

WESTERN STATES COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION

Annual Convention

Anchorage, Alaska March 5-9, 2010

CALL for

**Competitive Papers, Program Proposals,
Basic Course Conference, Pre-conference Proposals, Workshop Proposals,
Undergraduate Scholars' Research Conference (USRC),
and Graduate Students Workshop & Graduate Programs Open House**

“Power and Communication”

We may not want to acknowledge it, but power exists in all forms of human communication. Nevertheless, oftentimes power is perceived negatively (even as a form of violence) but since it subsists in our culture we should recognize, confront, and scrutinize it. The 2010 WSCA conference theme in Anchorage, Alaska “Power and Communication” encourages participants to think about and engage in the ways power is communicated in everyday life. Power is not confined to top down, imperializing power, but can include localized (bottom up) power and self empowerment through agency, subjectivity, and voice. Take this opportunity to examine, reflect upon, and critique how people implicitly, explicitly, consciously or perhaps unconsciously communicate power.

Heather Hundley, WSCA President-elect and 2010 Primary Program Planner

- I. Competitive Papers (deadline: *received by 9/1/09*) – Submit to interest group.
- II. Program Proposals (deadline: *received by 9/1/09*) – Submit to interest group.
- III. Basic Course Conference (deadline: *received by 9/1/09*) – Submit to Donna Gotch.
- IV. Pre-conference Proposals (deadline: *received by 9/1/09*) – Submit to Heather Hundley.
- V. Workshop Proposals (deadline: *received by 9/1/09*) – Submit to Heather Hundley.
- VI. Undergraduate Scholars' Research Conference (USRC) (deadline: *received by 12/1/09*) – Submit to WSCA Second Vice President.
- VII. Graduate Student Workshop & Graduate Programs Open House (deadline: *received by 1/1/10*) – Submit to WSCA Second Vice President.

For specific information about submitting to interest groups, visit the WSCA website http://www.westcomm.org/conventions/wsca-2010-anchorage/program_planners.asp

I. COMPETITIVE PAPERS

- A. Authors are encouraged to submit papers to the interest groups for competitive selection. Papers may employ any humanistic and/or scientific methodology(ies), theoretical developments, research criticisms, critical analyses, and in selected cases, works in progress. Submit each paper to **one** interest group only.

COMPETITIVE PAPERS SHOULD NOT:

1. HAVE BEEN PRESENTED AT ANOTHER CONFERENCE OR CONVENTION,

2. BE ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION, OR
3. HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED.

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

- B. Submitted papers should include the following:
1. A separate title page that includes the paper's title, names of all authors, affiliation(s), email address(es), phone number(s), and audio-visual requests*. This information should be included for each author and should be double-checked for accuracy.
*NOTE: Equipment availability is *extremely* limited. See the WSCA policy on Audio-Visual Equipment at Conventions in the Policies and Procedures Manual on the web site <http://www.westcomm.org/>
 2. A 250-500-word abstract of the paper (with title appearing on this page);
 3. A maximum of 30 pages of text;
 4. No information in the paper that identifies the author(s) (beyond that which appears on the title page).
- C. Submission: Specific information about submitting to interest groups will be posted on the WSCA website http://www.westcomm.org/conventions/wsca-2010-anchorage/program_planners.asp at the completion of the February 2009 convention and presented in the April 2009 *WSCA News*.
- D. 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 want to send your paper accepts "research in progress" before submitting it.
- E. Debut Award: The WSCA Executives Club Debut Award is made to the author and co-authors of a paper presented at the convention "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 bachelor's, master's, or doctoral student. Some interest groups also sponsor debut programs; papers need not be presented on a debut panel to be eligible for the Executives Club Debut Award.
- F. Competitive paper submissions must be **RECEIVED** by the interest-group planner **NO LATER THAN Tuesday, September 1, 2009**. Some interest groups allow or require that papers be submitted electronically, whereas others require paper submissions. **BE SURE TO CHECK THE INTEREST GROUP CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE ACCEPTABLE FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION.** For specific information about submitting to interest groups, visit the WSCA website http://www.westcomm.org/conventions/wsca-2010-anchorage/program_planners.asp

