



2021 Interpersonal Communication Division Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting Hosted via Zoom

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

3:30-4:45 p.m. Eastern Time, 12:30-1:45 Pacific Time

2020-2021 Division Officers

Chair: Maria Venetis

Vice Chair: Rachel McLaren

Vice-Chair Elect: Jimmie Manning

Immediate Past Chair: Erin Sahlstein Parcell

Secretary: Shenita Denson

Social Media Content Manager: Kai Kuang

Provided Resources

Link to 2020 minutes: <https://bit.ly/31OTNAF>

Link to 2021 agenda: <https://bit.ly/3oipnhz>

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introduction of Officers (Maria Venetis)

The meeting was called to order at 3:32pm EST. Each of the members of the executive board introduced themselves to the membership. Kai (Social Media Content Manager) was not able to attend due to time conflict.

2. Announcements from the National Office (Grace Hébert)

Grace thanked everyone for their attendance and shared initiatives sponsored by the national office. Namely, she shared that they are offering travel grants to students who are members of caucuses. For additional information, she encouraged members to reach out to her at gherbert@natcom.org.

3. NCA 2nd Vice President Candidate (Marnel Niles Goins)

This candidate for the 2nd Vice President position, Marnel Niles Goins, provided a brief statement to the division. She shared her extensive history within NCA and other national organizations, as well as with the discipline more broadly. She also shared her main goals for her

tenure in this position. To learn more about her and those goals, she invites members to visit her website at www.marnellnilesgoins.com or to contact via email at mngoins@marymount.edu.

4. Message from 1st Vice President (Walid Afifi)

Walid Afifi shared information about slot allocation, 2022 convention ideas, and his goals of increasing communication within NCA. He encouraged the division to share ideas and suggestions with him. He described that every division will have 1-2 less slots in 2022, and Interpersonal will be reduced by 2.

5. Approval of the 2020 Minutes (Maria Venetis)

The minutes of the 2020 business meeting were unanimously approved via members in the Zoom chat.

6. Chair's Report (Maria Venetis)

Maria shared that the division had grown from 904 in 2020 to 1129 in 2021. She described that the \$2000 budget was spent purchasing 14 plaques (each \$50) and monetary gifts for the top dissertation recipient, top thesis recipient, top student paper, and early career award winner. She also thanked everyone for their patience as we navigated this year's convention in a hybrid format.

7. Vice Chair's 2021 Convention Report (Rachel McLaren)

Rachel acknowledged and thanked the extensive number of reviewers we had this year for their labor. Next, information was provided on the reviewer assignment, evaluation criteria, and evaluation processes for the division at large. Reviewer assignments were matched based on expertise and all submissions were evaluated by two to three reviewers. Each reviewer evaluated six to seven abstracts, manuscripts, or panel submissions.

Rachel shared that the division received 179 submissions in 2021, compared to 103 in 2020 and 119 in 2019. To accommodate challenges of the pandemic, this year she also accepted abstracts in addition to manuscripts and panel submissions. Of the 179 submissions for 2021, 133 were accepted, reflecting an acceptance rate of 74%.

For 2021, our division was allocated 35 slots. These slots included the IPC business meeting, Top Paper panel, IDEA task force meeting, and the Knapp panel. This year, the IPC division co-sponsored panels with Communication & Social Cognition, Disability Issues Caucus, Health Communication, Family Communication, Human Communication & Technology, International and Intercultural Communication, Organizational Communication, and the Women's Caucus.

8. Vice Chair Elect's 2022 Planner's Meeting Report (Jimmie Manning)

The theme for the 2022 convention is "Honoring Place." Jimmie asked for suggestions on how we as a division can integrate the theme into our participation and contributions while in New Orleans.

Suggestions shared from the floor included honoring communities that are located there, blending disciplines (ex. Ethnography), embodying place as liberation and identity, incorporating acknowledgements in our papers about how various places and spaces can enable or constrain the findings in the study, and sending out a survey for further ideas.

9. Secretary's Report (Shenita Denson)

The division sent out two newsletters during the fall and spring semesters, as well as other news correspondences throughout the year. She encouraged members to keep sending information to her for distribution.

10. Social Media Content Manager's Report (Kai Kuang)

We will continue to post job postings on our social media sites.

11. DEI Task Force report (Shardé Davis)

The name has been changed from DEI to IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access). There were 14 new applicants for the IDEA task force. There will be an **IDEA Task Force Meeting** where we will set the agenda for 2021-2022 and introduce new task force members. Everyone is welcome, and it will be held on Saturday, November 20, at 3:30-4:45 p.m. PT in the Washington State Convention Center, Room 608-6th level. There are plans to propose changing the IDEA task force to a standing committee at next year's business meeting.

