ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATION INTEREST GROUP

Western States Communication Association Convention
February 23-26, 2024, in Reno, Nevada

Submissions Open From August 1 to September 1, 2023 (11.59 p.m. PST)

The Environmental Communication Interest Group encourages scholars of environmental communication to submit papers, panel session proposals, and alternative format proposals for the 2024 meeting of the Western States Communication Association. The theme of the conference is “Possibilities.” A complete description of the conference theme, details about the annual meeting, and a link to the submission site (Attendee Interactive) can be found at https://www.westcomm.org.

Competitive Papers

Scholarly papers about any aspect of environmental communication are welcome. Papers may employ any theoretical or methodological approach. Papers should not have been presented previously. Paper submissions must not be published previously, accepted for publication, or submitted to another interest group. Papers should: be no more than 30 double-spaced pages long, including references/works cited/notes; include a title page with an abstract; and be free of any identifying information.

The Environmental Communication Interest Group annually bestows two awards for the best competitive paper submissions: a Top Paper Award and a Top Student Paper Award. Papers submitted by students must include, on the title page, the words “Student Paper” in order to be considered for the Top Student Paper Award. The Interest Group may also bestow a Top Debut Paper Award. A “debut paper” is a paper submitted by any individual who has never before submitted a paper to a scholarly conference. The words “Debut Paper” must appear on the title page of any eligible paper to be considered for the Top Debut Paper Award.

Panel Session Proposals

Panel session proposals should focus on a unifying theme relevant to research, theory, or instruction in the area of environmental communication. Panel sessions may consist of a chair, individual presenters, and a critic/respondent in a traditional conference format. However, we also encourage proposals for a debate, a round table discussion, a performance activity, or an innovative program that provides opportunities for interaction.

Panel session proposals must contain the following: (1) a title; (2) the names and affiliations of all participants; (3) a title and brief description of each presentation/contribution; (4) an abstract of no more than 75 words that identifies the content and purpose of the panel; and (5) information about any audio-visual equipment needed for the panel session. (Please note that audio-visual equipment is extremely limited. Requesting audio-visual equipment is not a guarantee that it will be available. If your submission is accepted, your interest group planner should inform you whether or not you will have AV.)
Alternative Format Proposals

If you are interested in proposing an event or activity that does not fall neatly into either the competitive paper or panel session formats, please reach out the program planner, Dr. Joshua Trey Barnett, at barnett@psu.edu.

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