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*93nd* Annual Convention

Southern States Communication Association

St. Petersburg, Florida

Identity, Inclusion, and Social Justice Minutes

*Friday April 14, 2023; 5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m.; Room: Grand Central/Edge/Kenwood*

**Call to Order**- Agenda approved.

**Reports**

Chair Report: Eletra Gilchrist-Petty, The University of Alabama in Huntsville

1. Bylaws (as new division): Accepted
2. Division viability is 5% (Membership letter was sent out in September 2022)
3. Executive Council Meeting:
* Ben Bates moving on from SJC. Bekah Fox will be the incoming editor.
* Time/Place Committee: Currently looking for locations for the 2027 conference in Alabama.
* Tina Harris is creating an African American Communication Division.
* John Haas will be moving out of the Executive Director position/ Currently searching to fill the position.
* Currently updating the Strategic Plan.
* Kevin Bryant is the Interim Strategic Communication Director.

First Vice Chair Report: Lisa Corrigan, The University of Arkansas

1. Division planning:
* 28 complete submissions.
* 23 individual papers.
* 5 panels
* Accepted 22 submissions, 4 of which were panels or roundtables.
* Each paper and each panel were double-anonymous peer reviewed.

\*\* SSCA estimated 4 slots. We ended up with 10 panels, exceeding our expectations for this first conference.

1. Awards
* Top Paper Award

**Academic Labor, Diversity, and the Communication Studies Job Market: A Critical Reading of Tenure-Track Postings**
Ryan D'Souza, Chatham University;**Jessica Rauchberg**, McMaster University;Beatriz Nieto-Fernandez, Florida Atlantic University

* Top Graduate Paper

**A Friend or Foe of Social Movements: A Thematic Analysis of the Effectiveness of Hashtag Activism and the Representation of #SayHerName on Twitter**

Melissa Williams, University of Southern Mississippi

Second Vice Chair Report: Chandra Maldonado, Campbell University

1. 2024 Division Planning
* Location: Embassy Suites/ Frisco, TX
* Dates: April 3-7, 2024
* Deadline: 9/16/2023 at midnight (PST).
* Projected slots: 7
* Will send out CFP once approved by Convention Planner.

Election of new IISJ Officer (Second Vice Chair):

* Josh Miller (Texas State University)/ Email: jhm110@txstate.edu

Announcements

1. University of Memphis Party Announcement

# Josh Miller will receive The Janice Hocker Rushing Award

1. Division Chair Transition from Eletra Gilchrist-Petty to Lisa Corrigan