

**NCA Public Address Division
Vice Chair's Report
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John F. Kennedy famously described Washington, D.C. as a “city of Southern efficiency and Northern charm.” Fortunately, my experience in our nation’s capital has, thus far, been quite the opposite— thanks in large part to the generosity, keen insight, and unflagging work ethic of the members of this division. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as vice chair and program planner this year. Before I detail the highlights of our program, I want to thank those whose hard work made my job easier. First, thanks to our division’s chair and past-chair, Mary Stuckey and Angela Ray. Your impeccable record keeping, helpful suggestions, and lightning-fast email responses were truly impressive. I also appreciated the help provided by Katie Karsnak and the NCA office. They made negotiating the program planning system manageable and convenient. Finally, thanks to all of you who submitted to our division, provided helpful feedback to submitters, and volunteered to chair and respond to panels. We have you to thank for the quality of the discussions in which we’re engaging this week.

2013 Program Information

This year’s acceptance rate was the most competitive it has been in over a decade, with 52% of submissions accepted for presentation. We received 112 competitive papers and 19 panel submissions for a total of 131 submissions. 51 competitive papers were accepted and programmed by our division. 5 competitive papers were transferred and programmed by Scholar to Scholar. 12 panels were accepted. As I put together this year’s program, there were two items that bear repeating here, as folks are contemplating submitting to next year’s convention: 1) Students, be sure to mark your submission as a student submission in the Submission Central system—that’s the only way to ensure that your paper receives consideration for the student paper award. 2) When you submit your paper, I encourage you to indicate that you’d be willing to present it in the Scholar to Scholar format. Our division is becoming increasingly competitive and the willingness to be recommended for Scholar to Scholar can determine whether or not your paper is included in the convention program.

This year our division was allotted 26 slots. We celebrated the scholarly legacy of several of our division’s most respected iconoclasts: Martha Solomon Watson, Robert L. Ivie, and James Arnt Aune. We reflected on the oratory of presidents and first ladies, journalists and jurists, educators and engineers. We engaged the convention theme of “Connections” by connecting with our colleagues in other divisions, co-sponsoring panels with the African American Communication and Culture Division, the Communication and Law Division, the Elementary and Secondary Education Section, the Health Communication Division, the International and Intercultural Communication Division, the Political Communication Division, and the Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division. A panel on how to write, edit, and publish books in Rhetoric and Public Address demonstrates the intellectual maturity of our division and provides a helpful tutorial for those toiling in the dissertation and tenure-track trenches—that panel is tomorrow so be sure to check it out! And many of you just came from a panel in which some of our division’s most respected scholars reflected on the rhetorical import of the Hollywood blockbuster, *Lincoln*—which, as we all know, was ostensibly based on the scholarly book *Team of Rivals*. I hope tomorrow’s panel on book publishing will include tips for getting your monograph in front of directors like Steven Spielberg.

2013 Convention Paper Awards

As we reflect on the excellent scholarship being showcased by our division, it is my pleasure to acknowledge the competitive papers that reviewers ranked as our division's best submissions. The Wraga-Baskerville Award goes to the author of the division's highest-ranked paper and this year I am pleased to present this award to Tiffany Lewis from Baruch College for her paper entitled "Earning Rights and Enacting Freedom: Washington Woman Suffragists' Appropriation of Mountaineering and Wilderness Discourses." The Robert Gunderson Award is given to the division's top-ranked student paper and I am pleased to present it to Allison Prash of the University of Minnesota for her paper entitled "Reagan at Pointe du Hoc: Deictic Epideictic and the Persuasive Power of 'Bringing Before the Eyes.'" These papers will be presented in the session that follows the business meeting, where you can also hear presentations of the division's two other top ranked papers: Jamie Landau of Keene State College and Bethany Keeley-Jonker of Trinity Christian College assess Barack Obama's capacity as a "conductor of public feelings," and Thomas Dunn of Colorado State University examines memory work done by a memorial to Oscar Wilde. Congratulations to all authors of this year's top-ranked papers in the Public Address Division.

For those who are interested, the vice chair's report, which includes the division's acceptance data and documents the service of this year's reviewers, chairs, and respondents, will be available on the PAD website ncapad.com –thanks to our web spinner Trevor Parry-Giles.

Now, it is my pleasure to recognize Immediate Past Chair Angela Ray for the presentation of the Marie Hochmuth Nichols Award.

