

Public Address Division
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2018

Program and submission info:

23 slots (down from 25 last year)

1 business meeting; 1 awards panel; 5 roundtables; 16 paper panels

Papers: 52/88 = 59% acceptance rate (became 13 panels)

Roundtables: 5/10 = 50% acceptance rate

Paper sessions: 4/15 = 26%

Lessons about the review process:

- Reviewers are very generous with their scoring! The kind feedback is nice for authors, but it makes it hard to justify and explain judgments. I received a handful of inquiries about declined papers and panels that had received positive feedback; indeed, the feedback just wasn't as positive as other papers and panels received.
- Reviewers incline to completed papers more than projected papers. They tend to evaluate the submitted papers more generously than the panel sessions.
- Almost no one agreed to have their papers transferred to Scholar-to-Scholar, so PAD does not have a presence in S2S this year.
- NCA makes co-sponsorship "free": we can add co-sponsors to our panels and co-sponsor other divisions' panels without affecting our total number of slots, so we have numerous co-sponsored panels this year. It's a nice way to increase our visibility and build relationships with other divisions. Go to some of those panels!

Thank you:

Reviewers—114 people, who typically reviewed three or fewer submissions (papers, roundtables, and panels), except for a few people who did extra favors; I especially appreciate those who worked with last minute changes in their review assignments.

Respondents—11 generous souls

Lisa Flores, who planned 2017 convention for PAD and was very generous with advice, templates, and examples of her work; other PAD officers: Jen Merceica, Isaac West, and Maegan Parker Brooks, plus hardworking nominations committee Trevor Parry-Giles, who runs our division website (in addition to the entire organization, of course)

Awards:

Top papers panel

Jansen B. Werner and Leslie J. Harris, "Recognition, Shame, and Racial Justice: Black American Appeals for Inclusion at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition"

Jonathan M. Smith, "King, Du Bois, and Attitudes Toward Change"

Alane L. Presswood, "A shameless explosion of unprofessionals': Food bloggers and the case for parasocial rhetoric"

Jeremy R. Grossman, "Contingencies of Failure: Reading Katrina's Memory Through the Anxious Melancholic Rhetoric of 'The Big One'"

Robert Gunderson Top Student Paper Award

Jonathan M. Smith, "King, Du Bois, and Attitudes Toward Change"

Wrage-Baskerville Top Paper Award

Jansen B. Werner and Leslie J. Harris, "Recognition, Shame, and Racial Justice: Black American Appeals for Inclusion at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition"