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MESSAGE FROM KASIE ROBERSON, CHAIR

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to serve as the Political Communication program planner for the CSCA conference in Madison! To celebrate our 10th anniversary as an interest group we had a total of 12 outstanding and well attended panels, 8 sponsored by our division and 4 co-sponsored with other interest groups including: Media Studies, Rhetorical Theory and Criticism and the Women's Caucus. Thank you to those who submitted such excellent papers and panels and to all of the reviewers – it is your hard

work that continues to make Political Communication one of the strongest interest groups at CSCA.

With the general presidential election and the beginning of a new presidential administration just around the corner we will have a lot to talk about at this year's conference in St. Louis. I encourage you to take a look at the call included in this newsletter and submit thought-provoking papers and panels to Jay Childers, the Chair-Elect & Program Planner for this year's con-

ference. The deadline for submissions will soon be upon us so start thinking about your submissions today!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chair of our division this year. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me at robersonk@muohio.edu. Have a wonderful start to your academic year and enjoy this exciting election season.

Kasie M. Roberson
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REVIEWERS NEEDED FOR 2009 CONFERENCE

Jay Childers, our Chair-Elect and Program Planner, is busy preparing for the submission deadline for the 2009 conference in St. Louis. Please be sure to read the call on the next page and pay special attention to the submission procedures when you submit your paper and/or panels.

great schedule of panels for the 2009 conference as we move into the start of our second decade as an interest group. To start the next ten years off well we need your help in submitting high quality, innovative papers and panels.

Jay as soon as possible. If you were not able to attend the business meeting in Madison but are interested in serving the CSCA Political Communication Interest Group as a reviewer for the 2009 conference, please contact Jay Childers (jchildrs@ku.edu) by Friday, September 19.



BE SURE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE 2009 CONVENTION CALL FOR PAPERS ON THE NEXT PAGE

We hope to have a

WATCH THE NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTY NOMINATING CONVENTIONS



Democratic National Convention

August 25-28

Denver, CO

Republican National Convention

September 1-4

Minneapolis-St Paul, MN



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Number of days left until the 2008 general election.



Conversations about Connections: Gateway to Communication at the 'Heart of it All' 2009 Call for Papers and Panels

POLITICAL COMMUNICATION Interest Group
2009 Central States Communication Association Convention in St. Louis, Missouri
March 21 – April 5, 2009

The Political Communication Interest Group invites the submission of competitive papers and thematic panel proposals to be considered for presentation at the 2009 CSCA convention. This Interest Group recognizes and encourages research that addresses political communication topics in all contexts and levels of analysis, employing a variety of methodologies. The scope of this Interest Group is broad, as the study of politics and communication may encompass the communicative activities of citizens, individual political figures, governmental institutions, the media, political campaigns, advocacy groups, and social movements. We encourage submissions that focus on the convention theme. Student submissions are welcomed as are co-sponsored submissions. We seek interactive and innovative formats designed to increase audience member participation. Examples of possible formats are listed below:

- **Traditional paper panel** – Three to four scholars and a respondent with Q & A from the audience.
- **Roundtable discussion** – Four to six people with a moderator featuring brief presentations followed by audience interaction and discussion.
- **Dialogue Sessions** – Select a key issue, debate, or article that will serve to open the session and then become the focus of conversation.
- **Spotlight Sessions** – Focus on a noted scholar and a particular aspect of teaching or research.
- **Research Café** – Similar to Spotlight Sessions, the Research Café would have a scholar offer a piece of research as exemplar. Attendees would then discuss the research. Although this session is to be highly interactive, the format is to include advance preparation and a discussion structure.
- **Debates** – This format encourages a town hall atmosphere with a prearranged resolution. Teams argue for and against the resolution.
- **High Density Program** – Six to eight people each presenting a brief synopsis of his/her research, then moving to an area where copies of the paper are available. Attendees move about and participate in a dialogue with the different presenters. The Interest Group presents the J. Jeffrey Auer Award for the top competitive graduate student paper, which also includes a monetary award.

