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(For: KCA members – First Call)

CALL FOR PAPERS
(subsequent calls will come on Jan. 2, Feb. 1, and Feb 25
with more information)

2008 JOINT TCA/KCA CONVENTION
September 12-13, 2008
Montgomery Bell State Park

The Tennessee Communication Association and the Kentucky Communication Association invite their colleagues from college, high school and professional ranks to attend and to participate in the Fall 2008 conference. Both as presenters and attendees, undergraduate and graduate student papers are especially welcome.

Program theme: *Building Community: A Communication Perspective*

American culture continues to redefine the parameters of the concept of “community.” Traditional definitions focus on community as a body of people with something in common whether due to proximity, interests, or goals. The theme of the 2008 Joint TCA/KCA Conference will explore the role that communication plays in how our diverse communities are formed, sustained, and served. We encourage submissions on a wide variety of interpretations of the theme.

Submission Deadline:

March 3, 2008

(August 1, 2008 for student papers)

Proposals for presentations should include name, affiliation, e-mail & phone number, a descriptive title for the presentation, and an abstract of not more than 50 words. Representatives from TCA and KCA will examine the submissions for each interest area and will collaborate to form two or more 50-minute panels based on common threads. In order to maximize interaction, every effort will be made to form panels that include submissions from members of each of the state associations. A poster session will also

be held to highlight teaching tips and service projects. Electronic presentations are welcome.

Please direct questions and submissions to the appropriate TCA Interest Group Chair: **

1. ARGUMENTATION & FORENSICS/RHETORIC & PUBLIC ADDRESS INTEREST GROUP
 - Chair: Robin Ringer, Walters State Community College, robin.ringer@ws.edu
2. CORPORATE & ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION INTEREST GROUP
 - Chair: Janet McCormick, Middle Tennessee State University, jmccormi@mtsu.edu
3. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION INTEREST GROUP
 - Chair: Lori Kissinger, Middle Tennessee State University, lkissing@mtsu.edu
4. INTERPERSONAL & SMALL GROUP COMMUNICATION INTEREST GROUP
 - Chair: Teresa Collard, University of Tennessee-Martin, tcollard@utm.edu
5. MASS COMMUNICATION INTEREST GROUP
 - Chair: Chris Blair, Union University, cblair@uu.edu
6. POSTER SESSION – TEACHING TIPS & SERVICE PROJECTS
 - Submit to Debra Jones, Chattanooga State Technical Community College, debra.jones@chattanoogastate.edu
7. UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE STUDENT PAPERS
 - Chair: Walt Kirkpatrick, University of Memphis, wgkirkpa@memphis.edu
 - A top undergraduate and a top graduate paper from each state association will be recognized. Deadline: August 1, 2008

** As time moves along, co-chairs from KCA will be asked to work with the announced TCA counterpart on each of the seven interest areas. There will be a maximum of two panels in each of the six interest area with TCA and KCA participants appearing on each program. (The Poster Session will have an on-going presence in the Conference). In subsequent resendings of the Call, KCA co-chairs will be announced once they are confirmed.

The following schedule is tentative as of December, 2007.

Friday, September 12, 2008

Friday morning – Special programs may be available such as a golf scramble, local tours and wildlife programs put on by the Park. Plans are in progress.

12:30 – 1:00 Joint Welcome Session – KCA/TCA
1:00 – 1:50 Panels 1A & 1B
2:00 – 2:50 Panels 2A & 2B
3:00 – 3:50 Panels 3A & 3B (Undergraduate & graduate student papers)
4:00 – 4:50 A Special Joint Session (Several possibilities are being developed)
5:00 – 5:50 Poster session
6:00 – 8:00 Picnic with Keynote Speaker/Entertainment/TBA
8:30 Until Memphis Party and Kentucky Afterglow

Saturday, September 13, 2008

7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast
8:00 – 8:50 Business meetings (separate) KCA/TCA
9:00 – 9:50 Panels 4A & 4B
10:00 – 10:50 Panels 5A & 5B
11:00 – 11:50 Panels 6A & 6B
12:00 – 1:30 Luncheon & Awards (joint)