



News from Members

Korean Society for Journalism and Communication Studies

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"The study of communication has become one of most popular and major disciplines in Korea. There are over one hundred communication-related departments from eighty eight colleges with more than 16,000 students today, doubled from the early 1990s. With strong support from the government, the media industry, and colleges, communication related departments have been able to build a reasonably good foundation in terms of programs and curriculums. Like any other disciplines, however, it is experiencing growing pains, searching a balance between the intellectually coherent curriculums and providing marketable knowledge and training for example."

A report by the **Korean Society for Journalism and Communications** examined the recent impeachment of President Roh Moo-hyun. According to the *Korea Times* (July 2, 2004): "The Korean Broadcasting Commission (KBC) decided not to go ahead with a deliberation on the issue of whether political bias was shown by the

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A Note From the Editor

With most of the member organizations represented herein, this issue of the *Newsletter* truly reflects the international character of IFCA. But in doing so, it also highlights the diversity and richness of approaches to the study of communication embraced by our colleagues. Conference themes, recent and forthcoming, include the relationship between communication, democracy, and citizen engagement, the future of communication research, communication and interdisciplinarity, identity and place, teaching and scholarship, and communication theory. All this is very encouraging for the field.

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Australian & New Zealand Communication Association

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The Association for Chinese Communication Studies

Canadian Communication Association

Center for the Study of Communication and Culture

Chinese Communication Association

Croatian Communicologists Association

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International Communication Association

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Korean Society for Journalism and Communication Studies

National Communication Association

The Saudi Association for Media and Communication

major television networks during the March impeachment hearing of President Roh Moo-hyun.

After discussing the issue on Wednesday and Thursday, the commission opted not to go further with their examination of the fairness of news reports that ran on KBS, SBS and MBC between March 12 and March 20.

“We cannot hold a comprehensive and legal deliberation on a great number of programs without deliberating separately on the specific content of each program,”¹¹ the commission announced Thursday.

The commission began to look into the matter back in March after civic groups and political parties accused the television networks of political bias. Shows like the March 12 broadcast of “KBS 9 O’clock News”¹¹ and the March 15 broadcast of “MBC News Desk”¹¹ were cited as not showing neutrality in their selection of interviewees and in comments made by news anchors.

Earlier this month, by request of the commission, the Korean Society for Journalism and Communication Studies analyzed all the news programs that ran on the three networks during the impeachment hearings. It found that there was indeed some bias in the coverage, particularly in opposition to the impeachment.

However, on Wednesday and Thursday, the nine members of the commission struggled to come to an agreement as to whether to go ahead with an official deliberation. They came close to voting on the issue before deciding to reject a motion for a deliberation, according to Yonhap News Agency.

While making the announcement Thursday, Noh Sung-dai, head of the commission, apologized for any anxiety viewers might have felt over the investigation

Chinese Communication Association

Greetings and welcome to the Chinese Communication Association (CCA) Website!

With this website, CCA forms a virtual community. Created, designed and maintained diligently and tastefully by Professor and former CCA President Tsan-Kuo Chang of University of Minnesota, the CCA website offers a wealth of information. In line with CCA’s mission to be an international professional community, the website strives to offer such support to its members, friends, and visitors.

CCA is also a real-world community. Founded in 1990

during the conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), CCA has 200 strong members residing in North America, Asia, and elsewhere. Members include not only scholars but also students and communication practitioners, and not only native Chinese speakers but also non-Chinese who are interested in Chinese communication.

CCA is an interface with international professional community at large. CCA is officially affiliated with the International Communication Association (ICA), the National Communication Association (NCA) and AEJMC. We are allotted sessions at the annual conferences of ICA, NCA and AEJMC. Through these venues, we showcase some of the best studies in Chinese communication. In addition, CCA is planning to publish an English-language journal. We welcome your input and participation in any of the outlets.

Finally, CCA is a concourse linking various sectors of Chinese-speaking populations. Since its inception, CCA has embraced members from Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, and elsewhere. CCA has been and will continue to be facilitating to the internationalization of communication research in Chinese-speaking societies.

