

2027 CALL FOR PAPERS

Communication Theory and Methodology Division

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The communication theory and methodology division invites competitive papers, panel sessions, extended abstracts, and poster submissions concerning the development, testing, or application of human communication theory and methodology for the SSCA 2027 Conference to be held in Mobile, Alabama. We especially welcome submissions that address the convention theme of “Curiosity”.

Specifically, the division welcomes theoretically driven research or discussions that investigate the processes governing human message production or processing. The context of the study is secondary. Submissions should represent: (a) theoretically and methodologically sound ideas, (b) empirically driven conceptualizations, and (c) develop, test, or apply theory that advances our ability to describe, explain, predict, or control human communication processes. Purely theoretical or methodological work is also welcomed, and these submissions should aim to extend knowledge through logical arguments that possess internal and external logical consistency. If submitting a methodological paper, a discussion of how the method carries potential to advance future theorizing is appreciated.

Competitive Paper Submissions: All paper submissions must be electronically submitted to the SSCA convention site at <https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member>. For the paper to be assigned for review, please follow the instructions on the convention site. For the purposes 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.

Extended Abstracts, Panel, Roundtable, and Poster Submissions: Extended abstracts, panels, roundtables, and posters are submitted through the same process as competitive papers; just be sure to select the appropriate submission type when prompted. The submitter will be able to add other panelists as “authors” after the initial submission. Upload a copy of the panel, listing the description/rationale, panelists, and, if appropriate, panelists’ individual topics; upload this at the “Upload Paper” prompt.

The deadline for all submissions is 11:59 PST on Tuesday, September 15, 2026. Go to the 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 Vice-Chair and Planner: **Amanda Walsh,**
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