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In 2012, we'll be Connecting in Cleveland!

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Plans for the 2012 CSCA annual conference, "*Connecting in Cleveland: Exploring Intersections that Unite a Discipline*" are well underway, and I'd like to share with members a quick review of convention activities and provide you with a timeline for our conference planning. First, we've just past the submission deadline for panel proposals and competitive papers, and our 23 Interest Group and Caucus program planners have sent submissions to their reviewers (*planners and reviewers are working as you read this!*). During this process, I've been working with unit planners to put together some very exciting and innovative programming ideas. I'll be receiving all units' recommended programs by mid November, and notifications regarding paper/panel acceptance will be sent to submitters by mid December. In early January, the full conference program will be posted for member review. I'm very excited about how the conference is coming together, and the program will certainly offer something for everyone when we gather next spring in Cleveland. I hope you plan to join us and be an active part of the meeting. Here are just a few of the conference highlights:

- On Wednesday, March 28, we'll kick off the meeting with an exciting pre-conference, *Connecting to Millennials through Engaged Teaching*, that is being planned by CSCA 2nd Vice President Chad Edwards.
- We're planning a series of "Making Connections" spotlight panels, spread throughout Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the conference, featuring senior scholars whose thinking and scholarship unites multiple areas and approaches to communication research.
- Also spread throughout the conference will be several Short Courses focusing on teaching various communication courses, seeking grant funding, and other areas of program development and assessment.

Our 2012 *President's Undergraduate Honors Research Conference* (UHRC) is being planned by CSCA President Scott Meyers, and

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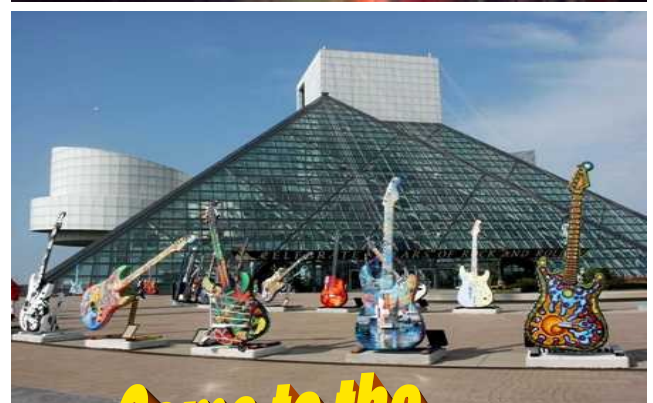
undergraduate submissions will be due no later than Jan. 13, 2012. The UHRC call for submissions can be found at: http://associationdatabase.com/aws/CSCA/pt/sp/callforpapers_honorsconf

- We'll also re-connect with one another at our welcome reception on Thursday evening, we'll celebrate our members' many accomplishments at our annual awards and Hall of Fame induction luncheon on Friday, and we'll continue CSCA traditions of celebrating and connecting during our Second Annual Karaoke & Talent Competition and our Sixth Annual Pup Crawl on Friday evening.
- Finally, as the conference finale, we'll enjoy a very special evening at our President's Reception & Dance to be held at the world-renowned Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

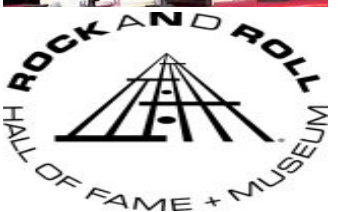
If you have questions, suggestions or comments regarding our Cleveland conference, please contact me at CSCA2012@missouri.edu.

See you in Cleveland in 2012!

Mitchell S. McKinney
 University of Missouri
 CSCA 1st Vice President



**Come to the...
 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame!**



GET READY TO CONNECT IN CLEVELAND!

From the Past-President

Believe it or not, it's time to start making plans for CSCA 2012 in Cleveland, OH! Mitchell McKinney and his team have been working extraordinarily hard to plan a fantastic 2012 convention. Please help them spread the word about the upcoming submission deadline and encourage them to attend the conference next March. As always, the 2012 conference will provide numerous opportunities for discussion of communication practice, research, and theory as well as socializing and fun.

