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A Message from Karen Anderson, Chair

The past three years has been a transition for me professionally and personally. On a professional level this transition was one of graduate student to faculty member. It is a transition that most members of the academic community have already experienced or are looking forward to with great anticipation and anxiety. During this period of transition I have had the great pleasure to serve the Political Communication Interest Group.

As I thought about the past three years, one of the interesting changes for me professionally relates to how I think about conferences. As a graduate student, conferences were about taking a break from teaching, getting to go somewhere other than the library, hanging out with friends, and creating a research program and vita that would get me a job. Conferences have become something else for me in the past three years. They are a location to fulfill my intellectual need for conversation about research. The vital stimulation once fulfilled by course work and the intensity of a dissertation is now fulfilled

by conference presentations, roundtables, and even those intellectual conversations with colleagues that occur at the coffee shop (or bar) in the hotel lobby.

As the political communication interest group moves forward I hope that we continue to foster the space for timely intellectual conversations such as our invited senior scholar and junior-senior scholar roundtable panels. The political communication interest group's commitment to fostering graduate students is an important part of our service to our members. As the fundraising drive to establish an endowment for the *J. Jeffery Auer Award* continues, I encourage each of you to consider contributing. Together we can ensure that the *Auer Award* is secure. I would also encourage the members of the interest group to consider other ways in which we can mentor graduate students and new faculty members.

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Many of newest interest group members are new faculty and became active in the interest group as graduate students. Providing opportunities for graduate students to serve the division in unique ways as well as providing the network to create dynamic graduate student panels with members represented across Universities.

As I mentioned earlier the past three years has also been a transition for me personally. As most of you know I was unable to attend the 2006 convention because of the birth of my son, Aidan. Any other year and it would have just been a missed opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues. However, as the program planner for the 2006 convention it posed quite a chal-

lenge. Again I would like to extend a special thanks to Mary Banwart, Mitchell McKinney and Jenifer Lewis for their guidance and support. I could not have fulfilled my duties as program planner without their help.

A special thanks to our past chair LeAnn Brazeal for her continued work with the division and to Jenifer Lewis for all of her work planning the program for the 2007 convention in Minneapolis. Again it has been my pleasure to serve the division and I look forward to reconnecting with many in Minneapolis.

Karen Anderson
Chair
CSCA Political Communication Interest Group

We Want YOU!!!

The Nominating Committee (Mary Banwart, LeAnn Brazeal, Katherine Hatfield) has called for nominations for Interest Group officers to be selected at our business meeting in Minneapolis. As we do each year, the membership will elect a Vice-Chair and Secretary-Elect.



If you know of an Interest Group member who might like to serve in either of these capacities, or if you'd like to nominate yourself, please contact Mary Banwart, Nominating Committee Chair, by **March 15** (mbanwart@ku.edu).

2007 Top Papers Announced

Congratulations to **Jay P. Childers**, University of Kansas—his paper “A new generation of removed volunteers: The changing civic identity of adolescents in the United States.” was ranked the **top overall paper** for the Political Communication Division.

Congratulations to **Michael C. Souders**, University of Kansas —his paper “The role and functions of rhetorical framing analysis: A clarification, a development and a case study.” won the **J. Jeffrey Auer Award** for the Top Graduate Student Paper.

2007 Convention Information

This year we have 15 panels sponsored or co-sponsored by the Political Communication Interest Group, which is five more than the 10 originally allotted. We are pleased to co-sponsor panels with the following interest group and caucuses: Freedom and Responsibilities of Speech, Women's Caucus, Rhetorical Theory and Criticism, Graduate Student Caucus, Organizational and Professional Communication. Special thanks to CSCA First Vice President, Jack Kay, who is also co-sponsoring a featured panel with us this year.

Featured Panels:

Top Paper Panel: Friday, March 30, 11:00am-12:45pm, Cedar Lake–Alt. Media Room.

Social Responsibility in Politics: Communication and the U.S. Immigration Debate

Friday, March 30, 9:30-10:45am, Greenway D

Participants Alberto Gonzalez, Bowling Green State University; Mitchell S. McKinney, National Communication

Association; and Jennifer Willis-Rivera, University of Wisconsin, River Falls; will explore the on-going immigration "debate" in U.S. politics and discuss ways in which political communication scholars can foster social responsibility for clear communication within this political hot topic.

