

NEW YORK STATE COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION

2023 CALL FOR PAPERS

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COMMUNICATION IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

The internet and smartphone have transformed the way we communicate in profound ways. We are now moving toward normalizing new features like artificial intelligence, and virtual and augmented reality applications in day-to-day use, poised to further change our relationship with technology and with each other in the near future. We live in a digital world of full of information and misinformation, character limits and fast-paced communication, influencers and followers, ceaseless scrolling and mediated interaction – but also in a world that reveals structural disparities and unequal access to digital communication platforms. The last few years, especially, have seen an accelerated transformation toward remote work and learning, changing the way we live and work, and the way we think of online and offline spaces in both personal and professional contexts. Contemporary issues we face as local, national, or even global societies have been the subject of oftentimes heated online discourse – issues like political unrest, social justice movements and activism, pandemics and public health, environmental justice, and concerns about the regulation of online platforms and privacy.

Acknowledging the impact of our transforming digital landscape and its effect on our lived experience, the 81st annual conference of the New York State Communication Association invites participants to consider how communication functions on digital platforms in intrapersonal, interpersonal, community-oriented, organizational, global, and virtual contexts. Scholars, practitioners, and students are encouraged to examine how their areas of study in communication intersect with the transformation of digital communication use and culture, with particular focus on the environmental, psychological, and social benefits and costs of the contemporary and future use of digital platforms.

We welcome submissions of completed papers, panels, roundtables, fishbowl conversations, student posters and other innovative and engaging programs. Work related to the conference theme is encouraged, along with a range of communication topics from a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches.

Submission Guidelines

Completed paper submissions should be no more than 25 double-spaced pages (not inclusive of title and bibliography pages) and should not include any identifying information. The author, affiliation, and contact information should be provided separately in the body of the submission email. Papers should include a running head with an abbreviated title. Any standard style is permitted. Completed paper submissions from undergraduate and graduate students will be considered for student paper awards. Student submissions should indicate “undergraduate” or “graduate,” along with an abbreviated title in the running head.

For all other presentation formats, including panel proposals, posters (students only), roundtables, fishbowls, and other innovative programs, please include the title, the lead contact or panel chair, the participants/authors, affiliations, contact information, and a description of the panel, poster, roundtable, etc. For each paper in a panel or roundtable proposal, please include a title, a list of authors, and abstracts of no more than 125 words for each presenter.

Statement of Professional Responsibility

A statement of professional responsibility should be included on the first page of all paper/panel/roundtable submissions, or in the email accompanying video/audio files, and should state the following: “In submitting the attached paper/panel proposal, poster or roundtable, I/we agree to present at the 2023 NYSCA conference if it is accepted. I/we further recognize that all who attend and present at NYSCA’s annual meeting must register and pay the required fees.”

Contact Information

Direct inquiries and email submissions to Arshia Anwer, Associate Professor, Communication Department at Manhattan College at NYSCA2023@gmail.com.

Deadline

All submissions and proposals are due no later than midnight EST on July 7, 2023.