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NCA Insider

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CARD Calls

Don't miss out on our last CARD Call of the 2010-2011 academic year. It is a timely and informative discussion on the "Post Ph.D. Job Search" by William Elwood, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; and Robert Leonard, Associate Professor, Department of Communication, Sinclair Community College, on Thursday, May 12. For more information click [here](#). To register, please email or fax Dan Fogarty (dfogarty@natcom.org or 202.464.4600) and indicate that you would like to reserve a spot.

Chairs' Corner

Check out the new postings to "[Program Review and Assessment](#)" as well as the "[Doctoral Chairs Section](#)". If you have ideas for the Chairs' Corner, please contact Betsy Bach at bbach@natcom.org.

Conferences

Accepting Registration

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

Register now for NCA Institute for Faculty Development, held on the campus of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, on July 24-30. The conference, celebrating 25 years, embraces 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. Registration deadline is June 1.

[NCA/AFA Summer Conference on Argumentation](#)

The 17th Alta Conference on Argumentation will be held July 28-31 in Alta, Utah. Cosponsored by the National Communication Association, the American Forensic Association, and the University of Utah, the conference brings together scholars interested in all aspects of argumentation. For more information click [here](#).

[Doctoral Honors Seminar Hosts Needed](#)

Hosts for the 2012 Doctoral Honors Seminar (DHS) are needed. The DHC 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 Tim Kuhn, Vice-Chair of the NCA Doctoral Education Committee (tim.kuhn@colorado.edu). For more information, please click [here](#). Proposals are due June 1.

Data About the Discipline

Chairs' Survey

Attention department chairs! Please participate in the NCA 2011 [Survey of Department Chairs](#). We urge you to complete the survey so that we have updated and current data on departmental teaching loads, faculty salaries, and the like. This survey will be an update to and expansion of the data gathered in our [2009 Survey](#). Please don't miss the chance to be included in our analysis of department norms in the field.

Community College Database

If you are interested in a complete list of all of the community colleges offering programs in communication, check out the list provided by the American Association of Community Colleges. You can find it on the NCA website by clicking [here](#).

Growth in Graduate Programs

We have received data about enrollment growth in communication graduate programs 1999-2009 from the Council of Graduate Schools. It is available for download [here](#).

Discipline Advocacy

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

Six NCA members attended Humanities Advocacy Day (HAD) and made visits to the congressional delegations of Louisiana, South Carolina, and Montana requesting representatives of those states to support funding for the humanities. Read more about HAD and other follow-up events by visiting the National Humanities Alliance [website](#).

Funding 101

[Current RFP Tracker - Updated April 18, 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 Dan Fogarty (dfogarty@natcom.org).

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

We remind you that NCA has a service that provides new grant seekers with reviews from experts in the discipline who can provide feedback on applications prior to submission. If you wish a review, download the application form provided on the page highlighted above, supply the information requested, and we will match you with a reviewer.

Publications

Education Free for All

Taylor and Francis is delighted to announce free online access is available to all Taylor and Francis journals until April 30, 2011 through Education Free for All. This includes content from the entire archive of each journal, as well as the most recent articles. Access this content by clicking [here](#).

NCA Journal Information

Editor-elects

The editorial policies of Michele Jackson, University of Colorado at Boulder (*Journal of Applied Communication Research*) and Paul Witt, Texas Christian University (*Communication Education*) are now available in the [Communication Arena](#).

Special Issues

The first issue of Ronald L. Jackson and Kent Ono's tenure as editors of *Critical Studies in Media Communication* is a special issue entitled *Civil Discourse in the Face of Complex Social Issues*. Read the editorial for free and listen to an interview with the editors [here](#).

iFirst

Four NCA journals now use iFirst, which allows articles to be printed online before being placed in an issue:

- [Critical Studies in Media Communication](#)
- [Journal of International and Intercultural Communication](#)
- [Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies](#)
- [Text and Performance Quarterly](#)

[Virtual Faculty Lounge](#)

Check out newly posted teaching ideas in the Virtual Faculty Lounge. Find a classroom tested exercise for Introduction to Mass Communication in ["Assign This"](#). Link to a new module on teaching typical communication courses, ["Teaching Tips for Typical Courses"](#),

complete with assignment suggestions, sample syllabi and interviews with experienced course instructors.

We regularly expand the Virtual Faculty Lounge and seek 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

Save the Date: National Freedom of Speech Week, October 17-23, 2011

Mark your calendars. NCA is celebrating National Freedom of Speech Week (NFSW), October 17-23, 2011. This week is an opportunity for scholars to celebrate and share the importance of free speech as well as highlight relevant scholarship. NCA encourages all members to celebrate NFSW in their communities and on their campuses.

To help in the celebration, NCA will have information and resources available over the summer to make your preparations for NFSW easier. Some of these resources will include:

- An "Assign This" service learning project that is related to free speech which you can use in your classes;
- Steps and guidelines to help you plan free speech events and activities in your community;
- Research resources including NCA publications, journal articles, webcasts, and DVDs, to help you with your presentations and events.

Member Benefit

Because we are members of the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA), NCA members can subscribe to COSSA's *Washington Update* at no charge. To receive the update, submit your name [here](#). Be sure to indicate that you are an NCA member.

Graduate Student Teleconference

For those unable to attend the graduate student professional development teleconference April 5, it is available on our website. The topic of discussion was socializing Ph.D. students, and was led by NCA's student section leaders and NCA Immediate Past President Dawn Braithwaite. The teleconference focused on "[Changing the way we socialize graduate students](#)" from the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Listen to the discussion [here](#).

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