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Thank You, Submitters

The first convention newsletter after the submission deadline traditionally offers an expression of thanks to everyone who submitted their excellent work and great ideas to our Annual Convention. This year, I am especially grateful that you took a leap of faith with us as our extraordinary circumstances in the midst of the global pandemic have extended into a second year. My gratitude is especially profound in the midst of this uncertainty and the upheaval in so very many dimensions of your lives. Our submissions came from researchers, teachers, and practitioners across the spectrum of our discipline, including individuals from all types of institutions, U.S. regions and international locations, and individuals representing different stages in their careers, from senior scholars to students who are just beginning their academic journeys. So many of you embraced the 2021 theme of “Renewal and Transformation” in creative and meaningful ways that will result in significant conversations and interactions.

We currently are planning to hold our 107th Annual Convention in Seattle in a face-to-face format. We recognize that in these challenging times, there are a number of scholars who were unable to submit to our convention even though they may have desired to participate. The changes to our modes of instruction and administration, your continued health and wellness concerns, budget cuts that many campuses implemented which impacted travel funds, and other issues ultimately may have prevented your submissions this year. NCA’s Executive Committee and National Office staff will continue to carefully monitor the situation and will be working to make available many opportunities to engage in this year’s convention regardless of your ability to present or participate in person.

NCA’s Annual Convention provides a crucial venue through which we build and sustain our community and connections, interact to share our perspectives and ideas, and develop our networks and leadership experiences. My deepest and heartfelt gratitude for your hard work in these difficult times to make the NCA 107th Annual Convention an extraordinary event.

--[Roseann M. Mandziuk](#), NCA First Vice President, Texas State University

Convention Registration and Online Program will be Available in July 2021

Online convention registration will open in July. You can review the registration rates, and what is included with registration, on the convention [Registration Information](#) webpage. NCA is pleased to offer the following discounted/special registrations rates again in 2021.

- 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 never have been, members of NCA. Guest

Speakers must register in advance by completing and submitting the [Guest Speaker Request Form](#) before October 11, 2021.

- K-12 Educators Pass: Active K-12 educators will receive free registration. Attendees must register onsite at the NCA Registration Area and show a valid K-12 school ID.
- Friends and Family: Spouses, partners, family members, and friends are welcome at the convention and may register for a flat rate of \$50. The Friends and Family registration grants access to all areas, sessions, and events at the convention. This registration type does not apply to individuals who are in the discipline, who are or ever have been members of NCA, or who are on the convention program. Friends and family must register onsite at the NCA Registration Area.

The online convention program will be available in July on [NCA Convention Central](#). Accept and decline notifications will be sent via e-mail to submitters by the NCA Program Planners at the end of June.

Please contact the [Convention Team](#) for more information.

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