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National Communication Association 2004 Doctoral Honors Seminars

Sponsored by NCA’s Doctoral Education Committee, the NCA Doctoral Honors Seminars bring together outstanding graduate students and faculty members to collaborate on current topics in selected areas of research in communication. Each seminar is directed by a leading scholar in the critical area of study. The 2004 conference will focus on mediated communication, communication and culture, and rhetorical studies. The theme this year is “Borders”. This theme will be taken up in each of the following three seminars:

Seminar 1 examines *Mediated Communication*. The idea of mediated communication may blur the borders that separate mass communication and interpersonal communication. Studies may explore: how individuals

on the margins engage various media; how the media may construct bordered experiences; or, the various borders that result from mediated communication practices. A variety of methodological and theoretical perspectives on mediated communication are encouraged.

The theme of **Seminar 2** is *Culture and Communication*. Here the focus is on the connection between culture and communication as it relates to various border issues. The concept of borders may be conceptualized in many different ways. For example, research may focus on the creation, maintenance, or transformation of borders in relation to issues of identity, membership, communication competence, and much more. In addition, a variety of methodological approaches to exploring life along borders are encouraged.

Seminar 3 emphasizes *Rhetorical Studies*. This seminar examines the ways in which rhetoric contributes to notions of borders and borderlands. In what ways does the use of human symbols construct, reify, and transform borders, divisions, margins, and limits? What new rhetorical possibilities emerge from the borderlands? What rhetorical options are available for creatively negotiating the borders of our lives? Borders of any kind — physical, psychological, metaphoric, imaginative, disciplinary — can be the subject of inquiry.

Seminar Dates: July 15 - 18 2004

URL: <http://homepage.mac.com/dennisherrick/pages/conference.html>

Call for Newsletter Contributions

We'd like very much to know what each member association has been doing lately. Don't assume everybody knows, for most probably don't. If you want other communication researchers to know what your association has been doing or is planning,

If you want international presence at your national meetings, or if you have any international concerns, see a trend, suggest an action, write to us. We will do our best to make our many readers aware of it.

Please send your contributions to **Edward Slopek** at eslopek@ryerson.ca. The next issue is slated for November 2004. The deadline for receipt of news items is **September 30, 2004**.

NCA Summer Institute for Faculty Development

This conference provides background strategies for addressing important issues and teaching significant courses in communication. Faculty from smaller institutions will join with distinguished scholars in communication to learn, analyze, discuss, exchange and strategize. Participants are able to build a sense of community and from a network of resources for research, inquiry, teaching and curricular development. Attendees may participate in any of the following five sessions:

Paula Tompkins, St. Cloud State University, will lead "Should I or Shouldn't I?" Moral Reasoning and Communication Ethics

Lynne Turner, Marquette University, will lead "Communication Theory: Conceptual Foundations of Practical Applications".

James Carey, Columbia University, will lead "Media, Culture and Critical Theory".

Julia Wood, University of North Carolina, will lead "Frontiers in Interpersonal Communication"

Davis Houck, Florida State University, will lead "Rhetoric: Bodies of Evidence".

Date: July 19 - 24, 2004

URL: <http://ncahope.luther.edu>

"Canterbury Tales: Walking the Talk" : The New Zealand Communication Association Conference 2004

There will be two streams at this conference: a research stream and a practitioner stream. Please clearly indicate in which of the two you wish your proposal to be considered.

All proposals will be reviewed by a panel prior to selection. Selection criteria will include some of the following: that the paper will be about communication add to the body of knowledge inform teaching/lecturing/training/practice provide a bridge between theory and practice be current be either NZ or Pacific in context.

Deadline for proposals is July 31, 2004.

