Hello group scholars, I am looking forward to seeing you all soon at the National Communication Association’s 101st annual convention in sunny Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Group Communication Division has a great program this year with many interesting paper sessions, panels, and a scholar-to-scholar session. As you will see in the newsletter, the sessions address some enduring questions and topics in group research and highlight some new opportunities and emerging methods for studying groups. I would like to thank our Division’s Vice Chair and program planner, Stephenson Beck, for all of his hard work in putting together such an excellent program this year. Thank you also to all of our volunteer reviewers, session chairs, and respondents.

There are a few sessions I would like to draw special attention to. First, be sure to come to our Top Papers in Group Communication session, which will happen on Friday, November 20, from 9:30-10:45 a.m. in room Amazon J in the Rio Conference Center. Immediately following our top papers is our Division Business Meeting (11:00 – 12:15 p.m. in room Amazon J), where we will present division awards, discuss officer elections, provide information about next year’s NCA convention, and deal with Division business.

Finally, this year NCA is holding the Interest Group Fair where divisions have an opportunity to promote themselves and recruit potential new members. The Group Communication Division will participate in the event by having our Vice Chair Elect, Andrea Hollingshead, there to hand out promotional materials about the division. The NCA Interest Group Fair will be on Thursday, from 12:30-1:45 p.m. in Amazon A. Please stop by to support Andrea at this task.

You can keep up with communication from the Group Communication Division by liking our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/ncagroupupcomm/) and also checking for updates on our division website (https://ncagroup.wordpress.com/). In addition, we will continue to send announcements through the division listserv, which all members are automatically subscribed to. Please feel free to use the listserv and Facebook page to share information about the work you are doing or other announcements that will be of interest to Division members.

I am looking forward to seeing you all soon. As always, I welcome your feedback on how to improve the division. If you have suggestions or questions, please let me know.

Best,
Laura Black
Greetings from the Vice-Chair! I hope you are looking forward to Las Vegas, as the Group Communication Division has a terrific set of panels and paper sessions for the 101st annual NCA convention. This year we received 36 paper submissions and 3 panel sessions for review. I was able to program 9 total sessions, which included 6 paper sessions, 2 panels, and our business meeting. I also was able to add a 10th session through co-sponsoring with the instructional communication division. In addition to these sessions, we placed 5 papers in Saturday’s scholar-to-scholar session. Although our sessions are distributed throughout the Rio Hotel, the majority are in the Amazon H, J, and M rooms. Please join me in thanking the 22 reviewers who offered their time and expertise for our division. They are:

Laura Black, Ohio University
Isabel Botero, Stetson University
David Brinker, Penn State University
Jennifer Ervin, University of Arizona
Johny Garner, Texas Christian University
Mary Lynn Henningsen, Northern Illinois University
Kyle Heuett, Ball State University
Andrea Hollingshead, University of Southern California
Andrew Ishak, Santa Clara University
April Kedrowicz, North Carolina State University
Joann Keyton, North Carolina State University

Mary Meares, University of Alabama
Kurtis Miller, Purdue University
Emily Paskewitz, University of Tennessee
Kathleen Propp, Western Michigan University
Justin Reedy, University of Oklahoma
Torsten Reimer, Purdue University
Tillam Russell, University of Southern Indiana
Joni Schwartz, La Guardia Community College
Lyn Van Swol, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Bingquig Wang, University of California, Davis
Gwen Wittenbaum, Michigan State University

Mark your calendar to attend our Top Papers in Group Communication session on Friday at 9:30am. This year we have four papers in the session, all of them collaboratively authored. These outstanding papers went through a rigorous two-stage review process. After all Group Communication Division submissions had been reviewed, I identified the top 20% and sent them to our Top Paper Reviewers: Mary Lynn Henningsen and Gwen Wittenbaum. These expert reviewers considered and ranked the top submissions.

I hope you are able to join us for the Division business meeting on Friday at 11:00am. In addition to Division business we will also announce the Top Paper award winner at the meeting.

I hope you enjoy the sessions this year and I look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!