12. Elections (Maria Venetis)

Thank you to the 2021 nominating committee: Emily Scheinfeld (chair), Karen Alman, Natasha Brown, Elizabeth Dorrance Hall, and Kelly McAninch.

Elections are online and open until Thursday, November 18th at 5 p.m. PT. The results of the elections will be announced at the Celebration of Awards (formerly the in-person business meeting) on Saturday, November 20th from 2-3:15 p.m. PT.

Candidates for the VP Elect (Sandra Faulkner and Joshua Pederson) and Secretary positions (Grace Ellen Brannon, Samantha Shebib, and Katrina Webber) gave a brief presentation.

Candidates for the other leadership positions were announced.

Legislative assembly candidates include Lindsey Aloia, Jenny Crowley, Anuraj Dhillon, and Marie Mallory.

Awards Nominating Committee candidates include Norah Dunbar, Jenna McNallie, and Emily Scheinfeld.

Service Nominating Committee candidates include Clinton Brown, Skye Chernichky-Karcher, Anuraj Dhillon, Andre Fedd, Marie Mallory, Jenna McNallie, and Jen Owlett.

Thesis/Dissertation Award committee candidates include Tina Coffelt, Jenny Crowley, Andy High, and Tara Suwinyattichaiorn.

The Early Career Award committee candidates include Allison Alford, Norah Dunbar, Andy High, and Nick Iannarino.

The Knower/Miller award candidates include Allison Alford, Andre Fedd, Nick Iannarino, and Marie Mallory.

The slate of paper readers include Emily Abellon, Alison Alford, Margaret Bennett-Brown, Skye Chernichky-Karcher, Ioana Cionea, Tina Coffelt, Jenny Crowley, Whittney H. Darnell, Anuraj Dhillon, Grace Ellen Brannon, Erin Brummett, Sandra Faulkner, Marie Haverfield, Andy High, Alexandra Hinck, Hannah Jones, Kimberly Kuiper, Nick Iannarino, Leah LeFebvre, Yachao Li, Marie Mallory, Jenna McNallie, Rebecca Riccardi, Valerie Rubinsky, Emily Scheinfeld, Samantha Shebib, Lindsey Thomas, Andrea Vickery, Katrina Webber, Timothy (Tim) Worley, Tracy Zhang.

13. Division Award Recognition (Erin Sahlstein Parcell and Jimmie Manning)

Thank you to numerous committees that participated in selecting the 2021 award recipients. This includes the awards nominating committee of Anuraj Dhillon, Lisa Guntzviller, and Erin Sahlstein Parcell; the thesis and dissertation committee of Amy Delaney, Kendra Knight, and Tara Suwinyattichaiorn; the Knower Committee of Mary Beth Ashbury, Cameron Navarro, and Jimmie Manning; the Miller Committee of Norah Dunbar, Jeff Hall, and Jimmie Manning; and the Early Career Committee of Andy High, Leslie Ramos Salazar, and Jimmie Manning.

Outstanding Thesis Award

Congratulations to Chantel Haughton and her advisor Tamara Afifi for the outstanding thesis entitled *Resilience in interracial relationships: Relationship maintenance and communal orientation as protection against network stigma*.

Outstanding Dissertation Award

Congratulations to Rachel Vanderbilt and her advisor Denise Solomon for the outstanding dissertation entitled *Antecedents and consequences of communication about serial arguments: A longitudinal study of associations within and between conflict episodes*.

Franklin H. Knower Outstanding Article Award

Congratulations to Tennley Vik and Jocelyn DeGroot for their article “I don’t let everyone see my struggles:” Mothers’ social support and privacy management. The article was published in *Personal Relationships* (2021).

Gerald R. Miller Outstanding Book Award.

Congratulations to Yachao Li and Jennifer Samp for their book *Navigating Remarkable Communication Experiences of Sexual Minorities* published by Lexington Books in 2020.

Early Career Award.

Congratulations to the Early Career Award recipient, Shardé Davis.

14. Top Paper Recognition (Rachel McLaren)

Top Four Student Papers

Congratulations to Josephine Boumis for the manuscript entitled *Supportive communication, avoidance efficacy, and offenders’ substance avoidance*.

Congratulations to Yee Ng for the manuscript entitled *Older adult’s marital status, conversation frequency, and well-being in everyday life*.

Congratulations to Manuel D. Pulido, Kirsten E. Pool, and Megan Jacobs Farnworth for the paper entitled *Red light, green light? An appraisal model of pain communication in BDSM scenes and relationships*.

Top Student Paper

Congratulations to Kimberly Kuiper for the paper entitled *Operationalizing identity bridging: Responses to identity gaps*.

