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## September 1 is the Deadline for WSCA Submissions

(except the Undergraduate Students Research Conference)

WSCA Anchorage offers something for everyone -- new research, new ideas, new friends, and new adventures. So take some time in the next couple of weeks to prepare your panel or manuscript. The **September 1 deadline** will be here soon!

### Anchorage 2010

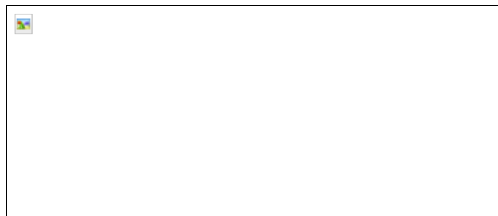
## Anchorage Buzzing With Activity During WSCA Meeting



from the Rondy website

The 75th anniversary Anchorage Fur Rendezvous, also known as "The Rondy," will be held February 26-March 7, 2010. While the start of the Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race is the highlight of this event, it is truly an all-city winter carnival, including a carnival, dog sled rides, ice sculpture contests, an old time melodrama, native dancing and crafts, games, the Tour of Anchorage amateur cross-country ski marathon, and the Miner's and Trapper's Ball.

But, don't just take our word for it. Watch this:



[Fur Rondy Trailer 2010](#) from [susan I trussell](#) on [Vimeo](#).

## Anchorage 2010

# Communication Theory & Research Interest Group Issues Call

by Sara L. McKinnon, University of New Mexico

The Communication Theory & Research (CTR) Interest Group of WSCA welcomes competitive paper submissions and program proposals for the 2010 Annual Convention in Anchorage, Alaska. 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 2010 convention, the Division is particularly interested in papers and programs that:

1. Expand upon the convention theme, "Power and Communication"
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

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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, institutional affiliations of 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 a maximum of 30 pages of texts (including references). Remove author names and any identifying information from the manuscript.

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

5. Electronic submissions must be received no later than 11:59pm MST, Tuesday, September 1, 2009. In your subject line please include "[Your Last Name] WSCA CTR Competitive Paper Submission."

Please send to the email address of:

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### PROGRAM PROPOSALS

1. 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.

2. All program proposals should be submitted by e-mail attachment. Please use RTF or MS Word (doc or docx) format for all documents. Submitted program proposals should include two separate attachments:

A. A title page with the title of the program and the name, address, phone, e-mail, and institutional affiliation of each participant. Also include any audio-visual requests. NOTE: Equipment availability is extremely limited. See WSCA Policy on the Use of Audio-Visual Equipment at Conventions.

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

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

3. Electronic submissions must be received no later than 11:59pm MST, Tuesday, September 1, 2009. In your subject line please include "[Your Last Name] WSCA PSIG Program Proposal Submission."

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## **Media Studies (MSIG) Invites Submissions**



by Christina Foust, University of Denver

We hope you'll join us for the 2010 WSCA convention in Anchorage, Alaska, March 5-9, 2010. The theme for this year's convention is "Power and Communication." MSIG is now accepting submissions for papers and program proposals for competitive selection: Note that the deadline for submission is September 1, 2009 (about 3 weeks away), and all submissions should be sent to Christina Foust at this email address ([cfoust@du.edu](mailto:cfoust@du.edu)).

Submitted competitive papers to the MSIG must include: 1) A title page with title of paper, names of all authors, and their address, phone numbers, email addresses, and affiliations (this page will not be shared with reviewers). Please also include requests for A/V equipment (note that equipment availability is limited). 2) A 250-500 word abstract of the paper with title appearing on same page as the abstract. 3) A maximum of 25 pages of text.

Papers should not have been presented at another conference or convention, nor should they be published or accepted for publication. No identifications of the author(s) should appear in the paper beyond the title page.

To be eligible for the WSCA Top Debut Paper award, papers submitted by first-time authors should be marked with "DEBUT" in the top of right-hand corner of the title page. To be eligible for the Top Student Paper Award, all undergraduate or graduate students should designate their papers with "STUDENT PAPER" in the top right-hand corner of the title page.

Program proposals should be thematically unified. The MSIG encourages a range of program formats, including chair and individual presenters, round-tables, off-site venues, and other formats. The MSIG also encourages co-sponsorship with other interest groups. Program proposals must include: 1) Thematic title for the program; 2) Names, address, phone numbers, email addresses, and affiliations of all participants; 3) Title and abstract for each individual presentation; 4) A/V Equipment needed for the program. Please note: Equipment availability is limited.

Again, all papers and panel proposals must be submitted electronically (as a Word or RTF document) to the Program Planner (Christina Foust, [cfoust@du.edu](mailto:cfoust@du.edu)); and the deadline for all submissions is September 1, 2009. If you have questions, please contact Christina Foust at [cfoust@du.edu](mailto:cfoust@du.edu), or 303-871-4330. We look forward to seeing you at the Idirarod!

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**Anchorage 2010**

**"Power and the Basic Course" seeks submissions**



by Donna Gotch, California State University, San Bernardino

Join me on Saturday, March 6 in Anchorage for the Basic Course Conference! The basic course will focus on our convention theme "Power and Communication". 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 power in the classroom, balance of power, culture and power, power relationships within the classroom, and the like. I look forward to receiving your proposals and seeing you in Anchorage.

