability is *extremely* limited and cannot be guaranteed. See the WSCA Policy on the Use of Audio-Visual Equipment at Conventions. Audio-visual requests should be indicated on the cover page.