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HEALTH COMMUNICATION

NCA Division Monthly Newsletter

Executive Committee Members

Welcome to our newly-elected executive committee members:



Vice-Chair Elect

Dr. Charee M. Thompson, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



Secretary

Dr. Anna M. Kerr, Ohio University



Vice-Chair, DE&I Committee

Dr. Amanda R. Martinez, Davidson College



Member, DE&I Committee

Dr. Wei Peng, Washington State University



Legislative Assembly Representative

Dr. Grace Ellen Brannon, University of Texas at Arlington

Other Executive Committee Members::

- Immediate Past Chair: Dr. Ambar Basu, University of South Florida
- Chair: Dr. Leandra H. Hernández, Utah Valley University
- Vice Chair: Dr. Jill Yamasaki, University of Houston
- Graduate Student Representative: Kelsey Binion, IUPUI, Indianapolis
- DEI Committee Chair: Dr. Rati Kumar, San Diego State University

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FREEDOM

NCA 109TH ANNUAL CONVENTION | NOVEMBER 16-19, 2023 | NATIONAL HARBOR, MARYLAND

NCA 109th Annual Convention

“Freedom” | November 16-19, 2023 | National Harbor, Maryland

Call for Submissions

The Health Communication Division invites submissions for the 2023 convention in National Harbor, Maryland, related to the practice, critique, theory, research, and teaching of health communication. We welcome a variety of theoretical, empirical, and methodological approaches in several formats, including Extended Abstracts for Research in Progress (Collaboration Spaces), Individual Papers, and Panel Discussions.

This year, NCA First Vice President Dr. Marnel Niles Goins encourages submitters to consider the following questions related to the convention theme “Freedom”:

- What does it mean to be free?
- Is freedom, simply, the state of not being imprisoned or enslaved?
- Where do we find freedom and how do we get there?
- Are we free now?
- Has freedom been reached in the past?
- Is freedom a goal of the future?
- Who is free?

Submissions must observe NCA submission guidelines, as well as the specific requirements that follow. Student-only submissions (i.e., all authors are students) are eligible for the Top Student Paper Award, and student-led submissions (i.e., student is first author, faculty member is co-author) are eligible for the Top Paper Awards. All submitters will also be expected to review.

All submitters are encouraged to review the Professional Standards for Convention Participants prior to submission. Helpful resources, including live and recorded “how to submit” step-by-step instructions, are available in the Convention Resource Library.

For questions, please contact:

Jill Yamasaki: jyamasaki@uh.edu

Program Planner, Health Communication Division

Valenti School of Communication, University of Houston



Submission Deadline:
Thursday, March 30, 2023
11:59p PST / 2:59a EST



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Types of Submissions

Visit [NCA Convention Central](#) for complete submission details.

Research in Progress (Collaboration Spaces): Projects that are fully conceptualized but prior to or in the early stages of analysis, interpretation, critique, or data collection. 500-700 word submissions (excluding title, keywords, and references). Authors are expected to read the submissions of the other presenters before the session to cultivate discussion. Please use the "Extended Abstract" option for these submissions.

Individual Papers (Traditional Paper or Data Blitz): Individual papers that will be accepted for presentation in traditional sessions or Data Blitz sessions (3-4 minute presentations of results followed by discussion among participants). All papers must adhere to the formatting requirements: maximum of 25 double-spaced pages, 1-inch margins, 12-point font, APA 7th Edition, and uploaded as a pdf. All identifying author(s) information (names, institutions, hidden document properties) must be removed from the submission.

Panel Discussion (Traditional Panels or Spotlight Panels): A discussion panel of scholars, practitioners, or a combination of both. Panels may be traditional panels or spotlight panels. *Traditional Panels* are tied to key area(s) of focus in health communication and/or to the conference theme. *Spotlight Panels* engage with health communication as it relates to issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion. These panels may combine scholars from diverse university structures to discuss teaching health communication, showcase ways in which health is performed in everyday lives, locally and globally, or engage with topics that bridge issues of health across multiple NCA units. All panels should include at least five presenters from at least three different institutions. Spotlight panels should include a facilitator who will present themes and questions from the presentations to engage panel participants and the audience.

Call for Reviewers - We need your help!





Please consider volunteering as a paper/panel reviewer for the Health Communication Division (HCD) in preparation for NCA's 109th annual convention.