Best,
Stephenson
Thu, 11/19: 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM, Amazon H
New Opportunities in the Pursuit of Understanding Group Communication
Chair Emily A. Paskewitz, University of Tennessee
Respondent Torsten Reimer, Purdue University
Exploring Organizational Kin as a Framework for Understanding Family Like Relationships among College Athletes
Shaun Anderson, West Virginia University
Examining U.S. Navy SEALs through Cognitive Resources Theory (CRT)
Kayla Keller, University of Central Florida
Jonathan Matuszcz, University of Central Florida
The Science of Social Loafing: A New Model and Instrument Development and Validation
Richard Walter Baptist, Illinois State University
Ubaldo Ocasio, Illinois State University
Tim Tribble, Illinois State University
Ellen Klieme, Illinois State University
Richard Heyne, Illinois State University
Unintended Intentional Community at Work: Applying a New Lens to Guide the Formation and Maintenance of Transdisciplinary Teams
Rebecca Imes, Carroll University
Jennifer Hester, The Christ Hospital

Thu, 11/19: 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM, Amazon H
Across Contexts: Groupthink, Climate, and Intergroup Influence
Chair Tillman Russell, Purdue University
Respondent Mary M. Meares, University of Alabama
Cyberbullying and Group Climate in an Online Multiplayer Game Environment
Kimberly L. Kulovitz, Carthage College
Edward A. Mahry, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
All for One: Groupthink in Sports Groups
Daniel Cochece Davis, Illinois State University
Richard Walter Baptist, Illinois State University
William E. Breault, Illinois State University

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An Active Shooter Threat at the University of Alabama and Intergroup Threat Theory: Embracing Rare-Crisis Event Opportunities and Data Collections

- **Michael Joseph Egnoto**, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism
- **Holly Roberts**, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism
- **Darrin John Griffin**, University of Alabama
- **Fei Qiao**, University of Alabama

Intergroup Communication in Social Media: Rethinking Social Identity and Intergroup and Intragroup Interactions Online

- **Caleb T. Carr**, Illinois State University
- **Eric J. Varney**, Illinois State University
- **John Ryan Blesse**, Illinois State University

**Thu, 11/19: 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM, Amazon H**

Examining Factors that Influence Group Process

Chair **Melissa Dobosh**, University of Northern Iowa
Respondent **Andrea B. Hollingshead**, University of Southern California

The Application of Minority Influence Theory in CMC Groups

- **Gamze Yilmaz**, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- **Reef Youngreen**, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Manipulating a Synchronous or Separatist Group Orientation to Improve Performance on a Hidden Profile Task

- **Miranda Kolb**, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- **Lyn M. Van Swol**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Collaborative Interaction

- **Joann Keyton**, North Carolina State University
- **Joseph A. Bonito**, University of Arizona
- **Stephenson J. Beck**, North Dakota State University
- **Julie Apker**, Western Michigan University

Communication in Small Innovation Groups

- **Jessica Gantt Shafer**, Texas A&M University

**Fri, 11/20: 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM, Amazon M**

Reconsidering the Investigation of Group Decision Making

Chair **Lyn M. Van Swol**, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Respondent **Mary Lynn M. Henningan**, Northern Illinois University

Deliberative and Cultural Orientations in Small Decision-Making Groups

- **John Gastil**, Penn State University
- **Robert C. Richards**, Penn State University
- **Justin Reedy**, University of Oklahoma
- **Michael Gabbay**, University of Washington
- **Zane Kelly**, University of Washington

Embracing Opportunities to Integrate Group Decision-Making Techniques and Technologies: Marrying Public Deliberation with Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis Tools

- **Anna Wiederhold Wolfe**, University of Nevada, Reno

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Persuasion, Confidence, and Choice Shifts: An Experimental Study of Decision Making and Communication Structure in Small Groups

Zane Kelly, University of Washington
Justin Reedy, University of Oklahoma
Michael Gabbay, University of Washington
John Gastil, Penn State University

Putting the Group back into Group Decision Making: A Group Evidence Unimodel Approach

Bingqing Wang, University of California, Davis

**Fri, 11/20: 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM, Amazon J**

Top Papers in Group Communication

Chair Stephenson J. Beck, North Dakota State University
Respondent Gwen Wittenbaum, Michigan State University

I Don’t Like What You’re Saying: Gaze Duration as a Response to Group Dissent

Johnny Garner, Texas Christian University
Debra L. Iba, Texas Christian University

The Effect of Entrainment of Group Processes on Multiteam System Effectiveness

Toshio Murase, Roosevelt University
Raquel Asencio, Georgia Institute of Technology
Joseph D. McDonald, Georgia Institute of Technology
Marshall Scott Poole, University of Illinois
Leslie A. DeChurch, Georgia Institute of Technology
Noshir S. Contractor, Northwestern University

