

POLITICAL COMMUNICATION INTEREST GROUP NEWSLETTER

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A Message from Our Chair

Greetings to all political communication scholars and interest group members! I am excited to invite all of you to join us for our 2013 meeting in Kansas City. We are in the midst of an exciting presidential campaign and, with the party nominating conventions in the rear-view and the debates on the horizon, we will have a great deal to talk about in the spring.

I hope you are all brainstorming more excellent ideas for discussion panels and preparing your best research for the October 5 submission deadline. If the 2012 meeting in Cleveland is any guide, we should expect amazing things.

Last year our interest group had 15 (!) panels devoted to political communication. Two were cosponsored (one with Rhetorical Theory and Criticism and one with Performance Studies and Theatre) and one was reserved for our business meeting. That means we had 12 panels exclusively reserved for the research and discussion of political communication.

In addition to our always-strong showing from the outstanding scholars of political communication in the mid-west, we were fortunate to be joined by distinguished guests from states as far away as Alabama, Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina.

Of course, our interest group is only as strong as its members. I'd like to personally thank Mike Milford, our outgoing chair, for his commitment to our group and his extensive assistance last year when I had the pleasure of planning the program. I would also like to thank everyone who volunteered to review papers, act as respondents, and chair panels. Our members' willingness to give their time and insight so generously makes the task of planning the program a joy.

I hope you are all as excited as I am about seeing all of our newest research in Kansas City.

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Call for Papers:
POLITICAL COMMUNICATION INTEREST GROUP
Central States Communication Association
Kansas City, MO April 2-7, 2013
"Communicating the Possible"

The Political Communication Interest Group invites the submission of competitive papers and thematic panel proposals to be considered for presentation at the 2013 CSCA convention to be held in Kansas City, MO.

Submissions to the Political Communication Interest Group should explore theoretical and/or critical issues related to the study of politics and communication. The scope of this Interest Group is broad, as the study of politics and communication may encompass the communicative activity of citizens, individual political figures, governmental institutions, the media, political campaigns, advocacy groups, and social movements. This Interest Group recognizes and encourages research that addresses political communication topics in all contexts and levels of analysis, employing a variety of methodologies.

Proposals that explore connections with other interest groups are especially encouraged. We seek interactive and innovative formats to further develop and increase participation in the discussions. Examples of formats include:

Competitive Papers 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.

Paper submission: Only completed papers will be accepted. Papers must include a title page that is separate from the paper, allowing the author's identity to be concealed. Remove all author references in the text of the paper. Students (including graduate students) should mark their papers as "STUDENT" papers in the upper right hand corner of the title page. Debut papers, meaning papers from scholars who have never presented before, should mark their papers as "DEBUT" papers in the upper right hand corner of the title page. All papers should contain a 50-75-word abstract. The Interest Group will present the J. Jeffrey Auer Award for the top competitive graduate student paper, which also includes a monetary award.

Panel proposals: Each thematic panel proposal should include a rationale for the panel, identification and contact information for the panelists, and abstracts for each paper. Also include any media equipment requests.

All papers and panels must be submitted electronically using Microsoft Word. Documents sent in any other format will be returned to the sender. All media requests must be made at the time of submission. Projectors and screens are available; computers are not. Please only request the media if it is absolutely essential. Papers and Panel Proposals must be received by October 5, 2012.

All paper/panel submissions should be sent to:

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CSCA Political Communication Interest Group Minutes from Business Meeting – Friday, March 30, 2012 Cleveland, Ohio

There were 8 attendees at the meeting.

- I. Called to order by Mike Milford, Chair
- II. Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved by those members attending.
- III. Old Business
 - a. Report from the Chair, Mike Milford:
 - i. The interest group had one panel more than it did in 2011, due to panel sharing with other divisions.
 - ii. Ben Warner, the 2012 program planner, put together an awesome program.
 - b. Report from Vice-Chair, Ben Warner:
 - i. Top Paper Award was presented to Ryan Neville-Shepard (IUPUC).
 - ii. J Jeffrey Auer Top Student Paper Award was presented to Katie Irwin from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- IV. Brief report from 2013 primary program planner, Chad Edwards:
 - a. The 2013 convention will be hosted in Kansas City and the theme is “Communicating the Possible.”
- V. New Business
 - a. Elections:
 - i. Abbie Hodgson (KU) was elected Secretary-Elect.
 - ii. Ryan Neville-Shepard (IUPUC) was elected Vice-Chair Elect.
 - b. James Schnoebelen, Vice-Chair and program planner for 2013, led a brief discussion of possible themes for panels for next year’s conference.
- VI. Meeting adjourned.

Reviewers Needed for 2013 Conference

Jim Schnoebelen, our Vice-Chair and Program Planner, is busy preparing for the submission deadline for the 2013 conference in Kansas City. Please be sure to read the call on page 2 and pay special attention to the submission procedures when you submit your paper and/or panels.

We hope to have a great schedule of panels for the 2013 conference. If you have any ideas for unique programs or questions regarding submissions, please contact Jim as soon as possible. If you were not able to attend the business meeting in Cleveland but are interested in serving the CSCA Political Communication Interest Group as a reviewer for the 2013 conference, please contact Jim Schnoebelen by Thursday, October 4, at jim.schnoebelen@washburn.edu.