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NCA Opening Session: From Lee to Jackson: Dismantling Structures of Oppression in New Orleans

In the NCA Opening Session: From Lee to Jackson: Dismantling Structures of Oppression in New Orleans, panelists will explore the work being done in local communities to remove the physical representations of hate. This session, sponsored by the Waterhouse Family Institute for the Study of Communication and Society, will take place on Thursday, November 17, at 5:00 p.m.

This interdisciplinary session includes scholars and New Orleans community leaders. Natonya Listach, Middle Tennessee State University, will serve as moderator. Panelists will include Roseann M. Mandziuk, Texas State University; James David Maxson, Savannah College of Art and Design; Bryan J. McCann, Louisiana State University; and David W. Robinson-Morris, The REImaginelution, LLC.

Scholars' Office Hours

We welcome all participants to attend NCA Scholars' Office Hours on Friday, November 18, from 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. in the Sheraton Grand Ballroom D/E.

The purpose of this annual session is to provide seasoned scholars, junior scholars, and graduate student "scholars in training" the opportunity to network and connect with each other in a highly interactive and more informal atmosphere. Invited scholars and program attendees will have the unique opportunity to sit together and engage in conversations about research, the discipline, and graduate programs, as well as share advice on projects, issues in higher education, institutional issues, and more.

We have assembled an eclectic and diverse group of scholars who cut across multiple areas of the field. To see the full list of participating senior scholars, visit NCA Convention Central.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to reach out to Co-planners Bernadette Marie Calafell and Shinsuke Eguchi. We are excited for you to join us and start networking!

--Bernadette Marie Calafell, Scholars' Office Hours Co-planner, Gonzaga University; and Shinsuke Eguchi, Scholars' Office Hours Co-planner, University of New Mexico

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Department Chair and Doctoral Chairs/Graduate Directors Forums

Each year, NCA sponsors sessions for Department Chairs and Doctoral Chairs/Graduate Directors to discuss important topics and current issues that face college and university administrators.

The Department Chairs Forum: Leading the Department: The Place of Communication as a Department will cover issues surrounding the justification of the Communication program, advocating for resources, and student recruitment.

The Doctoral Chairs and Graduate Directors Forum: The Impact of the Pandemic on Preparing Graduate Students for Academic and Alt-ac/Non-Academy Employment will highlight the ways educators can prepare students for the shifting culture of the academic job market.

First Vice President Sessions: November 17

Throughout the convention NCA First Vice President Walid Afifi will be sponsoring several sessions related to the convention theme of Honoring PLACE: People, Liberation, Advocacy, Community, and Environment. On Thursday, November 17, these sponsored sessions will include:

Spotlight on Scholarship: New Books in Latina/o/x Communication Studies where authors discuss key findings and contributions of their books and explore the ways this scholarship connects to the convention theme.

Telling 'Our' NOLA Story: Contrasting Narratives of a Cultural Space, Post-Disaster will deconstruct the contested narratives of the story of New Orleans post-Katrina.

The Accessible Panel Project: Exploring and Practicing Possibilities will demonstrate four common modalities of convention presentations, showcasing accessible presentations and providing a critical analysis of best practices.

Publishing Race Scholarship in Communication Studies: Challenges Faced by Scholars of Color and/or International Scholars in the Field will bring together scholars to identify specific challenges and for scholars of color studying race and other issues related to #communicationsowhite as well as provide strategies for publication.

"From Mountains to Oceans, From Windward to Leeward": Indigenous Practices of Centering Place in PLACE will address the role of place-centered and land-based communication practices across Indigenous peoples.

Spotlight on the Roles and Relevance of HBCUs, HSIs, AANAPISIs and Native American Non-Tribal Institutions in the 21st Century will discuss the significant ways in which minority serving institutions uniquely contribute to an ever-changing and increasing multicultural U.S. citizenry.

For more information on these and all of the NCA First Vice President sessions, please visit NCA Convention Central and select "NCA First Vice President" from the session sponsor dropdown menu.

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