

Communication Theory & Research

Call for Competitive Papers and Programs

The Communication Theory & Research (CTR) Interest Group of WSCA welcomes competitive paper submissions and program proposals for the 2012 Annual Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. 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 2012 convention, the Division is particularly interested in papers and programs that:

1. Expand upon the convention theme, *Striving for Social Change*;
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

I. 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.

II. 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.

III. 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.

IV. 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, and institutional affiliations for 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 should not exceed a maximum of 30 pages of text (including references). Be sure to remove author names and any identifying information from the manuscript.

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

V. Electronic submissions must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. MST, Thursday, September 1, 2011. In your subject line please include “[Your Last Name] WSCA CTR Competitive Paper Submission.”

VI. Please e-mail your submission to: matthew_petrunia@fitnyc.edu

PROGRAM PROPOSALS

I. 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.

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

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Good luck!

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