Guidelines for Submission (Submissions will only be accepted electronically)

Please submit all papers and panel proposals as a MICROSOFT WORD attachment to the interest group planner listed below. **Papers and Panel Proposals that do not follow the listed guidelines will be returned.** An e-mail acknowledging receipt of paper and panel proposals will be sent for each submission.

Paper submissions:

- Papers must conform to APA standards and must include a 50-75 word abstract
- Papers must have a cover page with the paper title
- All author references **must** be removed completely from the paper
- If appropriate, please indicate, "debut" (papers authored solely by individuals who have **never** presented at a convention) and/or "student" in the upper right-hand corner of the cover page. All papers marked as student papers will automatically be considered for the Auer award.
- **Submitters MUST include the following in the e-mail text to the program planner: title of the paper; name(s), mailing address(es), email address(es), phone number(s), and institutional affiliation(s) of the author(s); and any media equipment requests.**

Panel proposals:

- Submit a word document to the interest group planner that includes the panel title, brief panel abstract/rationale, identification of the panelists (name, mailing address, email address, phone number, institutional affiliation), detailed abstracts for each proposed paper (if paper panel), and any media equipment requests.
- If appropriate, please indicate in the word document if the panel consists of all students (excluding chair and/or respondent).
- Complete a 2009 CSCA Panel Proposal Request Form available at <http://www.csc-net.org/>. Submit the form to the interest group planner. Formatting information is provided as a link on the form indicated above.
- Submitters interested in having a panel co-sponsored should contact both program planners **prior** to the submission deadline to discuss the submission.

All paper/panel submissions should be sent electronically to:

Jay P. Childers
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Department of Communication Studies
University of Kansas
1440 Jayhawk Blvd., Room 102
Lawrence, KS 66045 785-864-1474

Papers and Panel Proposals must be received by October 1, 2008

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The following are the minutes from the 2008 Interest Group Business Meeting. If you would like to make any changes, corrections, or additions, please contact Lora Cohn (lora.cohn@park.edu). Any updates to the minutes will be published in our March newsletter and the minutes will be on the agenda for approval at the 2009 business meeting.

CSCA Political Communication Interest Group

Minutes from the April 12, 2008 Meeting

Madison, Wisconsin

Present: Karen Anderson, Jenifer Lewis, Kevin Stein, Mary Banwart, Terry Robertson, Robert Gobetz, Scott Wells, Julia Spiker, Mitchell McKinney, Ed Hinck, Erin Blocher, Kristi Gerding-Scholten, Nichelle McNabb, Debbie Ford, Neal Stewart, Jayne Henson, Anji Phillips, Judith Trent, Kasie Roberson. (19 total)

I. Called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Jenifer Lewis, Chair

II. Approval of minutes

Minutes were approved by membership in attendance.

III. Old Business

- A. The Auer Award was presented to Neal Stewart of Kansas State University and the Top Faculty Paper to Jason Teven of California State University– Fullerton
- B. Report from 2008 Convention planner (Kasie M. Roberson) – There were a total of 12 panels, two more than we were originally slotted. All of the panels were well attended. The Senior Scholars panel continued to be one of the division’s most popular panels .
- C. Report from Vice– Chair (Jenifer Lewis for Vice-Chair Jay Childers)—Two newsletters were sent out electronically in August 2007 and in March 2008 .
- E. Auer Award Endowment Report: (Mary Banwart) – The fundraising committee continues to work toward having the Auer Award endowed.

IV. New Business

- A. Elections
 - Erin Blocher was elected by ballot Vice -chair.
 - Susan Novak was elected by ballot Secretary-elect
- B. Conference planning for 2009 (Kasie M. Roberson) – The 2009 CSCA conference will be held in St Louis, Missouri from March 21-April 5. The theme is Conversations about Connections: Gateway to Communication at the 'Heart of it All.' The group discussed ways of making the panels more interactive and centered around political communication practices.

V. Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.