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HEALTH COMMUNICATION

NCA Division Monthly Newsletter

The NCA 2024 Submission System is Now Open
Check out the new platform!

Important NCA 2024 Convention Updates

NEW! SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

The deadline to submit has been extended to Friday, April 5, 2024 at 11:59p PST

NEW! SUBMISSION SITE:

Convention Central has a new look! **Please familiarize yourself with the new Convention Central site before you submit.** Once the portal closes it cannot be re-opened or amend or add submissions.

IMPORTANT: Some user accounts have been transferred from the old system. Please do not create a profile prior to using the Find My Account feature to avoid creating duplicate accounts.

NEW! THE RULE OF 5:

NCA has implemented The Rule of 5, which limits all submitters to a maximum of five proposals. Click [here](#) to read more about this new rule.

NEW! REVIEWER SIGN-UP:

NCA has added a reviewer sign-up in Convention Central. The deadline to register is April 5. Click [here](#) for more details.

For the Health Communication Division, we are still assuming that if you submit, you will be assigned to review. This ensures submissions get a sufficient number of scores and that submitters get feedback. Thanks in advance!

Read about all of the changes, important dates, and other information on the convention page,

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NCA 110th Annual Convention - Call for Submissions

“Communication for Greater Regard” | November 21–24, 2024 | New Orleans, Louisiana

The Health Communication Division invites submissions 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. Jeanetta D. Sims encourages submitters to consider the following questions related to the convention theme “Communication for Greater Regard”:

- What does it seem the discipline has regarded for 100+ years?
- How does communication function in today’s climate to enrich greater regard? How has this shifted over the years, or does it need to shift in the future?
- When and how does communication function with disregard, including what has been ignored, dismissed, or devalued in the discipline?
- How is greater regard currently exhibited in communication, research, teaching, service and practice?
- How are priorities and power structures shaped in the discipline and/or in human communication endeavors through greater regard or to create greater regard?
- What intentional contribution should we be actively undertaking to foster greater regard?

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.**

**Submissions must be made through NCA Convention Central
by Friday, April 5, 2024 at 11:59pm PST.**

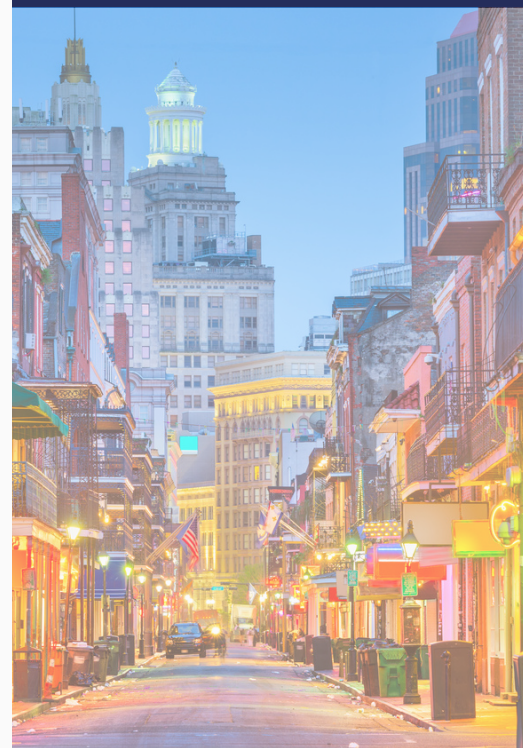
All submitters are encouraged to review the Professional Standards for Convention Participants prior to submission. Helpful resources, including live and recorded “how to submit” step-by-step instructions, are available in the Convention Resource Library.

For questions, please contact:

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**NEW Submission Deadline:
Friday, April 5th, 2024
11:59p PST**





Submission Types

Research in Progress (Collaboration Spaces): This type of submission is designed for projects that are fully conceptualized but prior to or in the early stages of analysis/interpretation/critique/data collection so that we may engage in discussions that support the development of exceptional research. Submissions should be 500-700 words (excluding title, keywords, and references) and provide evidence of a fully rationalized research idea. Authors should be prepared to read the submissions of the other presenters before the session in order to cultivate a productive discussion during the session itself (facilitated by a chair). Please use the "Extended Abstract" option for Research in Progress (Collaboration Spaces) submissions.





