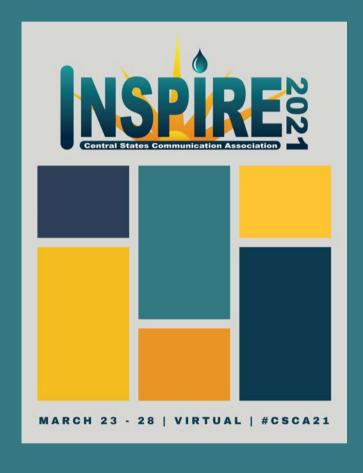


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Don't Miss Out!

Registration

Closes

Monday 3/22!

Wednesday

MARCH 24 1:00- 4:00 PM CDT 0100 (REGISTRATION CLOSED)

DECOLONIZING THE DISCIPLINE: RACE, ETHNICITY, AND POSTCOLONIALITY IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Preconference Panelists will discuss:



How to decolonize our discipline and open up academic spaces for historically marginalized scholars (including BIPOC, international, queer, with physical and learning disabilities, and others)



How to challenge oppressive academic structures and change our departments, our curriculum, and classroom culture to achieve inclusivity, diversity, equity, and access

Preconference Panelists

Ahmet Atay, College of Wooster (Chair)
Walid Afifi, UC Santa Barbara
Robin M. Boylorn, University of Alabama
Christopher Brown, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Devika Chawla, Ohio University
Radhika Gajjala, Bowling Green State University
Ronald L. Jackson, University of Cincinnati
Amber Johnson, Saint Louis University
Eddah Mutua, St. Cloud State University
Mohan Dutta, Massey University

Thursday MARCH 25

CSCA Scholar Conversations: Dawn O. Braithwaite

12:30 PM to 1:45 PM CDT 1403

Calloway-Thomas Inclusivity Series Spotlight Panel: Tina Harris

2:00 PM to 3:15 PM CDT Salon 1500

CSCA Scholar Conversations: Christina S. Beck

3:30 PM to 4:45 PM CDT 1603

CSCA Next Leaders Network Social

3:30 PM to 4:45 PM CDT 1602

CSCA Scholar Conversations: Melissa L. Beall

5:00 PM to 6:15 PM CDT 1701

Spotlight Panel: Truth-Telling on the Borders of Violence

5:00 PM to 6:15 PM CDT 1705

Short Courses

1: Creating a Communication Research Lab 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM CDT 1208

2: Inspiring Communicating Finances in the Family: Talking and Taking Action 12:30 PM to 1:45 PM CDT 1407 (Registration Closed)

Friday MARCH 26

CSCA Scholar Conversations: Scott A. Myers

9:30 AM to 10:45 AM CDT 2201

Calloway-Thomas Inclusivity Series Spotlight Panel: Robin M. Boylorn

11:00 AM to 12:15 PM CDT 2301

CSCA Hall of Fame Awards and Business Meeting

12:30 PM to 2:45 PM CDT 2400

Calloway-Thomas Inclusivity Series Spotlight Panel: Karla D. Scott

3:00 PM to 4:15 PM CDT 2501

2020 Federation Prize Recipient Presentation: "You Ok Sis?": A Qualitative Communication Analysis of Black Women's Maternal Health Experiences

3:00 PM to 4:15 PM CDT Salon H & I

Short Courses

3: Bringing Balance to the Basic Persuasion Course 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM CDT 2206

4: Universal Design for Learning: Planning for those on the Borders Offers Potential Breakthroughs for All 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM CDT 2308

Saturday

MARCH 27 2:00 TO 3:15 PM CDT 3503

JUDITH S. TRENT: CELEBRATION OF LIFE CHAIR: JUDY CORNELIA PEARSON

Judith S. Trent was a complicated and compassionate person. CSCA will honor her life at the annual convention. Neither CSCA nor NCA will ever be the same without her effervescent presence. We will miss the sound of her heels in the hallway, her fragrance lingering behind her, and her welcoming smile greeting every newcomer. In a small way the panel will help us recall her essence.

The panelists will share professional and personal reminiscences. For my part, I will recall our early meeting in Hueston Woods, Ohio, at a Midwest Basic Course Directors' Conference in 1977. Juddi made a strong and unique impression. She crafted an activity that allowed me to leave with an improved self image. What did she do to create a lifetime of friendship?

We were both members of the World Communication Association and traveled to countless venues together. Juddi and Jimmie were central to the success of the association. They also had fun. We can all recall their treks to find the perfect bottle of Scotch or wine around the world. If you traveled with us to Finland, you might recall the joke that Juddi played on me at the convention banquet. If not, I will share the story on the panel.

We all loved French food and were ecstatic that ICA was held in Montreal in 1987. Juddi organized a dinner for Jimmie, Paul, and me at every convention that the four of us attended. She was smug about the many choices in Montreal and promised something very special. Where did we eat? Did the experience match our expectations? You will gain insider information at CSCA.

