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## **NCA Insider**

The *Insider* is an outlet for NCA to share information with members about academic and professional resources created by or through the association. Click on any of the links in the menu below to learn more about these resources. The *Insider* is sent quarterly.

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### **CARD Calls**

NCA's CARD Calls Monthly Teleconference Series features research presentations by NCA's Distinguished Scholars and panels of experts addressing topics related to professional development (e.g., Multiple Perspectives on Academic Publishing, the Role of Communication Scholarship in Public Policy). To learn more about the series, register for the remaining calls, and listen to previously recorded calls, please visit the link above.

### **Career Development**

NCA's Career Center provides resources for job seekers and employers. In addition to advertisements for jobs in the discipline, career center users have access to guidance on writing a C.V. and cover letter, interviewing, and managing various stages of an academic career.

### **Chairs' Corner**

With this *Insider*, we debut the Chairs' Corner, a collection of articles, higher education links, data sources, and other related information for department chairs and heads. Included in the Chairs' Corner are resources for leadership and department management; assessment, program review and accreditation; "making the case" for and advancing the discipline; encouraging faculty research and grant writing; hiring, mentoring, and making promotion and tenure decisions; and a blog of best practices. See the first two sections on [Leadership](#) and [Making the Case for the Discipline](#). The remaining sections will be rolled out over the next several months. If you have ideas or suggestions for the Chairs' Corner, please contact Betsy Bach at [bbach@natcom.org](mailto:bbach@natcom.org).

## **Conferences**

### ***Accepting Registration***

#### **["HOPE" Conference at Randolph Macon College - NCA Summer Faculty Institute](#)**

The annual HOPE conference will be held July 25-31, at Randolph Macon College in Ashland, VA. The goals of the HOPE Conference are to update faculty members in their teaching areas in undergraduate communication, help faculty members design and teach new courses in undergraduate communication, and help faculty members advance their scholarly interests and projects in communication. Conference registration is now open.

### ***Call for Conference Hosts***

Hosts for the 2011 [Doctoral Honors Seminar](#) (DHS) are being sought. The DHS brings together faculty and top graduate students from across the country to engage in discussion about their research and other professional topics. Those interested in hosting should contact Pat Arneson, Chair of the NCA Doctoral Education Committee ([arneson@duq.edu](mailto:arneson@duq.edu)). For more information on hosting the DHS, please visit the link in this paragraph.

### ***Upcoming Conferences***

#### **[Developing Successful Grant Proposals in the Social Sciences](#)**

NCA's Research Board is organizing an NCA sponsored summer conference that will be held in Chicago from June 10-13, and is designed to help communication scholars develop successful grant proposals. The goal of this working meeting is for each participant to leave the conference with a grant proposal that is ready or close to ready to submit to federal funding agencies. The deadline for applications was January 31.

#### **[Pan American Advanced Studies Institute \(PASI\) Program](#)**

Seven communication scholars will join with geographers, urban planners, climate change scientists, and environmental studies researchers in a two-week long Institute for Integration of Research on Climate change and Hazards in the Americas in Panama City, Panama, June 14-25, as part of NCA's collaboration with the American Association of Geographers. The goal of the institute is to identify, engage, and integrate a new generation of scholars and practitioners with on-going activities of major organizations around the relationship between climate change and hazards. Dan O'Hair and Shari Veil are two of the eight instructors participating in the institute.

### **Doctoral Honors Seminar**

The 2010 Doctoral Honors Seminar, "Communication Research in the Next 100 Years: Evolving Issues, Theoretical Tensions, and Methodological Pluralism," will be held from July 30-August 2 on the campus of the University of Utah. Graduate students attending this seminar are provided the opportunity to work in small groups with top scholars in the discipline and to receive feedback about their dissertation research. The deadline for submitting applications was April 15. Twenty-five doctoral students will be selected to participate in the four-day event. Faculty leaders for the Seminar include Robert Avery, Betsy Bach, Leslie Baxter, Dawn Braithwaite, Donal Carbaugh, Celeste Condit, Oscar Gandy, Thom McCain and Raymie McKerrow.

## **Data About the Discipline**

### **NCA Archives**

NCA has archival material (papers, correspondence, and related information) housed at the [Marriott Library at the University of Utah](#). The library staff there has done an excellent job of categorizing and cataloguing association documents. Click on the Utah Library Web site to learn more. The [University of Missouri](#) and the [Western Historical Manuscript Collection](#) in Columbia, MO have also archived some of the papers and correspondence of former NCA Executive Secretary Loren Reid (type in "Loren Reid" upon accessing the University of Missouri website). The National Office hopes to expand the archive collection. Members wishing to contribute materials to the archives or who have information about materials that could be archived are encouraged to contact Betsy Bach at [bbach@natcom.org](mailto:bbach@natcom.org).

