

Political Communication Interest Group Newsletter

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Message from the Chair

Greetings to all members of the CSCA Political Communication Interest Group. I hope this newsletter finds all of you enjoying the beginning of the fall semester. I trust you are all also looking forward to joining your colleagues for the 2014 Conference in Minneapolis.

Last year's convention in Kansas City was a great success. Thanks to all of your efforts, we surpassed our usual number of panels with a total of 15. These panels featured over 20 competitive papers, some of which were co-sponsored panels with other interest groups, and a presidential spotlight panel that was both informative and entertaining.

This year's conference theme is "Elevate", and I'm sure we can all do much to elevate the discussion of political communication matters, no matter how much some of those we study seem determined to resist (insert your own Anthony Weiner joke here...). All kidding aside I believe this year's theme presents a particular opportunity for our interest group to establish new connections with other interest groups to elevate our knowledge and understanding of politics. And I am sure that these interest groups are eager to work with us and create new linkages between seemingly divergent areas of study. In short, be creative and

innovative as you prepare to submit your panel proposals!

I'd like to take this opportunity to "elevate" one key member of our group. Many thanks go to Ben Warner from the University of Missouri-Columbia who is our immediate past chair. Ben has served our members and causes like a champ and we are all indebted to him for his assistance over the years in making our interest group one of the strongest in CSCA. If you see him around, please give him a pat on the back for his efforts!

I'd also like to thank Ryan Neville-Shepard for finally setting our group up on Facebook and for creating an online survey to organize our group and make the process of program planning more efficient!

With all of that said, be diligent and creative in your efforts and remember that the deadline for panel and paper submissions is looming. Take care and see you all in Minneapolis!

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Call for Papers

Call for Submissions

2014 Central States Communication Association Conference

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Elevate!

April 2 – April 6, 2014

The Political Communication Interest Group invites the submission of competitive papers and thematic panel proposals to be considered for presentation at the 2014 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.

Proposals that explore connections with other interest groups are especially encouraged. We seek interactive and innovative formats to further develop and increase participation in the discussions. Examples of formats include:

Competitive Papers Panel: Three to four scholars and a respondent with Q & A from the audience.

Roundtable Discussion: Four to six people with a moderator featuring brief presentations followed by audience interaction and discussion.

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 and a particular aspect of teaching or research.

Debates: This format encourages a town hall atmosphere with a prearranged resolution. Teams argue for and against the resolution.

Senior-Junior Scholar Master Classes: An opportunity

for junior scholars to receive input on their research interests and programs from senior scholars in the field.

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. Students (including graduate students) should mark their papers as "STUDENT" papers in the upper right hand corner of the title page. Debut papers, meaning papers from scholars who have never presented before, should mark their papers as "DEBUT" papers in the upper right hand corner of the title page. 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).

Panel proposals: Each thematic panel proposal should include a rationale for the panel, identification and contact information for the panelists, and abstracts for each paper. Also include any media equipment requests.

All papers and panels must be submitted electronically using Microsoft Word. Documents sent in any other format will be returned to the sender. All media requests must be made at the time of submission. Projectors and screens are available; computers are not. Please only request the media if it is absolutely essential. **Papers and Panel Proposals must be received by October 4, 2013.**

All paper/panel submissions should be emailed to:

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CSCA Political Communication Interest Group

Business Meeting Minutes – Saturday, April 7, 2013

Kansas City, Missouri

There were 14 attendees at the meeting.

- I. Meeting called to order, Benjamin Warner- Chair
A. 14 people in attendance.

II. Old Business and Reports

- A. Approval of 2012 Meeting Minutes- minutes approved unanimously.
B. Announcement of Auer and Top Paper Awards
1. Top Student paper- Joshua Hawthorne & Hayley Cole, Univ. of Missouri
2. Top paper- Mike Milford, Auburn University.
C. Report from 2013 Convention Planner, James Schnoebelen
1. We were a little light on reviewers, thank those volunteered and took on extra.
2. We had 14 slots, 7 panels, 7 paper slots, and a couple cross-sponsored panels.
3. We had 23 paper submissions.
4. We should try to do more cross-sponsored panels.
5. We were tied for 2nd in representation of panels for the entire conference.

III. New Business

- A. Office Elections
1. Secretary-elect- 2 year term, Josh Hawk nominated, unanimous vote in favor.
2. Vice-chair elect 3yr term- Kelly Winfrey nominated, unanimous vote in favor.
B. 2014 Conference Planning
1. Conference in Minneapolis, MN- April 1-6, 2014
2. We have 11 panels, but can split if co-sponsored
3. The 2014 theme is *Elevate!*
4. Discussed ideas for timing, location, and theme such as discussion of 2014 midterm elections, opportunity to do something with the Hubert Humphrey museum, working with people on the ground such as media and politicians, save a panel for unfolding current topics, a senior scholar panels on book publishing.

- IV. Meeting Adjourned, Benjamin Warner- Chair.

Reviewers, Chairs, and Respondents Needed

We hope to have another wonderful set of submissions for the 2014 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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