

Political Communication Interest Group Newsletter

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Message from the Chair

Hello CSCA Political Communication Interest Group members!

I hope you enjoyed your summer and are having a great start to the fall semester. As you know, the submission deadline for the 2017 CSCA conference in Minneapolis, MN is on October 3, 2016. With the 2016 Presidential election campaigns well under way, I am confident there will be plenty of fascinating research presented in Minneapolis.

This year's conference theme is *Create*, and it is a time to celebrate the community we are creating together. Please note that this year's CSCA conference is being held from March 16-18, 2017, earlier in the year than the conference has been held in recent memory. Inclement weather is always a risk in Minneapolis during this time of year, but the city has excellent infrastructure to quickly handle any issues associated with winter weather.

I encourage everyone to think about what "create" means to you, your research, and your teaching, and to submit papers or panels for this year's convention. Please be creative and reach out to scholars in our interest group and other groups and divisions. If you have an idea for a panel and would like assistance in putting it

together, please contact me and I will do my best to help. Our Facebook page, "CSCA Political Communication Interest Group" is a great place to connect with other members and brainstorm ideas for papers and panels.

Last year's conference in Grand Rapids was a great success, due to the hard work of Dr. Terri Easley-Giraldo. As our Chair and program planner, she did a fantastic job with our 2016 program. A huge thanks goes to Dr. Easley-Giraldo for her diligence in planning a wonderful program in Grand Rapids.

I'd also like to give a special thanks to the 15 reviewers that volunteered to serve our interest group prior to the 2016 meeting. Members can volunteer to serve this year as reviewers, chairs, and/or respondents by completing a survey, which is also located at the bottom of this newsletter and on the interest group Facebook page. I'd like to thank everyone in advance for their service to our interest group!

I hope to see you all in Minneapolis for our 2017 conference. Thank you for your service to our interest group, and I look forward to your submissions!

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Call for Papers

Call for Submissions

2017 Central States Communication Association Conference □

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Create

March 16-18, 2017

The Political Communication Interest Group invites the submission of competitive papers and thematic panel proposals to be considered for presentation at the 2017 CSCA convention to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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. Papers and proposals that highlight and explore the theme of this convention, *Create*, are especially encouraged.

Submission Instructions:

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. Graduate and undergraduate students should type "STUDENT" on the upper right-hand corner of the title page. If the paper will be a student debut, please type "DEBUT STUDENT" on the upper right-hand corner of the title page. To be considered a student debut paper, (1) the author must be a graduate or undergraduate student, (2) the paper must have single authorship, and (3) the paper must be the author's first paper to be presented at CSCA. **Indicate if author(s) are CSCA members.** All papers should contain a 50-75-word abstract. The Interest Group will present an award for the top overall paper, and the J. Jeffrey Auer Award for the top competitive graduate student paper (which also includes a monetary award).

A Competitive Paper Submission Form must be submitted along with the paper. This form is located on the CSCA website: www.cscs-net.org.

Panel proposals: Panel proposals must be submitted using either the Discussion Panel Submission Form or the Paper Panel Submission Form depending on the format of the panel. Both of these forms can be found on the CSCA website: www.cscs-net.org. If you are proposing a roundtable discussion of existing projects, please use a Paper Panel Submission form. Proposals that explore connections with other interest groups are encouraged. If you would like to propose a different format for your panel, please use the Discussion Panel Proposal Form and describe the format briefly in the panel description.

We seek interactive and innovative panel formats to further develop our program and provide opportunities for discussion at the convention. Some examples of different formats include:

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, article, or book highlighting contributions to the field and advances inspired by the work.

All papers and panels must be submitted electronically using Microsoft Word. Documents sent in any other format will be returned to the sender. All technology requests must be made at the time of submission. Projectors and screens are available; computers are not.

Submissions must be received by **October 3, 2016**.

All paper/panel submissions should be emailed to:
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CSCA Political Communication Interest Group

Business Meeting Minutes – Friday, April 14, 2016

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Terri Easley, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Blair Thompson announced next year's CSCA details:

- Next year's theme is "create"
- T Shirt *create the cloud*
- Emphasizing communication through theme (constitutive meaning)
- Submissions due October 3rd
- Division calls around mid to late May
- Conference a few weeks earlier, so try to bump up decisions
- 11 slots next year not counting business meeting

Political Communication Interest Group business

- Approved 2015 minutes

Top overall paper

- Jake Nickell

Reflecting on submissions for 2016

- Submissions were down; 15 papers; 4 panel submissions
- Only 13 reviewers
- Next year with Spring break we might have similar problems

Secretary election

- Dr. Natalie Pennington nominates Dr. Soo-Hye Han of Kansas State as secretary
 - Unanimous vote!

Joshua Hawthorne on next year's submissions

- Still waiting on planner's meeting
- Wants to encourage rhetorical (and quantitative) methods
- We should email department chairs and people we think would be interested
 - Don't rely only on calls to do the work
- We want the submissions but also balance
 - Allocating panels and splitting others
 - Hold some spots (panel or two) for late-breaking things
 - This year, for example, the topic of extended primaries. Think about for next year.
- New ideas for panels
 - Scholar-to-scholar style session
- Honor an important anniversary of an important book or article
 - Could honor a scholar/book especially if associated with local institutions
 - 2016 is 20th anniversary of Debate Watch

Terri Easley, Chair, adjourned the meeting

Reviewers, Chairs, and Respondents Needed

We hope to have another wonderful set of submissions for the 2016 convention, but your help is needed. Please volunteer to help as a reviewer, chair, or respondent. To volunteer please complete the short survey found here: [LINK TO SURVEY!!](#)

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