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Early Bird Registration Deadline: September 13

The Early Bird Registration deadline for the NCA 105th Annual Convention is Friday, September 13, 2019. Please visit the [Registration Information](#) webpage to register now. Your NCA membership must be current through December 1, 2019, to qualify you for the member rate.

Per the [Professional Standards for Convention Participants](#), all participants are required to register for the convention. We encourage all attendees to register online, to avoid waiting in lengthy lines onsite, and to register prior to the Early Bird deadline, which offers significant savings.

Communication for Survival Spotlight Series: #_____ing While Black or Brown

We need only consider the viral hashtags of #BBQBecky, #FreddieGray, #CouponCarl, #SandraBland, or #PermitPatty to understand the role of social media as a communication tool in sharing important events regarding perceived race, racial incidents, or racist actions targeted at black and brown bodies. These social media moments highlight the material consequences of the lived experiences of such individuals in real time.

This [spotlight session](#) will address experiences of hashtag activism but will focus specifically on the role of communication and that of our discipline as a means of constructing narratives around “#_____ing while Black or Brown.” Panelists represent a wide range of community perspectives and academic spaces with the hope of enlightening past, present, and future implications of such communication in our society. Baltimore City politicians Councilman Zeke Cohen and mayoral hopeful Catalina Byrd will join a group of community activists, David Miller, Dare to Be King, Inc., Ashley Minner, University of Maryland Baltimore County, and Richard Elliott, Johns Hopkins University. The panel will also include NCA Members Andre Johnson, University of Memphis, and Melissa Bartels, North Dakota State University. Attention will be given to several recent events specific to the greater Baltimore region, while highlighting the local and global realities. We invite you to join us in a conversation about the role of communication in academic spaces and beyond in challenging our notions of race and racism when projected upon black and brown bodies.

--Kimberly R. Moffitt, Communication for Survival Spotlight Series Co-planner, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Scholar to Scholar: Visual Media

Explore and ask questions about new research in Communication, meet other scholar-colleagues, and enjoy personalized presentations in Scholar to Scholar sessions! This year, there will be more than 140 poster presentations during six Scholar to Scholar sessions, each of which is centered around contributions from selected NCA units.

Thursday, November 14th

2:00-3:15 p.m.: [Contributions from Chinese Communication Studies, Disability Studies, Communication & the Future, Freedom of Expression, Mass Communication, Performance Studies, and Philosophy of Communication](#)

Friday, November 15th

9:30-10:45 a.m.: [Contributions from Feminist & Women Studies, Family Communication, Applied Communication, Public Address, Instructional Development, Community College, and the Basic Course](#)

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: [Contributions from Studies in Aging, Language & Social Interaction, Interpersonal Communication, Theater, Film & New Multi-Media Studies, and Student Work](#)

12:30-1:45 p.m.: [Contributions from Activism and Social Justice, Asian/Pacific American Communication, Communication & Sport, Human Communication & Technology, and International & Intercultural Communication](#)

2:00-3:15 p.m.: [Contributions from African American Communication, Ethnography, Game Studies, Group Communication, Law, Media Ecology, Political Communication, Public Dialogue, Rhetoric of Science, Technology & Medicine, and Social Cognition](#)

Saturday, November 16th

9:30-10:45 a.m.: [Contributions from American Studies, Critical Cultural Studies, Environmental Communication, GLBTQ Studies, and Organizational Communication](#)

All Scholar to Scholar sessions will be held in the Baltimore Convention Center Ballroom (400 level). For more information about individual Scholar to Scholar presentations, visit [NCA Convention Central](#).

--[Elisabeth Bigsby](#), *Scholar to Scholar Co-planner, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, and [Tom Nakayama](#), *Scholar to Scholar Co-planner, Northeastern University*

Don't Miss the Teachers on Teaching Series

Teachers on Teaching honors those teachers who have inspired, mentored, and encouraged others both in and out of the classroom. Students and former students will discuss the influence these teachers have had on them as teachers, scholars, and mentors, with the teachers responding, discussing their teaching philosophy, and providing words of wisdom to others in the academy.

This year, we honor four teachers. Join us in the Convention Center on Thursday to honor [Christie Beck](#), Ohio University, 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in room 332, and [Barbara A. Biesecker](#), University of Georgia, 12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. in room 347. On Friday, we honor [Michelle T. Violanti](#), University of Tennessee, 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. in room 332, and on Saturday, we honor [Scott Myers](#), West Virginia University, 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. in room 332. For more information, visit [NCA Convention Central](#).

--[Shannon VanHorn](#), *Teachers on Teaching Planner, Valley City State University*

Day of Service: Get Involved, Make a Difference

For the third consecutive year, NCA will be hosting a Day of Service, sponsored by Kendall Hunt, Wednesday, November 13. This year we will be offering both a morning, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and an afternoon, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., session. Join us for one or both time slots, depending on your convention schedule. Attendees will be providing assistance to non-profit groups in Baltimore. Transportation to and from the Hilton Baltimore to the event will be provided. Lunch, and an opportunity to share your experience with others, will also be provided between the two sessions at the Hilton. There is a \$20 registration fee, but that will be refunded following the convention to all those that attend the Day of Service.

You can register for the Day of Service when you register for the convention. If you have already registered for the convention and would like to add the Day of Service session to your registration, you can do so by logging into your NCA membership account, clicking the "my account" link at the top of the page, clicking the "purchases" tab, selecting the "events" section, clicking the "details" button next to your convention registration, selecting the "add session" button, and then selecting one (or both) of the Day of Service sessions from the available sessions. For more information, please contact the [Convention Team](#).

Guest Speaker Registration

Attendees who were invited to participate in a session based on their expertise in an area outside of the discipline may receive a complimentary registration. Guest speakers are people who would not normally attend the convention and are not and have never been members of NCA. Guest Speakers must register in advance by completing and submitting the [Guest Speaker Request Form](#) before October 11, 2019.

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