2018 Interest Group Report to the NCA Legislative Assembly

Interest Group Name: Group Communication Division
Name of person making report: Jessica Katz Jameson
Report submitter’s role in the Interest Group Leadership: Chair

Awards
Does your Interest Group give awards? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what are the names of the awards given? Dennis Gouran Research Award; Laura Crowell Thesis/Dissertation Award; The Ernest Bormann Research Award; Career Achievement Award; We also give Top Four Conference Paper Awards and a Top Student Paper Award
Who are the recipients of the award(s) for this year? Please specify the award, winner’s name, and title of publication, if applicable. Listed recipients will be featured on www.natcom.org/awards. NOTE: We are including 2017 awards as they were not submitted last year.
2017

Laura Crowell Thesis/Dissertation Award: Maggie Boyraz. "How to Break the “Invisible Walls”: The Role of Communicative Practices for Overcoming Challenges of Subgroups in Global Teams"

Note: The Ernest Bormann Research Award and Career Achievement Awards were not issued in 2017.

Top Four Paper Awards:
• Introduction to Machine Learning: Teaching Computers to Code Group Interaction Data; Joseph A Bonito & Joann Keyton (Top Paper)
• “It’s a bit complicated:” Group Discussion of Known or Novel Scientific Information about Climate Change; Elizabeth Behm-Morawitz & Astrid Villamil
• The Roles of Ingroup Identification and Implicit Bias in Assessing the Effectiveness of a Virtual Diversity Education Program; Lyn M. Van Swol, Andrew Prahl, & Miranda R. Kolb
• Structuration Processes in an Interagency Collaboration: Enabling and Constraining through Words and Deeds; Michael W. Kramer, Carrisa Hoelscher, Chris Nguyen, Eric Anthony Day, Olivia Cooper

Top Student Paper: "Making Sense of International Faith-based Disaster Relief Volunteer Experiences: Barriers and Contributors to Successful Operations"
Piyawan Charoensap-Kelly,
University of Southern Mississippi

Ernest Bormann Research Award: Andrew Pilny and Marshall Scott Poole, "Group Processes: Data-Driven Computational Approaches" (Springer, 2017)

Note: We had no nominations for the Career Achievement Award and the Laura Crowell thesis/dissertation Award.

Top Three Papers (we only awarded 3 top papers this year because of decreased submissions: Alaina C. Zanin, Jessica Kay Kamrath, & Steven R. Corman "A Bona Fide Group Perspective of Athletic Healthcare Teams and Concussion Reporting" (Top Paper

Sonia Jawaid Shaikh and Ignacio Cruz "‘Alexa, Do You Know Anything?’ The Effects of Intelligent Personal Assistants in Teams: Examining Dynamic Interactions, Decision Making and Creativity Over (and Under) Time"

Aaron Campbell "Collective Leadership, Networks, and Communication: What (or Who) Makes Sense?"

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Communications
Publications
Did your Interest Group send out a newsletter(s) to your members this year?  
☑ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, please select all that apply:
☑ Electronic  How many: 1
☐ Print  How many: ______

Did your Interest Group disseminate any other publications during the year?  
☐ Yes  ☑ No

If yes, please describe your publications: ______

Website / Listserv
Does the Interest Group have a website?  ☑ Yes  ☐ No
If yes, what is the URL? https://ncagroup.wordpress.com
Does your Interest Group have a listserv or similar discussion forum? ☑ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what is the address of the listserv/forum? GCD@lists.natcom.org

Fundraising
Did your Interest Group engage in any fundraising efforts? ☑ Yes ☐ No
If yes, for what purpose? _____

Membership Recruitment/Retention
Did your Interest Group engage in any recruitment or retention efforts? ☑ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please describe your efforts: At the conference in 2017, we handed out water bottles with the NCA GCD logo to promote awareness of the Division. We also searched the 2016 NCA conference program for all papers presented that were relevant to group communication. We wrote to those individuals to ask if they were interested in submitting to or joining the division. We only know of one additional paper that came to our division through those efforts (and that paper happened to be our Top Student Paper in 2017). For 2018, we engaged in aggressive co-sponsoring with other divisions to promote awareness of what we are doing as a division.

Non-Convention Programming
Did your Interest Group sponsor any programs outside of the convention? ☑ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please describe your program(s): _____

Innovations
Please describe any innovative ideas, projects, or programs that your Interest Group has undertaken this past year that you would like to share with other Interest Groups, members of the Legislative Assembly, and NCA members in general.
Last year we created a new position, Social Media Coordinator, to help maintain consistency across our social media platforms and to increase visibility and presence online. We have increased our following on our Facebook page in the last year, and hope to continue to improve our social media presence through this new formal position. The SMC worked closely with our secretary to align content on our website and social media. The Secretary also created a new, updated newsletter format this year.

This year we are co-sponsoring panels with organizational communication, communication and social cognition, peace and conflict, family communication, applied communication, and health communication.

We created two innovative GCD panels this year: “Scholarly Recess: Professional Development for Students and Junior Scholars.” Nine top scholars will be at this panel with no agenda other than visiting with young scholars. The second panel is “Top Scholars at Play,” and this round-table will be a chance for all of us to play with new ideas as we think about future directions for group communication research.

Additional Comments about any of the topics addressed in this report