Conference date: December 6 - 8 2004

URL: <http://www.nzca.org/>

Croatian Communication Association

Call for papers

The 16th Annual International Communication Conference

Media and communication theory

August 27st - 29th 2004 Inter University Centre, Dubrovnik, CROATIA / EUROPE

Croatian Communication Association, University of Zadar, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Faculty of Graphic Arts Zagreb, International Federation of the Communication Associations & Inter University Centre Dubrovnik invites paper and program proposals for the Annual PR- and Communication Conference

At the Conference will be discussed problems connected with the development of Public Relations and the new Communication Strategies : (Media Theory, Communication Theory; Public Relations and Advertising; Business Communication, Media, Politics & Public Opinion; History of Media and Communication Theory; Public Relations as a Modern Marketing Strategy; Crisis Communications; PR-Agencies; Public Relations with an Effect on Government and Public Opinion; Corporate Communication; Media and Intercultural Communication; Intercultural Communication in Function of PR; Language Education for Intercultural Communication; Special Topics Media and Communication Theory, PR-Workshop) Another group of questions will concern Communication in Connection with Politics and their Reflection on Media.

Paper and program submissions must be received by August,1st 2004. Completed papers are preferred. Abstracts and program proposals will be considered. All participants must submit complete papers prior to the Conference.

Address submissions and inquiries to:

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Submission deadline: August,1st 2004

Date of Conference: August 27st - 29th

“70 Años de Periodismo y Comunicación en América Latina”

CONGRESOS ALAIC / IBERCOM / REDCOM- 2004
11 a 16 de octubre de 2004

Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciencias de la Comunicación; Encuentro Iberoamericano de Comunicación; Congreso de la Red de Carreras de Comunicación y Periodismo de la Argentina

Universidad Nacional de La Plata, La Plata, Argentina
Conference date: 11 al 16 de octubre de 2004

URL: <http://eca.usp.br/alaic/>

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Publizistik und Kommunikationswissenschaft

Calls for Papers

Zum anderen ein Call for Papers zum Workshop “Theorien der Kommunikationswissenschaft: Bestandsaufnahme und Diskussion” den die Fachgruppe Soziologie der Medienkommunikation vom 21. bis 23.Oktober 2004 in Erfurt veranstalten wird.

Date of Conference: October 21 - 23 2004

Liebe DGPK-Mitglieder, anbei zwei Call for Papers. Zum einen von der DGPK-Fachgruppe “Visuelle Kommunikation” für ihre diesjährige Fachgruppen-Jahrestagung, die vom 19. bis zum 20.November 2004 in Mainz unter dem Titel “Visueller Journalismus” statt finden wird.

Date of conference: November 19th - 20th 2004

Schöne Grüße. Ihre Romy Fröhlich

National Communication Association: 90th Annual Convention

The theme is “Moving Forward/Looking Back” and it will be held November 11 - 15, 2004 in Chicago.

The theme for the 2004 annual National Communica-

tion Association convention is **Moving Forward/Looking Back**.

Since this convention will mark the 90th anniversary of the founding of NCA, this theme encourages us to explore Hannah Arendt's notion that the present is the moment between past and future and that while the past propels us forward, the future forces us back. Thus, the program theme encourages participants to consider what the past can tell us about our future as a discipline and what the future can help us treasure and retrieve from our past. As we celebrate our 90th birthday (and there will be a birthday cake!), we can embrace our accomplishments and envision our future.

Moving Forward encourages members to look toward the future of our discipline. Past convention themes have urged us to reach out and reach in, to color outside the lines, to become an engaged discipline and to reexamine and radicalize our roots. Underlying these themes has been the notion that communication, in all its manifestations, is a dynamic discipline, always learning from other disciplines and taking inspiration from new sources. Programs that respond to this part of the convention theme might ask questions like: What new areas are emerging in communication studies? How will established areas change and develop? What are the sources for new ideas and paradigms for communication studies?

Looking Back prompts members to take stock of our past. In this part of the program, I hope that members will consider what we can and should celebrate in our history. Are there seminal essays or books that deserve our attention in articulating how they have shaped our field? Are there individuals whose body of work merits special attention? Have there been critical events or moments that we need to recall, for good or ill? The goal here is to capture our past as it moves us toward our future.

Moving Forward/Looking Back provides us an opportunity to explore the connections between past and future. In these programs we have the opportunity to link our past with our future. Some programs might want to consider the scholarship of the past that might have the most profound impact in the future. Others might consider what pedagogical practices might wither or flourish in the light of emerging technologies. I hope that as members consider this theme they will be creative and daring in their proposals.

