**Interpersonal Communication Division**

The Interpersonal Communication Division of the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) invites submissions for competitive papers, panels, roundtable discussions, and Spotlight Scholars for the 2022 convention in Greenville, South Carolina.

Submissions that highlight the theme of “Resilience Through Resistance” are appreciated and encouraged. We invite papers reflecting contemporary and emerging interpersonal scholarship, as well as additional topic areas that overlap with the conference theme. The theme may be highlighted in the topic of the submission or in scholars’ methodology.

Innovative ideas for panels are welcome. We also invite co-sponsored panels with any other division within SSCA, but particularly of interest might be collaborations with the Applied Communication, Communication Theory, and Intercultural Communication divisions. Submitters whose work aligns with health communication and computer-mediated communication are invited to submit their work to the Interpersonal Communication division.

**Paper submissions**must include two Microsoft Word or PDF file attachments: (1) a title page containing the paper title and name(s), affiliation, and e-mail addresses for all authors and (2) a file including a 150-word or less abstract and the completed paper not to exceed 25 double-spaced pages excluding references and appendices. For the purposes of blind review, please omit all author-identifying information from the manuscript. All papers submitted will be considered for the Division’s Top Paper Award. Papers submitted by graduate students should include the designation “STUDENT” on the title page. The Division’s top graduate student paper will be submitted to the Vice President to compete for the SSCA Robert Bostrom Young Scholar Award. Undergraduate students are encouraged to submit their work to the Theodore Clevenger, Jr. Undergraduate Honors Conference.

**Panel/Roundtable** **proposals** must include two Microsoft Word or PDF file attachments: (1) a title page containing the names and affiliations of all participants and (2) a file containing a brief (50-word or less) description for the conference program, a panel rationale (no more than two double-spaced pages), and an abstract/summary for each presentation, if applicable. We encourage panel proposals that are comprised of individuals representing different institutions, and where possible, potential new members.

To maintain affordable conference rates, audio-visual support is limited. It must be requested only if needed with supporting rationale and should be part of the submission. Requests will be considered but are not guaranteed.

Please submit all paper and panel submissions online through SSCA’s online portal: <https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member>. Feel free to contact the division’s planner, Melinda Weathers, at mweathers@shsu.edu with any questions or concerns you may have.

**All submissions are due by Friday, October 1st, 2021 at 11:59pm CST.**