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CSCA President's Column



These are very exciting times for the **Central States Communication Association (CSCA)**, and I want to share just a few of the numerous developments, advancements, and transformations taking place in our association.

First Vice President **Shawn T. Wahl** is busy preparing what will surely be an extraordinary conference in **Grand Rapids**. Beyond the top-notch panels and constructive academic discourse for which CSCA is known, the conference will feature a number of special events and activities. You will definitely want to take advantage of all the incredible opportunities that the Grand Rapids conference will offer.

I am pleased to announce that **Kenneth Lachlan** has been named the 22nd editor of **Communication Studies**. **Robert S. Littlefield** will remain editor of the journal through the end of 2015. As the editorial transition takes place, any submissions to **Communication Studies** received from this point forward will be managed by **Ken** for consideration beginning with his inaugural issue to be published in early 2016. The journal's prestige and impact on the discipline is flourishing, and I am positive that the journal will continue to reach new heights through **Ken's** leadership.

I am also pleased to announce that **Jeffrey T. Child** has been named the association's new finance chair. **David Bodary** has just completed a successful three-year term in this role, and the association owes him a debt of gratitude for his financial stewardship and service. I have no doubt that **Jeff** will continue to guide the association's financial matters with the same success. **Jeff** is among the brightest, kindest, most honest, and most hardworking scholars in the discipline, and we are fortunate to have him be serving in this vital role.

The executive committee is working on a number of projects and initiatives on behalf of the association. Three of these items can be announced now and are particularly worthy of note. First, through an initiative that began during the presidential term of **Chad Edwards**, the CSCA archives are now located at **Ball State University**. These materials are in the process of being digitized, so members and other interested parties will be able to search through these items and explore association history either in person or online. There are a quite a few treasures to be discovered, and a greater understanding of not only the association but also the discipline can be gained by examining these materials. *(Column continued on p. 2.)*

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Second, through the guidance of Executive Director **Jimmie Manning**, we are in the process of selecting a new Internet partner and developing a new and vastly improved website for the association. Our present website has quite a few issues and problems that simply cannot be ignored, and it does not properly reflect the quality of the association. Beyond an improved appearance and user interface, the new website will provide the association's members with new content and support for their pedagogical and scholarly activities. It will also enable the membership to better connect with one another and with the association. And, as an added bonus, the new website will actually save the association a tremendous amount of money each year.

A third major initiative being undertaken by the executive committee is a substantial overhaul of our **Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures documents**. This is a necessary endeavor for any association from time to time and does not mean that we will be making major alterations at will. Rather, some items included in these documents are outdated, contradictory, confusing, incorrect, or do not reflect changes which have taken place and policies which have been enacted in the previous few years. Further, the organization and structure of these documents can be improved to increase clarity. This project will be a major undertaking, but it is an essential task as the association continues to develop and advance.

You can expect updates on these matters and announcements concerning other initiatives in the coming months. CSCA continues to be among the finest associations of this or any other discipline, and I am honored to be part of this amazing association with you.

David T. McMahan, CSCA President

2015 CSCA Honorees

William Cupach, Illinois State University; **Steve Duck**, University of Iowa;
Dorothy Pennington, University of Kansas; CSCA Hall of Fame Inductees

Lisa Hanosono, Bowling Green State University, Outstanding New Teacher Award

Tina Coffelt, Iowa State University & **Leah LeFebvre**, University of Wyoming;
Suzie D'Enbeau, Kent State University, Federation Prize

Hanna Larsen, South Dakota State University, Cooper Award (Masters)

Lindsey N. Badger, Indiana University, Cooper Award (Doctoral)

Eileen F. Doherty, Marymount Manhattan College & **Erina L. MacGeorge**,
The Pennsylvania State University, "Barriers Impeding Social Support: The Experiences of Young
Adults with Bipolar Disorder," *Iowa Journal of Communication*,

David T. McMahan (Guest Editor), Missouri Western State University,
Outstanding Manuscript Award

Discourse: The Journal of the Speech Communication Association of South Dakota,
Karla M. Hunter (Editor), South Dakota State University, Outstanding Journal Award

Jayson L. Dibble, Hope College, "*Breaking Good and Bad News: Face-Implicating Concerns
as Mediating the Relationship Between News Valence and Hesitation to Share the News;*"

Audra K. Nuru, Fairfield University, "*Between Layers:
Understanding the Communicative Negotiation of Identities by Transgender Individuals;*"
Outstanding Communication Studies Manuscript Award

CSCA First Vice President & Planner's Column



Congratulations to [David T. McMahan](#) for planning an amazing conference in [Madison](#). As we begin the planning process, I am extremely excited about next year's conference in [Grand Rapids, Michigan](#). There is no question that Grand Rapids is a special place for us to celebrate CSCA as our disciplinary [Foundation](#). Remember to tell your friends and colleagues [GRR \(Grand Rapids Rocks\)](#)!

