

# Political Communication Interest Group Newsletter

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## Message from the Chair

Hello CSCA Political Communication Interest Group members,

I hope this message finds you well and that your semester is off to a great start. Although fall is just beginning, the submission deadline for the 2018 CSCA conference in Milwaukee, WI is just around the corner (October 9<sup>th</sup>). Please consider submitting your best papers and panels to our interest group. Given last year's election and the current political climate, I am sure there will be lots of intriguing papers and stimulating discussions at this year's convention.

I would like to thank Dr. Josh Hawthorne for his hard work on making the 2017 conference a great success. Josh served as our Chair and program planner and did a fantastic job with our program. We had 11 program slots, and good attendance at our panels. I'd also like to give a special thanks to the 15 members that volunteered to review.

If you are willing to serve as a reviewer, chair, or respondent for this year's conference, please sign up via the short survey ([https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9Ntzq2uShc9mleZ](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Ntzq2uShc9mleZ)). You can find the link on our Facebook group – "CSCA Political Communication Interest Group." Your service to the interest group is much appreciated.

This year's conference theme is *Difference*, which I think is quite timely and important to our interest group. I encourage everyone to think about what "difference" means to them, their research, and their teaching. For instance, you may celebrate differences, problematize them, or explore intersectionality in your work. You may also consider issues and people that made a difference in communities. All methods are encouraged and respected. A few ideas discussed at our last meeting include the year one retrospective of the Trump presidency, locally based themes (Wisconsin/Milwaukee politics), connecting classroom theory to practice, and the role of social media. If you have any questions or would like assistance in putting together a panel, feel free to contact me.

I hope you are excited for our 2018 conference as much as I am. I hear that there will be some great events scheduled at the conference and the city of Milwaukee offers lots of local flair connected to its German heritage. Thank you all for your service to our interest group, and I look forward to your submissions!

Sincerely,  
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# Call for Papers

Call for Submissions

2018 Central States Communication Association Conference

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

*Difference*

April 4-7, 2018

The Political Communication Interest Group invites the submission of competitive papers and thematic panel proposals to be considered for presentation at the 2018 CSCA convention to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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, *Difference*, are especially encouraged.

**Awards:** All top papers will be recognized during our business meeting. Awards will be given to the top overall paper and the J. Jeffrey Auer Award for the top competitive graduate student paper (which also includes a monetary award).

## Guidelines for Submission:

**Papers:** Only completed papers will be accepted. Papers must include a title page that is in a separate document, 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 and label it as graduate or undergraduate. To be considered a student debut paper, (1) the author must be a 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. A Competitive Paper Submission Form must be submitted as a separate attachment along with the paper. This form is located on the CSCA website: <http://www.cscs-net.org>.

**Panels:** 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: <http://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. Panels with institutional diversity are highly encouraged and preferred. 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.

# Call for Papers – Continued

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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 media requests must be made at the time of submission. Projectors and screens are available; computers are not.

All papers/panels must be submitted electronically using Microsoft Word. Documents sent using any other format will be returned to the sender.

Submissions must be received by **October 9, 2017**.

Send submissions electronically using Microsoft Word to the following:

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## Reviewers, Chairs, and Respondents Needed

We hope to have another wonderful set of submissions for the 2018 convention, but your help is needed. Please volunteer to help as a reviewer, chair, or respondent. To volunteer please complete the short survey linked from our Facebook page.

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## CSCA Political Communication Interest Group

### Business Meeting Minutes – Thursday, March 16, 2017

### Minneapolis, Minnesota

The meeting was called to order by Josh Hawthorne, Chair.

#### **Old Business**

1. 2016 meeting minutes were approved.
2. Top papers were announced:
  - Top Student Paper – Joel Lansing Reed (University of Missouri) and Josh Bramlett (University of Missouri), “A Comparative Functional Analysis of Campaign Communication in Partisan and Non-partisan Elections”
  - Top Paper – Freddie J. Jennings (University of Missouri), “Sexism in Politics: The Impact of Online Discussions of Candidate Support”
3. Report from 2017 Convention Planner, Josh Hawthorne
  - 11 program slots (all filled)
  - 20 papers submitted, five panels submitted
  - 15 reviewers volunteered

#### **New Business**

1. Election of Officers
  - Soo-Hye Han (Kansas State University) was elected as Chair.
  - Terri Easley-Giraldo (Johnson County Community College) was elected as Vice Chair.
  - Colene Lind (Kansas State University) was elected as Secretary.
2. 2018 Conference Planning

Amy Aldridge Sanford, Incoming VP responsible for conference planning provided an update on next year’s conference to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from April 4-7, 2018. The theme of the conference will be “Difference.”

Discussion of what we have seen in the past panels:

- Different methodological approaches (qualitative, quantitative, rhetorical)
- Broad topic and methodological areas (which is strength)
- Missing local aspect (e.g., down ballot)
- Missing practical aspect (e.g., lobbyist, campaign worker)

Discussion of ideas for panels including:

- Locally based themes. Need to reach out to colleagues at Wisconsin/Milwaukee to those who don’t normally attend.
- Year one retrospective of the Trump presidency
- Connection between classroom theory and practical applications (e.g., access points with lobbyist and campaign worker, campaign managers, etc.)
- Social media in general

Those with additional ideas should email Soo-Hye Han.

The meeting was adjourned by Josh Hawthorne, Chair.