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Hotel Reservation Deadline

The deadline to book a room in Baltimore at the group rate is Monday, October 14, 2019. Group room blocks are available at four hotels in Baltimore: the Baltimore Hilton, Holiday Inn Inner Harbor, Marriott Inner Harbor, and Sheraton Inner Harbor. For information on how to reserve a room, please visit the [Hotel and Travel Information](#) page.

Carroll C. Arnold Distinguished Lecture

Lisa A. Flores will deliver the [Carroll C. Arnold Distinguished Lecture](#), "Mobility, Containment, and the Racialized Spatio-Temporalities of Survival," on November 15. Dr. Flores is a scholar of rhetorical studies and critical race, gender, and queer studies at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Her work on historical rhetoric of Mexican immigration, whiteness, intersectionality, critical race theory, and communication have been foundational to the field of Communication and have influenced generations of scholars. Her view of rhetoric is compelling; she sees public discourse as a central site through which citizens come to occupy the worlds they envision. As Past President of the Western States Communication Association, Book Review Editor for *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, and Forum Editor for *Women's Studies in Communication*, Dr. Flores has significantly influenced the field of Communication and its scholarship and, perhaps more importantly, has encouraged us all to examine ourselves and our roles in the world and to do so with a generous and ethical spirit, one that places humanity and a civic contribution first.

Her lecture turns our attention to the early years of the 1950s and a national discourse proclaiming a "wetback problem"; the problem, she asserts, was one of both mobility and containment. "Wetbacks" moved into the nation in ways that demanded their containment. Attentive to the pervasive use of the term "wetback" in both public and governmental discourse, Dr. Flores advances an argument for what she names Racial Recognition, a way of seeing race that is mobilized around both the body logics of race and the mobility logics of borders. Together, those logics produce race as something that can be seen and known—recognized. In that racial recognition, race survives.

The Carroll C. Arnold Distinguished Lecture is sponsored by [Pearson](#).

--[Kent A. Ono](#), NCA First Vice President, University of Utah

Communication for Survival Spotlight Series: Communicating Survival in Violent Times: A Dialogue on the Intersections of Violence in Gendered, Sexual, Racial/Ethnic, and Class Contexts

[Communicating Survival in Violent Times: A Dialogue on the Intersections of Violence in Gendered, Sexual, Racial/Ethnic, and Class Contexts](#) will have larger conversations about domestic violence, gendered violence, and racial/ethnic violence utilizing an intersectional lens. With panelists including Michelle A. Holling, California State

University San Marcos; Nina Lozano, Loyola Marymount University; and Loreen Olson, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, along with community members and local stakeholders, panel attendees will consider the ways in which individuals, communities, and stakeholders can communicate survival during violent times.

The three contemporary violence contexts that will comprise the focus of this spotlight panel illustrate how individual rights are at stake, highlighting the racial, gendered, and cultural dimensions of trauma that violate individuals' humanity. In other words, anti-sexism and anti-racist activist efforts can help combat the trauma and serve as violence prevention strategies. Together, the panelists and attendees will consider the linkages amongst different, yet related violence contexts with a focus on the gendered, heterosexist, and racialized aspects of partner violence and police/state violence of brown and black bodies. They will also explore how communication, advocacy, and activism can be utilized as strategies for survival.

--[Leandra Hernandez](#), *Communication for Survival Spotlight Series Co-planner, Utah Valley University*; [Kara Laskowski](#), *Communication for Survival Spotlight Series Co-planner, Shippensburg University*; [Loreen Olson](#), *Communication for Survival Spotlight Series Co-planner, University of North Carolina, Greensboro*; and [Sarah Upton](#), *Communication for Survival Spotlight Series Co-planner, University of Texas, El Paso*

Scholars' Office Hours

[NCA Scholars' Office Hours](#) provides seasoned scholars, junior scholars, and graduate students the opportunity to network and connect with one another. This program gathers top scholars from across the discipline in an informal and highly interactive atmosphere.

Attendees have the unique opportunity to visit with the scholar(s) of their choice for informal conversations (10 minutes), ask questions about research, the discipline, or graduate programs, and/or seek advice on research projects. Scholars will be seated at large round tables (usually two-three per table) to meet with visitors while offering invaluable insights and mentorship. For a full list of participating scholars, visit NCA Convention Central.

If you are a graduate student, adjunct or non-tenure track faculty member, or a new scholar with questions about research and teaching, then you are encouraged to attend! Scholars' Office Hours will be held on Friday, November 15, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m., in the Baltimore Convention Center Ballrooms, located on the 400 level.

--[Tina Harris](#), *Scholars' Office Hours Co-planner, Louisiana State University*, and [Rona Halualani](#), *Scholars' Office Hours Co-planner, San Jose State University*

Celebrating and Remembering: NCA Memorial Session

Annually, our association has the sad task of saying good-bye to members who have passed away during the year. Please join us in honoring these friends and colleagues during [Celebrating and Remembering: NCA Memorial Session](#). Attendees are invited to speak from the floor, sharing memories and celebrating those individuals' service, friendship, and contributions to the Communication discipline.

We hope that the NCA Memorial Session provides a comfortable space for gathering and sharing memories of our late colleagues, who have inspired us in myriad ways. The NCA Memorial Session will take place on Saturday, November 16, at 11:00 a.m., in Holiday Ballroom 3 of the Hilton. Please join us in celebrating the lives of those we have lost in the preceding year.

NCA Career Center

The [NCA Career Center](#) will feature the Job Fair, three dynamic PrepTalks, and the CV Consulting Corner. Complimentary professional headshots will also be offered this year. The Career Center is open to all registered convention attendees and will be held Friday, November 15, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., in the Baltimore Convention Center Ballrooms, located on the 400 level.

The PrepTalks this year include:

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. - "Stand Out and Survive the Academic Job Interview for Non-Academics," presented by Stacy Smulowitz, University of Scranton. This talk will demonstrate the differences between non-academic and academic job

interviews. Attendees will learn strategies to prepare for different types of interviews, such as video or in-person, and strategies for interview preparation.

10:30 - 11:00 a.m. - "Writing and Maintaining an Academic CV: Effectively Representing Credentials, Contributions, and Accomplishments," presented by Vinita Agarwal, Salisbury University. This presentation will discuss strategies for constructing a CV that represents the contributions of graduate students and early- to mid-career academics.

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - "Presenting Your Best Self: Elevator Speeches for the Academic Job Market," presented by Jade Olson, University of Maryland. This talk will address the characteristics of a well-crafted elevator speech, along with strategies for creating and using your elevator speech in a variety of contexts.

At the Job Fair, college and university departments with open positions will be present to meet and speak with job seekers. The list of participating organizations and positions will be available online in mid-October. Please contact [Kristin Yednock](#) if your department has a position opening and you would like to join the Job Fair.

AV Information

If audio-visual equipment was requested at the time of submission, it will be provided. Please contact the [Convention Team](#) if you would like to check the equipment available in your room. Please note that LCD projectors utilize a VGA cable. NCA will be providing VGA to HDMI adapters. **If you use an Apple product or other device that does not utilize a VGA or HDMI connection, you are responsible for bringing your own cable adapter.**

Internet access will be provided in meeting rooms for presenters. Please note that the bandwidth is shared; as a courtesy to others, please refrain from uploading, downloading, or streaming large files. We suggest bringing large video/audio files that you plan to use on a USB or downloading them locally to your laptop ahead of time to ensure uninterrupted access.

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