Communication Across the Life Span

Call for Papers

2015 Conference of the International Communication Association

San Juan, Puerto Rico 21-25 May 2015
he 2015 conference theme Communication Across the Life Span encourages ICA members to explore the various ways in which our discipline provides a lens for interpreting the evolving meanings, relationships, experiences and critical crossroads of the life course. Technological evolution, economic changes, medical advancements, environmental turbulence, political movements and other evolving circumstances not only influence our experiences across the life span but also the development of social policies and ethical frameworks that shape societies. Across domains, life span dynamics are inseparable from the communication processes surrounding them.

This year’s conference theme seeks to explore the multiple ways communication affects, reflects and directs life’s trajectory. As we grow up and grow old, embrace new experiences, try on new roles, and adopt new media technologies, our sense of time, space, connection and identity are fundamentally explored through communication. Why, how, with whom and to what end humans communicate reflects and shapes their ever-changing life span position. And while the “life span” can be conceived as a continuum, it is also one hinged by critical junctures and bound by cultural definitions that can be better understood through communication.

The theme Communication Across the Life Span recognizes that as humans transition through life, communication expectations shift, roles are redefined, media use patterns transform and interaction patterns evolve.
From a thematic perspective we might consider the ways in which norms for maintaining relationships through communication shift within and between life stages. From a methodological perspective, we might explore the need for life-stage variables and age-appropriate measures.

We encourage exploration of the conference theme from a variety of viewpoints. For example, “life span” can be considered as age-connected developmental factors. But it can also be viewed as a place from which to consider social roles and cultural contexts, irrespective of chronological age. Moreover, it is important to recognize that notions of “age,” “life stage” and “life span” are socially, geographically and historically constructed. For example, the ways in which cultures define “generations” may be rooted in the technology, politics, or economy of the time. The conventional construction of children as asexual may constrain conversations about sexual identity and sexual health in some communities. Additionally, “new” life stages are introduced as educational and economic realities shift (witness the relatively modern construction of “adolescence” and the current interest in “emerging adult” as a distinct time of life). Adding to the ways we imagine the life span is information conveyed through media; for example, portrayals of characters and celebrities set up expectations of what to wear, how to talk and how to behave. And rapidly developing media technologies have the potential to change life stage experiences by, for example, connecting or isolating individuals or groups. As we consider issues related to Communication Across the Life Span, it is necessary to explore the relevant theories and methodological challenges associated with the life span communication approach.

With this broad definition, the conference theme Communication Across the Life Span aims to encourage ICA’s unique interdisciplinary perspective to investigate issues that are meaningful within and across Divisions and Interest Groups. Such issues might include:

- Intergenerational communication across cultures
- Generational differences in the adoption of communication technologies
- Experiences of inequalities over the life span
- Interpersonal communication within and/or between life stages
- Social media use and identity development
- “Cradle-to-grave” marketing and consumer identity
- Life stage considerations for health promotion campaign design
- The implications of changing age contours in the workforce
- Questioning the expectation in communication research that life span trajectories are singular and progressive
- Political interest, engagement and participation across the life span
- The social construction of “childhood,” “middle age” and “the elderly” in popular culture

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GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS

ALL Divisions and Interest Groups will accept only online submissions for the conference. Contact information for each Division and Interest Group are provided for questions only. If you have specific questions regarding a Division or Interest Group program, you may contact the program planner for that Division or Interest Group.

The following guidelines apply to ALL submissions, including theme sessions and affiliate organizations. NOT FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES MAY CAUSE YOUR SUBMISSION TO NOT BE REVIEWED.

NOTE: EACH SUBMITTER/AUTHOR IS LIMITED TO FIVE (5) PEER REVIEWED SUBMISSIONS INCLUDING ALL PAPERS AND PANELS.

Deadline: All submissions must be completed online no later than 23:00 GMT, 3 November 2014. To avoid technical problems, early submission is strongly encouraged. The conference submission website will go online around 1 September 2014. To reach the conference website, go to the ICA home page at http://www.icahdq.org and follow the link for 2015 Conference Submission. It is essential that you read the complete instructions carefully and prepare your submission prior to logging on. NOT FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES MAY CAUSE YOUR SUBMISSION TO NOT BE REVIEWED.

Eligibility: You do not need to be an ICA member to submit a paper or proposal for the conference. Simply go to
the paper submission site by clicking the link in the “Conferences” area of the ICA web site. You will be prompted to search for yourself in our database. If you see a record that corresponds to you (even if it has old information—you will be able to update it), click “This is me” to the left of your name and log in. (If you don’t remember your login information, click “Forgot your Password?” We will send your login information to the e-mail address we have on file.) Once you have logged in, update your profile - please consider carefully the keywords that identify your area of expertise - or scroll down to continue to the submission site.

**Exclusive submissions:** Each paper/proposal may be submitted to only ONE Division or Interest Group, OR to the theme sessions. Submission of the same paper/proposal to more than one section is NOT permitted, and will disqualify the paper for presentation. You are welcome, however, to submit different papers or proposals to the same or different sections. Decision notices will be sent in mid-January 2015.

**Conference registration:** Submission of your paper or proposal does NOT enroll you as an ICA member, or automatically register you for the conference itself. If your paper or proposal is accepted for presentation at the San Juan conference, you will be notified and must then register for the conference and pay the conference fee. An online membership application is always available on the ICA home page. Online registration for the San Juan conference will be available beginning in early 2015.

**E-mail address:** Each conference participant must use one and only one e-mail address for all submissions. If you are an ICA member, this should be the same e-mail address you have entered into the ICA membership database. You should consider this your unique identification for all ICA purposes.

**Categories of Submissions:** Several categories of submissions may be accepted, depending on the submission guidelines of the specific Division or Interest Group. NOT FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES MAY CAUSE YOUR SUBMISSION TO NOT BE REVIEWED.

- **Full Papers:** 8,000 words, plus tables and references maximum, unless Division or Interest Group guidelines state otherwise. (Where ICA guidelines and Division or Interest Group guidelines differ, the Division or Interest Group guidelines will prevail.)
- **Extended Abstracts:** A few Divisions and Interest Groups accept either full papers or extended abstracts. Consult the Division’s or Interest Group’s submission guidelines in this Call for Papers for specific information.
- **Interactive Paper (Poster) Presentations:** Most Divisions and Interest Groups accept poster presentations. A poster presentation is a paper you would like considered for presentation at an interactive poster session.
Some research lends itself well to this style of presentation. If your poster presentation is accepted, you will be expected to prepare a poster display of your research for presentation at the conference. Your presentation may be accepted as a poster display even though you submitted for a paper session. If your submission is accepted as a poster, you will be expected to prepare a poster display of your research for presentation at the conference. Poster sessions have plenary status at ICA conferences.

- **Panel Session Proposals**: Most Divisions and Interest Groups and the theme sessions accept proposals for organized panel sessions.

*Division and Interest Group program planners will assemble the submissions into Divisional sessions and will assign the papers to the format (paper session or poster session) that provides the most in-depth scholarly program.*

**Registering for the Conference**

*Everyone* planning to attend the conference must complete the registration process.

This includes paper presenters, non-ICA members, and Life and Sustaining members.

**Preconferences**

All preconference ideas and proposals must be submitted to the conference program chair (Amy Jordan, ajordan@asc.upenn.edu) by 1 September 2014. All accepted proposals must then be entered into the “Sponsored Sessions” area of the paper submission by the 3 November 2014 deadline.

**Travel Grants**

Travel grants are available to students and to participants from nations with developing/transitional economies (as identified each year by the UN). Those who wish to be considered for a travel grant MUST fill out the online grant request form, available after submitters are notified of paper/panel acceptance. The amount of the grant

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will depend on actual travel costs. A $5 USD surcharge on each conference registration and other available funds finance these grants.

Additionally, each Division and Interest Group may award travel grants to students selected for top paper awards or other honors, and may have other grant money available. ICA matches up to $300 USD per Division for student travel grants. For information on Division and/or Interest Group grant availability, contact the chair/conference planner of the Division/Interest Group that accepted your paper.

Allocation of Conference Sessions

Each ICA Conference has a limited number of slots for scheduling sessions, depending on the number of meeting rooms available at the conference venue. However, ICA always receives more submissions than is possible to schedule. ICA members expect that sessions should present only high-quality research. As the ICA conference operates primarily through its Divisions and Interest Groups, the important question is how many slots each unit will receive. ICA uses an explicit formula based on how many sessions are available in the conference venues and each Division’s or Interest Group’s number of submissions, members, and past conference history.

Preparing a Paper, Extended Abstract, or Interactive Poster Presentation

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Preparing the file: Before submitting, consult the guidelines in the Call for Papers and have your paper or ex-
tended abstract ready to upload as a single document (maximum length 8,000 words, plus tables and references maximum, unless Division or Interest Group guidelines state otherwise; where ICA guidelines and Division or Interest Group guidelines differ, the Division or Interest Group guidelines will prevail.). All online submissions must be in PDF format. All tables, graphs, and pictures associated with your submission must be included with the main text in a single document.

**Author identification:** Names must be removed for blind reviews of submissions. Before uploading your paper, remove all author identification from the document including any file properties. (For example, in MS Word, in the “File” menu, select “Properties,” delete any identifying information, click “OK,” and save the document.)

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**Additional information:** Title, author(s), a 150-word abstract, and other information (e.g., student authorship, special requests) must be entered online when you submit your paper, poster, or extended abstract. To begin the submission process, visit the conference page on the ICA website, register as a submitter, select the Division or Interest Group and type of submission, enter all required information, click “Continue,” AND follow the instructions to upload your document. You must upload a paper, poster, or extended abstract in order to complete the submission process.

**Tracking number:** Each paper and extended abstract submission is automatically assigned a unique tracking number. Upon completion of the submission process for each paper, poster, or extended abstract, the submitter will receive an automatic email acknowledgment including the tracking number. During the peer review process, submissions will be identified by tracking numbers only.

**SUBMITTING A PANEL SESSION PROPOSAL**

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**Registering panelists:** All panelists must agree in advance of submission to participate as panel presenters AND
to register for the ICA conference. ICA does NOT provide registration waivers for members or for nonmembers participating in panels.

Texts needed: If your panel session will include individual presentations, you (the session organizer) also need to obtain a title and 150-word abstract from each presenter before submitting. Also before submitting, you need to prepare a 400-word rationale for your panel proposal and a 75-word panel description for the conference program.

Entering the panel: If you are the panel organizer, once you have the required information for each participant, you will then visit the website, submit the panel proposal, and enter all panel information. You will be able to enter the panel title, rationale, panel description, chair/discussant, presentation titles, abstracts, and any other required information by cutting and pasting the text from your word processing program.

CHANGING OR DELETING A SUBMISSION
Changing title or abstract: Up until the deadline of 23:00 GMT 3 November you may return to the conference website, select “View/Edit a previous submission,” click on the title of the submission you wish to change, and edit the information or delete the submission. Follow online instructions for editing submissions. Changing text: In order to change the document, you must delete the submission and resubmit it as a new submission.

Changing Unit: You also CANNOT simply change the unit (Division or Interest Group) to which you submitted. If you need to send your submission to a different unit, you can do so in either of two ways: (1) Delete your submission and resubmit to a different unit, OR (2) e-mail your request to the Conference Program Chair, who can transfer your submission to a different unit.

ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS
Authorship: Authors must give credit through references or notes to the original author of any idea or concept presented in the paper or proposal. This includes direct quotations and paraphrases.