In building proposals, I strongly encourage members to seek out new collaborations. In particular, I hope that planners will seek ways to explore how one area might impact another through cross-fertilization. For example, a planner might consider what intercultural communication could offer to public address studies. Through seeking new partnerships in planning---and these partnerships may extend outside NCA---divisions can, I hope, produce provocative, innovative programs.

Convention date: November 11 - 15, 2004

URL:<http://www.natcom.org/Convention/default.htm>

Recently Held

European Communication Association

Conference April 17-20, 2004 Istanbul, Turkey

ECA's 2004 conference will be held from Saturday evening April 17 to Tuesday afternoon April 20 in Istanbul at the five-star Hotel Divan, where a special conference rate has been arranged. The theme of the conference is "Shaping the Future of Communication Research in Europe." To explore this theme, each day will be dedicated to fundamental aspects of research: Sunday will focus on research politics and government, Monday on theories and methodologies, and Tuesday morning on international cooperation.

The conference is organized around three strands of research: communication ethics, organizational and strategic communication, and technology and media use. If there is interest, more themes may be set up. Each day participants will be able to present their research in small concurrent sessions. In addition, each day plenary sessions for all participants will be led by keynote speakers.

URL: <http://www.ecanet.org/>

Saudi Association for Media and Communication

The Saudi Association for Media and Communication (SAMC) held a journalism conference from May 16 - 19, 2004 in Riyadh on the image of Saudi Arabia around the world. It focused on Saudi Arabia's international image since the September 11 terrorist attacks and growing criticism about the slow pace of political reform in the country. It featured pre-

sentations from journalists and academics from the Middle East, the United States, Europe and Asia.

Ali Al-Garni, SAMC president, cited "disinformation campaigns" against Saudi Arabia in the West. "It is the duty of the association to project the true image of Saudi Arabia throughout the world," he said.

SAMC was founded in 2002 as part of King Saud University. The group has a membership of more than 600 journalists from the Middle East, the United States and Europe.

Canadian Communication Association

2004 Annual Conference University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, June 3-5, 2004

Theme: Confluence: Ideas, Identities and Place.

Confluence, with its sub-themes Ideas, Identities, Place effectively captured the geographical, historical and cultural reality of Winnipeg, and also is reflective of current national and international developments in many areas of human endeavour.

URL: <http://www.acc-cca.ca/en/conference.html>

"Making a Difference": The Australian and New Zealand Communication Association Conference 2004

The 2004 ANZCA Conference was hosted by the Media and Communications Program of the University of Sydney from July 7 - 9, 2004.

The Conference theme was "Making a Difference". Scholars from the areas of research that make up the diverse and interdisciplinary field of communication considered the ways in which we might and should be making a difference - to scholarship and to teaching, to the professions we come from and supply with graduates, to the nation and beyond.

URL: <http://conferences.arts.usyd.edu.au/>

Related Events

IAMCR Conference July 25 - 30, 2004

Congrès de l'IAMCR 25-30 juillet 2004 Porto Alegre, Brazil. Communication and Democracy: Perspectives for a New World Communication et démocratie - Perspectives pour un nouveau monde Health, Technologies and Communication

Communication technologies are pervasive: we have witnessed in the last decades the advance of computers, networks and other media in practically all human activities. The sector of health is not an exception, but the integration of technologies has been particularly complex in this field. First of all, the health sector plunged in a deep crisis all over the world and in most countries the system is simply bankrupt. Secondly, a paradox faces the health sector: medical advances are often related to the development of expensive sophisticated equipment and of various types of software for administrative and medical purposes. Third, and most importantly, the medical culture faces the challenge of integrating technologies into its practices. However, there is much resistance and with reason: health institutions have their own cultures, forms of organization, and structures of care that sometimes do not adapt to standardized systems.