### **Funding 101**

#### **[Pre-Submission Review Service for First Time Grant Writers](#)**

This service provides new grant seekers with reviews from experts in the discipline who can provide feedback on applications prior to submission. In this section, grant seekers will also find information regarding eligibility requirements for submitting proposals for review as well as instructions for how to become a reviewer.

#### **[Repository of Funded Communication Proposals](#)**

This is a collection of proposals submitted by members of the communication discipline that have been funded by a variety of different funding sources ranging from private foundations to federal government agencies. The repository provides models that help grant seekers identify the qualities of successful proposals.

#### **[Current RFP Tracker](#) - Updated this week**

The tracker identifies current funding opportunities for communication scholars including research grants, residential fellowships, travel funds, and awards.

### **Publications**

Call for Papers for *Journal of Applied Communication*

A special issue of the *Journal of Applied Communication* is planned: *Examining the Linkages between Religion, Spirituality and Communication for Individual and Social Change*. Two types of submissions are encouraged: 1. Original research articles that conform to the journal's specifications with faith, religion or spirituality as a critical, if not focal, variable within the broad framework of applied communication research. 2. 1000-word essays on the role of faith, religion or spirituality in communication research, with a clear statement of how the insights from the essay could inform applied research. Submission Deadline is January 5, 2011. [Click here](#) for further information.

#### **Call for Papers from Editor-elects for 2011**

Read the Editorial Policies for three of the 2011 Editor-elects. All are accepting submissions.

### [Communication Monographs](#)

Editor: Katherine Miller, *Texas A&M University, USA*

Read Katherine's Editorial Policy by [clicking here](#).

### [Journal of International and Intercultural Communication](#)

Editor: Shiv Ganesh, *University of Waikato, New Zealand*

Read Shiv's Editorial Policy by [clicking here](#).

### [Communication Teacher](#)

Editor: Cheri Simonds, *Illinois State University, USA*

Read Cheri's Editorial Policy by [clicking here](#).

## **[Early Online Publications System: iFirst](#)**

**iFirst** is Routledge, Taylor & Francis' proprietary early-online-publication system, which makes new knowledge available to researchers in the shortest possible time by placing it online, ahead of print publication. Both [Critical Studies in Media Communication](#) and the [Journal of International and Intercultural Communication](#) will be using **iFirst** in the very near future.

## **[Online Journal Archive](#)**

All NCA members have access to the NCA Journals Archive. Visit NCA's web site and log in to the member area and navigate to the "journals" tab and pull down "journals archive." Once you enter the archive you can obtain full text copies of all articles, including *Spectra* articles, for NCA publications that are a year or more old.

## **[Virtual Faculty Lounge](#)**

### **[Assign This](#)**

We post a new classroom tested exercise to this page every month. Previous exercises are then moved into course appropriate categories such as public speaking, small group communication and the like. If you would like one of your ideas to be a featured "Assign This" send an original assignment idea, using a standard GIFTS format to Brad Mello at [bmello@natcom.org](mailto:bmello@natcom.org).

## **[In the Classroom](#)**

This monthly essay series identifies important topics for new and seasoned instructors. Essays addressing the first day in the classroom, lecturing and using discussion are available now as is April's featured essay on constructing exams.

## **[Links to Web Sites about Pedagogy](#)**

This is an annotated list of the best resources available on the Internet to address important issues in teaching such as assessment, using new technology in the classroom, lesson/assignment planning, and service learning.

## **[Master Teacher Interviews](#)**

This monthly series provides NCA members the opportunity to hear from outstanding communication

teachers about their experiences. You can listen online via streaming audio or download MP3's of the interviews and/or read brief articles about them. February's feature was David Kosloski, NCA's 2009 Outstanding Community College educator award winner and March's feature was Jim Chesebro, NCA's 2009 winner of the Donald H. Ecroyd Award for Outstanding Teaching in Higher Education. April's feature is Deanna Dannels, winner of 2010 teaching awards from both SSCA and WSCA.

### **[Sample Syllabi](#)**

This collection of syllabi offers an array of typical as well as unique communication courses that will assist faculty in the planning of their courses. If you have syllabi that you would like to share, please contact Brad Mello at [bmello@natcom.org](mailto:bmello@natcom.org).

### **Additional Resources**

#### **[Communication Program Database](#)**

This database contains information on communication programs in the United States. These programs are listed by the institution name, name of school and department, and degrees offered. If your program is not listed or you would like to update your program's information, please contact Melissa Anderson at [manderson@natcom.org](mailto:manderson@natcom.org) or 202-534-1111.