

Candidates for Committee on Committees (At-Large Members)

Two will be elected to serve two-year terms beginning in January 2018

- Reynaldo Anderson, Harris-Stowe State University
- Radhika Gajjala, Bowling Green State University
- Kevin Johnson, California State University, Long Beach
- Samantha Senda-Cook, Creighton University

Reynaldo Anderson, Harris-Stowe State University

Greetings! I am asking for your support to serve on the National Communication Association Committee on Committees because I want to work for my fellow NCA members, and assist the leadership in governance as it continues to chart a future course. I have been an active member of NCA for almost 2 decades and have served a term as chair of one of its caucuses. Our discipline has fundamentally influenced my capacity and growth as a servant and leader in the NCA, my community and other organizations. I believe my experience and service at the local, state, national and international level gives me a broad perspective on how to work toward a common goal with a wide range of people and constituencies. For example, I have consistently incorporated principles of social justice within my scholarship and service in relation to the future elements of communication, the humanities, helping organize a faculty union, and international development projects for women and children. Furthermore, I have received awards recognizing my service from the NCA's Black Caucus, corporate and government officials to include the Governor of Missouri. I believe these previous experiences and more will be invaluable to the near future prospects of the NCA over the several years as our discipline moves into the future. If I elected I will proudly serve on the Committee on Committees. Thank you.



Radhika Gajjala, Bowling Green State University

If elected I will work towards inclusion of diverse issues. I have experience being on the Nominating committee twice and have been Chair of the Feminist and Women's Studies Division and of the Critical Cultural Studies Division. I believe the work of the Committee on Committees is important to assuring the participation of people with diverse backgrounds in relation to the discipline. The committee members work hard to ensure there is fairness in representation on the various committees. If elected I will bring my experience as administrator at my institution, my experience in NCA and ICA as past chair of a couple divisions and as a mentor in academic settings to bear upon my decision making, deliberation and discussion as the committee decides who will be the best nominee and for which committee. My international exposure in both teaching and research and research also enhances my ability to contribute to deliberations on nominations. I also have a large network from which I would recruit potential nominees for various committees. I have a consistent background in doing mid-level administrative work starting with 2003 when I took up leadership of Faculty Senate at BGSU and this experience has allowed me to learn about how to include diversity and facilitate the formation of important committees at our institution. Working on this committee at NCA will allow me to draw on my experience and use the skills for a broader scope in the discipline at large.



I am currently Acting Director of the American Culture Studies Program and Professor of Media and Communication at Bowling Green State University, USA. I was Fulbright Professor in

Digital Culture at University of Bergen, Norway for the year 2015-2016. Information about my research can be accessed via links at radhikagajjala.org

Kevin Johnson, California State University, Long Beach

I have served NCA in a variety of ways, and would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Committee on Committees if elected. My service to the organization includes a variety of leadership roles in Freedom of Expression, Rhetorical and Communication Theory, and Public Address. I currently serve on Legislative Assembly and NCA's Nominating Committee. My leadership experience in organizational settings includes current service on the Executive Committee of the Long Beach Branch NAACP, Vice Chair of the Law and Policy Division for the Broadcast Education Association, and the Director of the Center for First Amendment Studies at California State University, Long Beach. I consider myself a good citizen of NCA. I actively participate in service to the organization, and attend nearly every panel slot as an audience member during the convention to both deepen my study of rhetoric and also to learn about research in methodologies outside my specialty areas. I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Committee on Committees if given the opportunity.



Samantha Senda-Cook, Creighton University

Samantha Senda-Cook (PhD, University of Utah) is an Associate Professor of rhetoric in the Department of Communication Studies and an affiliated faculty member with the Environmental Science and Sustainability Programs at Creighton University. She would like to serve as an At-Large Member of the Committee on Committees because she sees the work of “reaching out and encouraging members to stand for nomination to NCA committees” as important. With a strong, broad understanding of the discipline, she is well positioned to locate talented people to serve on committees and would do so enthusiastically. Because she values service, she has endeavored to help her colleagues by taking up both leadership and support positions. For the Environmental Communication Division of NCA, she has served as Legislative Assembly Representative, Vice President (and Program Planner), and President of the division. Currently, she serves as Immediate Past President. Additionally, she regularly volunteers with the Environmental Communication and Rhetorical and Communication Theory Divisions to review submissions, chair panels, and respond to sessions. Finally, she regularly attends other conferences such as Western and COCE (Conference on Communication and the Environment).



She studies rhetorical theory and analyzes environmental communication and materiality in the contexts of social movements, outdoor recreation, and urban spaces/places. Her work has been published in the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, *Environmental Communication*, *International Journal of Wilderness*, *Southern Journal of Communication*, and *Argumentation and Advocacy*. Along with Michael Middleton and Danielle Endres, her co-authored article, “Articulating Rhetorical Field Methods: Challenges and Tensions,” won the B. Aubrey Fisher Award for best article published in the *Western Journal of Communication* in 2011.

She teaches courses about rhetoric, environmental communication, and intercultural communication. Additionally, teaching a senior-level research class has given her the opportunity to mentor undergraduate students, several of which have presented at conferences and published their work.