Conference Date: July 25 - 30, 2004

URL: <http://www.pucrs.br/famecos/iamcr/indexe.htm>

The World Communication Association

will hold its Second Biennial Summer Conference on International and Intercultural Communication, in Palm Desert, California, August 5- 7, 2004. The conference theme is "Culture, Self, and Communication: Teaching, Research, and Practice". The conference will be inclusive of the teaching, research, and applied uses of international and intercultural communication world-wide, ranging from interpersonal to mass communication.

This is a joint conference with the *Pacific and Asian Communication Association*, which will hold its conference August 2nd and 3rd, and the *International Listening Association*, which will offer workshops on August 4th and the morning of August 5th.

Presenters from several countries will explore intercultural communication through competitively selected papers and programs, but there will also be panels and interactive sessions related to teaching and research methodologies. A special round-table session, with audience involvement, will feature representatives from different countries discussing how communication teaching and research is carried out worldwide. James C. McCroskey, Editor of the *Journal of Intercultural Communication Research* will present a program on "getting published." And, a special presentation with representatives from the World Desert Affairs Council

is planned.

Participants are invited to bring multiple copies of syllabi, exercises, and other instructional materials to share with those attending the conference.

For additional information, please contact Melissa Beall (Melissa.Beall@uni.edu), WCA President-North America

Conference date: August 5 - 7 2004

URL: <http://facstaff.uww.edu/wca>

National Research Council of Canada & University of New Brunswick

International Colloquium -- Communication and Democracy: Technology and Citizen Engagement

Wednesday, August 4 - Friday, August 6, 2004 Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada

Since the early 1990s, governments, industry and commercial organizations, public agencies, non-governmental organizations, communities and individual citizens have embraced the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT), expending extensive resources on their deployment and adoption.

Along this digital journey, on one end of a continuum, claims have been made about the revolutionary and emancipatory potential of ICT. Promoters exhort the urgency of its adoption to realize citizen empowerment, institutional transformation and transparency, direct democracy, and the erasure of time and space to create an electronic global village.

At the other end of this continuum of debate, critics argue that the potential benefits of ICT are being outweighed by a growing digital impotence for citizens, who are increasingly bound by new forms of regulation, institutional electronic rigidities, market regulation, the extension of commercial practices deeper into social life, and technical design myopic of human needs.

The broad themes of citizen engagement, democratic inclusion, and socio-economic betterment for citizens, communities and nations have emerged as key research concerns that cut across issues such as the digital divide, convergence, e-commerce and the dot com bomb, e-learning, e-health, gaming, virtual communities, community informatics, connectivity, broadband, and government online.

Now, ten years into the popular development of the Internet, it is opportune to critically reflect on where we have been, where we are supposed to be, what we have learned, or what we should have learned, where we should be going, and what questions we should be asking as we continue further on this journey.

The purpose of this colloquium is to reflect on the core issues of communications, democracy and citizen engagement and to push the margins of thinking and debate around entry points such as methodologies, social practices, theoretical frameworks, technical design, institutional relations and citizen needs. It will bring together up-and-coming researchers and established experts to exchange ideas about current research and theories - and rethink the ways forward. Presentations can be based on local, national or international research.

To facilitate open discussion and full involvement all sessions will be plenary.

Central themes for panels (papers) include, but are not restricted to:

Technology R&D and Citizen Needs

This panel focuses on user needs and applications research and development. Featuring social scientists and computer science researchers, half the presenters discuss communication from a user needs perspective, and other presenters discuss the process behind the design of community informatics and other applications. One goal of the panel is to encourage debate among social and computer scientists about citizen needs and technology research and development. Needs assessment, the socio-economic aspects of the communication relationship, and technology designed to meet user needs are possible theme areas.

Research Methodologies

Various qualitative and quantitative methods offer a number of possibilities for research on citizen needs, democratic communications, community communications, human/technology interface, and community informatics, among others. This panel discusses such questions as: what are the 'right' research questions that should be asked, and why? What are different methodologies that should be employed? Empirical examples, theoretical and methodological examples or possibilities could be explored.

Citizen Engagement and E-Democracy

Panelists will discuss findings of research on ICT used to facilitate citizen engagement in communities and between citizens, in relation to community organizations, government agencies and the state. What do "engagement" and "e-Democracy" mean to citizens, governments and communities, and what should they mean? What are the best means, channels or practices to attain them?

