

WSCA Communication and Instruction Interest Group Call (2019)

The Communication & Instruction Interest Group of WSCA seeks submissions for competitive research papers and program panels. We especially encourage, and will give stronger consideration to, submissions that highlight this year's convention theme: "Advocating with Evidence."

Proposals for scholarship and creative activity submitted to the Communication & Instruction Interest Group should address topics in **communication education** (how we teach the discipline of communication), **instructional communication** (how we use communication in the process of teaching), and/or **critical communication pedagogy** (engaging the critical paradigm to address questions of power).

These research trajectories share a focus on the constitution of knowledge through communication; they also share a focus on the distinctive communication contexts that emerge, or are entailed by, learning situations. Therefore, proposals centering on the theme of Advocating with Evidence might explore, among other possibilities:

- Advocating with Evidence in courses regardless of course number or level
- Advocating with Evidence in association-wide teaching styles, no matter the subject area
- The role of evidence in pedagogy
- Critiquing the ways we Advocate with Evidence
- Advocating with Evidence in different delivery modes – online, hybrid, face-to-face
- Advocating with Evidence in pedagogical methods or bodies of knowledge
- Advocating with Evidence regarding classroom/ learning assessment
- Advocating with Evidence while working with students (undergraduate and/or graduate) in classrooms, and/or while conducting research
- What types of evidence are valid in the classroom
- How any one course, interpersonal, intercultural, organizational, small group, or public speaking (to name a few) utilizes evidence
- How we might use evidence to address ethical dimensions of communication instruction
- Advocating with Evidence the development of creative assignments

The interest group encourages research that integrates multiple disciplinary perspectives and multiple methodologies.

Please email the 2019 C&I Chair Hailey Gillen Hoke at wscagillenhoke@gmail.com with any questions.

COMPETITIVE PAPERS

I. Authors are encouraged to submit original research essays to the C&I Interest Group. The Interest Group offers awards for Top Competitive Paper, Top Debut Paper, and Top Student Paper. Please note if your competitive paper submission qualifies as a Debut Paper or a Student

Paper when submitting. These individuals should mark their paper as STUDENT or DEBUT PAPER in the upper right corner of their cover page. See the WSCA website for more information on Debut papers.

II. Competitive papers should not have been presented previously at another conference, be accepted for publication, or have been published. Please use your ethical common sense.

III. Submission: Specific information about submitting to interest groups will be posted on the WSCA website at the completion of the February 2018 convention and presented in the WSCA News.

IV. Title page: A title page with title of manuscript, names of all authors, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and institutional affiliations for each author. Also include audio-visual requests and briefly explain how technology will be utilized in your presentation. NOTE: Equipment availability is extremely limited. See WSCA Policy on the Use of Audio-Visual Equipment at Conventions.

V. Manuscript: The manuscript should include a 100-200 word abstract on a separate page (with the paper's title appearing above the abstract). The manuscript should not exceed a maximum of 30 pages of text (including references, appendices, tables, and charts). The essay should be prepared following the most recent APA, Chicago, or MLA guidelines. ***Be sure to remove author names and any identifying information from the manuscript. Manuscripts with identifying information will not be considered for review.

PROGRAM PROPOSALS

I. Programs connected to the conference's theme are encouraged and generally expected. Programs may consist of a chair, individual presenters, and a respondent/facilitator. However, round-table discussions and other unique formats are encouraged.

II. Program proposals must contain the following:

1. Thematic title of the program;
2. Names, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and affiliations of all participants;
3. Title and brief description of each presentation; and
4. Equipment needed for the program. Equipment availability is *extremely limited and expensive*. See the WSCA policy on Audio-Visual Equipment at Conventions in the Policies and Procedures Manual.

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All proposals must be received by 12:00 Midnight on September 1, 2018. For more information and instructions for submitting competitive papers, program proposals, and preconference panels and workshops, see the WSCA website (www.westcomm.org).