Public Address Division's NCA Convention Data

Table 1. Public Address Division Submission Data, 2013

Submissions	Number	Rate
Papers Submitted	112	
Accepted and Programmed by PAD	51	50%
Accepted and Programmed by Scholar to Scholar	5	
Declined	56	50%
Panels Submitted	19	
Accepted and Programmed by PAD	12	63%
Declined	7	37%
Total Submissions	131	
Total Accepted	68	52%
Total Declined	63	48%

Table 2. Public Address Division Submissions and Acceptances, 2003-2013

Year	City	Papers Submitted	Papers Accepted	Panels Submitted	Panels Accepted	Total Submissions	Total Accepted (Rate)
2013	Washington, D.C.	112	56	19	12	131	68 (52%)
2012	Orlando	102	56	17	10	119	66 (57%)
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 (83%)

Sources: PAD annual business meeting minutes and vice chairs' reports, 2003-2012.

2013 Convention Service

Chairs of Panels Created from Individual Papers

Mia Briceno, Leah Ceccarelli, Sara Mehlretter Drury, Jonathan Edwards, Nichola Gutgold, Leslie Harris, Meryl J. Irwin, George McHendry Jr., Joseph Rhodes, Alyssa Samek, Emily Sauter, Paul Stob, Rebecca Watts

Respondents for Panels Created from Individual Papers

Karrin Vasby Anderson, Bernard Armada, Timothy Barney, Anne Burnette, Carl Burghardt, Adrienne Christiansen, Josue David Cisneros, Anne Demo, Jane Elmes-Crahall, Johanna E. Hartelius, James Klumpp, Kristy Maddux, John Jordan, Scott Welsh

Chairs of Panels Submitted as Paper Sessions and Panel Discussions

Greg Dickinson, Heather Hayes, John Jones, Jennifer Keohane, John Lucaites, Anne Mattina, Raymie McKerrow, Jennifer Mercieca, Charles E. Morris III, Robert Terrill, Karen Tracy

Respondents for Panels Submitted as Paper Sessions and Panel Discussions

Bill Balthrop, Matthew Bost, Thomas Dunn, Robert Hariman, Robert L. Ivie, Karen Tracy

Public Address Division Reviewers, 2013

Alphabetization of dual surname is consistent with NCA records

Jennifer Abbott	Trudy Hanson	Marissa Lowe
Blake Abbott	Leslie Harris	Sean Luechtefeld
Paul Achter	Johanna Hartelius	John Lynch
Bernard Armada	Stephen Heidt	Ashley Noel Mack
Timothy Barney	David Henry	Kristy Maddux
Ruth Beerman	Jonathan Henson	Chani Marchiselli
Shelby Bell	Zoe Hess Carney	Anne Mattina
Beth Boser	Jennifer Heusel	Matthew May
Matthew Bost	Mary High	Samuel McCormick
David Brennan	Lisa Hogan	Angela McGowan
Mia Briceno	Katie Irwin	George McHendry Jr.
Carl Burghardt	Meryl Irwin	Sara Mehlretter Drury
Ann Burnette	Kelly Jakes	Matthew Meier
Leah Ceccarelli	Robin Jensen	Michael Milford
Adrienne Christiansen	Hillary Jones	Teresa Morales
Josue David Cisneros	Brian Kaylor	Aysel Morin
Lora Cohn	William Keith	Charles Morris III
Pamela Conners	Jennifer Keohane	Ryan Neville-Shepard
Lisa Corrigan	Zornitsa Keremidchieva	Shirley Oakley
Antonio de Velasco	Brent Kice	Trevor Parry-Giles
Jeffrey Delbert	Stephen Klien	Kaitlyn Patia
Anne Demo	James Klumpp	John Pauley
Abbe Depretis	Anne Kretsinger-Harries	Allison Prasch
Matthew deTar	Jessica Kuperavage	Jessica Prody
Thomas Dunn	Jeffrey Kurr	Tracey Quigley Holden
Jonathan Edwards	Larry Lambert	Michael Rancourt
Jane Elmes-Crahall	Kathleen Lamp	Angela Ray
Danielle Endres	Bohn Lattin	Josh Reeves
Joseph Faina	Ilon Lauer	Joseph Rhodes
Megan Foley	Ronald Lee	Matthew Richards
Tiara Foster	Richard Leeman	Alex Rister
Adam Gaffey	Lauren Lemley	Marnie Ritchie
Elizabeth Gardner	Tiffany Lewis	April Rives
Pat Gehrke	John Lin	Craig Rood

Jonathan Rossing
Robert Rowland
Alyssa Samek
Emily Sauter
T.M. Linda Scholz
Nick Sciullo
Allison Searle
David Seitz
Yogita Sharma
Kristina Sheeler
Jessica Sheffield
Liz Sills
McKay Stangler
Paul Stob
Mary Stuckey
Steve Stuglin
Jacob Stutzman
Robert Terrill
Stephen Underhill
Tammy Vigil
Don Waisanen
Jeff Walker
Scott Welsh
Christine Willingham
Anke Wolbert
Kaori Yamada
Mei Zhang