Publication or presentation history: If material in your presentation has been published, presented, or accept-

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AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT
All meeting rooms will be equipped identically with a screen and an LCD projector. You will need to provide your own laptop computer for your presentation.

TV/VCRs, OVERHEAD PROJECTORS, AND SLIDE PROJECTORS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. You will need to convert those modes of presenting to allow for presentations from your laptop computer.
ed for publication or presentation, this must be disclosed in your paper or proposal and may be ineligible, depending on the Division/Interest Group.

**Conference attendance:** If your panel, paper, or interactive display presentation is accepted for an ICA conference, you have a commitment to register for and attend the conference and perform your assigned role. All chairs and respondents also make this commitment. If extenuating circumstances prevent you from attending, you should find a substitute to perform your duties and notify the program chair and Division or Interest Group contact person.

**Theme Session Proposals**

**General:** Submissions to theme sessions must follow all guidelines outlined above. Proposals for papers and panels on the conference theme are invited from all sectors of the field, and will be evaluated competitively by anonymous referees. Papers or panels must NOT be submitted simultaneously for consideration to any Division or Interest Group. All submissions should have broad appeal across the units of the association. All theme-based papers and panels may also be programmed on special panels or the interactive paper (poster) session. We are very interested in creative and novel session formats (High density paper sessions, Hybrid sessions, and Extended sessions) to both acknowledge the different ways that scholars can discuss their work and also increase the number of presenters in our program.

**Theme focus:** Papers and panels deemed to fit the special interests of one of the Divisions or Interest Groups rather than the conference as a whole will be forwarded to that group for consideration.

**Texts needed:** Panel proposals on the conference theme must include a 400-word rationale explaining how the panel fits the conference theme and 75-word summary of the description to appear in the conference program. In keeping with ICA tradition, an edited volume focusing on the conference theme will be published. This volume will draw from presentations in Divisions, Interest Groups, and theme sessions.
you for considering the CAM Division as you submit your work to this conference.

CAM aims to cover all media and technologies aimed at and/or used by young people. CAM’s orientation is interdisciplinary. It seeks to contribute to communication theory, and also to psychological, sociological, and critical theories. CAM’s approach is multimethodological. It welcomes all theoretical and empirical studies based on quantitative and qualitative research methods.

**Attendance Requirement**

Any submission you make comes with the professional expectation that you will present that work as a registered attendee at the conference if it is accepted by the Division.

**Submission Procedure**

During the submission process, you will be asked to enter keywords representing your manuscript. It is VERY important for you to choose the right keywords for your submission because we use them to select reviewers for your submission. There is a wide range of keywords in the submission website. Please take a moment to select keywords that capture the gist of your work.

**Volunteer for Reviewer**

As CAM routinely receives a large number of submissions, we need a large number of volunteer reviewers. Typically three reviewers rate each paper. We encourage all faculty members and graduate students to volunteer to review submissions. In addition to your service, you will gain early access to the latest findings in the field. Once we qualify you as a reviewer, we assign you papers based on your research areas. If you want to be a reviewer for the CAM Division, please register yourself in the ICA submission site at the time of submission. Be sure to review and update your ICA member profile’s 200-word description of your research interests and, most impor-
tantly, carefully select KEYWORDS that best describe your methodological, theoretical, and subfield. We make reviewer assignments based on searches of this content using keywords from the paper submissions. If you have any questions about the ICA 2015 CAM submission process, or have other questions or suggestions, please send an email to CAM program planner Sahara Byrne at seb272@cornell.edu.

SESSION STRUCTURES
In Puerto Rico, CAM will be diversifying the structure of presentation sessions. The session structure to which an accepted paper is assigned is not an indication of how highly the paper was reviewed or scored. Below are detailed descriptions of the FOUR types of sessions CAM will be assembling in Puerto Rico.

1. Traditional Presentation Sessions:
Traditional presentation sessions will include time for a senior scholar to respond to the content of each paper and connect the papers to one another and to the broader field.

Only completed papers within the ICA limit of 25 pages (excluding references and tables; with 12-point font, double-spaced, 1-inch margins) will be considered. CAM does not accept extended abstracts for competitive paper submissions. ALL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUTHOR MUST BE REMOVED. Papers accepted for this structure will be considered for our top faculty paper and top student-led paper, which include monetary awards and, in the case of the student paper, travel grants. Top ranked papers will be pooled, read carefully by all members of the CAM paper awards committee, and re-ranked and discussed for award consideration.

Papers submitted for consideration in the traditional sessions will also be considered for the hybrid high density sessions described below, as well as the conference-wide ICA Interactive Poster Display Session.
2. Hybrid High Density Sessions:
In the Hybrid High Density Session, 10 presenters will be asked to provide a 5-minute presentation (Powerpoint/Keynote acceptable) of their paper, with these brief presentations followed by a poster presentation that more deeply presents their work to small groups or one-to-one discussions with members of the audience.

Only completed papers within the ICA limit of 25 pages (excluding references and tables; with 12-point font, double-spaced, 1-inch margins) will be considered for our Hybrid High Density Sessions. CAM does not accept extended abstracts for competitive paper submissions for our hybrid sessions. ALL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUTHOR MUST BE REMOVED. Papers accepted for hybrid sessions will be considered for our top faculty paper and top student-led paper monetary awards and, in the case of the student paper, travel grants.

Papers submitted for consideration in the hybrid sessions will also be considered for the traditional sessions described above, as well as the conference-wide ICA Interactive Poster Display Session.

3. Panel sessions:
In addition to paper submissions, CAM welcomes panel proposals. Panel proposals should include a title, description for the program (max. 75 words) and rationale for the overall panel (max. 400 words) as well as abstracts of each participant’s contribution (max. 150 words each). PANEL PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE THE NAMES, RANKS, AFFILIATIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. All submissions will be judged based on Division relevance, theoretical significance, research quality, contribution of findings, and quality of writing. A CAM panel selection committee will read all panel submissions and rank and discuss them.

4. Research Escalator Session:
“RESEARCH ESCALATOR” PAPERS will provide an opportunity for less developed research to be presented and discussed (with the goal of making the paper ready for submission to a conference or journal). Those interested in the Research Escalator session should submit an extended abstract (500-600 words) of their paper; if accepted, participants are expected to send the full paper to the scholar(s) assigned to their paper no later than 6 weeks before the convention. Anyone can submit an abstract for the Research Escalator session; however, we especially encourage graduate students, junior faculty, and/or people inexperienced with the journal publishing process to submit to this session. On the first page of the extended abstract, please make a note: CONSIDER FOR RESEARCH ESCALATOR SESSION.

Awards
CAM recognizes the Top Division Papers, including a Top Student-led Paper. Papers accepted for traditional sessions and hybrid high density sessions will be considered for our top faculty papers and top student-led paper.
Awards will be presented at the annual business meeting and will include monetary awards and, in the case of the student paper, travel grants. Top ranked papers will be pooled, read carefully by all members of the CAM paper awards committee, and re-ranked and discussed for award consideration.

To be eligible, student authors must indicate their status: please identify your paper as a student-led paper (student must be first author) when submitting it through the ICA submission system, not within the body of the paper itself.

**Deadlines**
CAM adheres to the submission deadlines set by ICA. Please refer to the ICA website for exact deadlines. Early submissions are strongly encouraged. Submitters can withdraw or edit their submissions until November.

The Communication and Technology (CAT) Division focuses on original scientific research about the roles played by information and communication technologies (ICTs) in the processes of human communication. CAT seeks to enhance theory and methodology pertaining to adoption, usage, message content, communication networks,
effects, and policy of ICTs. Areas of research include mobile media, augmented and virtual reality, new media, social media, human-computer interaction, computer-mediated communication, big data, social network analysis, text mining, crowd sourcing, and other technologically-mediated social interaction and networking at all levels of analysis (intrapersonal, interpersonal, groups, organizations, nations, and international), in contexts including but not limited to: healthcare, augmented and virtual reality, avatars, robots, digital divide, collective action, social movements, politics, government, open-source intelligence, education, business, society, culture, and ideology.

CAT invites papers and panel session proposals that make an innovative and original contribution to our understanding of ICTs, with the primary focus on human communication aspects of particular technological characteristics. Papers are expected to be complete reports of original research including not only the conceptual issues and relevant literature, but research questions or hypotheses, data, analysis, results, and discussion.

**Submission Format**

CAT accepts three types of submissions: Full papers, high density interactive paper proposals, and panel session proposals.

**Full Papers**

Full papers report the results of original research. Papers in earlier stages, without data, analysis using some form of qualitative, quantitative or mixed-methods, reporting of results, and their discussion will probably not be accepted. Use APA 6th edition format for all elements of the paper. It must have no more than 25 pages of double-spaced text in 12-point font, not counting additional pages for references, tables, figures, and appendices. and have complete blinding of authorship. CAT recognizes four Top Papers and four Top Student Papers. For a submission to be identified as a Student Paper, all authors of the paper must be students and indicated in the process of submission.
High Density Session Papers
In high density sessions each author has 3 minutes to present an overview of the research, which may include presentation media. Once all 8 authors have finished this segment, they move to their stations, which include a poster or some form of technologically-mediated display, as audience members move among the presenters having discussions with them during the remainder of the 75-minute session.

Submitted paper proposals for such a session are an extended abstract not to exceed 2,000 words in APA 6th edition format, accompanied by description or draft of the interactive component, such as a poster or other media. Presentation of results of data analysis and discussion at the session is required, but these may not yet be completed when the proposal is submitted. The extended abstract describes the research goals, literature review, research questions or hypotheses, the data to be collected, and how it will be analyzed.

Panel Proposals
In addition to full and high density session papers, CAT welcomes panel session proposals in which panelists and audience members discuss and debate issues. Proposed panel sessions are not to include panelists presenting individual papers in a format similar to a regular paper session. Panel proposals require a 400-word rationale for the panel and a 250-400 word abstract from each panel participant.

Volunteer for Reviewer
As CAT routinely receives a large number of submissions, we need a large number of volunteer reviewers. Typically five reviewers rate each paper. We encourage all faculty members and PhD. to volunteer to review submis-
Doctoral students who have submissions to our Division are welcome to volunteer too. Please enroll as a volunteer in the ICA submission site at the time of paper and panel submissions. As well, be sure to update your ICA member profile’s 200-word description of your research interests. We make reviewer assignments based on searches of this content in addition to the keywords you select to describe your interests.

Volunteer for Session Chairs
Scholars interested in chairing sessions should indicate their interest in the volunteer section of the submission web pages. CAT membership at the 2014 business meeting voted to eliminate respondents in favor of increased audience participation during the time previously allocated to respondents.

CAT Doctoral Consortium
The consortium brings together PhD candidates working on Communication and Technology to give them the opportunity to present and discuss their research in a constructive and international atmosphere. The goals of the event are to provide feedback and advice to participating PhD candidates on their in-progress research thesis. Moreover, the doctoral consortium will provide the opportunity to meet experts as well as fellow PhD candidates from different backgrounds working on related topics.

During the consortium, students will be invited to present their work, following which they will receive feedback from their fellow students and faculty participants, all of whom will have read the proposals in advance of the Doctoral Consortium. In addition, at least one faculty participant will be assigned to respond in detail to each proposal. Besides the presentations of proposals, there will also be discussion of other topics such as ethics, research methods, publishing the thesis, and positioning one’s work for the job market.

