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NCA Insider

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CARD Calls

Our next CARD call will be a discussion by NCA Distinguished Scholar Joseph Turow on Thursday, February 24. For more information on this call and a schedule of topics and speakers for the remaining 2010-2011 academic year [click here](#). To register for one or more of the teleconferences, please email or fax Melissa Anderson (manderson@natcom.org or 202.464.4600) and indicate the teleconferences for which you would like to reserve a spot along with your name, affiliation, email address, and phone number.

Chairs' Corner

Chairs needing to advocate for their departments in these challenging economic times should view the Chairs' Corner module on [Making the Case for and Advancing the Discipline](#). If you have ideas for the Chairs' Corner, please contact Betsy Bach at bbach@natcom.org.

Conferences

Accepting Registration

Doctoral Honors Seminar (DHS) – Call for Proposals

Graduate students are asked to submit proposals to the 2011 DHS, held at the North Dakota State University (NDSU) from July 26-29. Seminar participants should "prepare to be surprised by the university and Fargo—we (the NDSU hosts) will exceed your expectations."

Organizers of the 2011 DHS have chosen the theme Communication in Action: Disciplinary Applications for the 21st Century, and invite participants to look forward to issues, theories, and methods that are evolving in communication research as we move toward a second century of communication scholarship. For more information please visit the [Call for Papers](#) and the [NDSU DHS](#)

[website](#).

[Institute for Faculty Development - the HOPE Conference](#)

The NCA Institute for Faculty Development — also known as the “Hope Conference” — will celebrate its 25th Anniversary when it convenes on the campus of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, on July 24-30, 2011. Over the years, its mission has grown to embrace the many needs of faculty primarily involved in undergraduate education. Information, including a registration form, can be found by [clicking here](#). Contact co-directors [Ted Sheckels](#) or [Joan Conners](#) with questions.

Data About the Discipline

Database of Doctoral Programs

We have just revised our doctoral programs database, which includes a list of departmental contacts and website information. [Click here](#) to download the database.

Chairs' Survey

Department chairs should be on the lookout for NCA's 2011 Survey of Department Chairs. We will contact chairs in the spring to provide us with departmental information on teaching loads, faculty salaries, adjunct information, etc. This survey will be an update to and expansion of the data gathered in our [2009 Survey](#). Don't miss the chance to be included in our analysis of department norms in the field.

Join NCA's Subject Matter Experts Database

As part of our continued efforts to advance the communication discipline, we are seeking experts in all areas of communication to be included in our database of subject matter experts. The National Office will use this list to actively pitch the news media. To learn more information please [click here](#).

Discipline Advocacy

[Humanities Advocacy Day \(HAD\)](#)

Participants needed! Please consider joining with members of the Research Board and NCA staff for Humanities Advocacy Day, sponsored by the National Humanities Alliance. The event begins the evening of March 6 with an orientation at NCA, followed by an all-day informational session on March 7. On March 8 we will make Congressional visits to advocate for humanities policy.

Please contact Research Board member Patricia Suchy at psuchy@lsu.edu or Betsy Bach at bbach@natcom.org for more information and to register. All participants must be registered by February 6.

American Meteorological Society/NCA Partnership

Nineteen communication scholars were funded by AMS to attend their annual meeting last weekend in Seattle. They participated in a two day workshop on “Communicating about the Weather,” where 100 communication researchers and weather and climate scholars from around the world met to set a joint agenda for collaboration. The communication scholars also presented their research on panels that showcased our discipline. For more information on this event, contact Betsy Bach at bbach@natcom.org.

Weather and Society Journal

Because of our partnership with AMS, NCA was asked to provide a column in the publication, *Weather*

and Society. [Click here](#) to see the article on "Working Together to Inform the Public about Weather: Collaboration Between Communication and Weather Related Disciplines."

Funding 101

[Funding Quick Start](#)

A new module has been added to the [Funding 101](#) webpage. It provides a quick overview of the funding process, and includes links to articles and videos about grant seeking.