II. PROGRAM PROPOSALS

- A. 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 can be included or omitted as warranted. 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. Programs that relate to the convention theme, "Power and Communication," are encouraged.
- B. Program proposals must contain the following:
 1. Thematic title of the program;
 2. Names, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and affiliations of all participants;
 3. Title and brief description of each presentation;
 4. Equipment* needed for the program. *NOTE: Equipment availability is *extremely* limited. See the WSCA policy on Audio-Visual Equipment at Conventions in the Policies and Procedures Manual on the web site <http://www.westcomm.org/>
 5. Program proposals must be **RECEIVED** by the appropriate interest group planner **NO LATER THAN Tuesday, September 1, 2009**. Some interest groups allow or require that program proposals be submitted electronically; some allow paper submissions. Check the interest group call for papers for the acceptable format for submission. For specific information about submitting to interest groups, visit the WSCA website http://www.westcomm.org/conventions/wsca-2010-anchorage/program_planners.asp

III. BASIC COURSE CONFERENCE

- A. In keeping with the conference theme, the theme of the Basic Course Conference is, "Power and the Basic Course." Papers or presentations should examine such issues as the power of public speaking, building students' speaking power, teacher and student perceptions of power, use of the power in the classroom, balance of power, culture and power, power relationships within the classroom, and the like.
- B. The Basic Course Conference will be held Saturday, March 6, 2010 and will be coordinated by Donna Gotch of California State University, San Bernardino.
- C. If you are interested in presenting a paper or delivering a presentation contact Donna Gotch at dgotch@csusb.edu

IV. PRE-CONFERENCES

- A. Pre-conference proposals for the 2010 convention are invited. Those that relate to the general convention theme, "Power and Communication," are encouraged.
- B. Pre-conferences will be held Saturday, March 6, 2010.

- C. Please send pre-conference proposals electronically to the Primary Program Planner, Heather Hundley at hhundley@csusb.edu
- D. Be sure to include as much of the following information as possible:
 - 1. Title of the pre-conference;
 - 2. Names, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and affiliations of those planning the pre-conference;
 - 3. A rationale for the pre-conference;
 - 4. Relevant expertise;
 - 5. Equipment* needed for the program. *NOTE: Equipment availability is *extremely* limited. See the WSCA policy on Audio-Visual Equipment at Conventions in the Policies and Procedures Manual on the web site <http://www.westcomm.org/>
- E. A call for pre-conference participation will be published in a Fall issue of *WSCA News*.
- F. Address any questions, concepts, and concerns to the Primary Program Planner, Heather Hundley at hhundley@csusb.edu

V. WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

- A. 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.
- B. Workshops are scheduled for the first full day of the convention, Saturday, March 6. Participants pay a modest registration fee. The fee is intended to cover only the direct costs (materials, etc.) incurred in conducting the workshop (see E below).
- C. Workshops of interest to members of the *Western Forensics Association* are encouraged and will be programmed on Sunday evening, March 7, 2010 after completion of the WFA tournament.
- D. Workshop proposals should include the following:
 - 1. Title of the workshop;
 - 2. Names, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and affiliations of all presenters;
 - 3. Rationale and goals of the workshop;
 - 4. Outline and description of workshop activities;
 - 5. Room size and configuration requested (theater seating, etc.);
 - 6. Equipment* requirements; *NOTE: Equipment availability is *extremely* limited. See the WSCA policy on Audio-Visual Equipment at Conventions in the Policies and Procedures Manual on the web site <http://www.westcomm.org/>
 - 7. Maximum enrollment;
 - 8. Fee amount, set in accordance with WSCA policy (see below);
 - 9. Time-block requested (e.g., three hours, six hours).
- E. 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 is to cover administrative 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 audio-

visual and other 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. **Note:** If a part or all of a fee is proposed as covering an individual's expenses or as an honorarium, Heather Hundley must approve it prior to any commitment to the individual.

- F. Workshop proposals should be sent as an email attachment (saved in MS Word) to Heather Hundley at hhundley@csusb.edu and must be RECEIVED NO LATER THAN Tuesday, September 1, 2009.

VI. 7th ANNUAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The WSCA Second Vice President solicits submissions for the Undergraduate Scholars' Research Conference to be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010. *Undergraduate students 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. **Undergraduate student paper submissions must be received by WSCA Second Vice President by December 1, 2009;** authors will be notified of paper acceptance by January 15, 2010.

VII. GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP & GRADUATE PROGRAMS OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, March 6, 2010, 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. Also, the WSCA Second Vice President will host a Graduate Programs OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, March 6, 2010. 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 and representatives at universities offering graduate programs in Communication who wish to participate in the Open House, should contact the WSCA Second Vice President by **January 1, 2010**.