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NCA Annual Convention Submission Deadline: March 30 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific

The NCA 108th Annual Convention, "[Honoring PLACE: People, Liberation, Advocacy, Community, and Environment](#)," is now accepting submissions via [NCA Convention Central](#). The deadline to submit proposals for the convention is Wednesday, March 30, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time. The NCA Convention Team will be available via [e-mail](#) until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time (5:00 p.m. Pacific Time) on March 30 to assist and answer questions.

Nearly 100 NCA interest groups, affiliate organizations, and special series have issued calls for submissions. To review the calls, click the "View Calls" tab on [NCA Convention Central](#). Interest groups, affiliates, and special series are listed alphabetically. You do not need to be a member to submit, but you do need an account on NCA Convention Central.

Please note that submitters assembling a submission that includes a guest speaker will be able to request a guest speaker registration, at no charge to the guest or submitter. If the submission is accepted, the submitter should complete the [guest speaker registration request form](#) on behalf of the guest.

You are encouraged to submit early and ask questions in advance of the deadline. For tips and suggestions for submitting your work, as well as professional guidelines for participants, visit the [Convention Resource Library](#). The Annual Convention is planned as a primarily in-person event, with a limited number of live-streamed sessions. Per an NCA Executive Committee decision, attendees will be required to provide proof of vaccination or negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of the convention. [Learn more about the NCA Annual Convention and COVID-19](#). Please contact the [NCA Convention Team](#) with any questions.

Call for Submissions: Short Courses

All submitters are encouraged to consider proposing a Short Course today. Short Courses are double sessions (two hours and 45 minutes) with the goal to enrich the knowledge base of the course participants within a well-structured seminar atmosphere. This year, we are especially encouraging proposals that dive deeply into one or more aspects of the convention theme, "Honoring PLACE: People, Liberation, Advocacy, Community, and Environment." Proposals that engage Communication

research and pedagogy within an interdisciplinary context are also encouraged. Short courses should strive for application and practicality. For more information, read the full call for submissions on [NCA Convention Central](#).

--[Jordan Conrad](#), Short Courses Program Planner, University of Iowa

Call for Submissions: Great Ideas for Teaching Students

This year involved many of us returning to the physical classroom after spending some time away or teaching via Zoom. Yet, the continuation of pandemic life and the social, cultural, and political events occurring on local and international levels mean that the physical space of the classroom looks different today than it did a few short years ago. It is necessary to reflect on the ways that these events have impacted our teaching and students' learning. How have the movements away from the physical classroom and back shaped your teaching choices? How do your pedagogical practices honor and center Honoring PLACE: People, Liberation, Advocacy, Community, and Environment? How have you responded to calls for greater inclusion in the classroom? What have you done to enhance student learning in this new environment?

As you think through and explore these questions, give some thought to sharing your perspectives with your colleagues through the Great Ideas for Teaching Students (G.I.F.T.S) sessions at the NCA 108th Annual Convention in New Orleans. These sessions offer educators, scholars, and practitioners from a variety of institutions an opportunity to share activities, assignments, and approaches that promote the learning of communication skills and theories across a variety of modalities and contexts. In addition to traditional activities and topics, we are interested in G.I.F.T.S that showcase teaching during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and those that promote inclusion, diversity, equity, and access. To view the call for submissions, visit [NCA Convention Central](#).

--[Diana Isabel Martínez](#), Great Ideas for Teaching Students (G.I.F.T.S) Program Planner, Pepperdine University

107th Annual Convention PrepTalk Session Recordings Now Available

The NCA Career Center at the 107th Annual Convention featured two dynamic presentations offering practical advice to job-seekers. Those discussions were recorded and are available on the [NCA website](#).

Sarah Jane Tracy and Marco Dehnert, Arizona State University, shared key pieces of advice from the Virtual Workshop Series on #AltAc, such as networking, translating academic skills, and goal setting.

Consultant Jessica Knapp discussed selling your degree as a unique asset in non-academic settings, marketing yourself, and job searching outside of academia.

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