In anticipation of the [2016 Convention](#) in Grand Rapids, the convention menu on the association's website (www.csc-net.org) has been transformed and information about [CSCA 2016](#) is now available.

The new [Travel and Location Information page](#) provides information about just some of the exciting things that Grand Rapids has to offer. Click on the various links to see why Grand Rapids is considered to be on the move. There are also links providing information about Grand Rapids shopping, entertainment, and cultural activities. Also be sure to click on this video [link](#) to learn more about this wonderful city. Grand Rapids is truly a great city for CSCA.

The [Hotel Information and Registration page](#) provides information about the beautiful [Amway Grand Plaza Hotel](#). Discover the very reasonable room rates available to us and just a few of the hotel's special features, including a variety of food and beverage venues such as Starbucks, The Kitchen by Wolfgang Puck, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, as well as a variety of locally flavored sports bars and pubs (all located inside of the hotel).

It is never too early to start thinking about sending a submission. The [Call for Submissions page](#) provides information about the conference theme and links to unit calls. Click on the appropriate links to see the calls for your favorite interest groups and caucuses. This year's talented and skilled program planners are ready to make CSCA 2016 one to remember.

Special events and additional materials will be added to the site in the future. In the meantime, please contact me (shawnwahl@missouristate.edu) if you have any questions or need any further information about the convention.

In my role as First Vice President, I have the honor of selecting five members of the association to serve on five of the association's committees. These individuals will serve as vice chair of their respective committee during the upcoming year and will then serve as chair during my presidential year. Their service to the association is appreciated, and the association will greatly benefit from their leadership. The names of these individuals and the committee on which they will serve are as follows:

Cooper Award: [Stacy Tye-Williams](#), Iowa State University

Outstanding New Teacher Award: [Kathy Denker](#), Ball State University

Federation Prize: [Chad McBride](#), Creighton University

Nominating Committee: [Brad Mello](#), Saint Xavier University

Outstanding *Communication Studies* Article Award: [Larry Frey](#), University of Colorado at Boulder

Thanks to all of you for supporting CSCA. I look forward to celebrating CSCA as our [Foundation](#) with you in Grand Rapids.

Shawn T. Wahl, CSCA First Vice President & Planner

Call for Submissions

2016 CSCA Annual Convention

Grand Rapids, Michigan

April 13th-17th, 2016

Foundation

Foundation has been selected as the theme for the 2016 Central States Communication Association convention in order to celebrate a place where colleagues can discuss new teaching ideas, friends can reconnect, and all of us can maintain and build grounding and stability as communication scholars.

Research

We can explore research **foundations** across our planning units. Celebrating key communication research contributions to theory, methodology and the history of communication are important. Therefore, submissions dedicated to spotlighting significant communication research and creative contributions inclusive of all methodological perspectives in our discipline are encouraged.

Teaching

We can celebrate the **foundation** of best teaching practices within the discipline and the association. Doing so entails promoting general education programs and communication skills across our planning units. Accordingly, submissions dedicated to communication pedagogy, communication competence, cultural diversity, assessment, instructional innovation and the integration of technology are encouraged.

Service and Creative Collaboration

Service and creative collaboration shape CSCA as our **foundation**. We must work together as a scholarly community to advocate for the communication discipline and engage community. Service and creative collaboration help us realize who we are as a community of scholars—we embrace our friendships, colleagues and professional partners. We celebrate our mentors and meet new lifetime friends. Therefore, submissions dedicated to the service contributions of disciplinary advocates and networking opportunities across all planning units are encouraged.

Please see the submission calls of the association's interest groups and caucuses for specific submission information.

Deadline for Submissions: October 3rd, 2015

Primary Program Planner: Shawn T. Wahl, shawnwahl@missouristate.edu

Dates to Remember

CSCA 2016 Paper/Panel/Short Course Submissions: 10/3/15
CSCA 2016 Undergraduate Honors Research Conference Submissions: 1/15/16
CSCA 2016 in Madison, Wisconsin: 4/13/16 through 4/17/16

Call for Submissions 2016 CSCA President's Undergraduate Honors Research Conference Grand Rapids, Michigan April 15th-16th, 2016



The 2016 Central States Communication Association (CSCA) President's Undergraduate Honors Research Conference (UHRC) will be held Friday, April 15th and Saturday, April 16th during the annual CSCA convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The UHRC offers undergraduate students an opportunity to share their original research projects and provides a forum through which they can inquire about graduate study, meet graduate faculty, and interact with some of the leading scholars in the discipline of communication. The UHRC features a [graduate school open house](#) and an [awards luncheon](#).

