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Roger W. Bowen is a consultant for the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges and served as General Secretary of the American Association of University Professors from 2004 to 2007. He was President of and Professor of Political Science at the State University of New York at New Paltz, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of International Affairs at Hollins College, and, in addition to being Professor of Government at Colby College in Maine, held several administrative positions there. Since 1981 he has been an Associate in Research at the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard University.

Bowen earned his B.A. at Wabash College (Indiana), his master's degree at the University of Michigan, his doctoral degree in political science from the University of British Columbia, and was awarded a Ministry of Education (Japan) Post-Doctoral Fellowship.

He is author of *Rebellion and Democracy in Meiji*, *Innocence is Not Enough: The Life and Death of Herbert Norman*, and *Japan's Dysfunctional Democracy* as well as many book and journal articles dealing with such issues as human rights in Japan, Japan's foreign policy, academic freedom in the United States, and US foreign policy.

Bowen has served on various public service boards, was a member of the Presidents' Network for International Education, chaired the Committee on Global Priorities and Responsibilities for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and is

serving a second term on the Commission on International Education of the American Council on Education.

He is the recipient of two honorary degrees and numerous honors and awards, including the American Association of University Professors Alexander Meiklejohn Award for his defense of academic freedom.

The 2008 WSCA Keynote Address will be Sunday, February 17, 10:10 a.m.

WSCA 5th Annual Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference

**by
Heather Hundley, Second Vice President**

As you plan your syllabi and fall terms, please consider including a research paper for your students to submit to the WSCA Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference. This opportunity demonstrates WSCA's commitment to our undergraduates' scholarly development and success. Students can benefit by

meeting each other and learning of each others' research interests, meeting and receiving supportive feedback from scholars, and having the academic conference process demystified. Faculty respondents can also benefit from supporting undergraduates' scholarly growth and meeting (and recruiting) some of the discipline's future scholars.



Call for Papers

**WSCA Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference
Sponsored by WSCA, the Executives Club, & Bedford/St. Martin's**

When & Where? **Saturday, February 16, 2008**, at Omni Interlocken Resort Hotel in Denver/Boulder, Colorado

What is the USRC? The USRC is an annual gathering (now in its fifth year) of undergraduate researchers to share original research in the form of critical investigation, experimentation, or analysis. We welcome papers from a diverse range of philosophical, theoretical, and methodological approaches to the study of communication.

Deadlines and particulars: Papers must be received by 5p.m. (PST) on December 1, 2007. Please submit papers to Professor Heather Hundley as a Word document attachment to electronic mail (hhundley@csusb.edu). Please include all author contact information (name, mailing address, email address, affiliation, and phone number) on a separate page from the title page. Papers should be composed of no more than thirty total pages. Students who submit papers must be undergraduate students at the time of submission. Students should not submit more than one essay for which they serve as primary author. Co-authored or multi-authored papers are welcome, but by students only.

Spread the word! Please announce in your classes and distribute to advisors,

colleagues, and student organizations. For more information, please contact the USRC Coordinator, Heather Hundley (hhundley@csusb.edu).

WSCA Convention Graduate Programs Open House

by
Heather Hundley, Second Vice President

On **Saturday, February 16, 2008**, at the WSCA Convention, WSCA will sponsor a Graduate Programs Open House. The Open House is an excellent opportunity for representatives from graduate degree granting universities with programs in Communication to meet with undergraduate and master's students who are interested in pursuing advanced degrees. Participants in the Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference will be among those students who attend. Graduate Program Directors who wish to participate in the Open House should contact Second Vice-President Heather Hundley (hhundley@csusb.edu) by **September 17, 2007**.



Call for Nominations: Editor-elect, Communication Reports

by Bill Cupach, Publications Committee Chair

The WSCA Publications Committee is searching for candidates for the position of editor-elect for *Communication Reports*. The new editor will be responsible for volumes 23, 24, and 25 (years 2010-2012), and can anticipate processing manuscripts beginning late in 2008. WSCA helps to offset some editorial costs (e.g., funding for editorial assistants, mailing, etc.). Nominations, including self-nominations, should be supported by the following documentation:



- Letter of self-nomination (or letter expressing willingness to serve if not self-nominated), including a statement of proposed plans and editorial vision
- Current curriculum vita
- A letter from a responsible administrator pleading adequate host institutional support and outlining nature of support
- Names and phone numbers of professional references qualified to assess the candidate's preparation/ability to carry out the editor's tasks

The deadline for nominations is October 15, 2007. Questions can be directed to Publications Committee Chair William Cupach (email: wrcupac@ilstu.edu). Nominations should be sent by conventional mail or by email to:

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**Call for the 11th International Conference on Language and Social Psychology
Tucson, Arizona: July 16-20th, 2008**



The conference will feature distinguished keynote speakers, innovative scholarly exchange opportunities, shared meals, receptions, as well as opportunities to experience Tucson's unique desert and mountain environments. In July the weather will be hot during the day, but you can expect pleasant mornings and evenings, and the occasional cooling desert thunderstorm – it's monsoon time! Wilderness areas of worldwide renown are nearby: Saguaro National Park and the Catalina Mountains are within a half hour drive of the city center, and the Grand Canyon is within driving distance. Tucson features numerous art and historical museums, fine restaurants, world-class golf, the University of Arizona and a truly multicultural environment.