Submission Process
Applicants must be advanced to candidacy, and have their dissertation proposal topic. Ideally, students will be in the early stages of their dissertation, where feedback would be helpful in refining and advancing their work. To apply, students must submit a proposal describing their research. Submissions must be related to the working area of the Communication and Technology Division of ICA. Proposals must identify the significant problems in the field of research, briefly outline current knowledge of the problem domain, and clearly formulate a research question. Proposals must outline the proposed research approach, methods, and results obtained so far. Submissions

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must not exceed 6,000 words, and must include name and affiliation of the PhD candidate. Applications should be accompanied by a short letter of recommendation from the advisor stating how the PhD candidate can benefit from participation in the Doctoral Consortium. The proposal and letter of recommendation must be submitted as one PDF document and sent as an attachment in an email to an address by a deadline to be announced.

12th Annual Mobile Communication Preconference
The 12th Annual ICA Mobile Preconference “From Womb to Tomb: Mobile Research Across Genders, Generations, Ethnicities, Cultures, and Life Stages,” 20-21 May 2015, will examine, scrutinize, and reflect upon the influence of this central new medium on everyday practices connecting mobile media and various phases of “the life span.” We anticipate a broad range of research topics in mobile communication and welcome extended abstracts based on empirical and/or theoretical work entwined with mobile media and communication as it relates to: civic engagement, activism and social movements, social media, learning and education, methodologies, international contexts, International development, health, cultural similarities and differences, local culture and heritage, place-based issues, journalism, politics, usability issues, user experiences and perceptions, technologies, interfaces, mobile media histories and ethnographies.

Submissions should be extended abstracts of no more than 750 words and be in Word doc/docx or PDF format. Submissions will be accepted through email to submissions@icamobile.org. The deadline for submissions is 23:00 GMT on 3 November 2014. Papers will be judged by peer review on criteria of relevance and originality of topic, adequacy of literature review and methodology, legitimacy of conclusions, clarity of presentation, as well as fit with — and contribution to — the conference theme. Notifications on acceptance will be emailed in early January, 2015.

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Herbert S. Dordick Dissertation Award

CAT invites nominations for the Herbert S. Dordick Dissertation Award. This award honors the memory of Prof. Dordick by recognizing annually the most outstanding dissertation on communication and technology produced in the preceding year. The award will be presented this coming year at the Business Meeting of the CAT Division during the ICA Annual Conference. The rules for nominating a dissertation are:

1. Any CAT-related dissertation completed (i.e., successfully defended) between 1 January and 31 December of 2014 is eligible for consideration. Dissertation authors need not be members of CAT Division to be considered, but must be ICA members to accept the award.
2. Dissertations may be nominated by the author, dissertation advisor or a professional colleague. Full contact information of the author and the nominee must be provided, including name, phone number, surface mail address, and email address.
3. Nomination materials should include: (a) the author’s contact information, (b) proof of completion of the dissertation along with date, (c) a one-page abstract of the dissertation, (d) a 1-2 page statement describing the significance of the work and why it is deserving of the award, and (e) a representative chapter, selected sections of the dissertation, OR a paper distilling it, up to 30 (double-spaced) pages maximum, excluding references, tables, and figures.
4. The deadline for receipt of nomination materials is midnight of 15 February 2015 (Greenwich Mean Time). Submissions must be made electronically in PDF form to jdanowski@gmail.com. Place “Dordick Award Nomination” in the email subject field.

If you have any questions about the ICA 2015 CAT submission process, or have other questions or suggestions, please send email to CAT 2015 program planner and Chair: James Danowski at jdanowski@gmail.com.

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The Communication History Division is dedicated to providing a base for the historical study of communication. This includes at least three key areas of scholarship:

1. the history of media and communication: this involves research concerning issues in the historical development of communication and media as critical facets of social, cultural, and political-economic life. Research generally classified as media history is a major component of this area. Much of the historical work in the field of communication addresses this set of issues;

2. the history of the field of communication: this subfield provides a home to those who ask ques-
tions about how the study of communication has developed. Much as other social sciences (including psychology, sociology, anthropology, and economics) feature subfields addressing their own intellectual histories, the history of the field of communication allows us to engage in a reflexive dialogue concerning the strengths and weaknesses of the institution of communication studies; and

3. the history of the idea of communication. Scholars who address this issue take on one of the fundamental tasks of understanding how communication has been conceptualized, as well as how and why these conceptualizations have changed over time.

More details about the Division are available at our website: http://www.communicationhistory.org.

Conference proposals:

We welcome papers, panels and poster presentations on topics that relate to these broad areas of historical inquiry. The Division reminds potential contributors that ‘history’ is linked to numerous methodological and theoretical approaches to scholarship, and encourages submitters to think broadly about history.

The Communication History Division accepts the following kinds of submissions, all of which should present previously unpublished research:
1. Full papers:
In accordance with ICA guidelines, these should be no longer than 8,000 words (25 pages) in length, plus tables, images, appendices and references. Papers should be in 12-point type, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins and with all identifying marks removed.

2. Panel sessions:
Pre-constituted panel proposals should include

- a 400-word rationale for the panel
- a 200-350 word abstract for each of the papers on the panel
- complete contact information for each panelist (Note: panel proposals should include the names and affiliations of participants)
- official panel listing as it would appear in the program
- a 75-word description of the panel for the conference program

3. Interactive poster presentations:
Papers intended for interactive poster presentation should be submitted in full paper (up to 8,000 words) format. Submitters of papers that are particularly well suited to the visual/interactive format of the poster session are highly encouraged to indicate so.

In addition, ALL proposals submitted to CHD should indicate whether submitters are willing to have their papers/panels included in the Division’s interactive poster session for the 2015 conference.

Please note that, in addition to scheduling conventional panel and paper sessions, the Division may also offer an extended session, in which the presenters and audience have additional time to discuss the topics and themes involved.

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If you have any queries about submitting a proposal to CHD, please contact Richard Popp (popp@uwm.edu).

Authors should submit papers and panel proposals to the Communication History Division online at the ICA website no later than 23:00 GMT 3 November 2014. Early submission is strongly recommended to avoid any technical hitches. Please follow the ICA instructions on submission carefully: to reach the conference website, go to the ICA home page at http://www.icahdq.org and follow the link for 2015 Conference Submission. ICA will send acceptance/rejection notices to submitters by mid-January 2015.

**Top Papers and Travel Awards**

Top Faculty and Student papers will receive recognition awards at the group’s business meeting. To be eligible, student authors must indicate their status: please identify your paper as a student paper when submitting it through the ICA submission system, not within the body of the paper itself. Papers jointly authored by faculty and students are not eligible for the Student award.

The Division will also offer one or more student travel awards based on ranking and financial need. In order to be considered for any award, the recipient must be a member of the Division.

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Cathedral of San Juan Bautista, the second oldest building in Puerto Rico.

**Reviewing**

Please volunteer to review for CHD:

We encourage all faculty and graduate students with advanced knowledge in some aspect of communication history to volunteer to review submissions. Those who submit papers are still eligible to review. In fact, we encourage them to do so. We will do our best to match the three or four papers you are asked to review to your own research interests. The Division is very grateful to all who serve as reviewers for the annual conference. Please remember to volunteer for this on the ICA website, or e-mail Richard Popp directly (popp@uwm.edu).
The Communication Law and Policy Division is interested in research and analysis of laws, regulations, and policies that affect information, communication, and culture. Understanding policy broadly, the Division includes within its purview research that addresses principles that should or do underlie law and regulation, proposals for new law and regulation, and analysis of the programs and institutions through which policy is implemented. The Division’s scope is international, presenting work that focuses on individual nation-states, localities, or regions; comparative law and policy; and international and global law and policy. The Division welcomes work dealing with law and policy for the medium (the architecture and technologies of the global information infrastructure) as well as the message (e.g., content regulation and press law)—and the interactions between the two. The Division encourages the submission of theoretical and applied research using quantitative, qualitative, historical, and comparative methodologies that touches on any of the foregoing subjects, including private and public regulation of content and communication infrastructures.

**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

**Research Papers**
The Division will only accept full papers, which must be no longer than 9,000 words or 25 pages in length. Papers must adhere to the guidelines in the ICA general call for papers. In particular, papers MUST not contain identifying information about the author, and authors must not submit previously published papers. Student papers must be identified as such to qualify for the top student paper award. Papers can utilize any accepted citation style including MLA, APA, and “Bluebook” legal citation.

**Panel Proposals**
Panel proposals must include a detailed abstract de-
scribing the topic and the role of each participant. Proposals must adhere to the ICA panel submission guidelines.

**Extended Session - ‘Communication Law and Policy Issues Across the Lifespan’**

For ICA 2015, we invite 1-2 page position papers or extended abstracts for an extended session (2.5 hours) on ‘Communication law and policy issues across the lifespan’. This session will explore the general conference theme from a communication law and policy perspective. The theme “Communication Across the Life Span” recognizes that as humans move through life, communication expectations shift, roles are redefined, media use patterns transform, and interaction patterns evolve. Across domains, life-span dynamics are inseparable from the communication processes surrounding them. Our core questions for this session are: At which points in life do CLAP issues connect to the individual/group? What are these, how are they manifest and what are their implications? In what ways are notions of the “the life span” contained in communication law and policy, and are these a valid goal of regulation and governance? What is the status of “life span” concerns in various areas of law and policy, and in legal and regulatory practices around the world? In what ways do norms of developing communication law and policy shift within and between life stages? If communication law and policy has under-addressed issues of the life span and norms need to change, how might this occur? What principles of the analysis of the life span should be applied to communication law and policy, and in what areas has law and policy failed these principles? To what extent can or should conceptualizations of the ‘life span’ in communication law and policy be international in scope? What evidence exists of different treatment of ‘life span’ issues in communication law and policy in different international jurisdictions? What challenges do laws and policies attempting to address ‘life span’ issues encounter and what is the role of scholars in addressing those challenges?

Position papers and abstracts may be submitted for the extended session only and must fit the theme. Extended session presentations will be no longer than 5 minutes in length and must directly address the theme. The purpose of the extended session is to promote lively discussion around the chosen issue, engaging the audience as equal participants in the discussion. The session allows for everyone present to have an in-depth, collaborative and collegial conversation on key issues in our field.
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The Environmental Communication Division invites submissions dealing with all aspects of communication related to the environment and nature. The Division aims to advance research on the interplay between the environment and any level of communication (interpersonal, group, intergroup, organizational, mass, global) and in any setting (education/instruction, leisure/gaming, economic, legal, and so forth). Research on health, risk, and science communication issues related to the environment are especially germane. Topics can include environmental rhetoric and discourse, visual and textual representations of the natural environment in popular culture or journalism, political communication on environmental issues, critical animal studies, public participation or interactions in ecological decision making, environmental campaigns and green marketing, scientific sense-making about nature, and the impact of communication technologies and communication on environmental technologies, etc. The Division welcomes work from any perspective (critical, cultural, ethnic/minority, feminist) employing any research method motivated by sound research questions on environmental communication: these can be philosophical/theoretical, historical, as well as applied research and conceptual, performative, and/or empirical presentations.

The Division will accept the following types of submissions:

- Full papers (maximum 10,000 words plus tables, charts, and references, 12-point type minimum). If you
want your paper to be considered for a poster session, please indicate that when you submit your paper.

• Extended abstracts of 1,000 words for the High Density Session on Climate Change and Sustainable Development Communication in Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

The aim of the High Density Session is to promote research on climate change and sustainable development communication in low-lying coastal areas, in line with the UN effort to raise awareness about the unique challenges of climate change and sustainable development in SIDS. In this context, the UN has declared 2014 the International Year of Small Island Developing States. The venue of ICA 2015 is especially appropriate for this special session—Puerto Rico, a SIDS, and a member of the Alliance of Small Island Nations (AOSIS). Completed papers are due in mid-April.

