

WESTERN STATES COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION

2007 Annual Convention, Seattle, WA

February 16-20, 2007

CALL

Competitive Papers, Program Proposals, Workshop Proposals, Undergraduate Scholars' Research Conference (USRC), and Graduate Students Workshops & Graduate Programs' Open House

Promoting Social Justice through our Work

As scholars and teachers of communication, we have multiple opportunities to promote justice in our communities, work places, institutions, and interpersonal relationships. The theme of this year's conference is designed to focus our attention on those opportunities, honoring the good work that we already do and encouraging us to find new ways to use our knowledge and skills to create a more just world.

Sara Hayden, WSCA President-Elect
Primary Program Planner

- I. Competitive Papers (deadline: *received by 9/1/06*)* Submit to interest group
- II. Program Proposal (deadline: *received by 9/1/06*) Submit to interest group
- III. Workshop Proposals (deadline: *received by 9/1/06*) Submit to Hayden
- IV. Undergraduate Scholars' Research Conference (USRC)
(deadline: *received by 11/1/06*) Submit to WSCA Second Vice President
- V. Graduate Student Workshops & Graduate Programs' Open House
(deadline: *received by 9/1/06*) Submit to WSCA Second Vice President

***Special Note: WSCA program planning uses only one deadline for primary convention papers, programs, workshops, and graduate programs' open house. However, the USRC deadline is unique – November 1, 2006.**

Send all competitive papers and program proposals directly to the appropriate program planner for each interest group. Specific information about submitting to interest groups will be posted on the WSCA website (http://www.westcomm.org/conventions/wscA-2007-seattle/program_planners.asp) at the completion of the February 2006 conference.

Only workshop proposals should be mailed directly to the program planner Sara Hayden at the Department of Communication, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812.

COMPETITIVE PAPERS

1. Authors are encouraged to submit papers to the interest groups for competitive selection. Papers may include research reports employing any methodology, theoretical developments or critiques, critical analyses, and in some cases, works in progress. Submit each paper to one interest group only.

Competitive papers should not have been presented previously at another conference, be accepted for publication, or have been published.

Special Note: Historically, the Community College and the Elementary and Secondary Education Interest Groups have not sponsored competitive papers. Please contact the interest group planner before submitting a competitive paper to either interest group.

2. Submitted papers should include:

- (a) A detachable title page with title of paper, names of all authors, and their addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and affiliations. Again, this information should be included for each author and should be double-checked for accuracy.
- (b) A 250-500-word abstract of the paper (with title appearing on this page).
- (c) Typically, a maximum of twenty-five pages of text.
- (d) No information in the paper that identifies the author(s) (beyond that which appears on the title page).

3. Submission: Specific information about submitting to interest groups will be posted on the WSCA website (<http://www.westcomm.org/>) at the completion of the February 2006 conference and printed in the WSCA Newsletter prior to the 2007 conference. Completed papers are submitted directly to the interest group planners, unless the interest group indicates otherwise.

4. Research in Progress: Some interest groups sponsor programs of “Research in Progress.” Papers submitted to these programs should be so designated on the cover page and should not exceed ten pages in length. Be sure that the interest group to which you are planning to send your paper accepts “research in progress” before submitting it.

5. Debut Award: The WSCA Executive Club Debut Award is made to the author of a paper presented at the convention by an author or co-authors “who have not presented a paper at a state, regional, national or international convention, or published in any academic journal.” Papers presented at student-only conferences are exempt from this requirement. All authors of a co-authored paper must meet these eligibility requirements for a paper to be considered a Debut Paper. **Papers eligible for the Debut Award should be marked “DEBUT” in the upper right-hand corner of the title page.** Please also indicate whether each author is a bachelors, masters, or doctoral student. Some interest groups also sponsor debut programs, but papers need not be presented on a debut panel to be eligible for the Executive Club Debut Award.

6. Five copies of each competitive paper must be **RECEIVED** by the appropriate interest-group planner **NO LATER THAN Friday, September 1, 2005.**

II. PROGRAM PROPOSALS

1. Program proposals should focus on a unifying theme relevant to research, theory, or instruction in the area of the sponsoring interest group. Programs may consist of a chair, individual presenters, and a critic respondent; however round-table discussions, performance venues, or other unique formats are encouraged. In alternative program formats, respondents may be included or omitted as appropriate. Innovative program proposals, especially those that provide opportunities for engaged interaction among participants and attendees, are encouraged. Programs co-sponsored with other interest groups are also welcome.

2. Program proposals should include the following:

- (a) Thematic title of the program
- (b) Names, addresses, phones, e-mail addresses, and affiliations of all participants
- (c) Title and brief description of each presentation
- (d) Equipment needed for the panel

(Note: Equipment availability is extremely limited. See the WSCA Policy on the Use of Audio-Visual Equipment at Conventions.)