[Current RFP Tracker](#) - Updated February 1, 2011

Look for current funding opportunities for communication scholars including research grants, residential fellowships, travel funds, and awards. For questions, or to add information, contact Melissa Anderson (manderson@natcom.org)

Publications

Call for Manuscripts - *Free Speech Yearbook*

The Free Speech Yearbook publishes articles on First Amendment law and embraces the full range of critical, historical, empirical, or descriptive approaches to scholarship. Approaches that explore interdisciplinary and international issues of freedom of the press, media law, and government regulation of the Internet, for example, are welcomed. Submission deadline is March 15, 2011. For more information, [click here](#).

New Issue of [Communication Currents](#)

With an eye on Valentine's Day, this issue includes (among others) an essay on creating lasting love, relationship wisdom from the internet, and audio clips from students about what Valentine's Day means to them. Essays in *Communication Currents* highlight the relevance of communication scholarship and demonstrate the way in which communication impacts our world. For more information contact Editor [Kate Hawkins](#).

2010 Annual Convention Proceedings now available

The 2010 Convention Proceedings CD is now available for purchase from the [NCA Store](#). The CD contains many of the papers presented at NCA's Annual Convention this past November in San Francisco, California.

NCA Journal Information

Editor-elects

Two Editor-elects were recently announced by NCA. Congratulations to Michele Jackson, University of Colorado at Boulder and Paul Witt, Texas Christian University. Michele will be editor of *Journal of Applied Communication Research* from 2012 with Paul as editor-elect of *Communication Education*. Both Editor-elects will publish their editorial policies shortly and begin accepting manuscripts for their three-year tenure, keep an eye out for them [here](#).

Virtual Special Issues

The latest virtual special issue for NCA journals is covering Health Communication. To explore the wealth of high quality content in the NCA journals, [click here](#) and use your member access.

Forthcoming Special Issue

The first issue of Ronald L. Jackson and Kent Ono's tenure as Editors of *Critical Studies in Media Communication* will be a special issue entitled *Civil Discourse in the Face of Complex Social Issues*.

Articles included in this issue include:

- The Crisis of Public Values in the Age of the New Media by Henry A. Giroux
- Bursting the Bubble: A Case Study of Counter-framing in the Editorial Pages by Catherine R. Squires
- Racializing Pity: The Haiti Earthquake and the Plight of 'Others' by Murali Balaji
- "Brand America": Media and the Framing of "Cosmopolitan" Identities by Kathleen Glenister Roberts

Sign up to receive an alert when this issue is published at www.tandf.co.uk/journals/rcsm and click on the 'table of contents alerting' button.

Virtual Faculty Lounge

Want teaching ideas? Link to the [Virtual Faculty Lounge](#). Newly posted materials include classroom tested exercises for rhetoric and persuasion courses in [Assign This](#); two new essays on incorporating technology and student behavioral issues in [In the Classroom](#); and [Master Teacher Interviews](#) to learn new and innovative teaching strategies.

We continue to expand the Virtual Faculty Lounge and are especially looking for submissions for Assign This and the Syllabi Collection. If you have materials you would like to submit to the Virtual Faculty Lounge, please contact Brad Mello at bmello@natcom.org.

Additional Resources

Request for Proposals

NCA announces the 2011 RFP for Funds to Advance the Discipline. Proposals for both events (e.g., conferences) and projects that advance the discipline will be considered. The maximum grant is \$5000. To learn about the application process and evaluation/reporting requirements of funded events and projects [click here](#). Please direct further questions to NCA's Associate Director for Educational Initiatives, Brad Mello at bmello@natcom.org or 202-534-1103. **Proposals are due by the deadline of March 25, 2011.**

Professional Development for Graduate Students

Please join both the current and immediate past chairs of the graduate student section, and NCA's Associate Directors Betsy Bach and Brad Mello for a lively professional development teleconference discussion. The call will occur on Tuesday, April 5, at 1 p.m. The moderators will lead off with discussion of an article appearing in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* that focus on the socialization of doctoral students. [Click here](#) to read the article. The call is free and the only technology needed is a telephone. Email Brad Mello (bmello@natcom.org) to register.