

Call for Participation
67th Annual Conference
The New York State Communication Association
October 23-25, 2009
Honor's Haven Resort and Spa, Ellenville in the Catskills, New York

Examining Ritual, Technology, and Community in this New Century: A Global Discussion in New York State

This conference theme has everything to do with the life's work and lessons of former NYSCA member, Columbia University Professor, and definer and teacher of Cultural Studies --**James W. Carey**.

Keynote speakers include **Lance Strate** of Fordham University and **John Durham Peters** (author of, *Speaking Into The Air: A History of the Idea of Communication*) of the University of Iowa.

Space, Time, Communication, Culture, Technology, Democracy, Human Decency, and Ritual are all at the core of the work of James W. Carey and are the roots from which many important papers and discussions and directions may spring for this October 2009 Conference in New York.

The ritual annual meeting of the New York State Communication Association is the physical moment of the coming together (to commune) in space *and* time of communities of scholars, students, educators, and citizens interested in questions of communication, community, technology, democracy, and legacy. In this 67th year, reflecting on ritual meetings (in physical places and electrified spaces) is at the core of the conference, as are community and ritual as the core to sustained culture. Ritual meetings, from thousands year old traditions to reunions to social media networks are areas of interest past and present.

The 2009 conference will focus on, but not be limited to, questions and issues relating to these core matters. Papers and panels addressing these concerns and our roots, traditions, and common links are invited and encouraged. Proposals unrelated to the conference theme, from a variety of theoretical traditions, are also welcome.

We seek papers in a variety of formats-formal & informal presentations, roundtables, participatory panels, demonstrations, media screenings, or other innovative ideas. **Undergraduate and graduate student submissions** must be marked on cover page as "graduate student" or "undergraduate student" and will be considered for student paper awards within those categories if submitted in entirety by the June 1, 2009 Deadline. flayhand@newpaltz.edu in Word.