3. Five copies of each program proposal must be **RECEIVED** by the appropriate interest-group program planner **NO LATER THAN Friday, September 1, 2005**. Program proposal submissions for those interest groups accepting only electronic proposals also must be received no later than Friday, September 1, 2006. Specific information about submitting to interest groups will be posted on the WSCA website (<http://www.westcomm.org/>) at the completion of the February 2006 conference and printed in the WSCA Newsletter prior to the 2007 conference.

III. WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

1. A workshop is intended as a training or informational short course that can be presented in a three-hour or six-hour time block. A workshop topic may concern the presentation of teaching innovations; an area of research; a new theoretical perspective; the application of a body of knowledge; skill development; or another clearly focused topic. Workshop leaders are encouraged to advertise their workshops and solicit participation.

2. Workshops are scheduled for the first full day of the convention, Saturday, February 17, 2007. Participants pay a modest registration fee. The fee is intended to cover only the direct costs (materials, etc.) incurred in conducting the workshop (see #4 below).

3. Workshops of interest to members of the Western Forensics Association are encouraged and will be programmed on Sunday evening, February 18, 2007, after completion of the WFA tournament.

4. Workshop proposals should include the following:

- (a) Title of the workshop
- (b) Names, full addresses, e-mail addresses, and affiliations of all presenters
- (c) Rationale and goals of the workshop
- (d) Outline and description of workshop activities
- (e) Room size and configuration requested (theater seating, etc.)
- (f) Equipment requirements
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- (g) Maximum enrollment
- (h) Fee amount, set in accordance with WSCA policy (see below)
- (i) Time-block requested (e.g., three hours, six hours)

5. Guide to setting fees for workshop leaders: WSCA has set \$5.00 as the base fee for any workshop. The first \$5.00 of each registrant's fee goes to cover convention costs. The fee above \$5.00 should be set at such a level as to provide reimbursement to the workshop leader(s) only for the cost of materials, equipment, and any out-of-the-ordinary expenses. Costs for equipment rental and costs of producing materials for participants must be covered within the overall fee that you specify. The Association cannot reimburse more money to a workshop leader than it receives from participant fees.

Special Note: If a part or all of a fee is proposed as covering an individual's expenses or as an honorarium, Sara Hayden must approve it prior to any commitment to the individual.

TWO copies of each workshop proposal should be mailed or sent as an email attachment (saved in MS Word) to Sara Hayden. The proposal must be **RECEIVED NO LATER THAN Friday, September 1, 2006.**

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IV. PRECONFERENCE

Suzanne Daughton, Southern Illinois University, is developing a preconference around the theme "Reframing Our Research for Social Change." The preconference will be held on **Saturday, February 17, 2007.** Further information is forthcoming. Interested parties are also invited to contact Suzanne Daughton at Department of Speech Communication, Southern Illinois University, MC 6605, Carbondale, IL 62901-6605; (608) 453-1887; Daughton@siu.edu

V. 4th ANNUAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS' RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The WSCA Second Vice President solicits submissions for the Undergraduate Scholars' Research Conference, to be held on Saturday, February 17, 2007. Undergraduates are invited to submit papers reporting original research (i.e., critical investigation, experimentation, or analysis leading to the discovery or creation of new facts, theories or interpretation or significant revisions of already existing ones, or the practical applications of these new or revised conclusions). Diverse philosophical, theoretical and methodological approaches are welcome. All authors on papers submitted must be undergraduate students. An awards ceremony follows the last presentation. For those students whose papers are accepted, WSCA will pay \$15 of the \$25 USRC registration. Paper submissions must be received by the WSCA Second Vice President by November 1, 2006; authors will be notified of paper acceptance by January 17, 2007.

VI. GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP & GRADUATE PROGRAMS' OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, February 17, 2007, the WSCA Second Vice President will host a WORKSHOP for advanced undergraduates and master's students who are considering pursuing a master's or doctoral degree in communication. The Workshop is designed (1) to introduce students to the benefits of graduate education, (2) to help them understand how to choose a graduate program that meets their needs, interests, and abilities, and (3) to gain insight into the realities of graduate school life by talking with current doctoral student peers and faculty mentors. The WSCA Second Vice President will also host a Graduate Programs' OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, February 17, 2007. Undergraduate and graduate students will meet with representatives from universities that have graduate programs in communication. Faculty and current graduate students who are interested in participating in the Workshop, and Graduate Program Directors at universities and colleges that offer graduate programs in communication who wish to participate in the Open House, should contact the Second Vice-President by September 1, 2006.