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| ***Call for Panelists***  **G.I.F.T.S.** (Great Ideas for Teaching Students)  New York State Communication Association  ***Signs of the <Time>: Urgency, Connection, and Affordances in Communication***  **October 12-14, 2018 -- 76th Annual Conference**  **Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center, 356 Villa Roma Road, Callicoon, NY 12723** |

Great Ideas For Teaching Students (GIFTS) provides an excellent opportunity for faculty members and/or graduate students to share classroom-tested “great ideas” with other educators. With a focus on ways that temporal dynamics affect our communication practices, this year’s conference theme encourages a variety of pedagogical approaches for reflecting on the past, measuring the present, preparing for the future and challenging presumptions about how time is perceived. Submissions may present an activity, assignment, project, game, simulation, etc. for addressing a specific communication theory, concept, skill, or learning objective.

The GIFTS Presentation

A GIFTS presentation is a concise depiction of a teaching idea that can be explained or demonstrated to a small audience in 6-8 minutes. Presenters should be prepared with a brief, comprehensive handout for interested participants and should plan on presenting ***without***access to audio/visual equipment.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit a ***one-paragraph abstract*** of your “great idea” as well as a **1-2 page description of the activity itself**. This proposal should include your **goal, rationale, directions, explanations**, and the typical **results**. Submissions should include the submitter’s name, institutional affiliation, email address, and telephone number.

A statement of professional responsibility should be included with the submission stating the following: “In submitting the attached proposal, I/we agree to present at the 2018 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 conference fees."

Submissions should be emailed as a Word document attachment to: [**evelyn.plummer@shu.edu**](mailto:evelyn.plummer@shu.edu) no later than **July 9, 2018**. Selected panelists will be notified via email.