

– CALL FOR ABSTRACTS –

PRECONFERENCE: Environmental Communication PhD Mentoring Workshop

Thursday, 12th of June, 2025

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

ICA 2025 | Denver, Colorado, USA

Purpose: The purpose of the Environmental Communication PhD Mentoring Workshop at ICA 2025 is to support graduate/PhD students in their early careers in our field. The workshop will give PhD students a low-stakes opportunity to share their work and receive feedback from senior scholars in the field. The workshop will enhance the exchange and collaboration between junior and senior researchers in our field, as well as that among junior scholars. Lastly, the Environmental Communication PhD Mentoring Workshop will provide a welcoming atmosphere to connect young scholars with the international Environmental Communication community.

Format: The event will take place on-site at ICA's conference headquarters, the Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center. The morning will start with presentations of accepted abstracts/papers and feedback from the participants. After a short networking coffee break, participants will have 1:1 feedback sessions with a senior scholar.

** This event will take place in-person only, as per ICA headquarter's recent [announcement](#) on conference format. We acknowledge that there can be various barriers to attending ICA 2025 in-person. In response, the Environmental Communication Division's leadership team is exploring ways to offer online mentorship programs apart from this preconference, with the vision to create a support system for all early career scholars of the division. We appreciate your understanding.*

Scope: Graduate students who work on communication topics related to the environment, science, natural resources, environmental disasters, and/or sustainability are encouraged to submit their work to this preconference. Research on health, and risk communication issues related to the environment is also welcome. The division encourages students to submit their research at any stage in their development.

Topics may include (while not limited to) visual, aural, and textual representations in (social) media and popular culture; behavioral change and campaigns; political communication; civic engagement; green marketing; public opinion; rhetoric and discourse; the role of communication technologies; justice and equity issues; and globalization. Importantly, these topics should be studied in the context of environmental communication. If in doubt about the fit of your work with the scope of the preconference, please feel free to contact the organizer of the preconference (Soobin Choi; soobin.choi@wisc.edu).

2-Step Submission Process:

1. **Abstract Submission**

In the first step, you will need to submit an abstract (max. 750 words, excluding references) that includes research question(s), theoretical framework/concept, methodological approach, preliminary findings (if available), and contribution to the field of environmental communication. Abstracts will undergo review.

Abstracts should be submitted here: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cO2X48z7I25zUJE

Deadline: February 14th, 2025

Decision of Acceptance: by March 5th, 2025

2. **Final Submission**

If your abstract is accepted, you will need to submit an extended draft of your initial abstract. Final submissions can range from extended abstracts to drafts of studies/papers, or complete papers (min. 2,500 words, max. 8,000 words; excluding references).

Deadline: May 5th, 2025

Note: Accepted participants will need to register for the preconference through the ICA website. There will be a registration fee of approximately \$60.

** The Environmental Communication Division's leadership team is working to secure sponsorships to reduce the registration fee for this preconference.*

Questions? Questions should be addressed to the division's Student and Early Career (SEC) Representative, Soobin Choi (soobin.choi@wisc.edu).