Complete this [brief questionnaire](#) to indicate your willingness to review by **March 1, 2023**.

Contact Jill Yamasaki, 2023 program planner, at jyamasaki@uh.edu with any questions.

NCA Helpful Links

-  [Convention Website](#)
-  [Call for Papers](#)
-  [Convention Resource Library](#)
-  [Submission Website](#)



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Division Elections - Vote Now!

We have three important positions that need voting on by our membership:

- Legislative Assembly Representative
- Graduate Student Representative
- Reviewers to serve on our awards committees

Voting closes **February 10th, 11:59 PST**. Reach out with questions to Vice Chair-Elect Charee Thompson (charee@illinois.edu).



CLICK HERE TO CAST YOUR VOTE.

New Issue: Qualitative Research in Medicine and Healthcare

Volume 6, Issue 3 of *Qualitative Research in Medicine & Healthcare* is now available online:

- Review of Jan Doolittle Wilson's *Becoming Disabled: Forging a Disability View of the World* (Monika Shehi Herr, University of South Carolina Upstate)
- "Using Qualitative Data to Inform the Adaptation of a Stroke Preparedness Health Intervention" (Mellanie V. Springer, University of Michigan Medical School, et al.)
- "Near-Death Experiences and the Change of Worldview in Survivors of Sudden Cardiac Arrest: A Phenomenological and Hermeneutical Study" (Hans Zinkmark, Halland Hospital & Anetth Granberg-Axèll, Institute for Clinical Sciences Malmö, Lund University)
- Editorial: "Editorial Tips on Publishing Qualitative Research in Medicine & Healthcare"

Editor Wren Bareiss is also looking for a book review editor. If interested, please send a brief statement of interest and a CV to bareiss@uscupstate.edu.

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Wren Bareiss, University of South Carolina Upstate
Editor, *Qualitative Research in Medicine & Healthcare*

IUPUI Petronio Communication Privacy Management Dissertation Fellowship

The IUPUI Petronio Communication Privacy Management Dissertation Fellowship supports an annual fellowship to an outstanding doctoral student from a United States accredited university who has completed coursework and successfully defended a dissertation proposal that utilizes Communication Privacy Management (CPM) theory and research. The Fellowship awards up to \$10,000 and may be used to support additional research and dissertation writing, critical stages in the dissertation process that are often difficult to fund through other means, which may include, but not be limited to, expenditures for travel, materials, or general activities related to the successful completion of a dissertation, which may also include a stipend paid to the fellow through the university where the fellow is pursuing their PhD. The recipient must present the results of their dissertation to IUPUI stakeholders that include faculty and students in the IUPUI Department of Communication Studies.

Click [here](#) for application instructions, eligibility requirements, and awards timeline.

2023 ICA/NCA Health Communication Thesis and Dissertation Awards

ICA and NCA are pleased to release a call for outstanding master's theses and doctoral dissertations in the area of health communication. A cash award is given in the amount of \$500 each for the top dissertation and top thesis. Each year, a committee composed of leaders from the Health Communication Divisions of the ICA and NCA reviews master's theses and doctoral dissertations submitted for consideration. Authors of the top-rated thesis and top-rated dissertation (and their faculty advisors) are recognized at the Annual Division Business Meeting during ICA's conference.

In 2010, the Thesis of the Year Award was renamed the Amanda L. Kundrat Health Communication Thesis of the Year thanks to an endowment created by the Kundrat family for that award. Amanda passed away on January 21st, 2003 while a doctoral candidate in the Department of Communication Arts and Sciences. Her passion for health communication was rooted in both her personal and academic understanding of the healthcare system. Amanda's MA thesis previously won the Thesis of the Year Award.

The Dissertation Award is given in honor of the late Abby Prestin, an exemplary health communication scholar and person, who tragically passed away on September 3, 2014 at the age of 34 after a year-long battle with lymphoma. Both her MA Thesis and PhD Dissertations won these awards and the Dissertation Award is endowed by her family and friends.

For more information about these endowments and ways for you to contribute to this fund, please go to <https://www.icahdq.org/donations/> and look for the two funds alphabetized under the name "Health Communication."

