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## Submission Deadline: March 31 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific

The NCA 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, "Renewal and Transformation," is now accepting submissions via NCA Convention Central. The deadline to submit proposals for the convention is Wednesday, March 31, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time. We are planning to hold the convention as a face to face event and look forward to your submissions. The NCA Executive Committee and National Office continue to monitor the on-going pandemic and hope to provide virtual access to key sessions for those unable to attend. We do hope to see you in Seattle!

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.

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](#). Please contact the [NCA Convention Team](#) with any questions.

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## Short Course Call for Submissions

Many NCA members teach classes as part of our jobs, but sometimes we long to be students again. Short Courses offer NCA members a chance to learn something new, whether strategies for teaching a particular class, grant writing, holding research workshops, or developing innovative approaches to service and community work. If you have a creative idea for teaching a core Communication course or wise advice to share with other scholars, consider offering a Short Course. Short Course presenters give all convention attendees a chance to be students again and learn new approaches to teaching, research, or service. For more information, read the full [call for submissions](#) on NCA Convention Central.

--[Leland Spencer](#), Short Courses Program Planner, Miami University, Hamilton

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## Research in Progress Roundtables Call for Submissions

In a year when many of us have struggled with research amidst school shutdowns, "pivots" to online teaching, struggles for racial justice, and political turmoil, the Research in Progress Roundtables (RPR) can offer a valuable opportunity to help you jumpstart a research project, dig back into a project that's been on the backburner, or work

through the implications of a project that is well underway. The RPR session provides an opportunity for NCA Annual Convention attendees to discuss “in progress” scholarship with colleagues invested in related work and receive constructive feedback from a “senior” scholar. Committed to providing a space of generative dialogue and intellectual generosity, each roundtable will match a senior scholar with about seven participants who will meet during a 75-minute convention session. All participants will share brief summaries of their ongoing projects and identify research challenges, with the goal of facilitating scholarly growth and opportunities for further research collaboration with peers. In the spirit of the 2021 convention theme, “Renewal and Transformation,” the RPRs will prioritize projects from members who are associated with NCA’s caucuses (Asian/Pacific American Caucus, Black Caucus, Disability Issues Caucus, Caucus on LGBTQ Concerns, La Raza Caucus, and/or Women’s Caucus) and from researchers who identify as members of groups who are under-represented in our field. To view the [Call for Submissions](#), please visit NCA Convention Central. If you have any additional questions about the extended abstract or the submission process, please contact [Suzanne Enck](#).

--[Suzanne Enck](#), *Research in Progress Roundtables Program Planner, University of North Texas*

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## 2020 PrepTalk Recordings Now Available

The NCA Career Center at the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention featured three dynamic presentations offering practical advice to job-seekers. Those discussions were recorded and are available on the [NCA website](#).

Joseph Mazer, Clemson University, provided an overview of best practices and how to market your skills and abilities during a turbulent time.

Kami J. Anderson, Kennesaw State University, addressed how to successfully navigate questions and concerns of diversity, equity, and inclusion before you start the job.

Kimberly D. Osborne, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, discussed alternate career possibilities, how to explain relevant experience, and where to search for jobs.

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