Learning in Critical Teams: Borrowed Experience in Wildland Firefighting

Andrew Ishak, Santa Clara University
Elizabeth A. Williams, Colorado State University

Is Time on Our Side? Investigating Group Decision-making Processes Over a Series of Tasks

Sarah Marie Staggs, University of Arizona
Jennifer N. Ervin, University of Arizona
Joseph A. Bonito, University of Arizona

**FRIDAY, 11/20: 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM, AMAZON J**

**GROUP DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING**

**Sat, 11/21: 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM, Amazon M**

Managing Interactivity for Interdisciplinary Teamwork and Collaboration: Facilitating across Boundaries of Knowing

Chair Paul Sommer, Kent State University, Stark
Respondent J. Kevin Barge, Texas A&M University

Presenter(s)

Dorothy Andreas, Pepperdine University
Jennifer L. Gibbs, Rutgers University
Jessica Katz Jameson, North Carolina State University
David R. Seibold, University of California, Santa Barbara
Jessica L. Thompson, Northern Michigan University
Joshua B. Barbour, University of Texas, Austin

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Sat, 11/21: 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM, Conga A
Challenges and Advances in Group Facilitation
* Top Student Paper
  Chair Kimberlee A. Wirig, Grossmont College
  Respondent Joann Keyton, North Carolina State University
Analytic versus Democratic Facilitation in Small Group Discussions: Results from an Experiment on Debt and Deficit Discussions
  David Brinker, Penn State University
Disruption in Public Dialogue Groups: Exploring How Facilitators Understand and Respond to Challenges from Group Members
  Laura W. Black, Ohio University
Finding the Fine Line: The Empowering Role of the Facilitator*
  Leanna Smithberger, James Madison University
Polygamous Families’ Activity Coordination and Self-Structuring: How Communication Affects the Division of Household Tasks
  Michael Ault, University of Oklahoma
  Bobbi Van Gilder, University of Oklahoma

Sat, 11/21: 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM, Amazon J
Embracing Group and Team Research Opportunities
  Chair Andrea B. Hollingshead, University of Southern California
Presenter(s)
  Joseph A. Bonito, University of Arizona
  Jennifer L. Gibbs, Rutgers University
  Joann Keyton, North Carolina State University
  Marshall Scott Poole, University of Illinois
  David R. Seibold, University of California, Santa Barbara
  Gwen Wittenbaum, Michigan State University
  Connie Yuan, Cornell University

Sun, 11/22: 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM, Palma G
Scrum: Embracing Opportunities for New Teaching Strategies for Managing Teams
Co-Sponsor: Instructional Development Division
  Chair Susan Opt, James Madison University
Presenter(s)
  John T. Strada, Eastern Kentucky University
  Lien Tran, University of Miami
  John Chetro-Szivos, Fitchburg State University
  Kimberlee A. Wirig, Grossmont College
2014 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Group Communication Division Business Meeting
Saturday, November 22, 2014
29 in attendance

Call to Order at 3:32pm.

1. Introduction of Officers: Isabel Botero
2. 2013 Business Meeting Minutes Approved
3. Chair’s Report: Isabel Botero
   a. Budget: $400/year.
      i. $100 for Top Student Paper.
      ii. $245 for plaques and awards.
      iii. $20 for miscellaneous.
      iv. $365 spent in total.
   b. Legislative Assembly update: 4 new divisions were approved.
   c. Objectives reached:
      i. Updated email listserv (through NCA).
      ii. Review of bylaw changes.
4. Vice Chair’s Report: Laura Black
   a. There were 29 paper submissions, 1 paper session submission, and 3 panel sessions.
   b. We accepted 23 papers, 1 paper session, and 2 panels.
   c. We have a total of 11 slots this year, including the business meeting.
   d. Thanks to all reviewers.
   e. Top 20% of scored papers were sent to Top Paper reviewers, Andrea Hollingshead and Michael Kramer.
5. Vice Chair Elect’s Report: Stephenson Beck
   a. NCA’s 2015 convention will be held in Las Vegas, NV.
      i. The number of sessions given to our Division was reduced from 11 to 9 due to the smaller venue in Las Vegas.
      ii. Sessions reductions are also based on division membership to session ratio, so we need more members!
      iii. Andrea Hollingshead and Joann Keyton volunteered to put some panels together.
      iv. We also hope to work with other divisions to add sessions.
      v. The 2015 convention hotel will have a lot of benefits, including all sessions on the same floor.
      vi. Please submit to our Division!
6. Officer Election Results: Isabel Botero
   a. Vice Chair Elect is Andrea Hollingshead, University of Southern California.
   b. Secretary is Jennifer Ervin, University of Arizona.
7. Presentation of Awards
   a. Conference Papers: Laura Black