Top Four Papers

Congratulations to Lisa Hanasono, Hyun Kyoung Ro, Deborah A. O’Neil, Ellen Broido, Margaret Yacobucci, Susana Pena, and Karen Root for their paper entitled *Communicating privilege and faculty allyship*.

Congratulations to Kelly McAninch, Amy Delaney, Erin Basinger, & Erin Wehrman for their paper entitled *Validating communication in couples’ experience of chronic illness: Associations of relational and health circumstances and overarching relational perceptions*.

Congratulations to Anya Hommadova and Laura K. Guerrero for their paper entitled *Effects of nonverbal immediacy and similarity on social attraction and friends potential: First impressions of U.S. and Middle Eastern students on Zoom*.

Top Paper

Congratulations to Hannah Jones, Jennifer Theiss, and Deborah Yoon for their paper *Stress, relational turbulence, and communal coping during the COVID-19 Pandemic*.

15. New Business (Maria Venetis & Erin Sahlstein Parcell)

The division approved including the option to select the entire paper reader slate as an option in addition to individually voting for 25 paper readers.

Bylaw changes were proposed. They include:

- Early Career to self-nomination (versus only strongly encouraging self-nomination). See p. 4, item 3c. Wording would change to "Self-nominations are required."
- Outstanding Dissertation to self-nomination with committee member confirmation letter. See p. 4, item 4c. Wording would change to "The student should submit a nomination letter outlining the study's strengths. The student should also submit a letter from a member of their dissertation committee who verifies the dissertation was completed and when."
- Outstanding Thesis to self-nomination with committee member confirmation letter. See p. 4, item 5c. Wording would change to "The student should submit a nomination letter outlining the study's strengths. The student should also submit a letter from a member of their thesis committee who verifies the thesis was completed and when."

A suggestion was made to make all awards anonymous when submitted to reviewers (and not to be placed on university letterhead), except for the Early Career and Book Awards.

16. Announcements

The division will host the Celebration of Awards on Saturday, November 20, from 2-3:15 p.m. PT. This celebration replaces our originally scheduled, in-person business meeting. We will discuss the Legislative Assembly Report, announce election results, and distribute the division awards.

Voting for division leadership will open at the end of the meeting and extend until the 18th at 11:59 p.m. Pacific time. <https://www.natcom.org/icd-election-slate-2021>

If anyone else is interested in being a paper reader, complete the Google form.

17. Passing of the Gavel (Maria Venetis to Rachel McLaren)

18. Adjournment (Rachel McLaren)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Celebration of Awards, was conducted on Saturday, November 20th from 2-3:15 p.m.

1. Report from the Legislative Assembly (Maria Venetis & Erin Sahlstein Parcell)

Adoption of the 2022 proposed budget – Approved

New Journal Proposal, *Communication and Race* – Approved

New Council Proposal, Mentorship and Leadership Council – Approved (Approval allows for the bylaws to be amended to include the council. The chair of the council will be added as a member of the Executive Committee and Legislative Assembly)

New Interest Group Proposals

Caribbean Communication Caucus – Approved

SWANA Caucus (South West Asian/North African and Middle East) – Approved

New Affiliate Proposals

The Comics Studies Association – Approved

The Institute of General Semantics – Approved

2. Election Results

The 2021 NCA Interpersonal Division would like to congratulate our 2022 Division Leadership

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Secretary: Samantha Shebib

Legislative Assembly: Lindsey Aloia & Anuraj Dhillon

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3. All plaques and certificates were distributed

4. New members of the IDEA Task Force:

Jorlanditha Austin, Mick Brewer, Ioana Cionea, Whitney Darnell, and Yachao Li

5. Discussion from incoming vice-chair (Jimmie Manning)

Ideas for panels for 2022 convention:

- Research project that embraces the convention being in New Orleans for three alternating years (Jimmie Manning)
- Panel that acknowledges those who wanted to be interpersonal communication scholars but, because of the space, didn't feel as if they or their ideas were welcome (perhaps co-sponsored by IDEA Task Force)
- Examining how we can distribute our scholarship via digital means such as podcasts, websites, etc. (Samantha Shebib, with James Stein mentioning he does work in this area)

Ideas from awards committees for revision of what is allowed with awards:

- Perhaps allow more than one winner to be selected from the early award candidates. Some of this year's nominees had records equivalent to what is required for promotion to (full) Professor at many universities.
- The Miller committee strongly felt that, when the quality of the books nominated merited it, the committee be given the authority to name multiple winners – especially when there were different book types (full-length monographs, edited collections, etc.) being considered.
- These ideas will continue to be considered for action in the future.