

First Call for Papers
NYSCA 2008
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Disciplinary Detachment in a Fragmented World? Seeking Coherence, Continuity and Connection.

Systems theory tells us to see all the parts of the whole as related and interdependent, but has that holistic approach been compromised within the discipline of communication? Conversations at NYSCA, ECA, and NCA have addressed concern over the increased specialization and fragmentation of the discipline of communication, raising questions that merit consideration and discussion. Is there too much separatism among areas of study? Does specialization affect our ability to make a contribution to broad social problems? How do we, or can we, integrate specialized areas? Does there remain a common core of the discipline located among these microcosms? How should we structure undergraduate and graduate education within our discipline in order to promote any common ground?

The 2008 conference will focus on these questions and any issues relating to the coherence of the communication discipline. Papers and panels addressing these concerns and our roots, traditions, and common links are invited and encouraged. Of particular interest are panels that include participants with a common research topic but different contexts, e.g., Communication Apprehension in interpersonal, group, digital, or critical theory contexts. The potential topics are limitless.

Proposals unrelated to the conference theme, from a variety of theoretical traditions, are also welcome. We seek papers in all formats-formal & informal presentations, roundtables, participatory panels, demonstrations, media screenings, or other innovative ideas. Undergraduate and graduate student submissions are also welcome and will be considered for student paper awards.

Please see next page for Submission Guidelines.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Paper and panel submissions must be received no later than June 20, 2008.

Submissions must be sent electronically as MS Word attachments to valerie@nyscanet.org or to valerie.swarts@sru.edu.

Equipment requests for NYSCA should be kept to an absolute minimum. But if you do have a request, please include the request in your submission and be specific. We will try to accommodate your request.

Paper Submissions

Paper submissions must include two file attachments:

- (1) Attach a file that contains a cover sheet noting the paper's title, names, affiliations, postal and e-mail addresses, numbers for phone and fax for all authors. The "Statement of Professional Responsibility" (see below) should appear on the cover sheet.
- (2) Attach a separate file that includes a 75-100 word abstract **and** the paper itself. Please remove all author identification from the paper.

Panel/Program Proposals

Panel/program proposals must include:

- (1) a thematic title for the panel/program
- (2) a detailed rationale for the proposed panel
- (3) a "Statement of Professional Responsibility" (see below)
- (4) a 75-100 word description of the panel to be included in the final program
- (5) a list of all participants, including their names, institutional affiliations, postal and e-mail addresses, numbers for phone and fax for all panelists.

Statement of Professional Responsibility

The following statement must be included on the cover sheet when submitting a paper or panel proposal for review.

In submitting the attached paper or proposal, I/we recognize that this submission is considered a professional responsibility. I/we agree to present this paper or program/panel if it is accepted and programmed.