

## Vice Chair's Report:

The conference theme this year was Celebrating COMMunity, and our divisional members responded to that call by celebrating myriad forms of public address. Many of our members expressed concerns about the choice of venue and the smaller allocations of divisional panels that accompanied it, but we still had robust submissions and a competitive process for papers and panels. The national office was very helpful, and they made sure that the process went smoothly.

### *Submissions*

There were 102 papers, 2 panel discussions, and 15 paper sessions submitted for a total of 119, 16 total submissions shy of last year's record high. Acting on the requests of numerous reviewers, this year I did do some policing of submissions, and asked people to control the length of their submissions. This was tricky, however, because once the deadline passed, I was unable to ask people to unsubmit, edit, and resubmit, so the burden of this policing fell on those who got their submissions in early. So please, monitor the length of your submissions and those of your students. It's absurd to ask people to review a 62 page unrevised dissertation chapter, a 47 page article submission, and so on.

Once again, about two-thirds of the submissions were from graduate students, mostly in the individual papers category, and most of the panels were submitted by faculty. We had a number of internationally-oriented submissions, but the majority of submissions dealt with historical and contemporary American public address. The leading topic was the presidency, with Franklin Roosevelt, Obama, and Lincoln the top choices; Hillary Clinton is more interesting to our members than her husband. I also got a number of essays on citizenship, the Cold War and various aspects of sexuality. Public Address has clearly taken a turn to the international as well. I had far more reviewers who reported an interest in feminist scholarship than there were essays submitted on that topic. The politics of culture are increasingly interesting to our members, as the division received submissions focusing on the supernatural, food, and sports as well as more traditional topics.

The association reduced the number of panels allocated to each division this year and also reduced planners' ability to submit panels for vice presidential slots, as those slots were allocated to special themes such as Disney and the politics of Florida. PAD was allotted 23 panel slots, including the business meeting, so I was able to schedule 22 sessions and the business meeting. Acting on reviewer rankings, I scheduled 12 sessions from submitted papers, including the top paper panel, and 10 from submitted panels. I was able to schedule some of our submissions through Scholar to Scholar, and to cosponsor with several other units: the Emeritus/ Retired section, Religious Comm, Feminist and Women's Studies, and African American

Communication. Our overall acceptance rate this year was 55% for submitted papers and 60% for submitted panels.

### *Comparative Data*

We had fewer papers submitted this year than last (102 compared to 114) and also fewer panels (17 compared to 21) but these numbers are pretty close to those from other years. As you can see, the division has become steadily more competitive. There has been some discussion about the perceived competitiveness of PAD, and some of our members who review for other divisions as well as PAD have noticed that essays appropriate for PAD are being submitted elsewhere, such as FWSD. While we're happy to see the study of public address spread throughout NCA, please also continue to support PAD by recommending it as a place for the submission of high quality work. Several reviewers emailed me to comment that the quality of our papers was higher than those they reviewed in other divisions, so it's clear that we are maintaining a competitive edge in quality as well as quantity.

### *Divisional Volunteers*

We had 45 graduate students and 117 faculty members, emeriti, and others sign up to review, for a total of 165 members, nearly all of whom completed their reviews and did so on time. I am especially appreciative of the prompt and thorough reviews; many members emailed me to thank me for the quality of our reviews, comparing our work favorably to that of other divisions. A special shout out to Joshua Gonzalez who actually was nice enough to email me the day reviews were due and ask if I needed additional reviewing help.

Following Angela's precedent, I assigned at least three faculty members and one graduate student to all paper submissions, and at least two faculty members to all panel submissions. All submissions were assigned at least four reviewers; no graduate student reviewed more than three submissions and no faculty member reviewed more than four submissions. We were able to make sure that everyone received at least three reviews; most people got four, and a few lucky individuals got five.

We have 22 divisional members serving as chairs for paper sessions and 18 members serving as respondents in those sessions. I asked our junior members for assistance in selecting our representative to Scholar's Office Hours, and John Murphy graciously agreed to serve in that capacity. Rob Asen kindly agreed to serve as our Wandering Scholar, contributing his wisdom to the papers scheduled in the Scholar-to-Scholar format.

### *Divisional Paper Awards*

Each year the reviewers' rankings result in two essay awards: one, the Wrage-Baskerville Award, goes to the top-ranked paper overall; the other, the Robert Gunderson Award, is given to the top-ranked student paper. This year, I am delighted to present the Wrage-Baskerville Award to Josue David Cisneros, for "Citizenship beyond Borders? Rhetorics of Hybridity and

Cosmopolitanism in Contemporary Immigrant Protests.” It is also my honor to present the Robert Gunderson Award to Paul Hendrickson for “‘This Experiment upon the Theory of Human Rights’: America's Founding as a Human Rights Republic.” You can hear the authors present their papers at the top paper panel immediately following the business meeting, along with papers by Reynolds Patterson and Roseann Mandzuick. These papers were the top-ranked individual submissions this year and they provide powerful evidence, as if we needed any, of the health of the division. Please join me in congratulating the authors.

That concludes my report; I'd like to thank the divisional members again for their hard work, and I know Karrin will appreciate the work you have yet to do.