Individual Papers (Traditional Paper or Data Blitz): Competitive individual papers will be accepted for presentation in traditional sessions or Data Blitz sessions. In the Data Blitz presentation, each presenter will present study results for 3-4 minutes. Half of the session will be devoted to presentations and half to conversations with presenters. Only complete papers will be considered. Papers should be no longer than 25 double-spaced pages with 1-inch margins and 12-point font (abstract, references, tables, and figures are not included in the 25-page limit). Papers must conform to APA 7th Edition guidelines and be uploaded as a pdf. All identifying author(s) information (names, institutions, hidden document properties) must be removed from the submission. If this requirement is not met, submissions will not be sent out for review. Specify if all authors are student authors on the electronic submission. Specify if you would like your paper to be considered for the Data Blitz format on the title page.

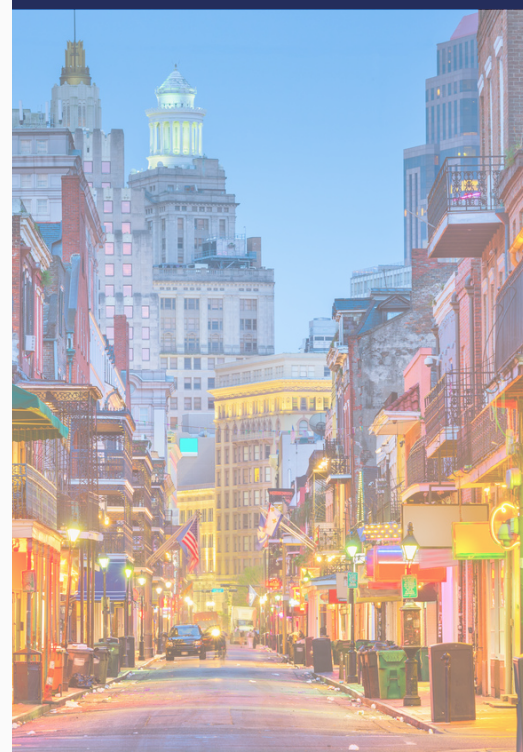
Panel Discussion (Traditional Panels or Spotlight Panels): These can take the form of a discussion panel of scholars or practitioners or a combination of both. We welcome the following types of panel submissions:

- Traditional Panels that are tied to key area(s) in health communication or the conference theme
- Spotlight Panels (mention this is the panel title when you submit) that:
 - engage with health communication as it relates to issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion (e.g., mentoring/survival for those at the margins of the discipline).
 - combine scholars from multiple and diverse university structures to discuss teaching health communication.
 - showcase ways in which health is performed in everyday lives, locally and globally.
 - engage with topics that bridge issues of health across multiple NCA units (e.g., a panel on disparities for military-affiliated communities, which could be co-sponsored with the Communication and Military and Feminist and Gender Studies Division).

Please use the following guidelines for panel discussion submissions: (1) Include a title, chair, 75-word abbreviated abstract of the panel, AV requests, and rationale for a spotlight panel (500-word maximum) or a title and a 250-word (maximum) abstract of each paper for a traditional panel. (2) Please include the names and affiliations of presenters. Panels should include at least five presenters, and presenters should be affiliated with at least three different institutions. A single person should not serve more than one role in a session (i.e., chair/facilitator, presenter). (3) Submitters also have the option to upload supporting documents that include more details about the panel participants (e.g., short bios of the panelists). (4) Spotlight panel submissions should include a panel facilitator who will present themes and questions from the presentations to engage panel participants and the audience.

NCA Helpful Links

-  [Convention Website](#)
-  [Call for Submissions](#)
-  [Convention Resource Library](#)
-  [Submission Website](#)
Check out the new site ASAP!