Thanks everyone and I look forward to seeing you in Cleveland!

Sincerely,

Steve Hunt, Past-President, CSCA



Connecting to Millennials with Engaged Teaching

From the 2nd Vice-President

I'm pleased to announce that this year's preconference is titled, "Connecting to Millennials with Engaged Teaching." While the exact definitions of Millennials vary, most scholars agree that this large generation represents those born in the late 70s to around 2001. This generation has received much negative attention in recent years ranging from news stories to educational/generational consultants. As a result, Millennial "bashing" has almost become a sport on some campuses. The purpose of this preconference is to start a balanced conversation of both opportunities and challenges about these students and offer ways to connect with them in pedagogically sound ways. This preconference will be led by scholars who are from this generation (or identify with this generation) and will offer unique insights from a variety of perspectives in our discipline. At the preconference, we will (1) consider the key differences of Millennial students from other generations, (2) explore how Millennial students respond to challenges related toward their continued growth and development in and out of the classroom, (3) examine the assessment of Millennial students using course objectives, (4) discuss ways to train Millennial graduate teaching assistants, and

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(5) demonstrate various technological and social media integration in the classroom.

The preconference will begin Wednesday March 28.

We truly hope to see you there for a lively and engaging conversation! If you have any questions please contact me at 269.387.3109, csca-13@wmich.edu, or @edwardschad (Twitter).

--Chad Edwards, 2nd Vice President

Presenters:

Kristopher Copeland, Northeastern State University

Katherine Denker, Ball State University

Chad Edwards, Western Michigan University

Kathryn B. Golsan, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

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From the President

Scott A. Myers

As the semester gets underway for most of us, I can't believe that it is time to start thinking about the 2012 convention that will be held March 28-31, 2012, at the Renaissance hotel in Cleveland, Ohio. While First Vice President Mitchell McKinney has many exciting events planned for the upcoming convention (as you will read in his column), another event that will be running concurrently with the convention is the President's Undergraduate Honors Research Conference (UHRC). The UHRC will be held Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31 and will include competitive paper panels, panel discussions, poster sessions, a Graduate School Open House, and an Awards Luncheon.

In the past, our Association has relied on a host of member volunteers to coordinate the UHRC. While we are indebted to them for their involvement, the Executive Committee decided in April that the UHRC would be best served by the President given his or her familiarity with convention planning (recall that the First Vice President, who plans the convention, secedes to the President position immediately following his or her convention) and would provide both the UHRC and the Association with a sense of continuity and stability, which are necessary to the successful implementation of any major convention event.

As such, I look forward to continuing the tradition of highlighting the excellent research projects that our students in the CSCA region are completing. If you are teaching (or have taught) undergraduate students during the past academic year (i.e., Spring or Summer 2011, Fall 2011) who have completed a project, please have them consider submitting their work to the UHRC. To be eligible to submit a paper, a panel, or a poster (the guidelines for each of these projects follows this note) to the 2012 UHRC, participants (a) must have been enrolled as an undergraduate student during the Spring 2012 semester, Summer 2012 term, or Fall 2011 semester; (b) must have completed the project (i.e., paper, panel, or poster) while enrolled as an undergraduate student during the aforementioned semesters or summer term; (c) should have not presented the project previously at a state, regional, or national communication association conference; and (d) must commit to attending the 2012 convention if the project is accepted for presentation.

Do keep in mind, however, that all submissions must be solely authored by undergraduate students. Any submission which has been co-authored with a graduate student or a faculty member can not be considered for presentation at the UHRC and will not be reviewed. Submissions should be sent electronically as a Microsoft Word 1997-2003 document to me at uhrc2012@mail.wvu.edu and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. CST, January 13, 2012.

As always, feel free to e-mail me with your questions, concerns, or comments at Scott.Myers@mail.wvu.edu.

