

American Society for the History of Rhetoric

Submission Deadline Dates: Mon, 1/10 2022 12:00 AM - Thu, 3/31 2022 3:00 AM EDT

The American Society for the History of Rhetoric (ASHR) invites submissions in the form of individual papers, paper sessions, and panel discussions for the 108th NCA Annual Convention, “Honoring PLACE: People, Liberation, Advocacy, Community and Environment,” to be held November 17-20, 2022 in New Orleans, LA. Convention Central will open for submissions on January 10, 2022. All Submissions must be uploaded by Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 11:59 PM (PST).

ASHR’s mission is to promote the study of the theory and practice of rhetoric across periods, languages, and cultural contexts. Conceiving of the history of rhetoric in expansive, pluralistic terms, ASHR promotes conversation and scholarship that treats any aspect, facet, and tradition of the history of rhetoric, drawn from formal or informal archives, and informed by a diversity of theoretical and methodological traditions.

Although ASHR welcomes any submission that fits our general mission, we are particularly interested in scholarship that aligns with the conference’s theme “Honoring PLACE.” Generally, these submissions might center how space and place intersect with and/or are folded through histories of rhetorical production and practice. Such questions of place may manifest more specifically through:

- **People:** Exploration of how situated individuals or groups influenced or contributed to untold rhetorical histories or how we might engage new perspectives by attending to their work and legacies
- **Liberation:** Consideration of rhetorical practices or traditions that resist dominant ways of doing or knowing
- **Advocacy:** Analysis of specific historical contexts in which practitioners work towards political, social, or cultural change
- **Community:** Reflection on how rhetorical practices manifest within cultural groups and/or are used to maintain, negotiate, or defend cultural boundaries
- **Environment:** Examination of cultural, structural, or physical factors that have shaped rhetorical histories and the production of rhetorical practice.

SUBMISSION FORMATS:

1) **Individual Papers:** ASHR considers complete papers of no more than 8,000 words (including references). Please remove all author-identifying information from the paper and include a description of no more than 250 words. Submissions should include title, paper description (abstract), keywords, and author information in the appropriate sections of the electronic submission form. If all authors are students, please select

“Student Paper” in the submission form to be considered for the ASHR Top Student Paper award. Annual awards will be presented at the ASHR Business Meeting and featured on the ASHR website.

2) **Paper Sessions:** ASHR invites cohesive proposals for paper sessions. The proposal should include (1) a session title, (2) a 200-300 word thematic description and overall rationale for the panel, (3) a paper title and 250-word description for each paper, (4) a designated chair, (5) respondent (optional), and (6) participant contact information. Please do not submit full papers with paper session proposals.

3) **Panel Discussions:** While ASHR generally prefers papers and paper sessions, we will also review proposals on timely, well-grounded, and focused topics particularly suitable for discussion format. Panel discussion proposals should include: (1) a panel title, (2) a 200-300 word thematic description, (3) a 200-300 word rationale justifying the session topic and requirement for a discussion format, (4) designated chair, and (5) participant contact information.

PRACTICAL AND ETHICAL REMINDERS:

All submitters are encouraged to review the Professional Standards for Convention Participants prior to submission. Helpful resources, including live and recorded step-by-step instructions on how to submit, are available in NCA’s Convention Resources Library. (<https://www.natcom.org/convention-events/convention-resources/convention-resource-library>)

By way of general reminders:

- For all submission types, A/V requests should be made at time of submission.
- Sessions should include individuals representing multiple institutions and no single person should serve more than one role (i.e., chair, respondent, or presenter).
- If you submit work, you are making a firm commitment to register for and attend the convention. Similarly, prior to submitting a proposal that includes other presenters in any capacity, secure their permission to include them and confirm their commitment that they will register for, attend, and present at the convention upon acceptance of the program.
- You should submit only original work that has not been presented at another conference and that is not concurrently under consideration for another conference. Submitted material should not be published or accepted for publication at the time of submission.
- A paper or panel may not only be submitted to more than one NCA interest group or affiliated organization.
- Ensure you that you can produce your full presentation for respondents promptly at their request.

- ASHR is known for strong mentorship and an inclusive, warm community. We will take harassment, intimidation, or any other breach of ethical conduct especially seriously.

MORE INFORMATION: Please visit ASHR's website (<https://ashr.org/>) for information about the Society, upcoming events, the journal (*Journal for the History of Rhetoric*), resources, and more.

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