The Political Times: A Review of the Midterm Elections and a Preview of the 2008 Presidential Campaigns

Friday, March 30, 4:00-5:15pm, Greenway D

Participants Karlyn Kohrs Campbell, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; Robert V. Friedenber, Miami University (Ohio); Mitchell S. McKinney, National Communication Association; and Judith S. Trent, University of Cincinnati; will wrap up the 2006 midterm elections as well as preview the upcoming 2008 presidential campaigns.

2007 Political Communication Interest Group Panels

Thursday, March 29th

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM, Cedar Lake – Alt. Media Room
INTERSECTIONS OF COMMUNICATION AND ACTIVISM

Sponsor: Political Communication

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM, Greenway D
POLITICS IN THE CLASSROOM, DEFINING ACADEMIC FREEDOMS AND LIMITS: A POINT-COUNTERPOINT DISCUSSION

Co-Sponsors: Freedom and Responsibilities of Speech
Political Communication

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM, Cedar Lake – Alt. Media Room
LET'S GET ENGAGED! INCORPORATING CIVIC AND POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT INTO COMMUNICATION COURSES

Sponsor: Political Communication

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM, Greenway H – Media Room
COMMUNICATION, GENDER, AND EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

Co-Sponsors: Political Communication
Women's Caucus

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM, Cedar Lake – Alt. Media Room

YOU'RE ON NOTICE! THE COLBERT REPORT, SATIRE, ARGUMENT, AND POLITICAL PUNDITRY

Sponsor: Political Communication

Friday, March 30th

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM, Greenway D
ISRAEL VS. HEZBOLLAH: A RHETORICAL WAR ON MANY FRONTS

Co-Sponsors: Political Communication
Rhetorical Theory and Criticism

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM, Greenway G
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN POLITICS: COMMUNICATION AND THE U.S. IMMIGRATION DEBATE

Co-Sponsors: Political Communication
CSCA First Vice President, Jack Kay

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM, Cedar Lake – Alt. Media Room
TOP PAPERS IN POLITICAL COMMUNICATION

Sponsor: Political Communication

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Thank You from Jenifer Lewis, 2007 Program Planner

Thanks to all of the panel and paper reviewers for your service to the Interest Group. We have a great slate of panels due in part to the time and energy you spent reviewing the submissions. I look forward to seeing everyone in Minneapolis.

List of 2007 Panels continued

Friday, March 30th continued

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM, Greenway H – Media Room
CAMPAIGN COMMUNICATION FOR A VOTING AMERICA: THE ROLE OF ISSUE FRAMES, PARTY IDENTIFICATION, AND PRIMARY DEBATES

Sponsor: Political Communication

4:00 PM – 5:15 PM, Greenway A
THE POLITICAL TIMES: A REVIEW OF THE MID-TERM ELECTIONS AND A PREVIEW OF THE 2008 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS

Sponsor: Political Communication

Saturday, March 31st

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM, Greenway D
COMMUNICATING IN A POLITICALLY DIVERSE SOCIETY

Co-Sponsors: Political Communication
Graduate Student Caucus

Business Meeting

Please mark your schedule for the 2007 Political Communication Interest Group Business Meeting on **Saturday, March 31**. The business meeting will be in **Greenway E** from **4:00—5:15 p.m.** Among other things, we will elect new officers and begin planning for the 2008 convention and the 10th anniversary of the CSCA Political Communication Interest Group. It's important to have good attendance at the business meeting so that we can each have a voice in the direction of our interest group. See you there!

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM, Greenway D
MAKING AND BREAKING THE MOLD: POLITICAL COMMUNICATION BY INFLUENTIAL LEADERS

Sponsor: Political Communication

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM, Greenway D
FROM TERROR TO TAPPING: A DISCUSSION OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S RHETORICAL STRATEGIES SINCE 9/11 AND AMERICA'S RESPONSE

Co-Sponsors: Political Communication
Rhetorical Theory and Criticism

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM, Greenway D
COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

Sponsor: Political Communication

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM, Greenway D
CROSSING OVER IN POLITICAL COMMUNICATION: MAKING LINKS WITH OTHER COMMUNICATION CONTEXTS

Co-Sponsors: Organizational and Professional Communication
Political Communication

Looking Ahead to Madison 2008

In 2008 the CSCA Political Communication Interest Group will celebrate 10 years and in order to mark this special occasion justly, planning will need to begin early.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the convention this year. My husband and I are expecting our first child at the beginning of April.

If you have suggestions for the Political Communication Interest Group program planning for 2008 please speak with Jenifer Lewis at the convention or e-mail me at roberskm@muohio.edu. Have fun in Minneapolis and see you in Madison in 2008!

— Kasie M. Roberson

Vice-Chair & 2008 Program Planner

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