The session will be divided into two parts: the 8 speakers will present their work first, and then, the participants will be split into small groups for discussions with the speaker of their choice. For additional details, please contact the session organizer, Jagadish Thaker (cnmtjj@nus.edu.sg).

• Panel proposals. Include panelists’ names and background, abstracts of papers (150 words each), and a justification (400 words) that explains the importance of the topic and its interest to ICA members. Also include a 75-word panel description for the conference program. Panels can contain up to four papers. The group will consider panel proposals that employ novel formats to expand participation, mentor junior scholars, promote graduate student research projects, and advance similar aims. To encourage an international perspective, panel proposals that include presenters from different countries will receive priority.

Submit papers, extended abstracts and panel proposals online on the conference submission website and follow the ICA 2015 CFP submission guidelines. Read carefully the ICA rules for preparing your submission, especially for removing any information identifying author(s) from the submissions.

Top faculty and student papers will receive recognition awards at the group’s business meeting. Some student travel funding awards are available. To be eligible, student authors must indicate their status (see the ECD web site for awards information.) Again, see the full 2015 CFP rules and regulations at http://www.icahdq.org/conf/index.asp.

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The Ethnicity and Race in Communication Division invites interdisciplinary papers and panel proposals that engage with a diverse variety of questions on race, ethnicity, diaspora, transnationalism, sexuality, gender and national identity within local, national, and international contexts. The 2015 ICA Conference theme, Communication Across the Life Span, “recognizes that as humans transition through life, communication expectations shift, roles are redefined, media use patterns transform, and interaction patterns evolve. From a thematic perspective we might consider the ways in which norms for maintaining relationships through communication shift within and between life stages. From a methodological perspective, we might explore the need for life-stage variables and age-appropriate measures.”

Given that across their lifetime people of diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds face particular communication experiences and processes that are interconnected with their ethnic, racial, and cultural heritage, the 2015 theme is undoubtedly significant for members of the Ethnicity and Race in Communication Division. Thus, for the 2015 program, ERIC encourages submissions that critically explore the thematic construct of “communication across the life span” from the perspective of race and ethnicity research. Both theoretical and empirical approaches and submissions that address life span shifts and continuities on social, economic, political as well as technological fronts are welcome.

SUBMISSION FORMATS

- **Research Papers**
  These types of submissions should present complete papers on previously unpublished work on a topic of clear interest to members of the Division. Papers should not exceed 10,000 words (not counting tables and references) and include a complete list of references. All submissions must provide a title, a 150-word abstract summarizing the topic and scholarly significance of the paper, and two or three keywords that...

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identify the thematic focus of the work. All information identifying the author(s), including name(s), institutional affiliation(s), etc. should be removed. Student papers should be clearly marked as such on the title page. Submissions should indicate if the paper may be included on the Division’s media/poster sessions for the 2015 conference (details below).

- **Traditional Paper Panels**
  These proposals should include up to four papers organized around a coherent theme that will be of clear interest to members of the Division. If submitters wish to include a Discussant for the panel, proposals should name the same person to serve as Chair and/or Discussant. Panels that bring together participants from various universities as well as from across geographical regions will be preferred. These submissions require a 400-word rationale and a 75-word description (for the conference program) summarizing the topic and scholarly significance of the session, two or three keywords that identify the thematic focus of the session, and suggested Divisional and Interest Group co-sponsors. Proposals should include names and institutional affiliations for each participant as well as a title and 150-word abstract for each paper to be featured in the session. Submitters should indicate if the panel may be included as a media/poster session for the 2015 conference (details below).

- **Extended Session**
  ERIC invites proposals for a single extended session that will run 2.5 hours, i.e., twice as long as a typical ICA session. Proposals for the extended session should be geared to the broad theme of “race, ethnicity and communication across the life span” highlighting one or two thematic keyword(s) that will serve as a pivot for intellectually stimulating discussions along conceptual, theoretical, historical, and/or contextual lines. Keywords for the extended session may include but not limited to: “Empire/Nation/Post-Colony,” “Migration,” “Diaspora,” “Transnational Flows,” “Borders and Boundaries,” “Race and Labor,” “Globalization
and Gender,” “Difference,” “Multiculturalism,” “Critical Race Feminisms,” “Critical Race Theory,” “History/Memory,” “Intersectionality,” “Media/Aesthetics,” “Power,” and “Resistance/Revolution.” As this list suggests, keywords for the extended session should be capable of engaging a range of methodological approaches and presentation styles.

The Division is particularly interested in proposals for extended sessions that feature creative combinations of scholarly presentations, interactive experiences, and/or illustrative media, art, or performances. Experimental formats are encouraged. Proposals that bring together participants from a diverse range of institutions as well as from across geographical regions will be preferred.

If submitters wish to include a Discussant for the extended session, proposals should name the same person to serve as Chair and/or Discussant. Submissions for the extended session require a 400-word rationale and a 75-word description (for the conference program) that clearly and coherently justify the selection of the keyword(s), explaining how it has shaped or continues to shape the field, and highlighting the intellectual and aesthetic breadth of the session. Proposals should include names and institutional affiliations for each participant, a title and 150-word abstract/description for each paper/performance to be featured in the session, and suggested Divisional and Interest Group co-sponsors.

- **Roundtable Sessions**
  These are high-density panels featuring up to eight papers organized around a coherent theme that will be of obvious interest to members of the Division. Submitters are strongly urged to choose topics that are particularly well suited to be brief, effective presentations and to select participants who are willing to present their work under the time constraints necessary for these sessions. If submitters wish to include a Discussant for the roundtable, the proposal should name the same person to serve as Chair and/or Discussant. Roundtables that bring together participants from various universities as well as from across geographical regions will be preferred. These submissions require a 400-word rationale and a 75-word description (for the conference program) summarizing the topic and scholarly significance of the session, two or three keywords that identify the thematic focus of the session, and suggested Divisional and Interest Group co-sponsors. Proposals should include names and institutional affiliations for each participant as well as a title.
and 150-word abstract for each paper to be featured in the session. Submitters should indicate if the panel may be included as a media/poster session for the 2015 conference (details below).

• Media/Poster Session
All research papers and panel proposals submitted to the Division should indicate whether submitters are willing to have their papers/panels included in the Division’s media/poster session for the 2015 conference. ERIC will consider research papers as well as entire panel proposals for the Division’s media/poster session at the 2015 conference. Submitters are strongly urged to propose papers/panels that are particularly well suited to the visual/interactive format of the media/poster session and to select participants who will present their work making the best use of these formats.

EXCLUSIVE SUBMISSION
The papers or panel proposals submitted to ERIC may not be submitted to any other ICA Division or Interest Group. Submitters are welcome, however, to submit as many as three different papers and/or panel proposals to ERIC.

DEADLINES
The 2015 submission website will be available as of 1 September 2014. All submissions are due online no later than 23:00 GMT on 3 November 2014. This deadline is strictly enforced. To reach the conference website, go to the ICA home page at http://www.icahq.org and follow the link for 2015 Conference Submission section, which includes the general guidelines and instructions. It is essential that you read those guidelines and instructions carefully and prepare your submission prior to logging on to prevent being timed-out or related glitches. To avoid technical problems, early submission is strongly encouraged. Acceptance/rejection notices will be sent directly by ICA to submitters by mid-January 2015.

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AWARDS FOR TOP PAPERS, TRAVEL
Based on submission ranks as yielded through the review process, ERIC will confer “top paper” awards for the three highest ranked papers. The Division will also offer student travel awards based on ranking and financial need. In order to be considered for any award, the recipient must be a member of the ERIC Division.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
For more information about the 2015 conference and/or these submission guidelines, please contact ERIC’s chair, Miyase Christensen (miyase.christensen@ims.su.se) and/or its vice-chair, Federico Subervi (subervi@latinosandmedia.org).

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The Feminist Scholarship Division invites your submissions for 2015 conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The submissions should contribute to the examinations of genders and communication through the lens of feminist theories, methodologies, and practices.

This year, the Division invites research submissions that respond to the conference theme “Communication Across the Life Span.” The Division encourages collaborations between various Divisions of ICA to focus on issues that impact women of diverse backgrounds and of different life stages. A variety of questions can be considered, for instance:

- How do feminist theory and practice play out across generations, in local and global conflicts, in places of work and play, and across cultures?
- How can feminist scholarship help ask and respond to questions of development, women’s labor, identity, or health in the continued global or local economic, political and other types of crises?

Feminists working in community collaborations are invited to submit work citing productive efforts toward social and economic justice. The Division encourages submissions that can bring a focus to international trans-feminist work that will inform feminist scholarship in decades to follow.

As in the past, we continue to solicit submissions exploring issues important for feminist scholarship, including feminist pedagogy; the social implications of the gendered digital divide; international gender commonalities and differences by race, social class, gender, sexuality, and nationality; women’s alternative media; feminist political economy of the media; feminist cultural studies; and transnational feminist theory and political practice.

Submissions may be:
- Full length completed research papers of previously unpublished work (maximum length 25 pages, plus tables and references);

- Works in progress (such papers should have enough material to allow for evaluation (3,000-7,500 words). Works in progress reflect on-going research that has not yet reached full completion stage and should be clearly labeled;

- Preconstituted sessions that consist of papers united by a topic or that consist of provocative statements from participants and provide a discussion opportunity on a thought provoking, controversial, or other important topic. Provide title, 400-word rationale, and a 150-250 abstract for each paper or statement, 75-word rationale for conference program, and a full list of participants.

Please remove all self-identifying information from submitted full papers and works in progress. Sessions with participants with variety in institutional affiliations and from different geographical regions are strongly preferred. Suggestions for co-sponsored panels with other ICA Divisions are also welcomed.

Accepted papers will be scheduled for traditional panels, a high-density session, or an interactive session. Panels include 4 presentations and a respondent. A high-density session includes 8 to 12 presenters who will briefly outline their papers, then small group or one-to-one discussions with audience will follow these introductions. An interactive session included in a plenary, requires visual representation of research and promotes small group or one-on-one discussions.

Based on ratings received from the reviewers, FSD will award “top paper” awards to two highest ranked papers.
The Division will offer student travel grants based on ranking and financial need. To be considered for any award, the recipient must be a member of the Division.

Please volunteer to review for FSD: We encourage faculty and advanced graduate students to volunteer as reviewers. Indicate your intent to serve as a reviewer on the ICA website. Your contributions are highly valued.

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The Global Communication and Social Change Division promotes research and critical analysis of issues relating to the production, distribution, content and reception of communications media at global, “glocal”, transnational, transcultural, international and regional levels. Within this purview it encompasses work across a wide variety of theoretical and methodological approaches, concerning issues of media/mediated communication
in local, national, regional and global cultural, economic, political and social contexts. This can include studies of strategic mediated communication for development, social justice and social change, as well as critiques of development communication strategies.

Please note that it is not sufficient for submissions to simply proclaim a “global” status by addressing communications in non-U.S contexts. Where papers and panels are based on empirical case studies, they must relate relevant empirical cases to the broader field of global communication, which also includes the field of develop-

The Division is seeking three types of submissions:

1) Papers (Submit as an individual submission)
Papers should be no longer than 25 pages, inclusive of references, notes, figures and tables. There should be no identifying information in the paper, the in-text citations or the references. Individual submissions must consist of completed papers.

