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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 is pleased to announce the 2010-2011 CARD (Communicating about Research and Professional Development) Calls schedule. Each teleconference covers either a professional development topic or a research topic and lasts for one hour. There is no fee for participation. The only technology required is a telephone. Please visit the [CARD Calls](#) website to learn more about the series and to register for one or more of the teleconferences. If you have any questions, please email Melissa Anderson at manderson@natcom.org.

[Chairs' Corner](#)

The Chairs' Corner is a virtual space where chairs from community colleges through doctoral institutions can access resources to help them manage their departments. Several new modules have been posted since the last *Insider* was published. Check out sections on [Department Management](#), [Institutional Data](#), and [Standards for Program Review and Assessment](#). If you have ideas for the Chairs' Corner, please contact Betsy Bach at bbach@natcom.org.

Conferences

Accepting Registration

[American Meteorological Society \(AMS\)](#)

NCA has partnered with AMS for their annual meeting "Communicating Weather and Climate," held in Seattle from January 22-27, 2011. To advance their conference theme, AMS is seeking research from communication scholars to be presented at the meeting. AMS will also offer full funding (from NSF) to

attend the conference (plane fare, lodging, per diem, conference registration) for up to 10 communication scholars (faculty and graduate students) who have abstracts accepted and agree to attend the entire meeting.

Communication scholars should submit abstracts to the Sixth Symposium on Policy and Socio-Economic Research (the division which emphasizes communication scholarship) by August 13, 2010. Read the full call and learn other necessary information [here](#). For questions, contact Gina Eosco at gina.eosco@uky.edu.

Follow Up Reports

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

Twenty-two NCA members attended a summer conference on grant writing for the social sciences, held June 10-13 in Chicago. The conference, sponsored by NCA and organized by the Research Board, was an opportunity for people who are in the process of actively preparing a federal grant application to work closely with mentors who have extensive experience with funded research, as well as the grant proposal review process. For more information on this event, [click here](#).

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

By all accounts, the communication scholars enrolled in the PASI program learned a great deal about hazards, risk, resilience, and climate change. Professors Dan O'Hair and Sheri Veil served as faculty lecturers, and seven communication doctoral students and early career assistant professors were participants. They joined people in geography, urban planning, sociology, and anthropology from across the Americas. The goals of the workshop were to facilitate international research collaboration, elaborate a research and education agenda combining the respective disciplines, and build interdisciplinary skills and knowledge among the participants. [Click here](#) to read more.

Funding 101

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

The tracker identifies 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

Communication Currents

We welcome Kate Hawkins, Clemson University, as the new editor of [Communication Currents](#) beginning August 1. Please review Professor Hawkins' [editorial policy](#) and contact her at hawkin5@clemson.edu with questions or suggestions.

New NCA Publications

Directory of Communication Related Mental Measures

[The Directory of Communication Related Mental Measures](#) by Jason S. Wrench, Doreen M.S. Jowi, and

Alan K. Goodboy is designed to make the selection of instruments for communication research easy, simple, convenient, and accessible. This collection brings together available mental measures published in peer-reviewed academic journals in a singular volume. Now available for purchase at www.ncastore.com.

Our Stories: Twentieth-century Women Presidents of NCA

[*Our Stories: Twentieth-century Women Presidents of NCA*](#) is a collection of stories of some extraordinary women in the communication discipline. These stories are relevant and important for anyone interested in communication, ranging from students and newcomers to experienced teachers and seasoned researchers. This volume is edited by Patti Gillespie. Now available for purchase at www.ncastore.com.

NCA Journal Information

Call for Papers from Editor-elects for 2011

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

[Quarterly Journal of Speech](#)

Editor: Raymie McKerrow, *Ohio University, USA*

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

[Critical Studies in Media Communication](#)

Editors: Ronald L. Jackson and Kent A. Ono, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA*

Read Ronald and Kent's Editorial Policy by [clicking here](#).

Just Published

Volume 59 Issue 3 of *Communication Education* is a special issue entitled "Communication Education and Health Promotion" and examines the ways strategic evidence-based health communication educational and training interventions can be used to effectively promote public health and enhance the quality of health care for targeted populations. [Click here](#) for details.

[Virtual Faculty Lounge](#)

New materials have been posted on the [Virtual Faculty Lounge](#). Go to [Assign This](#) for new classroom tested exercises on small group communication and gender and communication; [In the Classroom](#) for new essays on service learning and constructing syllabi; and [Master Teacher Interviews](#) to learn teaching strategies from Barbara Clinton of Highline Community College, Sara Hayden from the University of Montana, and Janette Kenner Muir from George Mason University. If you have materials you would like to submit to the Virtual Faculty Lounge, please contact Brad Mello at bmello@natcom.org.

Additional Resources

[CIDD – Hosts for British Debaters Needed](#)

The Committee for International Discussion and Debate is proud to announce the resumption of annual tours by the British National Debating Team this fall term. If you are interested in hosting the British

debaters, please see the [full call](#) for hosts. For questions, please contact the tour director, Brian Lain, at blain@unt.edu or 940-565-4534. The deadline for hosts is August 2nd.

[NCA's Standards for Undergraduate Communication Programs](#)

The [NCA Undergraduate Standards](#) Project is complete. Departments can access [NCA's Standards](#) and related data about the discipline (compiled from department chairs) by visiting the [Standards for Program Review and Assessment](#) section of the NCA website. Also listed there is information helpful for programs about to participate in program review: a sample departmental self-study, a sample external review, and information on locating external reviewers.

Podcasts Available

As you plan classes for the fall term, you may wish to include links to podcasts of the [Carroll Arnold Lectures](#) or the [Five Years Out](#) panels (programs from the 2009 convention designed to reflect upon where our discipline is and where it will be in five years when we celebrate our 100th anniversary). Arnold Lectures by both Drs. Gerry Philipsen on "Coming to Terms with Cultures" and Leslie Baxter on "Discursive Struggles of Relating" are available for viewing and download. Similarly, a number of Five Years Out panels from across NCA's divisions are available.

NCA on iTunes U

As part of NCA's effort to build a presence on iTunes U, we are seeking high-quality materials that present our association well to our members and to broader publics. We are requesting recordings (audio or video) either about, or of historical significance to, NCA (including contemporary recordings that will come to be of significance to the association), webinars, and other materials. We are also developing an area devoted to pedagogy to feature materials like recordings of exemplary student speeches, recordings of instructive class exercises, even recordings of lectures on modules within courses. For more information contact Lynn Disbrow at lynn.disbrow@wright.edu or James Darsey at jdarsey@gsu.edu.