

Southern Communication Journal

Published by the Southern States Communication Association

Myria Watkins Allen
Book Review Editor

Charlie Zimmerman
Editorial Assistant

Joy L. Hart
Editor

To: SSCA Executive Committee

From: Joy L. Hart, Editor, *SCJ*

Re: Journal Report

Date: March 29, 2005

1. During the past few months, we have been making transitions to Editor-Elect John Meyer. John began receiving new manuscripts in late July 2004 and resubmitted ones in late October 2004.
2. Submissions to *SCJ* are up from the last two editorial terms. Craig Smith received 173, and Ken Cissna received 195. During my editorship, 262 manuscripts were submitted. Of the 262 manuscripts, 48 (18%) were accepted. The remaining manuscripts either received invitations to revise and resubmit or were rejected. The second page of this report presents these numbers in tabular format.
3. My editorship included three special issues: Community and Communication, Organizational Discourse and Citizenship, and Computers and Communication. The Community and Communication special issue, which I edited, received 27 submissions. Six of these manuscripts were published in the special issue, Fall 2003, and two of these articles (Daniel Makagon's and Michael Waltman's) won divisional awards at NCA in 2004. The Organizational Discourse and Citizenship special issue, guest edited by John Meyer (University of Southern Mississippi), received 12 submissions. Four of these submissions and one invited essay were published in the Spring 2004 issue. The Computers and Communication special issue, guest edited by John Monberg (University of Kansas), received 19 submissions. Five of these manuscripts have been accepted, and this issue will appear in Spring 2005. The second page of this report presents these numbers for the special issues in tabular format (and provides the acceptance rates).
4. The finalists for and winner of this year's Rose B. Johnson Article Award will be recognized at the awards luncheon.
5. Let me take this opportunity to say that editing *SCJ* has been an honor. Although challenging at times, the work certainly has been a pleasure. I'd also like to take this opportunity to express thanks to the many people who helped with this endeavor. Special thanks go to *SCJ*'s immediate past Editor Ken Cissna, my departmental colleagues, members of *SCJ*'s Editorial Board, and my two editorial assistants (Charlie Zimmerman and Mary Jane Cherry). In addition, I extend thanks to the many supportive and helpful members of SSCA, some of whom served as reviewers of manuscripts, and U of L's College of Arts and Sciences for supporting the journal and my editorship.

Department of Communication, 310 Strickler Hall, University of Louisville,
Louisville, KY 40292 Phone: 502-852-5608 Fax: 502-852-3021

Email Editor: scj@comm.louisville.edu

Email Editorial Assistant: chzimm01@louisville.edu Email Book Review Editor: myria@uark.edu

Manuscript Summary:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Not Accepted</u>	<u>Under Review</u>	<u>Accepted</u>	<u>% Accepted</u>
Submissions for regular issues	262	214 ¹	0	48	18% ²
Submissions for special issues	58	43	--	15	26%

Special Issue Manuscript Summary:

Community and Communication

Received	27
Rejected	21
Accepted	6 (22%)

Organizational Discourse and Citizenship (John Meyer, Guest Editor)

Received	12
Rejected	8
Accepted	4 (33%)
Invited Essay	1

Computers and Communication (John Monberg, Guest Editor)

Received	19
Rejected	14
Accepted	5 (26%)

¹ This figure includes both revise and resubmit invitations and rejections.

² This percentage was calculated by dividing the number of accepted manuscripts by the number of submitted manuscripts.