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ECA 2015 Convention - Philosophy of Communication Division - Call for Submissions

**Call for Papers
Fifth Annual
Philosophy of Communication Division
106th Eastern Communication Association Convention**

Submission Deadline: October 15, 2014

Submission Email: maier551@duq.edu

(Submissions should come in two attachments – a title page with full contact information and the remainder of the paper with no identifying author, school, faculty, or contact information; submissions format should be either .docx or .pdf)

Deliberation: Philadelphia

The 106th Annual ECA Convention theme is “Deliberation: Philadelphia.” The **submission deadline is Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at midnight**. The convention will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the Sheraton Society Hill on April 22-26, 2015.

The 2015 Convention theme raises two interrelated issues that invite philosophical reflection. The first issue focuses on *deliberation* as an essential aspect of human communication. Processes of deliberation and decision-making are vital to human flourishing in both public and private contexts. But the notion of *Philadelphia*—a city that roots itself in brotherly and sisterly love—also calls attention to the role that *caritas* plays in public life and deliberative processes.

With these issues in mind, this Call for Papers welcomes completed papers and panel sessions focusing on the following questions: How can the philosophy of communication help us to understand and frame deliberative processes in the various contexts where they occur? What is the potential role of *caritas* in public life? How can *caritas* foster just and sustainable deliberative processes? The convention planners wish to highlight completed papers and deliberative, audience-drawing, and audience-involving panels that encourage public consideration of ideas or debate the merit and direction of our scholarship and pedagogy.

The convention, as always, features panels, round tables, short courses, and programming on the convention theme. In addition, the Fifth Annual James C. McCroskey and Virginia P. Richmond

Undergraduate Scholars Conference (USC) will run concurrently with the ECA convention on Friday and Saturday (April 24-25). USC papers will be accepted through December 19, 2014, to enable scholarly student papers from the fall semester to be submitted.

Submission of Completed Papers: Individual submissions of complete papers should include the following elements:

1. A detachable title page with the title of the paper and the author's affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, and email address. If the paper has multiple authors, please indicate who will be presenting at the convention.
2. The word "Debut" marked on all papers written by authors who have not presented previously at a regional or national convention.
3. A one-page abstract on the second page.
4. A request for AV needs.
5. A statement of professional responsibility on the second page.

Submission of Program/Panel Proposals: Submission of program/panel proposals should include the following elements:

1. A thematic title for the program.
2. Names of the chair and respondents (if any). Chairs should not also be designated as respondents.
3. Names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and institutional affiliations of all participants.
4. Titles and abstracts for each paper or presentation.
5. A program copy (**no more than a 75-word description**) as it should appear in the final program.
6. A detailed rationale for the program/panel.
7. A statement of professional responsibility.

Statement of Professional Responsibility: The statement below **MUST** be included with every submission of a paper or panel in order for it to be eligible for review:

In submitting the attached paper or proposal, I/We recognize that this submission is considered a professional responsibility. If this submission is accepted and programmed, I/We agree to register for the 2015 ECA Convention, pay fees, and present in Philadelphia. I/We understand that presenters with last minute emergencies must make arrangements as possible for an alternate presenter as well as communicate their absences to both the Interest Group Planner and ECA VP; no shows will be removed from the official program.

Please **submit materials electronically** by midnight on **Wednesday, October 15, 2014** to:

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