REQUIREMENTS & INSTRUCTIONS

To be considered for the 2023 awards, theses and dissertations must have been completed (defended and approved) between 1 September 2020 and 31 December 2022. This extended eligibility period is intended to accommodate those who were unable to complete their thesis or dissertation on time to be considered for last year's award cycle due to the effects of the pandemic. Individuals may nominate themselves, but advisors must be notified of the nomination. Only first-time nominations for each award will be considered. Thesis and dissertation nominations will be evaluated by a panel of officers and members of the ICA and NCA Health Communication Divisions, with the ICA Chair serving as the award coordinator.

The nomination packet should include (a) a cover letter with the name, postal address, telephone number and email address of the nominee and their advisor(s) and completion date of the thesis or dissertation, and (b) a summary (excluding title page and references) of the thesis or dissertation not exceeding 5 pages (8" x 11" page, Times New Roman 12 point font, double-spaced, one-inch margins on all sides, and in English; not counting title page and references). The 5-page summary should describe clearly and concisely the study's rationale, theoretical framework, research questions, methods, results, and conclusions. Care should be taken to mask the identity of the author within the text of the summary. The summary should include a title page that contains only the title of the thesis or dissertation. Complete or chapters of theses or dissertations will not be accepted for review. Reviewers will be instructed not to read beyond the first 5 pages of text. PLEASE SUBMIT PACKET AS A MS WORD DOCUMENT—NOT AS A PDF.

On or before March 17th, a slate of up to 3 finalists for each award will be selected by the evaluation committee. Finalists will be invited to submit an extended integrated summary of the thesis or dissertation not exceeding 30 pages (double-spaced, one-inch margins on all sides, and in English). These summaries will be reviewed by the committee and the award winners will be selected from among the finalists.

Send an electronic copy of the nomination packet including cover letter and 5-page summary to:

Lourdes S. Martinez

Chair, ICA Health Communication Division

Email: lsmartinez@sdsu.edu

The deadline for receipt of the nomination packets is **February 14, 2023**. Nomination packets received after that date will not be reviewed.

DCHC Charles Atkin Outstanding Translational Health Communication Scholar Award

You are invited to nominate yourself (or some other distinguished health communication scholar) for the Charles Atkin Translational Health Communication Scholar Award which will be presented at the 7th biennial 2023 DC Health Communication (DCHC) conference April 28-29, 2023 (see: <https://dchc.gmu.edu>). Here is some information about the award ([Atkin Award Information – D.C. Health COMM Conference \(gmu.edu\)](#)).

The award will be given to an eminent health communication scholar who has made major contributions to health communication research, practice, and policy. I will be accepting letters of nomination describing the qualifications of the nominee for the award until February 1, 2023, accompanied by the nominee's current CV, sent to me via email: gkreps@gmu.edu

I have tried to make it very easy to submit a nomination. (No letters of support need to be solicited and no complex supporting documents need to be submitted). Please just send me an email note (gkreps@gmu.edu) that explains why your record (or your nominee's record) of scholarship qualifies you (or them) for this award, and also send me your (or your nominee's) current CV. The DCHC board of advisors will review/rate the nomination letters and CVs to elect the candidate selected for the award. Past recipients of the Charles Atkin Outstanding Translational Health Communication Scholar Award include:

Dr. David Gustafson (2011), University of Wisconsin (https://chess.wisc.edu/chess/about/bio_gustafson.aspx)

Dr. Linda Neuhauser (2013), University of California Berkeley (<https://vcresearch.berkeley.edu/faculty/linda-neuhauser>)

Dr. Bradford Hesse (2015), National Cancer Institute (<https://thehesses.us/>)

Dr. Jay Bernhardt (2017), University of Texas (<https://commstudies.utexas.edu/faculty/jay-m-bernhardt>)

Dr. Michelle Miller-Day (2019), Chapman University (<https://www.chapman.edu/our-faculty/michelle-miller-day>)

Dr. Kami Silk (2021), University of Delaware (<https://www.communication.udel.edu/people/kamisilk>)

I strongly encourage you to send me a letter of nomination and CV for yourself or for another health communication scholar you believe is well-qualified for this award by the **February 1, 2023 deadline**. The award will be presented at the 2023 DCHC conference where the awardee will present a lecture about his/her/their program of important health communication research and applications.

It is an honor to recognize outstanding health communication scholarship with this distinguished award and to also commemorate our dear friend and colleague Chuck Atkin as well.

Questions? Contact:

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Have something to share in the next newsletter?
E-mail your announcement to Anna Kerr (Division Secretary) at kerra1@ohio.edu.