



IMPORTANT DATES YOU WANT TO KNOW!

- **October 2013 newsletter submission deadline: September 15, 2013**
We welcome member news and notes as well as book announcements or reviews! Send to jman@niu.edu.
- **Deadline for submission for the 2014 annual convention: October 4, 2013**
See page 3 for details!
- **Application deadline to apply for CSCA Newsletter Editor position: November 1, 2013**
See the call on page 4!
- **2014 annual convention in beautiful Minneapolis, MN: April 2-6, 2014**
Join us at the Hyatt Regency!

President's Column:

Communicated the Possible!

CSCA President Chad Edwards
Western Michigan State University

We made it possible in Kansas City! It has just been two months since our annual convention and I continue to hear from CSCA colleagues and others about all the amazing panels and papers at *Communicating the Possible* in Kansas City. Thanks to our outstanding Interest Group officers who did such a fabulous job at planning interesting and imaginative programs. Our Executive Director, **Nancy Brule**, did such a great job at coordinating with the hotel and locations for our events. **Debbie Ford**, the Local Arrangements Chair, did excellent work with help finding locations and information.

Because of your efforts, we set attendance records for CSCA in Kansas City. In total, 965 folks attended the conference (the last record was 903 attendees set in Milwaukee). We had scholars from 40 different states that experienced what CSCA has to offer. The conference featured over 230 graduate students, 153 undergraduate students, and 125 colleagues who participated in the one of nine pre-conference or short course sessions. In addition, we had tremendous attendance at our fun social events. Approximately 486 members and guests attended the President's Reception at the WWI Museum. *(continued page 3)*

Questions or comments? Contact Chad via email: cedwards@umich.edu.





Past President's Column: Awards and Recognition!

CSCA Past President Mitchell McKinney
University of Missouri-Columbia

We had a great time “Communicating the Possible” in Kansas City at our association’s largest meeting ever. Once again, many thanks to CSCA President **Chad Edwards** for planning such an outstanding conference!

In case you were unable to attend our annual Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon and Business Meeting, I’d like to once again recognize the recipients of our 2013 association-wide awards. Congratulations to our colleagues who were honored for their outstanding achievements in teaching, research and service to the organization. First, we inducted two new members into the CSCA Hall of Fame, **Sandra Metts** and **Bill Seiler**. Other association-wide award recipients included **Joseph P. Mazer** (Outstanding New Teacher), **Erin Willer** (Outstanding New Teacher), **Benjamin R. Warner** (Federation Prize), **Laura C. Farrell** (State Manuscript), **James P. Dimock** (State Journal), **Suzanne Lumberg** (Cooper Award, M.A. teacher), and **Amanda Holman** (Cooper Award, Ph.D. teacher).

Finally, we also announced that **Jimmie Manning** from Northern Illinois University was selected by the CSCA Executive Committee to serve as the association’s next Executive Director. Jimmie will succeed our current ED **Nancy Brule** at the conclusion of our 2014 meeting in Minneapolis, MN. Enjoy your summer!

– Mitchell

On behalf of CSCA, special thanks to Mitchell McKinney for an outstanding tenure as President and for his continued excellence and service in the discipline!

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– CSCA Past President

Mitchell McKinney

2013 CENTRAL STATES HONOREES

CSCA Hall of Fame Inductees:

- Sandra Metts, Illinois State University
- Bill Seiler, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Association-Wide Award Winners:

- Joseph P. Mazer, Clemson University, Outstanding New Teacher Award
- Erin Willer, University of Denver, Outstanding New Teacher Award
- Benjamin R. Warner, University of Missouri, Federation Research Prize
- Laura C. Farrell, University of North Dakota, State Manuscript Award
- James P. Dimock, Minnesota State University, State Journal Award
- Suzanne Lumberg, Illinois State University, Cooper Award (M.A.)
- Amanda Holman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Cooper Award (Ph.D.)

"Real success is finding your lifework in the work that you love."

– David McCullough



Planner's Column *Elevate!*

CSCA Vice-President Leah Bryant
DePaul University

First, on behalf of everyone who attended this year's conference in Kansas City – hats off to our President, **Chad Edwards**, for planning and making *possible* the most attended and one of the best CSCA conferences to date! The quality of the presentations, conversations, and people watching was unparalleled.

