

NCA Environmental Communication Division Call for Annual Convention Submissions

Convention Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

Convention Theme: Communication's Civic Callings

The submission deadline is Wednesday, March 30, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. PST.

The Environmental Communication Division of the National Communication Association invites submissions for competitively selected papers, paper sessions and panel discussions that address the relationships between environmental issues and communication theories and practices. The Division welcomes submissions involving traditional as well as innovative theories, methods, and objects of analysis.

This year, the First Vice President of NCA, Dr. Stephen Hartnett, wants to see a program that is thick with social justice and activism. Hartnett has called for provocative papers and panel submissions that inspire opportunities to think about *communication as a form of civic action*. Specifically, we encourage submissions that explore our civic callings as members of educational communities, through our interactions with local and national governments, through our commitments to NGOs and advocacy organizations and in our multi-national and multi-cultural collaborations.

The Environmental Communication Division encourages the submission of completed papers, but paper sessions and panel discussions are also welcome. All submissions to the Environmental Communication Division will be competitively reviewed. During the Division's Business Meeting at the 2016 convention in Philadelphia, top papers will be recognized and there is a prize for the Top Student Paper as well.

All submissions must be made electronically through NCA Convention Central: (<https://ww4.aievolution.com/nca1601/>). NCA Convention Central opens for submissions on January 18, 2016.

All submitters are encouraged to review the documents on the Convention Resource Library webpage (<http://www.natcom.org/conventionresources/>). Helpful resources, including recorded step-by-step instructions on how to submit, are available.

1) Individual competitive papers should include:

- Paper title and author(s) information
- Description, not exceeding 150 words in length
- Well-developed paper, not exceeding 25 pages, excluding references, tables, and figures uploaded

Review criteria include: theoretical and analytical rigor, writing quality, topical relevance and timeliness, and overall contribution to environmental communication theory and/or practice.

No information identifying the author may appear in the uploaded paper file accompanying

your submission. Remove your name from the title page and the text before uploading your paper to NCA Convention Central.

Authors are encouraged to consider the “Scholar-to-Scholar” interactive presentation format, utilizing posters and emphasizing interactive discussion. Please identify the submission accordingly, by checking the agreement box, if interested in this format.

2) Paper session proposals should include:

- Session title
- Session description, not exceeding 250 words
- Chair and respondent
- Title, abstract (not exceeding 75 words), and author(s) information for each paper on the session
- Rationale, not exceeding 400 words

Review criteria include: topical relevance and timeliness of theme, quality of rationale, coherence of the panel, and overall contribution to environmental communication theory and/or practice. Paper sessions that include participants from a variety of institutions are preferred.

3) Panel discussion proposals should include:

- Panel title
- Description, not exceeding 75 words
- Rationale, not exceeding 400 words
- Chair, and list of presenters and their affiliations

Review criteria include: topical relevance and timeliness of theme, quality of rationale, and coherence of the panel. Discussions that include participants from a variety of institutions are preferred.

Questions and suggestions should be directed to the division planner, e-mail is preferred:

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