2) Panels (Submit as a session)
Panel proposals should include information on the overall rationale of the session, including the main area of inquiry providing cohesion to the session. Submitters should also provide the names and affiliations of each participant, as well as abstracts of about 150 words each delineating the research focus or contribution of each paper in the session. The intent of panel sessions is to allow participants to present completed papers in a specific area of research.

3) Roundtables (Submit as a session)
The intent of the roundtables is to allow advanced researchers working in a particular area to share their research in progress, and need not result in the presentation of completed papers. Those intending to submit roundtable proposals are encouraged to contact the Division Vice Chair Terry Flew at t.flew@qut.edu.au, well in advance of the deadline for papers and panels.
The Health Communication Division is committed to excellence in research on both the development and the application of theory to health communication problems. Communicating about health takes place intraindividually, interpersonally, within groups and networks, in health care organizations, in the mass media, online, in and between institutions, and in society as a whole.

The Division accepts three types of submissions:

1) Full Papers
Please abide by the 25 pages (including tables and references) limit. The Division provides awards to the top paper authored solely by a student and to the top paper that is student-led, so student authors who want to be considered for these awards should indicate their student status on the title page.

2) Innovative Panel Proposals
Very few panel proposals can be accepted so they must show innovation and provide exceptional added value (i.e. more than just 4-5 papers grouped together by theme). Panel proposals should include: a) title; b) 75 word program description; c) 400 word panel rationale; d) names and affiliations of presenters.

3) Abstracts *New this year*
The goal for abstracts is to get feedback on current research and to present the latest in the field. Therefore, the abstract should report on data that are already collected with at least some preliminary analysis conducted to share results. Abstracts are not appropriate for exclusively methodological or theoretical papers without any empirical findings. The body of the abstract is limited to 600 words (references, tables & figures do not count against this total). The entire abstract (including references, tables & figures) should be no longer than 5 pages double-spaced. Abstracts will only be paneled in high density/extended sessions or as interactive paper presentations (poster). Abstracts are not eligible for top paper awards.
You may submit more than one submission to the Health Communication Division. However, only one first-authored submission will be accepted for presentation in this Division.

All submissions must follow the ICA submission guidelines (especially about de-identifying authors) and should be submitted as PDF files online at the ICA website by 23:00 GMT, 3 November 2014. To avoid technical problems, early submission is strongly encouraged. To reach the conference website, go to the ICA home page at http://www.icahdq.org and follow the link for 2015 Conference Submission. If you have questions please email the Program Planner & Vice-Chair, Evelyn Ho, at eyho@usfca.edu

Attendees from Tier B & C countries and ethnic minority members may apply for financial support from ICA’s Diversity Travel Funds. Please apply for consideration by sending a separate message addressed to the Evelyn Ho at eyho@usfca.edu. You will need to be a member of the Health Communication Division and attend the business meeting to receive the travel grant.

Finally, the Division is always in need for reviewers for paper and panel submissions. Please consider volunteering for this important service to our scholarly community. Within ICA’s paper management system (where you submit papers) you will find a link labeled “Volunteer to be a Reviewer”. Click on this link and fill in your information. Under “qualification”, please let us know your areas of expertise and check the keywords that best describe your interests. We will use the keywords for matching submissions with reviewer interests as well as we can!

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Information Systems is a Division that prides itself on developing a conference environment encouraging interaction between scholars with data and ideas to share.

Most papers accepted for presentation will be programmed into high-density sessions. These sessions will feature extremely brief (3-minute) presentations of each study followed by author/audience interaction taking place at research posters created by the authors.

Student submissions are encouraged. Papers solely authored by students are eligible for the Best Student Paper designation. Please identify your paper as a student paper when submitting it through the All Academic System, not within the body of the paper itself.

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Four types of submissions will be accepted for review.

**Category 1:** Completed papers or extended abstracts reporting on new research. This category includes all data-based studies reporting new results. Abstracts are limited to 4 pages, double-spaced. Completed papers are limited to 25 pages, double-spaced. Only completed papers will be considered for presentation on the Best of Information Systems panel at the conference.

*Please note—submission of extended abstracts for review implies acknowledgement by the authors that data will be collected, analyzed to the extent suggested in the abstract, and presented at the upcoming conference regardless of findings.*

**Category 2:** Theoretical or programmatic research papers. This category includes substantial new syntheses of several related studies (programs of research) or major reviews of important bodies of research. Full papers are required and are limited to 25 pages, double-spaced.

**Category 3:** Panel proposals featuring debates or spotlights on current issues, bodies of scholarly work, or methodologies. Panel proposals should include participants’ names, abstracts of papers, background information on participants, and a justification for the panel. This justification should explain the importance of the topic and why it is of interest to Division members.

Note: All page limits do not include references, tables, or figures. Submissions that do not observe page limitations will not be sent for review. Neither will submissions containing author identification on a title page.
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Division AIMS: The members of the Division of Instructional and Developmental Communication share interest in a variety of communication issues related to a) the scholarship of teaching and learning as it relates to communication, and b) developmental issues both in and outside of the classroom that have implications for communication (e.g., mass media and children). By “developmental” we mean the social, psychological, or ecological adaptations that have the potential to affect human interaction in general. Our Division defines “instructional communication” broadly, to include any teaching, instructional, or learning process that may occur in a variety of contexts, both within and beyond the traditional classroom (e.g., organizational training and development, health behavior education, interpersonal skills training). These processes may include teacher–student interaction, teaching/training styles, instructional technology, student behaviors, and student outcomes.
CONFERENCE THEME: This year, due to the conference theme (Communication across the Lifespan) we are especially interested in the social, psychological, and communication correlates of the aging process involving human or mediated forms of message interactions. As always, we welcome cross-institutional affiliation and cross-disciplinary collaboration on all submissions.

NEW THIS YEAR: In addition to emphasizing submissions dealing with the conference theme, we also encourage RIFTS submissions (reprehensible ideas for teaching students, described below) as a companion call to our GIFTS (great ideas for teaching students, described below). In keeping with the edict that more is often learned from failures than successes, RIFTS will create a space for scholars to share lessons learned from experiences in and out of the classroom that did not produce anticipated results.

In all the Division seeks four types of submissions:

1. Papers (Submit as an individual submission)

Completed papers that deal with instructional, developmental, or both areas of scholarship will be considered. Papers should be a maximum of 10,000 words (excluding tables and references). Include a title page with NO identifying information. **Indicate on the title page if this is a Debut or Student paper.

2. Panels (Submit as a Session)

A group of presenters organized around a thematic instructional and developmental communication topic may submit a panel proposal. In this panel proposal, include a) 75 word program description, b) 400 word panel rationale, b) names and affiliations of presenters, c) title and 150 word abstract for each presenter/paper.

3. Great Ideas for Teaching Students (GIFTS; submit as Individual Submission)

Scholars may submit teacher and student tested ideas for effectively teaching a wide variety of communication concepts and contexts (e.g., health communication, research methods, theory, gender, organizational communication, PR). Accepted GIFTS will be presented in short, interactive small groups in a round table format. To submit a GIFT, please include a) Title of activity, b) intended course, c) learning goal/objectives, d) description of activity, and e) evaluation of activity. The submission should be a maximum of 1,000 words. **Place GIFTS in the title (e.g., GIFTS: Teaching Communication Theory Using Social Media) and indicate on the title page if this is a Debut or Student submission.

4. Reprehensible Ideas for Teaching Students (RIFTS; submit as Individual Submission)
Following the same call for GIFTS, the Division also encourages scholars to submit what may best be referred to as splendid failures in pedagogy. Insights into the scholarship of teaching and learning gained from unsuccessful attempts in the practice of instruction are welcomed here. As with GIFTS, RIFTS will be presented in short, interactive small groups in a round table format. To submit a RIFT, please include a) Title of activity, b) intended course, c) learning goal/objectives, d) description of activity, and e) evaluation of activity. The submission should be a maximum of 1,000 words. **Place RIFTS in the title (e.g., RIFTS: Using Facebook in an Introductory Human Communication Course) and indicate on the title page if this is a Debut or Student submission.

NOTE: Only completed proposals that follow ALL submission guidelines will be considered. Papers, posters, and GIFTS that are submitted with identifying information will not be reviewed.

All proposals must be submitted using the online submission system between 1 September and 3 November by 23:00 GMT. For more information, please see the ICA general guidelines for all submissions or contact Aaron Boyson at aboyson@d.umn.edu.

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The Intercultural Communication Division (ICD) welcomes submissions that focus on interrelationships between culture and human communication in all forms. We consider research across a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches. Submitted works generally are expected to attend to communication across, between, or among cultures, including nations, societies, ethnic and other types of cultural communities.

Papers and panels may report cross-cultural research with direct or implicit comparison, or other types of research concerning ways culture affects human symbolic activities, including, but not limited to, culture's influence on the processes of human message production, reception, effects, and meanings. ICD also seeks papers/panels on communication processes between cultures at any levels and in any forms.

Based on the number of submissions and the thematic arrangement of submissions, the Division planner may place up to 8 submissions in a High Density Paper Panel called “Short Intercultural Presentations” or “SIPS”. All submitters placed in the “SIPS” panel will be notified of their placement in this panel. In the “SIPS” panel, participants will be given 5 minutes to present their ideas and engage in conversation with other presenters, a respondent, and the audience.
Manuscripts should be written in a style that is accessible to a varied and international academic audience. Works in which culture is not an object of investigation or part of the discussion, but is instead the context or backdrop for a communication study, should be directed to other ICA Divisions. Competitive paper submissions shall include complete paper. Abstracts will not be considered. Persons proposing panels, seminars, workshops, and/or other types of formats shall submit proposals to the program committee listing the names and titles of participants and the purpose and expected outcome of the program. Panels should avoid single institution representation to promote variety in institutional affiliations among panelists. Submission of competitive papers and/or programs panels obligates the submitter to attend the convention where the work is to be presented. ICD participants on the program who do not arrange for a substitute in the event of an emergency may receive negative points during conference program preparation in subsequent years. Please refer to ICA guidelines for more information on specific instructions regarding paper and panel submissions.

The Interpersonal Communication Division is interested in communication processes that occur interactively between people. Such processes include (but are not limited to) relational development, mutual influence, individuals’ adaptations to others, people’s interpretations and reactions to others’ messages, and so forth. Interpersonal communication occurs in many contexts, such as close relationships, organizations, health, intercultural, intergroup, and others. Interpersonal communication also occurs through a variety of channels, including face-to-face interaction, telephone conversations, and interactions via computers.

We accept full papers, interactive paper (poster) presentations, and panel proposals. We do not accept extended abstracts. Full papers that exceed the page limit (25 pages, excluding references, abstract, title page,
tables, & figures) OR that use less than 11-point font will not be reviewed. Authors are encouraged to request preferred, acceptable, and/or unacceptable presentation formats at the time of submission. Choices include traditional panel, poster, and/or high density. Format preferences should be entered into the justification for session format box on the submission page. A justification for format preferences may be provided, but is not necessary. Requesting a traditional panel as the only acceptable format may reduce the chances for acceptance because nontraditional formats allow more submissions to be programmed.

Panel Proposals should contain a 400-word rationale for the panel as well as 150-300 word abstract & bio from each panel participant. Panel proposals in alternate formats to the traditional panel format (e.g., high density, roundtable, Q & A, debate)and panels that break new ground theoretically, methodologically, or in regard to context are strongly encouraged.