Second, later this summer, a group of us are visiting in Minneapolis, Minnesota to begin planning the **2014 CSCA conference (April 2-6, 2014)**. The theme is “Elevate!” which allows for a multitude of ways to incorporate it into the conference submissions that I am sure you are working on now that the school year is coming to a close. The program planners have created the Call for Papers for each division that nicely incorporates the convention theme, all of which can be found on our website. Mark your calendars; the **submission deadline is Friday October 4th, 2013**.

And lastly, please recall the Call (for Papers for the 2014 Convention): using the convention theme, “Elevate,” I invite submissions that address the many ways that we can *elevate* our research, teaching, and fellowship. By pushing the boundaries of traditional inquiry, we can *elevate* our understanding of communication. By pushing the boundaries of traditional instruction, we can *elevate* our ability to educate others about communication. Program planners are encouraged to consider creative ways to develop innovative co-sponsored panels. There will also be spotlight panels dedicated to the convention theme. This broad and flexible theme will allow us an opportunity to explore the ways that we can “Elevate” the membership of CSCA by creating more opportunities for teaching, scholarship, and fellowship.

I hope you all have a restful and productive summer. And I look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis, Minnesota in April!

Cheers,
Leah

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

On Friday evening, over 300 folks attended the First Vice President's party at the Big Sky Saloon and a few members even rode the mechanical bull! Because of the central location of the 7th Annual Pub Crawl, approximately 300 CSCA members took advantage of the local Kansas City pub offerings. In all, I think we had a great time in Kansas City. Thanks to all that made it possible.

In this newsletter, you will find the names of recipients who received association-wide awards. Congratulations to our colleagues who have been recognized for their outstanding achievements in research, teaching and service. Currently, CSCA 1st Vice President Leah Bryant is busy with her team of planners working on #CSCA14. Her theme of ELEVATE will most certainly urge us to take what is *possible* in communication and make it *actual*. The CSCA Executive Committee has taken up her conference theme's challenge and is working on a few ideas that will potentially elevate CSCA even more. We will be meeting this summer (via teleconference) and then again at the National Communication Association conference in Washington, D.C. Please contact me with any ideas, questions or concerns.

Let's *Elevate* communication and its possibilities in 2014! – chad

READ LEAH'S INVITATION, CHECK OUT THE INTEREST GROUP CALLS, AND SUBMIT YOUR BEST WORK TO CSCA 2014!

For the full scoop, including information about the undergraduate honors conference and other special calls, visit <http://www.cscs-net.org>. You'll want to join all of your colleagues for the excellent scholarship, best teaching ideas, and good times galore! Head to the CSCA website today and think about how you'll ELEVATE!

Are you interested in joining the newsletter team?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW EDITOR FOR THE CSCA NEWSLETTER...

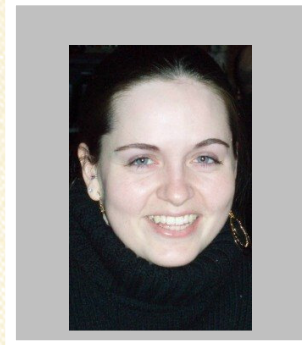
CSCA is looking for a creative, responsible, and energetic team player who is interested in becoming the new editor for the CSCA newsletter.

The newsletter currently includes columns from CSCA officers, updates about calls for papers, conference details, and announcements about the organization. Other possibilities for inclusion are member news and notes, book announcements or reviews, or other member contributions.

The newsletter editor works in conjunction with the CSCA Executive Director and the CSCA officers to produce 3-4 issues a year.

If you are interested in the position, please contact Executive Director-elect (and current newsletter editor) Jimmie Manning at jman@niu.edu for more details.

...AND A HEARTY "THANKS!" TO OUR IMMEDIATE PAST EDITOR!



On behalf of CSCA, we wish to recognize the outstanding dedication and service of **Jessica Eckstein** of Western Connecticut State University who has served as newsletter editor since 2009. She has played an important role in promoting the organization and keeping members in the know. Best wishes for an excellent future, Jessi!



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