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Health Communication Division

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SSCA’s recently approved Health Communication Division is excited to announce its inaugural presence at the 2023 SSCA convention in St. Petersburg, Florida, with the theme “Communicating Our Future.”

The Health Communication Division of SSCA welcomes scholars interested in the research, teaching, and practice of health communication, both within and outside the field of communication, who use communication in order to advance the physical and mental health of individuals and populations. The division encourages multidisciplinary and collaborative work that showcases the broad applications of health communication.

The division will formalize its membership, leadership, and bylaws at the 2023 convention, so will not be accepting competitive papers and panels at this time. Please continue to submit your work to other divisions for paneling and select the Health Communication Division as a joint sponsor of your work.

In St. Petersburg, we hope you will attend the business meeting and interactive “designing the division” session to take part in shaping our division. We look forward to submissions of your competitive papers and panels to our division for the 2024 convention and are excited for the continued opportunities to jointly sponsor work with other SSCA divisions.

If you are interested in submitting your work-in-progress for feedback at our “sharing scholarship” roundtable, and/or are interested in serving as a mentor to provide feedback to a colleague, please jointly email Kelly Morrison (kmmcc@uab.edu) and Adam Richards (adam.richards@furman.edu) the following information:

Your name, complete contact information, and affiliation

For mentors, please include your area of expertise

For work in progress, please include the title and abstract of your work

The Health Communication Division planners will be compiling an interactive roundtable for feedback on your individual work-in-progress submissions that showcases diverse scholars and mentors, representing different institutions, and, where possible and relevant, potential new members.

Pertinent to All Submissions

Deadlines: The deadline for submissions to **ALL** divisions and interest groups is **September 16th, by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time**. 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 Division or Interest Group Vice-Chair and Planner

Audio-Visual Support: Audio-visual equipment should be requested ONLY if it is essential to a presentation. Most submissions do not require A/V equipment and there will be limited availability during the conference. Your judiciousness is appreciated in considering whether a request is appropriate for your presentation. Due to prohibitive cost, A/V requests will be considered but may not be met. The final program will indicate which sessions have A/V capability. An alternative may be a shareable QR code that audience members can access from their own personal devices.

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. Divisions and interest groups reserve the right to reject any submissions not following these standards.