URL: <http://www.unb.ca/technocitizen/>

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication 2004 Convention

Convention Keynote Speaker: AEJMC announces Pamela Wallin, Canada's Consul General to New York City, as the keynote speaker for the Toronto Convention. Wallin will address the convention on Wed., Aug. 4 from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. Wallin is a respected broadcaster and journalist, and started her own independent production company, Pamel Wallin Productions, Inc., in 1995. Wallin's journalistic career took her to CBC Radio, CBC-TV, CTV and the Toronto Star. The opening reception will follow at the CBC.

Convention Brochure: A 16-page convention brochure provides all the information you need as you make plans to attend the AEJMC Convention in Toronto. Highlights include workshops, panel sessions and a day-by-day schedule as well as the hotel reservation form and convention reservation form. (Available in PDF only).

Confention date: August 4 - 7, 2004

URL: <http://www.aejmc.org/convention/>

Interspeech 2004 - ICSLP

The 8th international conference on spoken language processing will run from October 4 - 8, 2004.

"On behalf of ISCA and the Conference Organizing Committee, I am pleased to invite you to attend INTERSPEECH 2004 - ICSLP to be held in Korea."

"With 'The Role of Spoken Language for Global Communication in the New Millennium' as the main theme, INTERSPEECH 2004 - ICSLP will attract researchers, speech scientists, engineers, phoneticians, linguists, academics in related fields as well as industrial developers to the beautiful and exotic island of Jeju, Korea for a big step forward in research in spoken language processing by further enhancing the tradition of inter-

disciplinary spirit of ICSLP"

"It is highly significant that INTERSPEECH 2004 - ICSLP will be held in Korea, the land of phonetic and linguistic studies, where speech and language have been extensively studied with the unrivalled scientific rigour and precision from a very early period; King Sejong created the Korean alphabet of 28 letters on the basis of the articulatory and auditory phonetic principles as well as the modern phonological concepts in the 15th century."

"I do hope that all of us who share a common interest in advancing the field of spoken language processing(?) will get together for INTERSPEECH 2004 - ICSLP in Jeju Island. I am looking forward to seeing you in the conference and making this event as fruitful, exciting and enjoyable as the 2002 Korea-Japan FIFA World Cup."

Soon Hyob Kim

General Chair

Conference Organizing Committee for INTERSPEECH 2004 - ICSLP

Conference date: October 4 - 8, 2004

URL: <http://www.icslp2004.org/>

Communication Association of Japan

3rd Annual Kyoto Jalt Conference: "Innovations in Teaching". Proposals for papers, posters, and colloquia for this one-day conference are invited. Please submit inquiries and proposals to the conference program chair: Amanda Gillis-Furutaka, agills@cc.kyoto-su.ac.jp

Conference date: October 9, 2004

URL: <http://ilc2.doshisha.ac.jp/users/kkitao/organi/kyoto/>

Making Contact Louisbourg Institute and The University College of Cape Breton

Cape Breton, Nova Scotia 14-16 October, 2004

The ATLANTIC CANADA WORKSHOP is an interdisciplinary conference that brings together researchers from many fields whose work focuses on Atlantic Canada.

Presentations by graduate students, new scholars and international scholars are particularly welcome at these meetings. The next workshop (14th biennial) will meet from 14-16 October 2004, at the University College of Cape Breton and Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, during Cape

Breton' Celtic Colours week.

This year's theme of "contact" is the 400th anniversary of the establishment of a permanent French settlement in the region, marking the foundation of European culture in North America, but the region that comprises Atlantic Canada has been a meeting place of diverse nations, cultures and ideas for millennia. Contact can be constructed as an event or a process, but it is always an exchange between two or more individuals or groups and their beliefs, institutions, ideas, ideals and world-views. These interactions in Atlantic Canada have led to conflict, toleration, cooperation, and the creation of new frameworks for action, new identities, and distinctive cultures.