The conference is open to students who were enrolled as an undergraduate during the 2015 academic year (spring, summer, or fall). Submissions must have been completed by those students (not coauthored with faculty) during the aforementioned academic year.

Only [completed papers](#) as WORD documents will be accepted as submissions. Papers must not exceed 25 pages (excluding references and tables/appendices), must conform to the 6th edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, and must be accompanied by a completed [CSCA 2016 UHRC Submission Form](#) located on the CSCA website (www.cscanet.org). This submission form requires advisor contact information. Both the student author(s) and the advisor will be notified of the submission's status.

If accepted for the conference, the submission may be programmed as a paper to be presented on a traditional panel, as a paper to be presented in a roundtable format, or as a poster to be presented at a poster session. Notification of format will be provided at notification of the submission's status.

By submitting the paper, both the student author(s) and the advisor must view doing so as a professional endeavor and responsibility. Accordingly, by submitting this paper, the student author(s) agrees/agree to register for the conference and to present at the conference if the submission is programmed. The advisor agrees to ensure that the student author(s) will register for the conference and will present at the conference. Failure to do so may result in submissions under the direction of the advisor and from the advisor's institution not being programmed at future conferences.

Submissions must be received no later than [Friday, January 15th, 2016](#).

Queries and submissions should be addressed to the following:

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CSCA Executive Director's Column: It's A Great Day to Brag: CSCA is an Association on the Rise



It is hard for me not to smile when I talk about CSCA these days. I've always loved the organization, ever since my first CSCA convention in 1998. It was my first trip to Chicago, the place I now call home, and my first ever academic conference. I had no idea that communication scholars came together to present research, share teaching tips, perform evocative works of art, and to discuss intellectual ideas over social events. I have to tell you, it blew my fragile undergraduate mind!

Even today, after attending over 50 different academic conferences, I can say that it still amazes me that people can make a livelihood by educating others, developing knowledge, and engaging communication practices in their communities. I am also consistently and constantly amazed at how many students go on to have successful lives and careers because of their communication educations. We are truly blessed to do the work we do!

To that end, it is my pleasure, as the manager of the association, to see all of the wonderful things that CSCA does to help communication professionals on their personal journeys. Things continue to get better for the organization! So I conclude this issue's Executive Director column by ~~bragging about~~ illuminating some of the many things that make CSCA special!

*We are, by far, the largest regional communication association and the third-largest communication association in the world! And we keep growing!

*Relatedly, our conferences continue to thrive. They have reached that sweet spot of "not too big, not too small" where people can still recognize each other while enjoying a variety of ideas, viewpoints, and scholarship types!

*Our financial security has allowed us to keep conference and membership fees low while providing members with great benefits. This year's opening reception shows you what we can do when sponsors know our members give them appreciation!

*Under editor [Robert S. Littlefield](#)'s direction, [Communication Studies](#) continues to remain a viable journal in the discipline, maintaining the highest h5-index of any regional journal (based on Google Scholar data). That means when scholars publish in the journal they can rest assured their work can be found and used!

*We're getting greener! In addition to a beautiful conference program printed on recycled paper, we also had eco-friendly bags for conference attendees and recycled as many materials used for the conference as we could. That included making sure we were not wasteful of food! Special thanks to member [Jennifer Willis-Rivera](#) for making sure that uneaten box lunches were distributed to transient people who were in need of a good meal!

*We have a new website coming your way, we're journeying to an amazing new conference city (Grand Rapids rocks!), and we have so many special treats planned for you there. Just you wait!

I could go on (and on and on), but I'll stop for now. Thank you all for making CSCA so wonderful! I look forward to all we can do together for many years to come!

Jimmie Manning, CSCA Executive Director

Call for CSCA Newsletter Book Reviews

The September 2015 supplement will publish short reviews (of approximately 500 words for monographs and up to 1000 words for longer edited volumes) of recently published books of relevance to the membership of CSCA.

For this book-review section (to be printed September 2015), Book Review Editor [Sarah Steimel](#) has included a full list of books she is currently seeking reviews for on p. 1 of the [Book Reviews supplement](#). Suggestions for additional books to review can also be made to the Book Review Editor.

To be considered for a review, please contact Book Review Editor [Sarah Steimel](#) at sarahsteimel@weber.edu with:

- 1 Which book you want to review
- 2 A short explanation as to why that book fits within your area of knowledge/expertise.

If selected to provide a book review, CSCA will provide the book to the reviewing author.

Submissions should not be under review by other publications. Reviews must be written according to the most recent edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. The Book Review Editor reserves final discretion about the publication of all reviews.

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