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ii. Top Three Paper awarded to Kevin Barge (Texas A&M), Josh Barbour (Texas A&M), and Kathy Isaacson (Strategic Engagement): “Playing the Prosperity Game: Assessing the Impact of Large Group Interventions.”

iii. Top Three Paper awarded to Andrew Pilny (University of Illinois), Alex Yahja (University of Illinois), and Scott Poole from (University of Illinois), and Melissa Dobosh (University of Northern Iowa): “Dynamic Communication Patterns and Performance in Small Groups.”

iv. Top Paper awarded to Jennifer Ervin (University of Arizona), Joe Bonito (University of Arizona), and Joann Keyton (North Carolina State University): “Intra- and Interpersonal Characteristics of Group Discussion: Application of the Latent Group Model to a Series of Meetings.”

b. Division Awards: Mary Lynn Miller Henningsen

   ii. Laura Crowell Thesis and Dissertation Award given to Andrew W. Ishak (Santa Clara University): “Time Out: Organization Training for Improvisation in Life Saving Critical Teams.”

   iii. Special thanks to Lyn Van Swol, Andrew Isaac, and Tillman Russell for their help with the Dennis Gouran Research Award. Special thanks to Lyn Van Swol, Tillman Russell, and Laura Black for help with the Laura Crowell Thesis and Dissertation Award.

8. NCA Update on Revision of Governing Documents: Isabel Botero (in place of Joe Bonito)
   a. Be sure to vote!

9. Old Business: Isabel Botero
   a. Recruitment and Retention of Members
      i. Our Facebook page has 60 likes and we would like to be more active in social media.
      ii. Suggestions for increasing our social media footprint include:
         1. Recruiting authors from other divisions interested in related topics.
         2. Recruiting students to help with social media.
         3. Contacting authors who are presenting in our Division but are not members of the Division.

   b. Ph.D. Students as Reviewers
      i. At last year’s business meeting we determined that Ph.D. students could serve as reviewers, but not tie-breakers.
      ii. Discussion occurred and it was determined that the Vice Chair would have the discretion to include Ph.D. students as reviewers, since the bylaws do not specify who can serve as a reviewer.
      iii. Other suggestions include:
         1. Adding a student reviewer role.
         2. Maintain faculty as primary reviewers.
         3. Doctoral students may be more stringent, so let’s not discount how good their reviews may be.
      iv. Motion: Doctoral students or those who have earned master’s degrees can serve on the nominating committee and as paper reviewers. A Ph.D. is required for the research awards committee.

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1. Motion seconded and passed.
v. Motion: Close discussion.
   1. Motion seconded.
   2. It was determined that we have quorum.
   3. Motion passed.
c. Award guidelines for Top Papers
   i. Isabel Botero will contact Gwen Wittenbaum about Top Paper reviewers and guidelines.
   ii. Laura Black clarified that it is up to the Division’s Program Planner to decide the award guidelines.
d. Division Listserv
   i. Joe Bonito helped us with the creation of a listserv and website through NCA.
   ii. Listserv assists the Division with the following:
      1. Calls for papers.
      2. Award nominations.
      3. Newsletter dissemination.
   iii. The Executive Committee are the “gatekeepers” for the listserv.
   iv. All members are able to unsubscribe.
10. New Business: Isabel Botero
    a. Bylaws were passed out to members for discussion on inconsistencies.
       i. Article V Section 3 states that the Chair should not vote, but it’s more typical that the Chair vote in the case of a tie.
       ii. Article IV Section 7 says reviewers should be elected by membership, but that is not the case.
       iii. Article VIII Section 2 states that proposed bylaw amendments be distributed to members 60 days prior to voting; is this still the case?
       iv. Vice Chair Elect Laura Black stated that we will put together the revised bylaws and send them to members at least 60 days in advance.
    b. Electronic voting was discussed.
       i. In 2012, it was suggested that the Vice Chair elect be responsible for electronic voting.
       ii. It was suggested that the Chair of the Nominating Committee or Immediate Past Chair of the Division be in charge of electronic voting (see Article V of the Bylaws).
11. Chair mantel passed to Laura Black.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.