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HEALTH COMMUNICATION

NCA Division Newsletter

We're springing into NCA planning



Hello HCD members,

Spring is always a busy and exciting time for our Division! Many of you are deep in writing, discussing potential NCA panels with colleagues, and considering nominations for our Division awards.

As your executive committee, we've been hard at work revising our by-laws, refining the awards process, and developing year-round programming to support and engage you. We value your input. and welcome any ideas or suggestions to enhance our Division's work.

We also encourage you to sign up as a reviewer for our conference. Your time and expertise are invaluable in shaping the program and ensuring the quality of the research we showcase. If you're able to contribute in this way, we deeply appreciate it!

We look forward to receiving your submissions and nominations and to celebrating the incredible scholarship and contributions of our members. Thank you for being a vital part of our community!

-Dr. Charee Thompson, Division Chair

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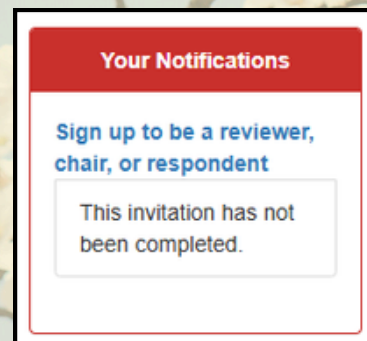
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Sign up to be an NCA submission reviewer

Signing up to serve as an NCA submission reviewer is convenient! First, log into [NCA's Convention Central website](https://www.xcdsystem.com/nca/member) (www.xcdsystem.com/nca/member). NOTE: Credentials from 2024's Convention Central are no longer valid: you will have to create a new password.

Then, on the right-hand side of your profile page, click "**Sign up to be a reviewer, chair or respondent.**" You can choose your preferred roles (reviewer, session chair or respondent) and preferred divisions all in one place.





2025 NCA submission portal open until April 1

What projects would you like to share at the 2025 NCA conference (Nov. 20-23 in Denver, Colo.)? **The submission portal is now open** until 11:59 p.m. Monday, March 31 -- use the links on the right.

The Health Division welcomes submissions for three types of projects:

Research in Progress/Collaboration Spaces: Each presenter will share a project that is fully conceptualized but still in the early stages of analysis, interpretation, critique, or data collection. The goal is to engage in discussions that support the development of exceptional research.

Traditional Sessions and Data Blitz: Competitive individual papers will be accepted for presentation in traditional sessions or Data Blitz sessions.

- **Traditional Sessions:** You will present your *research* for 10-12 minutes, followed by 15 minutes for Q&A with the audience and all panelists.
- **Data Blitz:** You will present your *results* for 3-4 minutes, focusing on data, in an effort to solicit feedback. Half of the session will be devoted to presentations, and the other half to conversations with the presenters.

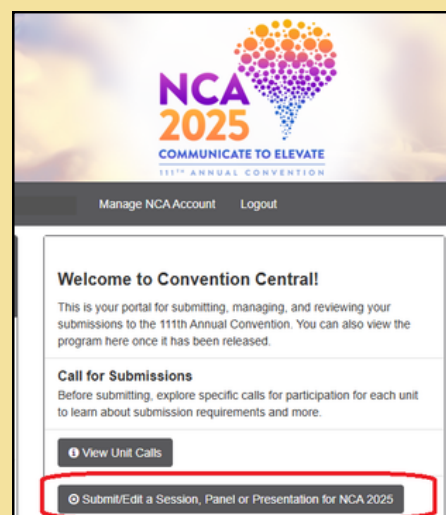
Panel Discussions: We welcome two types of panel proposals:

- Panels tied to key area(s) of focus in health communication and/or to the conference theme
- Spotlight Panels that: a) engage with health communication as it relates to issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion; b) combine scholars from multiple university structures to discuss teaching health communication; c) showcase ways health is performed in everyday lives, locally and globally; or d) engage with topics that bridge issues of health across multiple NCA units.

[Convention Website](#)

[Convention Central](#)

[Submission Portal](#)



Who will you nominate for a 2025 NCA Health Communication award?

Though the NCA Award Nomination portal has not yet opened, the Health Communication Division will soon be soliciting nominations for several annual awards, including:

- Distinguished Article/Chapter
- Distinguished Book
- Dale E. Brashers Distinguished Mentor
- Early Career Scholar
- Outstanding Contributions to Promoting Equity and Inclusion
- Outstanding Health Communication Scholar

Visit ncahealthcom.org/awards to learn more about each award's criteria. Be watching your email for notification of when you can submit your nominations. Once the portal opens, the deadline is May 31.

Rescheduled: Virtual Learning Opportunity

“What Advice Would I Give My Younger Self at the Start of my Career?”

Friday, March 28

5 p.m. CST

Join us via

Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID:

298 227 068 123

Passcode: LK7UK3Ni

Job Opening: Associate Dean for Research & Strategic Initiatives, Manship School of Mass Communication, Louisiana State University

The Associate Dean for Research and Strategic Initiatives serves as a leader for the Manship School on matters related to scholarly and institutional research, including coordinating with Manship faculty and staff on assessment and accreditation compliance with the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. This position will also serve as an Associate Professor in Science Communication or Health Communication, with a 1/1 teach load. This will be a 5-year term beginning in AY 25-26 with a renewal option.

A Ph.D. in Mass Communication or related degree is required. Applicants should submit a cover letter, C.V., personal statement (500 words or less) and list of three professional references. Cover letters may be addressed to the Search Committee Chair, Dean Kim Bissell. Questions about the position should be directed to the search committee chair at masscomm@lsu.edu.

[Click here for more information](#) and to submit an application.