The panelists will share their memories of this remarkable woman and will encourage you to share your recollections as well.

Saturday MARCH 27 CONTINUED

LAST CALL! Let's show some love to the panels that will close out **Inspire 2021** from 5:00 - 6:00 PM CDT:

Identities that Inspire: Autoethnographies that Challenge Societal 'Norms' 3701

Identity Inspired by War and Conflict 3702

Madam Vice President: Meanings and Implications in the Historic Election of Kamala Harris

3704

Senior Scholars and the Engaged Perspective: Dialogues About Applied Scholarship

3705

Success, Beauty, and Self-Care: An Exploration of Womanhood in the Public and Private Spheres

3706

Victimage, Rule Breakers, and the Uncivil Tongue in Politics: Top Papers 3707

Short Courses

5: Transcending the Disciplinary Borders: Breakthroughs in Integrating Community-Based Learning in Public Speaking, Argument, and Advocacy Instruction.

11:00 AM to 12:15 PM CDT 3306

6: From Thought to Action: Developing and Delivering a Communication Activism Course 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM CDT 3507

7: Using Mutually Influential Relationships to Grow an Industry 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM CDT CDT 3508

Next Leaders Network

KATHY DENKER, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT

In response to feedback from #CSCA19 member focus groups, CSCA is excited to finally launch the CSCA Next Leaders Network (NLN) at the #CSCA21 Convention! As CSCA grows and moves forward as an inviting and inclusive organization we are committed to helping build a space to mentor the next round of diverse leaders. We know that not every graduate program or university offers the same network of connections, so we hope that through the NLN, you will find the connections, support, and insights that you need in your career.

The CSCA NLN will provide opportunities for members to learn about CSCA, interact with CSCA members, and help plan and shape the future direction of the association and their careers. All members are strongly encouraged to attend, but especially early career scholars, students, and first-time CSCA attendees.

Here's a sneak preview of what you can expect from the Network at the conference:

Thursday, March 25th

At 3:30 pm CDT, join CSCA officers and members for conversations, byo snacks, and talk about the future of CSCA at the **CSCA NLN Social** (1602). You'll have the opportunity to interact with select CSCA members who are committed to mentoring our next leaders, and gain an overview of CSCA, the conference, and opportunities for participation.

Saturday, March 27th

At 8 am CDT, our focus is helping students find their way in the field. Think more about moving forward in the field, as masters and doctoral students talk about the transition to graduate school at **Thinking About and Thriving in Graduate School (3108)**.

Next Leaders Network

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Also at 8 am, Living a Life of Engagement, Impact, and Moving Forward in the Field (3102) will bring together mid-career scholars to talk about their path through the field of communication, answer your questions about moving forward in the field, and offer tips you should know as you move onto the next stage of your career.

And don't forget- you can get more from the Network by taking part in the mentoring match program:

The Next Leaders Network mentoring program matches mentors and mentees across a variety of areas in hopes of building relationships and developing future leaders. For those looking to get feedback on a paper or project, you have the opportunity to get matched with other individuals who specialize in that area. For those looking for guidance on developing a new course or updating a course that they haven't taught in a while, you can sign up to be a mentee and preference the teaching option. Are you someone who is facing an issue at your institution, are looking to help other faculty with tenure portfolio materials, or are putting the final touches on job market documents? The Next Leaders Network mentoring program is here to help you with any of these areas.

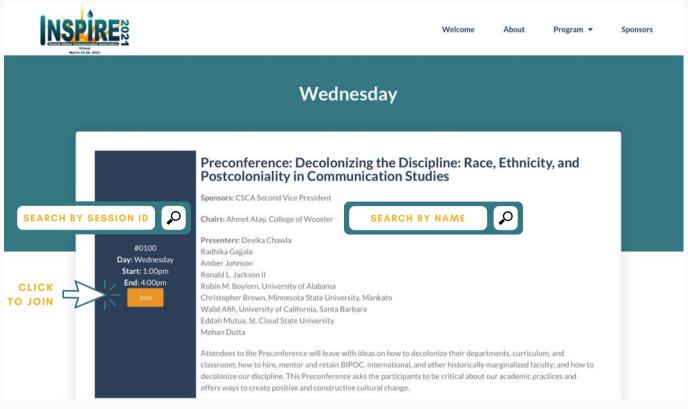
So, think about what areas you might need some guidance on or areas you could help others with. We would love to see you sign up as a mentee, mentor, or both.

Mentors: https://bsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_40DIDRBAkkyj5Rk **Mentees:** https://bsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eJ1h5onWAog9use

We can't wait to see you in sessions and on the Internet! Please contact me with any questions about the CSCA NLN (kjdenker@bsu.edu). And keep in mind it is not too late to sign up and find your mentoring match!

Convention Site Sneak Peek

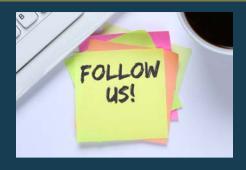
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