Please submit your basic course proposal by September 1, 2009 to Donna Gotch, WSCA Basic Course Conference Coordinator at [dgotch@csusb.edu](mailto:dgotch@csusb.edu).

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**Anchorage 2010**

**Plan your Fall Syllabus with the USRC in Mind**



by Cindy Griffin, Colorado State University

The Undergraduate Scholars Research conference is an extraordinary opportunity for undergraduate scholars and researchers. Students share original research in the form of critical investigation, experimentation, or analysis at our annual Western States Communication Association convention. We welcome papers from a diverse range of philosophical, theoretical, and methodological approaches to the study of communication. And, the USRC gives undergraduate scholars a place in which to showcase their work and receive feedback from experienced scholars.

The WSCA 2010 convention will be in Anchorage, Alaska, March 5-9. The USRC typically is held at the start of that convention, and we are planning to organize the conference so that our student scholars can attend many of the activities that are bringing us to Anchorage. Log on to WSCA's website for a fantastic slide show of Anchorage and the events planned for the convention.

Undergraduate students benefit from participating in the research conference by crafting and sharing a professional presentation, meeting other undergraduate scholars from the Western region and the U.S., learning about each others' research interests, receiving supportive feedback from scholars in the field and learning about graduate studies in communication.

The deadline for paper submissions still is far off: December 1, 2009. However, it's not too early to let students know of this fantastic opportunity and to begin helping them plan their submissions. In fact, planning a final paper deadline for a course you are teaching before December 1 could encourage students to submit their work to the USRC. Papers should be between 18-25 pages in length. *Students who submit must be undergraduate students at the time of submission.* Students should not submit more than one paper for which they serve as primary author. Co-authored papers are welcome.

Professors and instructors, please spread the word! Please announce in your classes and distribute the call to advisors, colleagues, and student organizations. WSCA is working on securing some financial support for our undergraduate scholars so they can travel with us to Alaska, as well. For more information, please contact USRC Coordinator, Cindy Griffin ([cindy.griffin@colostate.edu](mailto:cindy.griffin@colostate.edu)).

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## Call for Nominations

### Model Communication Program Award



by Bernadette Marie Calafell, University of Denver

The Model Communication Program Award Committee invites applications for the WSCA Model Communication Program Award to be presented at the next Western States Communication Association meeting in Anchorage, Alaska (March 2010). This award is open to any size program from community colleges or high schools in the Western States. Up to two (2) awards may be presented to a community college and a high school in any given year.

The recipient of the WSCA MCPA receives recognition at the annual convention and a showcase panel where they share their success story following the awards banquet. The application deadline for 2010 award is November 1, 2009. Applications should not exceed 2500 words and should address the following criteria:

1. Describe your institution in terms of geographic location, population served, administrative support, funding systems, ratio of full-time/part-time faculty, and any other variable helpful in creating a snapshot of your institution.
2. How is your program a Model in Teaching? How does the program integrate current and/or best practices for teaching communication in their curriculum? Include descriptions of course offerings, teaching innovations, certificates, degrees, curricular design and innovation.
3. How is your program a Model in Service? Include descriptions of service to your students, your program, your institution, and/or your community. Either list service by individual faculty members or as a department. This category includes forensic teams, service learning, internships, committee memberships, etc.
4. How is your program a Model in Research and/or Creative Works? Include descriptions of internal or external grants, articles, reviews, training programs and/or other methods of creating or using current research from the field of Communication Studies.
5. How has your program effectively used resources available to create a Model Communication Program? Include administrative support, integrating broader curricular and co-curricular activities, and encouraging development of specialized areas to reflect the breadth and depth of the field.

Nominations should include at least two letters of support (one from the school or college; the other from either a former student or someone outside the program) that detail the program's success in meeting the above criteria. Additional supporting documents, such as descriptions of course curriculum and innovative teaching methods are encouraged. Nominations should be sent to Bernadette Marie Calafell, Department of Human Communication, University of Denver, Sturm Hall 200, Denver, CO 80208. Questions about the award and/or the nomination process may be directed to Bernadette Calafell at [bcalafel@du.edu](mailto:bcalafel@du.edu).

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## Communication Reports

### Editor Issues Call, Upcoming Contents, Submissions & Acceptances



by Bill Sharkey, Editor, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

#### **Call for Submissions**

CR publishes original manuscripts that are short, data/text-based, and related to the broadly defined field of human communication. The mission of the journal is to showcase exemplary scholarship without censorship based on topics, methods, or analytical tools. Articles that are purely speculative or theoretical, and not data analytic, are not appropriate for this journal. Authors are expected to devote a substantial portion of the manuscript to analyzing and reporting research data. Research articles should 5000 words or less. This restriction includes the abstract, text of the document, references,

footnotes, appendices, and the captions for tables and figures, but longer manuscripts may be considered. If you are not sure of the appropriateness of your manuscript in terms of its length or content, please contact the Editor, Bill Sharkey, at [creports@hawaii.edu](mailto:creports@hawaii.edu).

