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HEALTH COMMUNICATION

NCA Division Monthly Newsletter



NCA submission site is now closed.
Congratulations to everyone who submitted!

ICA / NCA Thesis and Dissertation Award Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of two prestigious division awards:

Amanda L. Kundrat Thesis of the Year Award

Rebekah Wicke, Department of Communication, Cornell University, "Examining Cancer Narratives in the News as a Tool for Reducing Psychological Distance to Colorectal Cancer in Young Adults: A Construal Level Perspective."

Abby Prestin Dissertation of the Year Award

Dr. Rochelle R. Davidson Mhonde, Department of Global and Community Health, George Mason University, "Silencing as an Act of Protection: A Mixed-Methods Intersectional Ecological Exploration of Black Parents' Beliefs, Perceptions, and Behaviors about Sexual Health and Trauma."

The review committee (comprised of representatives from both ICA and NCA's Health Communication divisions) was very impressed with the caliber of submissions for both awards this year, and it was a very close competition. Both of the winners are most deserving of these awards. It is a testament to the strong and innovative health communication scholarship being produced by early career scholars in the field. **Congratulations!**

For more information about these awards and ways for you to contribute to this fund, please go to <https://www.icaheadq.org/donations/>.

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PEC Innovation - Call for Papers

PEC Innovation is an online-only open-access journal committed to publishing high-quality peer-reviewed articles. It is an interdisciplinary, international journal in the fields of health promotion, health education and health communication.

The acronym PEC refers both to the name of its sister journal *Patient Education and Counseling* and to the three topical areas of *PEC Innovation*: Health Promotion, Health Education, and Health Communication.

PEC Innovation seeks to explore and elucidate new developments and innovation in the fields of health promotion, education, and communication, including the development of new instruments of assessment and research and novel interventions to promote health, advance health communication at all levels of communication, including e-health and e-learning, and educate and empower patients and other stakeholders in healthcare.

Special Issue: Family Caregiving in Research and Practice

Guest Editor: Dr. Gemme Campbell-Salome

Submission Deadline: November 1, 2023

This special issue will explore innovative studies related to family caregiving. Family (informal) caregivers are any relative, partner, or close other who has a significant relationship with and provides care for someone with an acute or chronic condition that might be life-threatening or disabling. Caregiving includes a broad range of assistance to provide instrumental, informational, and/or emotional support in clinical and/or family settings. Topics may include but are not limited to: understanding the nature of biopsychosocial care enacted for a child or other family member, with an acute or chronic condition, or at various phases of the lifespan; appreciating differences in caregivers' experiences and needs among conditions or types of familial relationships; assessing interconnected outcomes for caregivers and their diagnosed loved one; exploring caregiver burden; examining triadic communication (patient-caregiver-clinician); and capturing the intersection of caregiving behaviour and health outcomes. We are eager to receive submissions that feature cutting-edge applications, incorporate unique methodology, illuminate the needs of underrepresented or marginalized caregivers, broaden our understanding of family caregiver communication and health, and interventions designed to support both patients and their families. Such innovative studies in family caregiving are critical to advancing care practice, developing caregiver-targeted supportive interventions, and informing health policy that incorporates the needs of family caregivers.



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Article Type Name: Family Caregiving

Call for 2023 NCA Award Nominations

NCA members are invited to submit nominations for NCA awards for outstanding teaching, outstanding scholarship, outstanding service, distinguished career, and IDEA (inclusion, diversity, equity, or access) initiatives.

Award descriptions, nomination criteria, and submission information can be found on the [NCA website](#). All nominations and letters of recommendation can be submitted via the [online submission portal](#).

The deadline for all nominations is May 15.

Questions about the award process can be sent to nomination@natcom.org.



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