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HEALTH COMMUNICATION

NCA Division Newsletter

NCA Reviews Have Been Assigned



A huge, heartfelt thank you to our 264 amazing NCA submission reviewers for signing up. Your time, insight, thoughtful feedback, and generosity are the backbone of our program planning. I recognize that this is a busy time of year, and I appreciate your commitment to supporting our division.

According to our division bylaws, each submission requires three reviews, and I have done my best to distribute the number of reviews as evenly as possible.

If you're wondering why reviews are slightly outside your area of expertise or why you have more reviews than others, I promise, it wasn't personal. I am at the mercy of the conventional central platform. That said, I trust in your fairness and care as a reviewer to uplift our division and its scholarship.

All reviews must be completed by May 7, 2025, 11:59 PM ET. Yes, it's a Wednesday deadline. Whether you plan to complete the reviews right away, chip away at them over the next month, or power through them right before the deadline, we see you, we appreciate you, and we absolutely couldn't do this without you. Let the reviewing begin!

-Dr. Iccha Basnyat, NCA Health Comm. Division Vice Chair

Shared wisdom and fellowship: Virtual Learning Opportunity

Even if you were unable to make our recent Virtual Learning Opportunity, you can still take part! [Click here to view the recording](#) of the 50-minute chat, hosted by Dr. Sean Upshaw, the Health Communication Division DEI Chair.

Do you have a topic you'd like to see addressed at a future VLO? Contact Dr. Upshaw at sean.upshaw@austin.utexas.edu.

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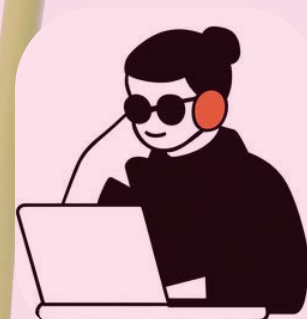
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Nominate a peer – or yourself – for a division award

Deadline is May 31

Nominate a peer – or yourself! – for one of several awards to be given at the 2025 NCA Conference. We are currently accepting applications for six awards:

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

Each award has specific criteria and requires various material for the nomination packet. [Click here for full descriptions of each award and its criteria.](#) All awardees will be recognized at the Health Communication Division's business meeting during the 2025 NCA convention.

Nominations, unless specified, must be submitted through the [NCA nomination portal](#). The deadline for all nominations is May 31. For questions regarding submissions, please email Immediate Past Chair Dr. Jill Yamasaki, University of Houston, at jyamasaki@uh.edu.

Attention Ph.D. students:

The Petronio Communication Privacy Management (CPM) Dissertation Fellowship is open for applications! If you're researching privacy management in communication, this fellowship could be a great opportunity to support your work. Learn more about eligibility and how to apply on our website: go.iu.edu/petronio



Thanks to our “Web Team”

Big thanks to **Dr. Jakob Jensen** (University of Utah) and **Dr. Rachael Hernandez** (University of Missouri) for maintaining the Division's webpage, ncahealthcom.org. Jakob supported the site for years, and more recently, Rachael has taken over updates. We're grateful for their ongoing contributions and service in these unofficial roles.