The Division is committed to a range of theoretical approaches and the use of multiple methodologies and welcomes papers using quantitative or qualitative approaches.

The Division encourages authors to consider the applied implications of their work when relevant. All submissions are automatically considered for the Division’s applied paper award. The top student paper award is given to the highest ranked paper that is authored solely by individuals who were students at the time of submission. To be considered for this award, students must indicate their status during the submission process (by checking the appropriate box).
The Journalism Studies Division is concerned with theory, research, and professional education in journalism. The Division encourages submission of scholarly work that advances our understanding of how journalism works within individual regions or comparatively across regions. Subject areas include, but are not limited to, the functions of journalism in society, the structural and cultural influences on journalism, the attitudes and characteristics of journalists, features of news content and their effects on consumers. Of interest are the relationships between journalism and power, democratic standards, economic pressures, technological change, and (academic) critique. The Journalism Studies Division is also interested in submissions attempting to clarify, define, and question core concepts in our field, such as “news,” “media,” and “journalism,” which are increasingly vague in meaning. The Division accepts two forms of submissions: scholarly papers and panel proposals.

Scholarly papers should be original and innovative, and employ quantitative or qualitative methods at an advanced level. Papers should be no longer than 35 double-spaced pages, including tables, figures, references cited, and notes. Only full papers will be considered for review. All papers must be original: submissions should not be published, presented elsewhere, in press, or under review anywhere else until after being submitted to ICA. In preparing submissions, please remove all author information from the manuscript to facilitate the double-blind review process. Any paper identifying the author will be disqualified. For student submissions, click the appropriate button in the All Academic system during the submission process; do NOT indicate student status on the manuscript itself. There is only a single paper competition comprising both student and faculty papers.
The Division also accepts panel proposals, but because very few panel proposals can be accepted they must provide exceptional added value. Besides topicality and substance, international composition is another strong point of successful panel submissions. Consider, too, the number of panelists you propose to include. It is difficult to have a successful panel with more than five participants or presentations. Panel proposals must provide all the information required by the All Academic template, including a rationale for the panel and individual abstracts from each participant.

For the 2015 conference, the Division also particularly encourages papers and panel proposals that push the boundaries of theories and methods in Journalism Studies. As Journalism Studies has developed into a significant subfield, it increasingly has come to have its own orthodoxies and assumptions. Yet as journalism increasingly becomes transmedial and convergent, as audiences become more fragmented, and as journalistic production increasingly takes place outside traditional newsroom contexts, the very object of our study becomes more and more difficult to capture and analyze in a systematic way. New methods, e.g. digital content analysis, comparative analysis methods, analysis of audience flows and networks, and non-newsroom ethnographies, are needed, as are new theoretical perspectives and analytical tools that provide a basis for understanding the shifting nature of journalism as text, process, and social activity. These panels will provide new directions for Journalism Studies as we enter our second decade at ICA. To propose a themed panel, please title your panel proposal as: “Pushing the Boundaries of Journalism Studies: [Your Panel Topic].”

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Language and Social Interaction (LSI) research is focused on the study of language use, discourse, and interaction. The LSI Division welcomes submissions about the social uses of language or embodiment in various contexts of human interaction. Among the range of research perspectives found within the Division are: discourse analysis, ethnography of communication, conversation analysis, critical discourse analysis, pragmatics, sociolinguistics, semiotics, embodied communication, social constructionism, social psychology of language, as well as other approaches. Theoretical, empirical, critical, and practical works are welcome using qualitative or quantitative methodologies. Most LSI work includes some empirical analysis of situated discourse and language in use. One resource for those wondering about the fit of their work in the LSI Division is the Handbook of Language and Social Interaction (Fitch, K., & Sanders, R. E. (Eds.). (2005). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates).

Paper & Extended Abstracts. Individual paper authors should submit either a full paper (~25 pages) or a well-developed extended abstract similar to a conference-presentation length paper (1500-3000 words). All paper submissions (full papers & extended abstracts) will be judged together, however, only full papers will be considered for the Top Paper and Top Student Paper Awards. Extended abstracts should at minimum include a rationale/background, description of methods (if appropriate), and at least some initial analysis (as appropriate).

Panels. Panel proposals will also be considered. Panel proposals should include a title, 150-word abstract, 400-word rationale for the panel as well as abstracts from each panelist if appropriate. Because LSI accepts extended abstracts, higher-ranking panel proposals should use the panel format in innovative ways (so not just four papers on a similar topic).

Roundtable proposals (the same submission criteria as panel proposals). Roundtables need not involve formal paper presentations. They should be 7-minute talks on a single theme, followed by interaction with audience. Roundtables are also appropriate forums as ‘high-density’ sessions.

Please read the ICA submission rules carefully for information about preparing your document and de-identifying authors. You may submit more than one submission to LSI, however, only one first-authored paper will be accepted for presentation in this Division.

Attendees from “soft currency” countries and ethnic minority members may apply for financial support from ICA’s Diversity Travel Funds. Please apply for consideration by sending a separate message addressed to the program planner listed above. You will need to be a member of the LSI Division and attend the business meeting to receive the travel grant.
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The Mass Communication Division welcomes paper submissions and panel proposals on a broad range of topics that exemplify the societal importance and impact of mass communication in all its various forms. Topics of interest range from the content and psychological effects of media messages to interactions among media systems and political economy to comparative and international media concerns. Innovative research on factors that redefine the nature of mass communication and its changing role in society, international and comparative work, and integrative theoretical pieces are especially encouraged. The Division is committed to a range of theoretical approaches and the use of multiple methodologies, and we welcome papers using quantitative or qualitative approaches.

**Papers:** Only completed papers within the ICA limit of 25 pages (excluding references and tables) will be considered. Reviewers will be instructed to stop reading after 25 pages. If ALL of the authors are students, then it should be designated a student paper and it is eligible for the student paper awards.

**Panels:** Panel proposals should include a rationale for the panel (400-word maximum), as well as abstracts of each participant’s contribution (150-word maximum for each presenter). Reviewers will be asked to give extra weight to proposals that feature institutional and/or national diversity.
Finally, the Division is always in need for reviewers for paper and panel submissions. Please consider volunteering for this important service to our scholarly community. Within ICA’s paper management system (where you submit papers) you will find a link labeled “Volunteer to be a Reviewer”. Please click on this link and fill in your information. Under “qualification”, please let us know your areas of expertise and check the keywords that best describe your interests. We will use this important information (especially the keywords) for matching submissions with reviewer interests as good as we can. Thank you for your support with this!

All presenters must plan to attend the conference if their work is accepted.

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The Organizational Communication (OC) Division invites your submissions to our annual conference. We focus on the analysis, understanding, and critique of communication practices, processes, and technologies within and between organizations. OC division members theorize about and study organizing in all sectors of society (pub-
lic, private, nongovernmental/nonprofit, informal, etc.). The division recognizes the value of multiple methodologies and supports work from a wide range of paradigmatic perspectives. Though we encourage theory-based work, we also value applied and engaged scholarship. Topics of interest to OC division members range from micro-analysis of organizational phenomena to macro-analysis of organizational processes.

The OC division will consider three types of submissions that align with the above description of our focus:

1. **PAPERS:** FULL-LENGTH SCHOLARLY PAPERS should be completed papers with no more than 25 double-spaced pages for the body of the paper (excluding abstract, tables, figures, endnotes, and references) using standard 1-inch/2.54-cm margins and 12-point font. We will not review papers that exceed that limit. Work already published or accepted for publication should not be submitted. Paper authors are expected to take efforts to conceal their identity from reviewers (e.g., no title page, no names in file properties, and appropriate concealment when citing their own work). Papers authored solely by a student or students (must be a student without a Ph.D. as of the submission deadline) should indicate that when submitting to the program planner, but not in the paper itself. Only full length scholarly papers are eligible for various division awards (including a top paper panel and top student paper recognition). We also provide a cash award to the top interactive display presentation (i.e., poster presentation), and thus encourage submitters to indicate a willingness or preference to present their scholarly paper as an interactive display. Please provide keywords as requested to help us guide your work to the most appropriate reviewers.

2. **PANELS:** PANEL PROPOSALS should include a title, a rationale of 400 words maximum, a 75-word description for the conference program, and up to 150 words describing each panelist and his/her paper/presentation (be sure to list all participants and their institutions). Proposals for roundtable discussions should be submitted as
We encourage panel submissions that include authors from multiple institutions and/or multiple countries. We welcome panels connecting organizational communication to the conference theme—but encourage members to consider submitting separate conference theme panels (rather than to our division) if appropriate.

3. EXTENDED ABSTRACTS: “RESEARCH ESCALATOR” PAPERS are in an extended panel session, which provides an opportunity for less experienced researchers to discuss and get feedback from more veteran scholars about a paper-in-progress (with the goal of making the paper ready for submission to a conference or journal). Those interested in the Research Escalator session should submit an extended abstract (2-3 double-spaced pages, plus references); if accepted, participants are expected to send the full paper to the scholar(s) assigned to their paper no later than 6 weeks before the convention. Anyone can submit an abstract for the Research Escalator session; however, we especially encourage graduate students and/or people inexperienced with the journal publishing process to submit.

Please note that we will not review more than 3 submissions by the same person either as sole author or coauthor. For the Research Escalator session, we will not review more than 1 abstract authored by the same person either as sole author or coauthor. Thus, you may be listed as an author/participant on a maximum of 3 papers and/or panels OR 1 research escalator abstract plus 2 papers and/or panels. Any submission you make comes with the professional expectation that you will present that work as a registered attendee at the conference if it is accepted by the division. Thank you for considering the OC division as you submit your work to this conference.
The Philosophy, Theory and Critique Division encourages you to submit papers and/or panels for the 2015 conference in Puerto Rico, USA. Please note that our Division will accept submissions in four formats this year:

1. **Full paper submissions** of up to 25-30 pages (double spaced/equal about 7,000-8,000 words) excluding references and illustrative material.

2. **Panel submissions**. Panels provide a good forum for the discussion of new approaches and innovative ideas. Preferably panel proposals should include 4-5 paper presenters. Please consider forgoing a respondent in favour of an additional presenter unless absolutely necessary. If you plan to submit a panel, please submit the following details:

- Panel Theme or Title
- A 75-word description of the panel for the conference program
- A 400-word rationale, providing justification for the panel’s theme and participating panelists
- 350-word (max) abstract of each panelist
- Names of panel participants (4-5 presenters, if a designated respondent is required, then 4 presenters only please)
- Name of panel chair/organizer (usually the same person)
3. **Roundtable submissions.** Roundtables provide an opportunity for a larger panel (maximum 6 participants) to offer short position statements on a theme of major interest or controversy; in special cases, it may be possible to program a roundtable directly after a panel of longer papers, each contributing to the same larger topic. If you plan to submit a roundtable proposal, please submit the same details as for a panel, except that abstracts from each panelist should be 100-150 words in length and no respondent is required.

4. **Abstracts for a research in progress roundtable.** These roundtables will be programmed by the PTC Vice chair, and are designed to create opportunities to discuss new and ongoing research. They need not involve formal paper presentations. The goal is to encourage interaction among scholars working on similar problems with their current research. Individual abstract submissions will be accepted for this type of roundtable, should be approximately 300-400 words, and should highlight the “late breaking” element of the research in question.