**Table 1: Public Address Submission Data, 2012**

Submissions	Number	Rate
<b>Papers Submitted</b>	102	
Accepted and Programmed by PAD	50	49%
Accepted and Programmed by S2S	5	5%
Declined	47	46%
<b>Panels Submitted</b>	17	
Accepted and Programmed by PAD	10	60%
Declined	7	40%
<b>Total Submissions</b>	119	
<b>Total Accepted</b>	65	55%
<b>Total Declined</b>	52	46%

**Table 2: PAD Submissions and Acceptances, 2002-2012**

Year	City	Papers Submitted	Papers Accepted	Panels Submitted	Panels Accepted	Total Submissions	Total Accepted (Rate)
2012	Orlando	102	57	17	10	119	65 (55%)
2011	New Orleans	114	64	21	15	135	79 (59%)
2010	San Francisco	84	47	21	13	105	60 (57%)
2009	Chicago	94	70	35	31	129	101(78%)
2008	San Diego	72	48	22	17	94	65 (69%)
2007	Chicago	75	42	25	18	100	60 (60%)
2006	San Antonio	66	53	20	16	86	69 (80%)
2005	Boston	90	59	29	20	119	79 (66%)
2004	Chicago	52	31	25	19	77	50 (65%)
2003	Miami	40	32	12	10	52	42 (81%)
2002	New Orleans	35	28	18	16	53	44 (83%)

## 2012 Convention Service

*Individual Paper Sessions: Chairs:* Karrin Anderson, Nate Atkinson, Bill Baltrop, Timothy Barney, Emily Berg Paup, Lora Cohn, Trudy Hanson, Robin Jensen, Kristy Maddux, Ted Sheckels, Robert Terrill, David Zarefsky

*Individual Paper Sessions: Respondents:* Pamela Conners, Tony deVelasco, Megan Foley, Dan Grano, William Harpine, David Henry, Tom Hollihan, Justin Killian, Bohn Lattin, Jennifer Merceica, Paul Stob, Mary Stuckey

*Paper Sessions and Panel Discussion: Chairs:* Wendy Atkins-Sayre, Rachel Davidson, Megan Fitzmaurice, Lisa Foster, Elizabeth Gardner, Mark Glantz, Davis Houck, Richard Jensen, Jessica Kuperavage, Marty Medhurst, Jonathan Rossing,

*Paper Sessions and Panel Discussions: Respondents:* Davis Houck, Richard Jensen, Robin Jensen, Marty Medhurst, Erin Rand, Brenda Stillion Southard,

### ***PAD Representative at Scholars' Office Hours***

John Murphy

### ***PAD Wandering Scholar***

Rob Asen

### ***Organizers of Pre-Conference***

### ***2012 Reviewers***

Blake Abbott  
Paul Achter  
Brian Amsden  
Karrin Anderson  
Emily Ann Berg  
Bernard Armada  
Nathan Atkinson  
Ann Atkinson  
Andrew Barnes  
Nicole Barnes  
Timothy Barney  
Ruth Beerman  
Jeffrey Bennett  
Richard Besel

Jennifer Biedendorf  
Barbara Biesecker  
Jason Black  
Samuel Boerboom  
Denise Bostdorff  
Mia Briceno  
Gary Brooten  
Donathan Brown  
Karlyn Campbell  
Diana Carlin  
Courtney Caudle  
Elinor Christopher Light  
Josue David Cisneros  
Darryl Clark

David Cochran  
Lora Cohn  
Pamela Conners  
Verna Corgan  
Rachel Davidson  
Antonio de Velasco  
David Deifell  
Abbe Depretis  
Leroy Dorsey  
Erin Doss  
Sara A. Mehlretter Drury  
Jeff Drury  
Tasha Dubriwny  
David Dzikowski

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Megan Foley  
Adam Gaffey  
Elizabeth Gardner  
Charles Goehring  
Joshua Gonzalez  
John Gooch  
Daniel Grano  
Lisa Gring-Pemle  
Daniel Gross  
Trudy Hanson  
William Harpine  
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Lisa Hogan  
Thomas Hollihan  
Katherine Hurley  
Brandon Inabinet  
Beth Innocenti  
Meryl Irwin  
Katie Irwin  
James Jasinski  
Robin Jensen  
Hillary Jones  
Jiyeon Kang  
Richard Katula  
Jennifer Keohane  
Lisa Keranen  
Zornitsa Keremidchieva  
Brent Kice  
Justin Killian  
Stephen Klien  
Rebecca Kuehl  
Jeff Kurr  
Larry Lambert  
Jamie Landau  
Bohn Lattin  
Ilon Lauer  
Ronald Lee  
Melody Lehn  
Tiffany Lewis

William Lewis  
Luke Lockhart  
Sean Luechtefeld  
John Lynch  
Kristy Maddux  
Justin Mando  
Roseann Mandziuk  
Sabrina Marsh  
Matthew May  
Angela McGowan  
Jennifer Mercieca  
Michael Middleton  
Michael Milford  
Shane Miller  
Robert Mills  
Teresa Morales  
Charles Morris III  
Michelle Murray  
Ryan Neville-Shepard  
Michael Osborn  
Kerry Owens  
Valerie Palmer-Mehta  
Maegan Parker Brooks  
Kaitlyn Patia  
John Pauley  
Kendall Phillips  
Kristan Poirot  
Allison Prasch  
Lawrence Prelli  
Jessica Prody  
Aric Putnam  
Tracey Quigley Holden  
E Michele Ramsey  
Angela Ray  
Josh Reeves  
Joseph Rhodes  
John Rief  
Brandi Rogers  
Robert Rowland  
Brent Saindon  
Alyssa Samek  
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Kristina Sheeler  
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