

The Theory and Methodology Interest Group of the Eastern Communication Association (ECA), invites the submission of competitive papers, thematic panel proposals, and innovative programming alternatives (e.g., roundtables, symposia, debates, open forums, and community programs) for the 105<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the ECA.

The 2014 convention theme, *Communities of Dissent: A Lively Experiment in Dialogue, Diversity & Discourse* invites our discipline to reflect on the way dissent, dialogue, diversity and discourse have shaped theory and methodology in our scholarship. In what ways have theory and methodology aided in expression or suppression of dissent across communication contexts? What insights can members of ECA's Theory and Methodology division offer to the implications that dissent has on relationship quality, justice, community, civic engagement, and dialogue? What new theories or methodological advancements can allow us to engage in new dialogue?

In keeping with this theme, we ask you to consider papers, thematic panels, and other programs that explore the issues of dissent, dialogue, diversity, and discourse, and the ways in which these issues and questions intersect with the critical, methodological, research, and/or theoretical issues. General information about the 2014 Call for Papers can be found at <http://www.ecasite.org/>. Awards will be given for Top Three Papers. Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to submit debut papers to the Theory and Methodology Interest Group.

- In order to receive full consideration, completed papers and program/panel proposals must be received by **October 15, 2013**.
- **Submissions must be sent via e-mail, with attachments in MS Word or RTF format, to the 2014 Program Planner:**

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Submissions to the Theory and Methodology Interest Group must adhere to the following guidelines:

### **I. Submission of Completed Papers:**

Abstracts or incomplete papers are **not** acceptable.

- A. Submissions of completed papers should be sent as two separate documents in a MS Word or RTF format for blind review and must include:

1. A title page with the title of the paper and the author or authors' name(s), affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address. If the paper is multi-authored, please indicate who will be presenting the paper at the convention.
  - a. The word "Debut" marked in the upper right-hand corner of the title page on all papers written by authors who have not presented previously at a regional or national convention. All authors of a co-authored paper must meet the requirements to be considered a "Debut" paper. Please indicate whether each author is a bachelor, master, or doctoral student
  - b. The following **statement of professional responsibility** must be included. Papers without this statement will not be programmed:

*"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. I/We further recognize that all who attend and present at ECA's annual meeting must register and pay the required fees."*

2. A separate manuscript in APA format beginning with the abstract. No identifying information about the author(s) should appear outside of the title page.

- The e-mail subject header should include the abbreviation "**ECA**" and the title of the paper.
- The e-mail text **must** include any request for presentation aids (such as projectors, video monitors, DVD players, etc.).

## **II. Submission of Program/Panel Proposals:**

All program/panel submissions should tie in to the convention theme outlined above as well as the interest group focus. Program proposals (e.g., roundtables, symposia, debates, open forums, and community programs) should be sent as a MS Word or RTF format and must include:

1. A thematic title for the program/panel.
2. The name of the Chair, and Respondent (if any). Chairs should **not** also be designated as respondents.
3. The names, institutional affiliations, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of all participants.
4. Titles and abstracts (150-300 word) for each paper or presentation.
5. Program copy (no more than a 75-word description) as it should appear in the final program.
6. A one-page, detailed rationale for the program/panel.
7. The following **statement of professional responsibility** must be included. If it is not attached to a submitted document, the chair is responsible for obtaining a completed copy of this form prior to the paper/program/panel being officially programmed for presentation at the convention. Panels without this statement will not be programmed:

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- The e-mail subject header should include the abbreviation “**ECA**” and the title of the panel.
- The e-mail text **must** include any request for presentation aids (such as projectors, video monitors, DVD players, etc.).

## **Technology Policy**

For the complete statement about the provision of media technology by the ECA for the conference participants, please see the ECA’s “Technology Policy.”

Note, however, that reasonable requests for technology support will **not** be met unless they are received by the program planner at the time of the paper or program submission.

For any additional information about the convention, please visit the ECA website at <http://www.ecasite.org/>.

For any additional information regarding the Theory and Method Interest Group's call for papers, please contact the Program Planner:

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