The process of making contact continues to shape the region today as Atlantic Canadians continue to redefine themselves in response to contact with changing regional, national and global contexts. The process and effects of "making contact" in the Atlantic region is the broad focus of this call for papers. Presentations covering all time periods and parts of the region are welcome as individual papers or as panels. Some funding may be available to support student travel. Contact the organizers for more information.

Watch our web site for conference updates
www.uccbpress.ca/makingcontact.html

IADIS International Conference Cognition and Exploratory Learning in Digital Age (CELDA 2004)

The IADIS CELDA 2004 conference aims to address the main issues concerning with the evolving learning processes and supporting pedagogies and applications in digital age. There have been huge advancements in both cognitive psychology and computing that have affected the educational arena. The convergence of these two disciplines has never been faster before and this marriage has affected the very basis of the academia. Paradigms such as just-in-time learning, constructivist approaches, student-centered learning and collaborative approaches have emerged, and are being supported by technological advancements such as simulations, virtual reality and multi-agents systems to name a few. This merger has created both opportunities and areas of serious concerns. This conference aims to cover both technological as well as pedagogical issues related to these developments.

Main tracks have been identified. However innovative contributions that do not fit into these areas will also be considered as long as they are directly related to the overall theme of the conference.

Conference Date: December 15 - 17, 2004

URL: <http://www.iadis.org/celda2004/>

"Negotiating Third Spaces": Western States Communication Association 2005 Convention

WSCA announces its call for papers, program proposals, and workshops for its annual convention to be held February 18-22, 2005 at the Argent Hotel in San Francisco, CA.

The 2005 conference theme of "Negotiating Third Spaces" is designed to encourage us to recognize and work with multiple views and perspectives, come together to understand and work in new ways, and envision and take steps toward futures characterized by humanity and social justice.

The theme features the movement in our discipline toward addressing the centrality of space, multiple locations of speaking and acting, the importance of context, and transnational as well as situated practices. The theme honors the power of communication and our potential to create additional spaces to meet and negotiate what we do and who we are with each other.

Deadline for submissions of Competitive papers, Program Proposals, Workshop Proposals, and Preconference Proposals is September 9, 2004.

Send all competitive papers and program proposals directly to the appropriate program planner for each interest group.

Only workshop proposals should be mailed directly to WSCA President-Elect Mary Jane Collier, Department of Human Communication Studies, University of Denver, 2142 S. High Street, Denver, CO 80208-5423. For more details see the URL below.

Deadline for submissions: September 1, 2004 *WSCA program planning uses only one deadline for all papers, programs, and workshops.

Conference date: February 18 - 22, 2005

URL: <http://www.westcomm.org/conventions/call05.html>

Journal of Intercultural Communication Research: Call for submissions

The Editor-Elect is soliciting papers for publication in the Journal of Intercultural Communication Research, a publication of the World Communication Association. JICR publishes qualitative and quantitative research that focuses on interrelationships between culture and communication. Submitted manuscripts may report results from either cross-cultural comparative research or results from other types of research concerning the ways culture affects human symbolic activities. Studies reporting data from within a single nation/culture should focus on cultural factors and explore the theoretical or practical relevance of their findings from a cross-cultural perspective.

Manuscripts should be no more than 25 pages in length, not including tables and references, and must conform to the stylistic guidelines prescribed by the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (5th Ed.).

Papers may be submitted via hard copy or electronic attachment. Hard copy submissions must include three copies of the paper. Electronic submissions must be sent as an email attachment in either Word or WordPerfect. For all submissions, the manuscript's cover page must include a title, each author's name, mailing address, email address, phone number, and fax number. Author identification should include the author's current affiliation, highest earned degree, the institution granting that degree, and the year granted. Following the title page, a 100 word abstract must be included.

URL: <http://facstaff.uww.edu/wca/JICR/call%20for%20manuscripts.htm>

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Useful list of URLs

For a listing of Communications Studies Organizations and other mass media organizations please see:

<http://www.library.ewu.edu/help/selectedresources/WWWCommunication.html>

<http://www.aber.ac.uk/media/index.html> (The Media and Communications Studies Site)

<http://www.americancomm.org/acastudiescenter.html> (American Communication Association's "Communication Studies Center")

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