

ECA 2018 – Call for Papers and Panels

ECA's Media Ecology Association Affiliate invites submissions
for the 109th Annual ECA Convention

Building Bridges

Pittsburgh, PA
The William Penn Hotel
April 25 -29, 2018

Submission Deadline: October 15, 2017

We invite competitive papers, thematic panels, roundtables, etc., relevant to the field of media ecology and particularly those that address the convention theme, Building Bridges—a call for the exploration of cross-disciplinary research that makes connections between theory and practice, creates new approaches to teaching, and reaffirms outreach and collaboration with communities for service and civic engagement opportunities.

Submissions are encouraged to consider the following questions formulated by LeeAnne Bell McManus, ECA Vice President:

- How can we build bridges within our discipline?
- How do we communicate and engage others when the bridges are broken?
- What are ways in which communication creates opportunities for new connections and for building new bridges?
- What can we gain by fostering communication among our many communities in order to further promote connection?

Pittsburgh, also known as the city of bridges, has a unique topography, being situated at the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela, which forms the Ohio River. When a city is located on water, bridges span the horizon. The bridges of Pittsburgh play an important role in the city's infrastructure. Without the 446 bridges interlacing the city, Pittsburgh would be a region of isolated communities. Just as the bridges in the city connect communities, communication has the opportunity to build bridges within and outside of our discipline, creating countless opportunities for research, teaching, and service.

These are the kinds of questions our papers, panels and other activities can explore.

COMPLETE PAPERS

- Individual submissions of complete competitive papers should include two separate attachments:

— Title page, which includes the title of the paper, the names of all authors, and each author's address, phone number, email address, and affiliation. Please use an asterisk to note which author will be the presenter.

— A manuscript that includes:
(a) a 250-500 word abstract of the paper (with title appearing on this page) and
(b) a maximum of 25-pages of text, excluding references and tables. No information in the paper that identifies the author(s) (beyond that which appears on the title page). Please remove any identifiers, such as the author's name, from the paper and electronic file from the header or on the file label. Please follow APA format guidelines.

- Complete papers should not have been presented previously at another conference, (with the exception of a student-only conference), be accepted for publication, or have been published.
- Please label all debut papers with the phrase "DEBUT PAPER" in the upper right-hand corner of the title page. To qualify as a debut paper, the author or co-authors must not have presented a paper at a state, regional, national or international convention. All authors of a co-authored paper must meet these eligibility requirements for a paper to be considered a Debut Paper.
- Where appropriate, label "STUDENT" in the upper right-hand corner of the title page. All authors must be students to be considered a student paper.
- Audio-visual requests should be listed on the detachable title page. Please note that equipment availability is extremely limited and the chances that we will get AV equipment almost nil.

PANEL AND ROUNDTABLE PROPOSALS

- Panel, roundtable, and innovative presentation proposals should focus on some unifying theme or concept relevant to research, theory, or instruction related to the field of media ecology.
- Programs may consist of a chair, individual presenters, and a respondent; however, roundtable discussions, performance venues, or other unique formats are encouraged.
- We request that any person serving as chair and/or respondent NOT be a participant in the panel or roundtable.

- Innovative program proposals, especially those that provide opportunities for engaged interaction among participants and attendees, are encouraged.
- Programs co-sponsored with other interest groups are also welcome.
- Programs that relate to the convention theme, “Building Bridges” are encouraged.
- The panel organizer is expected to take responsibility for communication with the Group Planner, alert her to any changes or problems and to ensure that panelists register for the conference and deliver their papers.
- Panel proposals should include the following:
 - * Thematic title of the panel/roundtable.
 - * One-page rationale for the panel/roundtable and explanation of how the papers are thematically linked.
 - * Names of the chair and respondents (if any). Chairs should NOT also be designated as respondents.
 - * Names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and institutional affiliations of all participants.
 - * Title and brief (1-2 paragraph/s) description of each presentation.
 - * Program copy (no more than a 75-word description) as it should appear in the final program.
 - * Equipment needed for the program. Please note that equipment availability is limited if present at all.

FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS!

Statement of Professional Responsibility

When submitting a paper or proposal for review, the following statement MUST be included.

“In submitting the attached paper or proposal, I/We recognize that this submission is considered a professional responsibility. If this submission is accepted and programmed, I/We agree to register for the 2018 ECA Convention, pay fees, and present in Philadelphia. I/We understand that

presenters with last minute emergencies must make arrangements as possible for an alternate presenter as well as communicate their absences to both the Interest Group Planner and ECA VP; no shows will be removed from the official program.”

Please send your submissions and/or inquiries to Roxanne O’Connell, the MEA Affiliate Group Planner, at roconnell@rwu.edu<<mailto:roconnell@rwu.edu>>.

All submissions should be submitted as either a Google doc, .doc/.docx, or .pdf file. Remember, the deadline for submissions is October 15, 2017.

Sincerely,

Roxanne O’Connell, MEA Affiliate Planner, ECA 2017-2019

COME HELP US BUILD BRIDGES!