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# HEALTH COMMUNICATION

NCA Division Monthly Newsletter

CONGRATULATIONS

## ICA/NCA Thesis and Dissertation of the Year Winners

### **Amanda L. Kundrat Thesis of the Year Award**

**Lynda Maxfield, Department of Communication Studies  
University of Las Vegas, Nevada**

“Examining Reflexive Communication Following a Break in Alcohol Abstinence.”

### **Abby Prestin Dissertation of the Year Award**

**Dr. Ava Kikut-Stein, T.H. Chan School of Public Health  
Harvard University**

“What You Know or Who You Trust? Examining the Main and Interaction Effects of Behavioral Beliefs and Source Trust on Prevention Behaviors Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic with Longitudinal Survey, Experimental, and Youth Participatory Action Research.”

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LAST!  
CHANCE!

## NCA Submission Deadline is Friday, April 5!

*Be sure to familiarize yourself with the new submission site before the deadline.*

SUBMIT 

## Video Tutorials: How to Submit to NCA

Watch these short videos to learn:

- How to create a Convention Central profile.
- How to submit a panel or session submission.
- How to submit an individual submission profile.



WATCH NOW



## 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:

**Research in Progress (Collaboration Spaces):** Projects that are fully conceptualized but in the early stages of analysis/interpretation/ critique/data collection. Submissions should be 500-700 words and provide evidence of a fully rationalized research idea.

**Individual Papers (Traditional Paper or Data Blitz):** Competitive full-length 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.

### Panel Discussion (Traditional Panels or Spotlight Panels):

- Traditional Panels: tied to key area(s) in health communication or the conference theme
- Spotlight Panels:
  - health communication as it relates to diversity, equity, and inclusion
  - scholars from multiple and diverse university structures to discuss teaching health communication.
  - ways in which health is performed in everyday lives, locally and globally.
  - topics that bridge issues of health across multiple NCA units.

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.

See the full [Call for Submissions](#) for more details about each submission type.

For questions, please contact:

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Reminder

### Changes for the 2024 Convention

#### 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.

Some user accounts have been transferred from the old system. Do not create a new profile before using the Find My Account feature.

#### 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 learn more.



### NCA Paper Reviewers

With the volume of submissions we receive as a Division, we need everyone to pitch in and ensure each piece receives the attention it deserves. Therefore, if you submit, you will be assigned to review even if you did not sign-up via the NCA system by the deadline.

Your expertise is invaluable in maintaining the quality and diversity of work presented each year and supporting emerging scholars!



*You got  
this!*

Good luck to everyone working hard to finalize their NCA submissions. Be sure to allow yourself enough time to navigate the new submission site.

**DELAYED**

NCA has implemented many changes for the 2024 Convention and is undergoing several organizational changes. This has resulted in some delays in communication. Rest assured, the executive committee is working tirelessly to ensure that all necessary information is shared with you promptly. Updates will be communicated as they become available.

## NCA Health Communication Division Executive Committee Members

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