If you have any questions concerning these formats or general enquiries regarding your individual submission, please contact Alison Hearn. As Vice-chair of the Division, Alison will program the PTC sessions at ICA 2015, except the preconference, which is the responsibility of PTC Chair Amit Pinchevski. Alison’s email is ahearn2@uwo.ca, and Amit’s is amitpi@mscc.huji.ac.il. Your submissions will go through a process of peer review and ICA will notify you if your paper has been accepted in early January.

**Please Volunteer to Review Papers and Panels!**
Given the usual high number of papers/panels/roundtable proposals, we encourage you to review papers and panels for our Division. If you are interested and have not already volunteered for the coming year, please email Alison Hearn, providing some details about your expertise and contact information. You can also nominate yourself on the ICA website.

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The Political Communication Division supports research and theory development at the intersection of politics and communication. The Division recognizes that political communication takes place in many settings, including within, between, and among individuals, organizations, cultures, and nations. Studies of communication dealing with government, political media, policy, political actors, citizens, campaigns, social movements and advocacy groups are all within the purview of the Division. Papers that address political communication problems at all levels of analysis using a variety of theories and methods are welcome. Panel proposals that are focused on a relevant topic, but that are diverse in terms of the methodologies, theoretical standpoints or nationalities of the presenters, are encouraged. The Division accepts submissions in two formats:

1. **Full paper submission** of up to a maximum of 30 pages
(double spaced/equals about 7,000-8,000 words) excluding references and illustrative material. Submitters must delete all identifying information before submitting a paper. Papers must also include on the cover page as well as in the electronic submission two to five topical keywords and at least one method keyword, selected from the list available on the Division website (http://www.politicalcommunication.org/upcoming.html). Papers containing identifying information or lacking keywords from the Division list may not undergo review.

2. **Panel submissions.** Panels provide a good forum for the discussion of new approaches and innovative ideas. If you plan to submit a panel, please submit the following details: (a) Panel Theme or Title, (b) a 75-word description of the panel for the conference program, (c) A 400-word rationale, providing justification for the panel’s these and participating panelists, (d) 350-word (max) abstract of each paper, (e) Names of panel participants (usually 4 presenters, plus a designated respondent), and (f) Name of panel chair/organizer (usually the same person)

The number of submissions originating from the same author is limited to five by ICA regulations. Given limited space on the program, the Division may accept only one first-authored paper per person.

The Division especially encourages participation from Latin America, Asia, and Africa, and will consider panel proposals using creative formats that advance Division aims such as expanding participation and mentoring of student scholars.

If you have any questions concerning these formats or general enquiries regarding your individual submission, please contact Peter Van Aelst (peter.vanaelst@uantwerpen.be)

*Popular Communication*

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The Popular Communication Division provides a forum for scholarly investigation, analysis, and dialogue among communication researchers interested in popular communication and popular culture. The Division invites papers, panels, and roundtable-style proposals, from diverse theoretical and methodological approaches, that explore a wide range of artifacts, processes, meanings, effects and affects associated with the shaping of popular communication and popular culture. The Division particularly values critical research that regards popular communication and popular culture as productive sites for the examination of everyday life, and modern/postmod-
ern culture, society and economy. The Division welcomes research analyzing cultural industries, texts, and audiences alike, as well as the role of technology in relation to them. Submissions that address the conference theme are particularly welcomed.

The following submission formats are permissible:

- **Full papers** (either for paper panels or the interactive paper session)
- **Panel proposals**: 4 or 5 papers, or 4 papers with a respondent
- **Roundtable proposals, high-density sessions, or workshops**: these sessions involve more speakers/session leaders (8-10) who give informal and shorter presentations of their work (5 minutes max.), leaving much more time for audience interaction and discussion.

Popular Communication does not accept paper abstracts or extended paper abstracts in lieu of paper submissions.

Panel and roundtable-style submissions must include the following:

1. A 400-word abstract for the panel.
2. A 150-word abstract for each of the papers on the panel followed by a brief description of each panelist’s qualifications regarding the proposed topic.
3. A 75-word description of the panel for the conference program.
4. Additionally, a rationale of no more than 200 words is optional, should panelists want to explain the need for the panel or explain its format.

ICA’s submission system may offer different word length limits, but the limits stated above take precedence. Failure to submit per Division requirements will result in automatic rejection.

For the purposes of review, coherency will matter a great deal, so submitters should be sure to compose panels that fit together, and to explain that fit in the rationale if need be. Moreover, panels should aim to reflect and juxtapose different interregional, international, transnational, and global perspectives. Panels consisting of multiple panelists from a single institution are strongly discouraged.

Panel submitters: please remind fellow panel members to volunteer to review for the Division. Indeed, all are encouraged to volunteer to review (please note that having a paper or panel submission under consideration most definitely does not preclude one from serving as a reviewer). Graduate students are also eligible to view for the Division.

Panel and roundtable organizers seeking panelists should send a panel description and contact information to Jason Striker at Jason.Striker@asu.edu by October 1st at the absolute latest. He will then compile all the calls for a one-time distribution over Cine Metro.
the Division’s email list, and will periodically update the Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/ICAPop-ComDivision). Thus, those interested in joining a panel should check the Facebook page and/or wait for that email in early October.

Those seeking help with the submission process are invited to contact the Division Conference Program Planner (and Division Chair), Melissa Click: clickm@missouri.edu.

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The Public Relations Division is concerned with the theory and practice of communication between organizations and specified publics and addresses theoretical as well as professional questions in relation to a variety of organizational forms, including business, nonprofit, public and political entities at local, national and international contexts and society at large.

We encourage the submissions of research papers, extended abstracts, and panel proposals for the 2015
ICA conference that reflect the conference theme Communication Across the Life Span and contribute to the development of public relations theory. We welcome submissions that seek to reflect on what public relations can contribute for the evolving meanings, relationships, experiences and critical crossroads of the life course. How is the field of public relations affecting, reflecting and directing life’s trajectory?

The Public Relations Division is highly interested in submissions attempting to clarify, define, and question core concepts in our field as well as theory building submissions. Submissions should be original and innovative. A range of theoretical approaches are accepted, including for instance organizational, management, political, inter and cross-cultural, sociological, anthropological, historical, rhetorical, critical, philosophical perspectives. Both quantitative and qualitative methods are considered appropriate.

The Public Relations Division will accept: Full research papers, extended abstracts, and panel proposals. Preference will be given to complete research papers and panel proposals.

1. **Full length completed research papers** (8,000–9,000 words; maximum 25 pages, excluding references and tables). Submitted papers must NOT have been previously presented, scheduled for presentation, published, accepted for publication, and if under review, must NOT appear in print before the conference. Submitters MUST DELETE ALL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION before submitting a paper.

2. **Extended abstracts** (2,500-3,500 words) with a full paper submitted at least 6 weeks prior to the conference in May. Extended abstracts are intended for work in progress, offering the opportunity to present on-going research that has not yet reached completion at the time of the submission deadline. Extended abstracts should present in a concise way the purpose of the paper, main theoretical framework/assumptions and if applicable research methods and preliminary and/or expected results. Extended abstracts should clearly STATE THE CONTRIBUTION of the paper for public relations theory and practice. Submitters MUST DELETE ALL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION before submitting an extended abstract.

3. **Panel proposals** (including roudtables proposals) should focus on current debates in the field of public relations. Panels should have a clear discussion orientation, and topics proposed should not only lend themselves to a debate among panelists but also generate discussion among session attendees. Proposals that feature institutional and/or national diversity will be given extra weight. Besides proposals...
with traditional paper presentations, the Division will consider panel proposals using creative formats that advance Division aims such as expanding participation and mentoring of student scholars, for example hybrid sessions (presentation/interactive display).

Panel proposals should include: 1) a 450-word (max) rationale for the panel (if you are proposing a novel panel format, please specify here the format), 2) a 350-word (max) abstract of each participant’s presentation, 3) Names of panel participants (including a designated respondent if relevant for the panel format), 4) Name of panel chair/organizer (usually the same person), and 5) a 75-word description of the panel for the conference program.

Additionally the panel proposal should include a statement from the organizer declaring: “I have received signed statements from all intended participants agreeing to register for the conference and participate in the panel.” If any item of the above guidelines and formatting instructions is not met, the panel will NOT be reviewed.

For all submissions, please select the appropriate category (i.e. faculty or student submission) in All Academic online submission site and provide keywords as requested to help us guide your work to the most appropriate reviewers.

For papers and extended abstract submissions, please indicate in your submission one of the two presentation formats: presentation in a paper section or in an interactive poster section. Both formats are peer-reviewed, have the same academic importance, and will be equally published in the program. Top interactive papers are eligible for two ICA awards, Best Interactive Poster Paper and Best Interactive Poster Display presentation.

The Public Relations Division recognizes Top Faculty and Top Student Papers each year. Only full length scholarly papers are eligible for these Division awards. For a submission to be identified as a Student Paper, ALL AUTHORS OF THE PAPER MUST BE STUDENTS and indicated in the process of submission. Papers jointly authored by Faculty and Students are not eligible for the Top Student Paper Award.

Due to the competitive nature of having papers accepted in the Public Relations Division, we accept no more than two (2) submissions either as full length papers or as extended abstracts authored by the same person either as sole or coauthor to ensure that all scholars have the opportunity to be included in the program regardless of level of experience and national affiliation.

Submitters should be aware that full length papers and extended abstracts that contain identifiers of authorship will be disqualified.
Given the expected high number of submissions, the Public Relations Division needs a large number of volunteer reviewers and thus encourages all faculty members and Ph.Ds. to volunteer for this important service. Faculty submitters should also be aware that they will be added to the reviewing pool and may receive a call for reviewing some of the Division’s submissions if the Division is not able to cover all reviews with its volunteer reviewers. The selection will be based on the submitters’ areas of expertise and the Division’s needs.

All submissions must be registered online no later than 3 November 2014 at the ICA website (see www.icahq.org then follow the links for the 2015 Conference and online submissions). You are highly recommended to submit before this deadline in order to avoid overload on the paper submission site. If your submission is accepted for the ICA conference, you have a commitment to register and attend the conference and to present your work.

If you have any questions concerning these formats or general enquiries regarding your individual submission, please contact Chiara Valentini.

Visual Communication Studies
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The Visual Communication Studies Division of ICA seeks to enhance the understanding of the visual in all its forms, from still and moving images in television, video, film and photography to layouts and displays in art and design, print and digital media, space and the built environment. The Division provides a unique forum for the discussion of theory and research in the creation, processing, function, meaning, and critical consequences of visual communication, encompassing diverse research traditions from the social sciences and the humanities. As an area that intersects with other communication fields and ICA Divisions, the Visual Communication Studies Division welcomes interdisciplinary study as well as targeted analyses of all aspects of the visual communication experience, including perception, production, distribution, representation, reception, use, and interpretation. The Visual Communication Studies Division invites paper and poster (interactive paper) submissions as well as panel proposals, virtual conference session proposals, and proposals for innovative presentational formats focusing on visual communication in the broadest sense. All proposals are evaluated through a blind peer review process. The Division strives to be inclusive. Empirical and theoretical submissions are encouraged. However, proposals that only nominally concern visual media, without exploring or addressing issues that are specifically visual in nature will be at a competitive disadvantage.

Completed papers and fully developed session proposals are preferred. Extended abstracts will be considered. Extended abstracts should be substantial and represent well-developed or continuing research projects. Incomplete or sketchy proposals for nascent or future work are considered inappropriate.