Call for Symposia, Papers and Abstracts

- To receive full consideration, submissions must be submitted before February 1st 2008. Submissions received after February 1st, 2008 may be accepted on a space available basis.
- Proposals should be sent in electronic form (single file: .txt, .rtf, .pdf, or .doc format) to Jake Harwood at jharwood@u.arizona.edu. Please put "ICLASP 11 submission" in the subject line.
- All proposals received by February 1st will be reviewed and individuals will be notified of the status of their submissions by March 1st, 2008. Submissions received after February 1st will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.
- All submissions must include complete contact information for all authors.
- All submissions must be in English.
- Submissions will be accepted in two forms: Symposia or individual papers/abstracts. Details for each are provided below.

Symposia submissions should be a single file containing:

- The name and complete contact information for the single individual responsible for the symposium.
- An 250 word maximum introduction to the thematic content of the symposium
- A list of the individual presentations, including a brief abstract of each and the names, professional affiliations, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of each presenter. A typical symposium will include at least 4 presenters.

Individual paper/abstract submissions should be a single file containing:

- The names and complete contact information for all authors and
- A clear indication of which author(s) will present the paper
- The title of the paper
- Either an extended abstract of the paper (180-250 words in length) or a regular abstract (120 words max) and a complete paper.

**The 11th International Conference on Language and Social Psychology
Tucson, Arizona
Date: July 16-20th, 2008**

Highlights

- Distinguished keynote speakers: Howard Giles, Chris Segrin, Bonny Norton, Jon Nussbaum, and Tadasu Todd Imahori
- Panel presentations on communication and aging, language and culture, critical and applied approaches to discourse, and language in healthcare
- Innovative scholarly exchange opportunities
- Shared meals, receptions, and opportunities to experience the desert
- Everything that you'd expect from an ICLASP conference!

The Setting

Tucson is a growing metropolis of 900,000. The city's [geography](#) is a postcard image of cactus forests, rolling hills, and craggy mountains. [National and State Parks and Forests](#) ring the city. Tucson lies in the borderland, a region that blends the cultures of the United States and Mexico, and has a long [history](#) of settlement by Native Americans, Spanish explorers, and Anglo pioneers. In July the weather will be hot during the day, but you can expect pleasant mornings and evenings, and the occasional cooling desert thunderstorm – it's monsoon time!



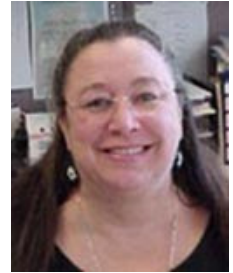
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WSCA Members Elected to NCA Positions

WSCA members are pleased that four of our members were recently elected to leadership positions in the National Communication Association. These individuals are:

Dawn O. Braithwaite, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
NCA Second Vice President



Brenda Allen, University of Colorado, Denver
At-Large Member of the Legislative Assembly

Ann Darling, University of Utah
At-Large Member of Committee on Committees



Sherry Morreale, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
At-Large Member of Committee on Committees

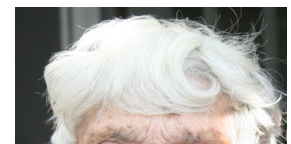
In Memoriam: Mary G. McEdwards

by

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Mary G. McEdwards (1923 – 2007)
Emerita Professor of Communication Studies
California State University at Northridge

Mary was a founding member of the department of Speech at



San Fernando Valley State College, later CSU Northridge. She started her undergraduate education in Michigan, where she met and married Jim McEdwards. In 1956 they moved to Southern California and when her youngest child entered first grade, she returned to school. She completed her B.A. degree in 1959 and her M.A. in 1960. She taught part time until she was hired as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Speech in 1963. She was a full professor at her retirement in 1988.

Mary was a committed mentor and advocate for women, especially for returning students. In the 1970s she and colleague Elizabeth Berry developed and team-taught a course titled *The Rhetoric of Women's Liberation*, the first of two courses on women in the university. The other course was *The Psychology of Women*. Elizabeth recalls that there were no books for the course, so they put together a reader using a set of articles from academic and popular media sources. Thus began Mary's long career as a one-woman clippings service. Department faculty would regularly find xeroxed copies of articles on feminism and women's rights, with a note from Mary highlighting what we could learn from these. *The Rhetoric of Women's Liberation* course later became *Woman as a Rhetorical Force*, and still exists today as *Communication Studies 435, Rhetoric of Women*. Mary was a passionate, compelling teacher. In her courses students learned to write well and argue with precision and eloquence. She modeled these skills in her own teaching and her campus leadership.

She was the first woman to be elected President of the campus Faculty Senate in 1972 leading the institution during its transition from San Fernando Valley State College to California State University, Northridge. She was an elected representative to the Academic Senate of the California State University and Colleges. Mary was an organizer and the first President of the California Speech Association from 1969-72.

Mary was interested in history and loved research. She wrote on the political and legal roots of the feminist movement and did extensive research on radical suffragist Alice Paul, founder of the National Women's Party in 1916 and original author of the Equal Rights Amendment. She also wrote on *Agitative Rhetoric*, and on Upton Sinclair.

When she retired, she took on the role of Alumni Liaison for the department and was the creator of *AlumNews*, the department newsletter that she edited until the turn of the millennium.

The family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Mary McEdwards Fund of the Department of Communication Studies. The McEdwards Award is given each year to an outstanding returning student.

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