Call for Abstracts: ICA Pre-Conference

Attention health communication scholars and practitioners:

If you are conducting research involving health equity, community-based participatory research, and health inequalities, please consider submitting an abstract to the ICA pre-conference. The theme is 'Building Bridges and Amplifying Voices: Applying a Culture-Centered Approach to Health Communication Through Participatory Research and Collaboration.'

For more information, please check out this link: <https://www.icahdq.org/mpage/ICA24-BuildingBridges>.

Submissions will be accepted until **March 30, 2024**, with notifications of acceptance sent by April 30, 2024.

Special Issue Call for Papers: "Qualitative Theorizing and Methodological Advancements"

This **special issue of the *Journal of Communication*** aims to highlight the qualitative communication research that provides important insights into what communicating is like, how it happens, and the institutional and ideological forces enabling and constraining what is possible. Qualitative scholarship is an integral part of communication research as it provides the nuance to discern what results actually mean, the situated understanding to account for the complexities inherent in communication, and the context to inspire hypothesis testing. Despite its promise, qualitative communication research has also long been criticized for being "too descriptive" or for its inability to generate theoretical frameworks and heuristics meaningful beyond a single case or isolated social context. Yet, this misnomer, which emphasizes generalizability at the expense of nuance and context, ironically contributes to the homogeneity of communication research (see #CommunicationSoWhite; Chakravarty et al., 2018) and leads to stagnation. To develop as a discipline, we must be more inclusive of different ways of knowing that allow researchers to ask new questions and address different goals.

For this special issue, we solicit rigorous, original, and creative manuscripts that showcase the contributions of qualitative research to communication theorizing and research methods. Specifically, we are considering four types of submissions: (a) manuscripts that develop a field-general theory based on and/or that would require qualitative methods to apply in research practice, (b) manuscripts that distill the theoretical contributions of qualitative communication research around a particular domain to illustrate the promise of interpretive and critical theorizing, (c) manuscripts that advance qualitative methodologies to provide new insights into communication phenomena, and (d) manuscripts that argue for the necessity of qualitative research for enhancing other methodological techniques.

As guest editors, we do not define what qualitative research is or is not. Yet, in any form, manuscripts should make substantial, original contributions and hold potential to be applicable across different subfields. Questions and comments about the special issue should be addressed to the guest editors at JoCQualitative@gmail.com.

Information on submission and publication

Authors are invited to submit full papers until **July 15, 2024** through the [JOC online submission site](#).

For more information about submitting, visit the [Journal of Communication website](#).

Job: Department of Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The Department of Communication at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign seeks applicants to be a Teaching Asst/Assoc/Full Professor and the founding Director of the University Speakers Workshop. The Director will build upon the pilot Speaking Center established in partnership with the University Library to craft a vision for what a Speakers Workshop should look like in our rapidly evolving, multimodal, and increasingly screen-based communication landscape. The Director will be charged with creating a unit to serve the entire campus with speaking and presentation training and support for coursework, scholarly and academic presentations, professional communication, community outreach, and other evolving needs.

The Director will oversee the routine functions of the Speakers Workshop, including one-on-one consultations for students, support for instructors, assessment, and strategic planning. Long-term, this position will include a teaching component with up to two courses per semester taught within the Department of Communication. However, to allow time for the Director to establish a strong and robust Speakers Workshop, there will be no teaching requirements for the first two years. Thereafter, the teaching load will be adjusted to accommodate the Director's evolving duties (e.g., if the Speakers Workshop generates activity requiring nearly full-time attention from the Director, teaching may be only an occasional responsibility).

The Director will be appointed as a specialized faculty member in the Department of Communication. The anticipated title is teaching assistant professor; however, candidates with extensive experience related to professorial appointments may be considered for teaching associate and teaching full professor titles.

Applications must be received by 6:00 pm (CST) on **March 1, 2024**.

Click [here](#) for more information about the position and application requirements.

NCA Health Communication Division Executive Committee Members

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Have something to share in the next newsletter?
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