Submission formats:
- **Full Papers** (10,000 words maximum, excluding tables, figures, and references). Note: Video/multi-media uploads should be embedded as links in a paper rather than as separate uploads.
- **Extended Abstracts** (2,500 words minimum)
- **Interactive papers** (poster presentations) (2,500-10,000 words, excluding tables, figures and references)
- **Panel Proposals** (400-word rationale for the panel, 250-400 word abstract from each panel participant). A roundtable proposal will be considered as a panel proposal and has to be submitted in that category.
- **Other Innovative Format or Session Proposals** (these should be submitted via the ICA Conference website with special notes included on plans and format).
- **Extended Session Proposals.** ICA has made available opportunities for 2.5 hour extended sessions that can accommodate creative combinations of scholarly presentations, interactive and workshop experiences, including mentoring or “incubator” sessions bringing together experienced scholars and graduate students, and/or illustrative media/art/performances. Proposals for Extended sessions must be submitted to the Division Chair no later than 1 September. The session should strive to be innovative in terms of the number of speakers/performers, level of interactivity, and range of presentation formats and styles. Experimental formats are encouraged.

All submissions (including panel proposals) should be accompanied by a file that is uploaded to the ICA Conference website at http://www.icahdq.org/cfp. Please double-check to make sure that uploads are successful.

Student submissions should be clearly identified as such so that they may be considered for the student paper competition. (Papers coauthored by students and faculty are not considered student papers.)

All submissions must be made online, at http://www.icahdq.org/cfp, no later than 23:00 GMT, 3 November 2014.

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View of San Juan from Condado Beach.
The study of video games and the game experience offers opportunities for the study of human communication involving multidisciplinary approaches merging the disciplines of communication studies with cultural studies, arts and visual design, cognitive sciences, computer sciences, engineering, social sciences, education, health sciences, and information design.

The Interest Group welcomes papers, panels, and poster presentations on topics involving the social and psychological uses and impacts of video games, the cultural affordances, uses and meanings of games, games as training or instructional media, comparative media analyses involving games, human-computer interaction in games, design research in the context of games, and game players’ motivations and emotional and psychophysiological experiences while playing games. This list is far from exhaustive and is provided only as an indication of the scope of inquiry welcomed by the Interest Group.

We encourage the submission of papers and proposals using a wide array of theoretical and methodological approaches. **Full papers, fully developed panel proposals, and poster-only proposals** will be considered for review. Alternative formats and ideas can be suggested via email with the Interest Group’s vice chair.

Submissions are especially welcome for topics that are consistent with this year’s conference theme, “Communication Across the Life Span.” The new media environment raises a multitude of questions, and thus invites considered reflection about what a “good life” might look like in a contemporary, digital, and networked society, and what new challenges we might face in attaining it.

Accepted papers may be scheduled in traditional research presentation sessions (featuring oral presentations 10-12 minutes in length), in high-density sessions (featuring brief oral presentations accompanied by a poster presentation), or in the conference’s interactive paper plenary session (featuring poster presentations in a plenary session). Full paper submissions should be a maximum of 25 pages (double-spaced) in length, plus figures, tables, and references. Poster-only proposals, which should be restricted to works-in-progress or late-breaking results, will be considered only for the interactive paper plenary session, and must be accompanied by short papers (5–10 double-spaced pages) describing the research, the form of the presentation, and indicating any results not available at the time of submission that will likely be included in the final interactive presentation. The poster presented at the conference should be in actual poster form and not a series of printed pages from a manuscript or presentation. Panel proposals should include a 400-word rationale for the panel, a 150-word abstract describing each participant’s contribution, a description of each panelist’s qualifications regarding the proposed topic, and complete contact information for each panelist. Suggestions for cosponsored panels with...
other ICA Divisions are also welcomed. Each panelist must be willing to register for and attend the conference if the panel is accepted. Student submissions must be clearly identified, with the understanding that student authors are the primary creators of the work and are the sole author or first author of any paper labeled as a student submission.

Reviewers will evaluate submissions based on these five criteria: Quality of Theory Development/Literature Review, Quality of Method & Analysis Employed, Significance of the Findings, Relevance to the Game Studies Interest Group, and Quality of the Writing.

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Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies is concerned with the analysis and critique of sexual systems, discourses, and representations, particularly those that animate, inform, and impinge upon the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and queer people. Such systems and discourses occur in institutional, community, domestic, and intimate contexts; are closely connected to other social, cultural, and political practices (such as nationalism, education, or popular entertainment); and play a critical role in the formation and communication of individual and group identity. In addition, we are interested in work that uses queer theory and queerness as a method of analyzing systems of power in these topic areas. We also encourage work from LGBTQ scholars working in collaborative research and/or community projects toward broader efforts in social justice.

FORMATS
The Interest Group welcomes quality research in these areas, using any methodological approach. This year we will only accept extended abstracts and panel proposals.

Extended abstracts should be no more than 3,000 words, excluding references. We welcome both completed research and works in progress (please indicate a work in progress in the title). Include a discussion of relevant literature and theories, data collection and analysis methods, and findings, preliminary findings, or potential implications of findings. Submissions will be judged on the following criteria: Theoretical/Conceptual Framework;
Relevance/Adequacy of literature review; Methodological soundness; Development of Overall Argument; Relevance of topic/discussion to GLBT Interest Group.

Panel proposals should include a minimum of five participants. High-density panels are preferred. Provide a 400-word abstract, a 200-word abstract for each participant’s contribution, and a 400-word rationale that explains a coherent logic for having these papers presented together. A panel will only be scheduled if, in sum, it presents more a compelling presentation than combining individual submissions in the same amount of available time. Submissions will be judged on the following criteria: Theoretical/Conceptual Framework; Innovativeness of Panel; Cohesiveness of Panel; Relevance of topic/discussion to GLBT Interest Group; Possible Theme Session.

EXCLUSIONS
We will not consider previously published or in-press submissions. No proposal may be submitted simultaneously to any other ICA Division or Interest Group. You can submit no more than two different proposals to the GLBT SIG.

TOP PAPERS/TRAVEL AWARDS
Based on feedback from the review process, we may confer top paper awards for two papers, typically a top faculty and top student paper. Also, when available we may offer student travel awards based on ranking and financial need. In order to be considered for any award, the recipient must be a member of the Interest Group.

VOLUNTEER TO REVIEW
Offer your service while accessing bleeding-edge research in the field! We encourage all scholars with expertise in LGBTQ communication studies to support their field by reviewing submissions. Non-ICA members, graduate students, and authors of current submissions (or not) are all welcome. We generally assign no more than 2 or 3 submissions to review. To review, register yourself in the ICA submission site at the time of submission or contact the Co-chairs to express interest. Remember to list your specific areas of expertise in subject matter and method.
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The Intergroup Communication Interest Group seeks submissions on the ways in which communication within and between identity groups affects social relations. Intergroup encounters occur when social, rather than personal, identity forms the basis for communication. Intergroup communication is often characterized by power inequality, bias, competition or conflict manifested through prejudice and discrimination (e.g., ageism, racism, sexism), aggression, violence, and genocide. However, intergroup communication can be equally characterized
by positive communication found in identity expansion, cooperation, altruism, negotiation, and collaboration. Intergroup research informs many communicative contexts, including interactions among members of different cultures, nationalities, genders, generations, as well as groups embedded in the workplace and health contexts. For more information, visit our website at http://igrp.icahdq.org/ohana/website/index.cfm?p=65935565, our blog at http://intergroupica.wordpress.com/, or follow us on Twitter @IntergroupComm #ICA_IGC.

**2015 Submission Guidelines:**
The Intergroup Communication Interest Group provides a home for interdisciplinary, quantitative, and qualitative approaches to intergroup communication phenomena. We are accepting 3 categories of submissions for presentation at the 2015 conference:

(a) **Extended abstracts** of completed projects (empirical, methodological, theoretical, or critical) between 1,250 and 1,500 words in length, not including title page, references, charts, or tables. Extended abstracts longer than 1,500 words will not be reviewed. Work already published or accepted for publication should not be submitted. Abstracts will be considered for traditional panel programming, high-density paper sessions, or interactive paper sessions. Paper authors are expected to take efforts to conceal their identity from reviewers (e.g., no title page, no names in file properties). The cover page should include a title along with key words to help facilitate the review process. Papers first- or sole-authored by a student should indicate their status when submitting it through the ICA submission system in order to be considered for the top student paper award or travel grant.

(b) **Brief abstracts** of work in progress can be submitted for a “Research Escalator” session which will pair researchers with more experienced scholars to discuss and get feedback on a paper-in-progress. Those interested in the research escalator session should submit a brief abstract (500-600 words) of their paper; if accepted, participants are expected to send the full paper to the scholar(s) assigned to their paper no later than 6 weeks before the convention. Anyone can submit an abstract for the Research Escalator session; however, we especially encourage graduate students, junior faculty, and/or people inexperienced with the journal publishing process to submit to this session.

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(c) **Panel proposals** featuring debates or spotlights on current issues, bodies of scholarly work, or methodologies. Panel proposals should include participants’ names, abstracts of papers (100 words each), background information on participants, and a justification for the panel (400 words). This justification should explain the importance of the topic and why it is of interest to Division members. Preference will be given to panels that bring together participants from various universities as well as diverse geographical regions.

Extended abstracts, brief abstracts, and panel proposals are welcome on any topic related to the study of intergroup communication. The Division is particularly interested in submissions related to the conference theme of Communication Across the Lifespan. Please note on the cover page if your submission relates to the conferences theme.

Submission through the ICA Conference website opens 1 September 2014. To reach the conference website, go to the ICA home page at http://www.icahdq.org and follow the link for 2015 Conference Submission. Note: at least one author on each submission must be a member of the Intergroup Communication Interest Group at the time of submission for consideration. All submissions must be completed online no later than 23:00 p.m. GMT, 3 November 2014. To avoid technical problems, early submission is strongly encouraged. Please direct any questions about the call for submissions to the 2015 program planner, Janice Krieger, at janicekrieger@ufl.edu.

**Sports Communication**

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The Sports Communication Interest Group (SPIG) welcomes paper submissions and panel proposals on a broad range of topics pertaining to sport and its relationship to myriad communication forms and formats. The SPIG is open to all epistemologies and methodological approaches, including quantitative, qualitative, critical/cultural and rhetorical approaches to the study of communication and sport. International and interdisciplinary work are especially encouraged. Submitters are permitted to submit no more than two lead-authored papers to the SPIG. Top faculty and student papers will be named.

**Papers:** Only completed papers within the ICA limit of 35 pages (including references and tables) will be considered. If ALL of the authors are students, then it should be designated a student paper and it is eligible for the student paper awards.

**Panels:** Panel proposals should include a rationale for the panel (350-word maximum), as well as abstracts of each participant’s contribution (150-word maximum
for each presenter). Panels with institutional and/or national diversity are especially encouraged.

At least one author per submission must commit to attending the conference if his or her work is accepted. Those seeking help with the submission process are invited to contact the SPIG Conference Program Planner, Dr. Marie Hardin (mch208@psu.edu).

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**ON INVITING PARTICIPANTS**
EVERY conference participant must register for the conference and pay the registration fee. When proposing your panel, or theme session, please include in your plans a method for paying registration fees for any non-member you invite. Please address the registration fee issue before inviting nonmembers to the conference.

**ABOUT OUR CONFERENCE SITE**

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For the conference, ICA will have a Web-based paper distribution system. All conference registrants, as part of their fees, will have automatic access to all papers from the conference. Papers distributed through the Web-based system will be those submitted/accepted during the review process. Nonattendees can purchase access to the Web after the conference. Fees will be used to support travel grants for researchers from soft-currency countries.

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