SSCA Kenneth Burke Society Interest Group

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The Kenneth Burke Society Interest Group invites paper and panel proposals for competitive selection. We especially welcome works that address the convention theme, “Communicating Belonging.” Paper and panel proposals can range across the spectrum of approaches in rhetorical theory and criticism. Submissions that cut across disciplines are also encouraged. In addition to submissions connected to the convention theme, the group is interested in a broad range of topics including but not limited to immigration, race and the border, political discourse, and submissions related to the host state of Texas. Completed papers should remain within 25 pages (double spaced, not including references), begin with an abstract, and should not include the name of the author(s). It is expected that all those submitting will attend the conference if selected for inclusion in the program. Scholars are also invited to submit alternative panel formats such as interactive sessions, workshops, and/or roundtable discussions.

**Competitive Paper Submissions:** All submissions must be electronically submitted to the SSCA convention site at <https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member>. In order for the paper to be assigned for review, please follow all of the instructions on the convention site. For the purpose of anonymous review, please omit all author-identifying information from the manuscript. All papers submitted will be considered for the Division’s Top Paper Award. For student papers, indicate “STUDENT” on the first page of the manuscript, and indicate “Student Paper” during the submission process. The Division’s Top Student Paper will be submitted for consideration for the SSCA Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

Panel proposals are for a slate of papers focused on a central topic or theme. This type of session typically has between 3-5 presentations. Submissions must include 1) a panel title, 2) an overall panel rationale (no more than 200 words) and 3) the following information about EACH presentation on the panel: a) the presentation title, b) the presentation author(s), with their institutional affiliation(s) and contact information, and c) the presentation abstract (no more than 200 words per abstract). All of this should be compiled in a single document and submitted in the “paper upload option” on the XCD platform.

Submissions must be submitted online no later than 11:59 p.m. PDT on **Saturday, September 16, 2023.** Go to the paper submission site by going to the conference website (<https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member>) and clicking the submission link. First time visitors to the site will need to create an account. Return visitors will need to make sure to use the same email address that they used to establish the account. To avoid technical problems, early submission is strongly advised. Any submission not meeting the above requirements will not be accepted for review. If you have additional questions, please contact the Interest Group Vice Chair & Planner Alex Morales at [alexander.morales@uga.edu](mailto:alexander.morales@uga.edu).

**Anonymous Review:** All papers submitted should follow standard procedures for removing any information that identifies the author and/or the institution within the paper and within any document metadata. Divisions reserve the right to reject any papers not following these standards.

**Audio-Visual Support:** To maintain affordable conference rates, audio-visual support is extremely limited. It must be requested only if needed with supporting rationale and should be part of the submission to the division planner. Requests will be considered and are not guaranteed.

**Panel Proposals:** Best practices in the interest of divisions is to submit a proposal with a diverse panel, comprised of individuals representing different institutions, and where possible and relevant, potential new members.

**Submission Protocol:** Submissions to SSCA must be original research that has not been published or presented at another regional, national, or international conference. Also, the same paper or panel should not be submitted to more than one division.

**Student Papers:** In order for a submission to be considered a student paper and to be eligible for student awards or recognition, the author or authors of the paper must all be students at the time the papers is submitted. A paper co-authored by a student and a faculty member, for instance, will not be classified as a student paper.