### **Communication Reports Vol 22:**

Issue #1 (January – June 2009):

Media Dependence and Relational Maintenance in Interpersonal Relationships (*Rebecca Chory & Sara Banfield*)

The Power of Sharing Negative Information in a Dyadic Context (*Jina Yoo*)

A Functional Approach to Interpersonal Argument: Differences between Public-Issue and Personal-Issue Arguments (*Amy Johnson*)

Video Games Make People Violent—Well, Maybe Not That Game: Effects of Content and Person Abstraction on Perceptions of Violent Video Games' Effects and Support of Censorship (*James Ivory & Sriram Kalyanaraman*)

Issue #2 (July – December, 2009):

A Meta-Analysis of the Effectiveness of the Disrupt-Then-Reframe Compliance Gaining Technique (*Christopher Carpenter & Franklin Boster*)

The Effects of Topic Type and Personalization of Conflict on Assessments of Fallacies (*Dale Hample, Anita Sells, and Ana Valázquez*)

Sender-Recipient Perspectives of Honest but Hurtful Evaluative Messages in Romantic Relationships (*Shuangyue Zhang*)

Exploration of the Relationship between Self-Esteem, Commitment, and Verbal Aggressiveness in Romantic Dating Relationships (*Loreen Olson, Leslie, Rill, Elizabeth Baiocchi, Megan Hopper, and Katherine Denker*)

### **Communication Reports Acceptance Rates**

(August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009)

Original (i.e., new 1st round) Manuscripts Submitted to <i>Comm Reports</i> (this does NOT include revised and resubmitted manuscripts)	60
<i>Manuscript Actions:</i>	
Manuscripts withdrawn by Editor before review process (length, not Comm related, not data/text based)	13
Manuscript withdrawn by author(s) after first round of reviews	01
Manuscripts rejected first round	32
Revise and Resubmit (R&R) Manuscripts	06
Manuscripts under first round of review	05
Total Number of Accepted Manuscripts	03
<b>Total Acceptance Rate</b>	<b>5% (3/60)</b>

<i>Average time for first round reviews**</i>	41 days
<i>Min/Max time for first round reviews **</i>	1 – 82 days
<i>Median time for first round reviews**</i>	41 days

\*\*Note: Does not include the thirteen "Manuscripts withdrawn by Editor before review process"

Review time for decisions made on the 60 original manuscript submissions:

00 - 30 days	32 manuscripts
31 - 60 days	15 manuscripts
61 - 90 days	13 manuscripts

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## Obituaries

### Todd Imahori, Former WSCA Editor, Dies

The following obituary was posted to *CRTNET News* by Masaki Matsunaga:

Tadasu Todd Imahori (Ph.D., 1986, Ohio University), professor of Communication Studies of the Department of Foreign Languages, Seinan Gakuin University, Fukuoka, Japan, passed away on July 17.

Having worked at Illinois State University, New School, and San Francisco State University before assuming his position at Seinan Gakuin, Dr. Imahori helped link the academia across the Pacific Ocean. He also served a number of administration positions including the President of the Communication Association of Japan and Chair of the NCA International and Intercultural Communication Division. Dr. Imahori has published numerous articles and book chapters throughout his career. Productive and active in research, he advanced the field in the area of identity management, Japan-U.S. comparison of facework, and intercultural communication.



Dr. Imahori also was a great educator. He never hesitated to help out students and devoted most of his time to give advice and guide students, nurturing them under his big wings. He also was enthusiastic in establishing the field of communication studies as a visible and respectable one in Japan. Being the President of the Communication Association of Japan, Dr. Imahori undertook a great deal of revolutionary work. Particularly, he trusted and provided young scholars with a lot of opportunities to perform their full potential. He was a truly selfless, dedicated, wonderful teacher.

Colleague Akira Miyahara writes:

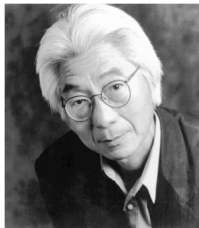
"Todd and I along with another professor of communication were on the golf course when he suddenly collapsed and died of a massive heart attack on Friday, July 17. It was a hot humid day, which may have caused some dehydration and triggered the heart failure. It was sudden and Todd stopped breathing within minutes after he fell on the golf course. There was nothing anybody could do.

"He is survived by his wife Junko and a thirteen-year-old daughter, Minori. All of us in the Department of English, the entire university, and also CAJ (Communication Association of Japan) of which he was serving as president will miss him so much. He was a great scholar, teacher, and administrator, not to mention a great mentor not only to his students but to all of us."

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## Obituaries

### Ronald Takaki, WSCA Featured Speaker, Dies



Ronald Takaki, the Kickoff Speaker for the 2004 WSCA Conference in Albuquerque, died on May 26, 2009. He was a pioneer in the field of ethnic studies. Below are a few links to additional information about Takaki's life and work:

[Los Angeles Times obituary](#)

[San Francisco Chronicle obituary](#)

[Wikipedia entry for Ronald Takaki](#)

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