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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. Previous *NCA Insiders* can be viewed [here](#).

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### **CARD Calls**

#### **NCA's Free Monthly Seminars for Members**

A CARD Call featuring Joan Mower, Director of Development and International Media Training for Voice of America, is slated for National Freedom of Speech Week (October 17-23, 2011). The call will be held on Wednesday, October 19 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern.

To register, please email Dan Fogarty ([dfogarty@natcom.org](mailto:dfogarty@natcom.org)) and provide your name, affiliation and contact information. To view the CARD Call topics for the 2011-12 academic year, click [here](#).

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### **Chairs' Corner**

The Chairs' Corner is updated monthly. See new articles related to Making the Case for and Advancing the Discipline and new information on Program Review and Assessment. Both can be found at [www.natcom.org/chairscorner](http://www.natcom.org/chairscorner).

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### **Conferences**

*Upcoming*

#### **Doctoral Honors Seminar**

The 2011 Doctoral Honors Seminar will be held at the University of Southern California. Seminar dates and the Call for Proposals will be announced in the January edition of the *Insider*.

#### **NCA Institute for Faculty Development**

The 2012 Institute returns to Hope College in Holland, Michigan for its 26th meeting. The Institute will be held from July 22-28, 2012. For more information, [click here](#).

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## Data About the Discipline

There is a new section on NCA's website called Data about the Discipline. Here you will find general data on communication programs, data for program review and evaluation, and data on graduate education in the discipline. Visit [www.natcom.org/data](http://www.natcom.org/data) for more information.

### C-Briefs

We have begun publishing monthly short research reports called C-(Communication) Briefs. [Click here](#) to find the first 2 reports, which include tips for improving your department website and an analysis of communication department names.

### Comprehensive List of Undergraduate Communication Departments

Two databases are posted to provide information on the number of communication programs in the United States. The first is an updated database of all communication departments in accredited undergraduate institutions. Departments are listed by state and institution, and contain the name of the department chair and the department website. We have also provided a separate list of programs offering a Master's degree in communication that contains the same variables. View the lists by clicking on General Data on Communication Programs at [www.natcom.org/data](http://www.natcom.org/data).

### Survey of Job Postings

A survey of teaching positions advertised in *Spectra* and AEJMC publications from 2005-2010 can be found at [www.natcom.org/data](http://www.natcom.org/data).

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## Funding 101

### Grantseeking Basics for the Communication Scholar Video Available

An NCA video, "Grantseeking Basics for the Communication Scholar," can be found [here](#). The video includes advice from four accomplished grant winners from the discipline and tips from four representatives of public or private funding agencies.

### [Current RFP Tracker](#) - Updated October 13, 2011

The October 2011 Tracker has a number of new postings and funding opportunities. Current funding opportunities for communication scholars include research grants, residential fellowships, travel funds, and awards. For questions, or to add information, contact Dan Fogarty ([dfogarty@natcom.org](mailto:dfogarty@natcom.org)).

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## Publications

### Taylor & Francis Online Goes Mobile

Explore knowledge on the move with the new Taylor & Francis Online mobile site. Available on Blackberry, iPhone, Android, and tablet PCs, the mobile site provides an optimized interface for browsing, reading, and searching. You can even access your institution's

holdings by pairing your mobile device with the site. Further information is available at [www.tandfonline.com](http://www.tandfonline.com).

### **Freedom of Speech Week**

To celebrate National Freedom of Speech Week in October, Routledge is pleased to offer free access to a number of articles related to the themes of Journalism, Censorship, Oppressed Voices, Religious Free Speech, and Political Free Speech. Visit the [website](#) to view the collection.

### **Virtual Special Issue on Voice**

Keep an eye out for the first NCA Virtual Special Issue, which will be available online on the [Communication Arena](#) in time for the convention. Focusing on the theme of Voice and edited by two NCA Editors, Heidi Rose and Shiv Ganesh, this online issue collates articles from across the archives of all 10 NCA journals.

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### **Virtual Faculty Lounge**

Check out the Virtual Faculty Lounge for new Teaching Tips interviews with University of Maryland Professors Trevor Parry-Giles on Political Communication and Andy Wolvin on Listening. In a third new interview, Baylor University Professor Mark Mormon offers his insights on teaching Family Communication. Each Teaching Tips interview is augmented with assignment suggestions and sample syllabi. If you have materials you would like to submit to the Virtual Faculty Lounge, particularly to the modules on Assign This and the Syllabi Collection, please contact Brad Mello at [bmello@natcom.org](mailto:bmello@natcom.org).

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### **Additional Resources**

#### **National Freedom of Speech Week, October, 17-23, 2011**

The 2011 National Freedom of Speech Week (NFSW) is scheduled for October 17-23. NCA is planning events and outreach initiatives to celebrate and share the importance of free speech, as well as highlight relevant scholarship. NCA calls on its membership to participate actively in NFSW by reaching out to their communities and on their campuses. Information and resources have been compiled to help you prepare for NFSW.

In addition to the above-mentioned activities, NFSW activities include:

- A YouTube video contest where students are asked to submit videos answering the question "Does freedom of speech apply to social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter? Yes or no, and why?" The winner will receive an iPod Nano.
- NCA's members are invited to reach out to local schools to students about free speech issues. This is an opportunity for you to showcase the importance and relevance of communication to students in grades K-12 as part of a coordinated nationwide effort. We have provided you with some guidance to make participation as easy as possible.
- Episodes of the video series "The First Amendment and You," produced by Craig R. Smith, Ph.D., Professor and Director of the Center for First Amendment Studies at California State University, Long Beach.

For resources and up-to-date information, visit [www.natcom.org/freespeechweek](http://www.natcom.org/freespeechweek).

### **NCA Members Invited to COSSA Annual Meeting**

NCA members are invited to help COSSA (Consortium of Social Science Associations) celebrate 30 years of successful advocacy at its Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. The meeting will begin Wednesday, November 2 at 8:30 a.m. and finish on Thursday, November 3 at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will feature a look back at the past thirty years, including its political and economic landscape, and the contributions of the social and behavioral sciences to the period's public policies. For more information and to register, please go to [www.cossa.org](http://www.cossa.org).

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