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2012 UHRC submissions are being solicited in three formats:

(1) *Competitive papers* are fully completed research papers. Papers should not be longer than 30 pages, including references, tables, and figures; must be formatted following APA guidelines; and must include a title page that identifies each undergraduate student author; an e-mail address and institutional affiliation for each author; and the name, e-mail address, and office telephone number of the professor or advisor who supervised the completion of the paper. Submissions that fail to follow these guidelines will not be reviewed.

(2) *Panel discussions* are a compilation of 4-5 fully completed research papers whose topics center on a central theme. While each individual research paper should not be submitted, the panel discussion submission should include (for each fully completed research paper) a title page that identifies each undergraduate student author; an e-mail address and institutional affiliation for each author; a 100 word summary of the paper; and the name, e-mail address, and office telephone number of the professor or advisor who supervised the completion of the paper. Panel discussions also must identify a chair and a respondent. Submissions that fail to follow these guidelines will not be reviewed.

(3) *Posters* can be completed research papers or research papers that currently are in progress. Poster submissions require a 250 word abstract that clearly identifies the aim(s) of the paper, the rationale for the study, the participants or artifacts, and the findings (if applicable). Poster submissions must include a title page that identifies each undergraduate student author; an e-mail address and institutional affiliation for each author; and the name, e-mail address, and office telephone number of the professor or advisor who supervised the completion of the paper. Submissions that fail to follow these guidelines will not be reviewed.

Voting Procedures for CSCA

Once again voting for CSCA's slate of candidates will take place electronically. The link to cast your ballot will be placed on the Members Only page of the CSCA website. Members will receive an e-bulletin announcing the opening of the balloting period. Upon receipt of the announcement, you will simply login to the Members Only page of the website, click on the ballot, select the candidate(s) of your choice, and submit the ballot. Note: you must register and establish your user name and password before access to the Members Only page will be permitted. Please follow the prompts under the Members Only tab labeled 'Register/Forgot Password'. Please contact Kathie Cesa, CSCA@kocmemberservices.com, if you need assistance in registering. An e-bulletin announcing when the voting will occur will be sent out in October.



The International Association
for Relationship Research
Conference

July 12 – 16, 2012
Chicago, Illinois

Call for Papers

On behalf of the **International Association for Relationship Research (IARR)**, we offer an invitation to submit a proposal for presentation at the 2012 conference to be held at the Palmer House Hilton and DePaul Loop Campus in Chicago, Illinois. The conference will provide an opportunity to present and learn about cutting-edge research in the field of personal relationships. Scholars from different countries representing a broad range of disciplines (e.g., psychology, sociology, communication, family studies, gerontology) will gather at the conference to share their work in various formats (e.g., symposia, papers, posters, round table discussions).

IARR conferences provide rich opportunities for professional growth, education, and conversations with colleagues who have similar professional interests. Please consider joining colleagues for five days of networking in beautiful downtown Chicago.

Invited speakers include Margaret Clark, Pearl Dykstra, Julie Fitness, Jacki Fitzpatrick, Brian Spitzberg, and Anita Vangelisti.

Submissions: The Program Committee invites proposals for symposia, papers, posters, roundtables, and interest groups on topics relevant to research and practice in social and personal relationships. Detailed information about the conference (e.g., how to submit proposals, how to register for the conference) is available on the conference website (<http://iarr2012conference.com/>).

Submissions should be sent electronically via the conference website beginning November 1, 2011. **The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2011.**

Program: *Sandra Metts* and *Lesley Verhofstadt*, Program Committee co-chairs, can answer your questions about the program. Please feel free to contact them via email if you have questions/comments about the conference program or the Call for Submissions (iarr2012program@gmail.com).

Local Arrangements: *Leah Bryant*, *Susan Sprecher*, and *Ralph Erber*, Local Arrangements Committee co-chairs, can address questions about the local community and conference arrangements. Please feel free to contact them via email if you have questions/comments about local arrangements (iarr2012chicago@gmail.com).

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