

The 2025 conference hotel is the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza.

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Conference Registration

8:30 AM to 6:00 PM EDT

4th Floor Reg. Office

Opening Reception:

Thursday, April 4, 2025 7:00 to 8:30 PM

The Anderson Pavilion

8 E Mehring Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202

1501 Thursday 2-3:15PM EDT in Caprice 1 Top Papers Panel

This panel includes the top papers in Activism Communication Ethics and Social Justice, the top paper in Argumentation and Forensics, and the top paper in Undergraduate Education and Administration.

Co-sponsored with the Undergraduate Education Administration Section

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The Argumentation and Forensics interest groups

Chair: Kristi Scholten, Ferris State University

Respondent: Kristi Scholten, Ferris State University

"Case Studies of Chemical Toxicity: Narrative, Human Rights, and Environmental Health

(Top Paper in Activism, Communication Ethics, and Social Justice)" Jay Baglia, DePaul University

"Highly Visible, Highly Volatile: What Accounts for the Violent Turn of the Yellow Vest

Protest (Top Student Paper, Top Debut Paper Activism Communication Ethics and Social Justice)" George Torto, Missouri State University

"Powering Progress: Ethical Public Debate About Artificial Intelligence and the

Environment (Top Paper in Argumentation and Forensics)" Heather Walters, Missouri State University

"Widening Opportunities and Limiting Marginalization: Understanding What Institutions Promise from Communication Education (Top Paper in Undergraduate Education and Administration)" Joshua Young, Divine Word College; David Potter, Mid-Plains Community College

1601 **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS TOP PAPER PANEL in the same room –

**The Activism Communication Ethics and Social Justice Interest Group
Business Meeting**

1702 Thursday 5-6:15pm EDT in Caprice 2

Communicative Acts of Propaganda Vs. Creative Acts of Resistance

From funeral home PR to the use of Twitter (X) in the volatile 2023 Nigerian elections, the authors in this competitive paper panel explore how different actors use and misuse mass and social media as propaganda. Panelists also discuss models of partisan journalism, strategies of creative insurgency and more, as ways to resist these communicative acts of propaganda

Chair: Heather Walters, Missouri State University

Respondent: Heather Walters, Missouri State University

"Activism Against the Law: Creative Insurgency in Nicaragua" Anthony Spencer, Grand Valley State University

"Answering the Call from Beyond: Approaching the Care of Funeral Home Rhetorics Through Heidegger's Call of Conscience" Lindsay Gagnon, University of South Dakota

"Endangered Democracies: A Comparative Study of the 2023 Nigerian Presidential Election and the Rise of Nazism in 1930s Germany" Zainab Olubukola Gidado, Purdue University

"Widening the Scope with Partisan Journalism: An Ethic for Community, Democracy, Humanity" Lee Artz, Purdue University Northwest

2100 Friday 8-10:45AM EDT in Rosewood

SPECIAL EXHIBIT and ACESJ Spotlight Panel

Cincinnati is located on the Ohio River, which separated the slave states of the South from the free states of the North, making it a hub for the Underground Railroad. The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center is in Cincinnati and worth a visit while you are at the conference. This panel features exhibits

centered on the Underground Railroad in Indiana, Ohio's (and Cincinnati's) close neighbor to the west.

Chair: Beth A. Messner, Ball State University

Presenters:

Madison Marshall, Ball State University

Beth A. Messner, Ball State University

The "Struggle for Freedom" is a public history exhibit that chronicles Black history in the United States with a special emphasis on the Underground Railroad in Indiana. This exhibit was created by a team of undergraduate students who participated in a 15-credit hour seminar. During the seminar, students were tasked with researching, designing and fabricating a mobile, interactive exhibit that documented and explored the historical, political and rhetorical legacy of the Underground Railroad and its contemporary implications. The resulting exhibit features 5 units that narrate the nation's lengthy history of racial oppression and the efforts of those individuals and organizations that rose up to call for change. One effort that figures prominently in this expansive history serves as the centerpiece of the exhibit - the Underground Railroad.

2302 Friday 11-12:15pm EDT in Salon H ACESJ TOP PANEL

“Civil Argumentation and Activism in an Era of Incivility”

How can we have difficult conversations in a world that pits us against each other as competitors instead of allies?

Scholars on this panel will bring their diversity of expertise to help the audience answer this question.

Sponsors: Activism, Communication Ethics, and Social Justice Interest Group; Argumentation and Forensics Interest Group

Chair: Aimee Miller, Ferris State University

Presenters:

Kevin Barge, Texas A&M University

Nichelle McNabb, Otterbein University

Shelly Schaefer Hinck, Central Michigan University

Ashley Ann Hinck, Xavier University

2504 Friday 3:00 PM to 5:45 PM EDT Caprice 2

Ethical Considerations of Artificial Intelligence

The papers in this panel examine various aspects of ethical considerations in artificial intelligence technology. They explore the impact of AI technologies on social structures, economies, and individual lives. AI systems can unintentionally perpetuate or amplify biases present in their training data, leading to unfair treatment of certain groups. Determining who is responsible for the actions of AI systems is complex, but ethical frameworks can provide guidance on accountability and transparency in AI development, use, and deployment.

Sponsors: Activism, Communication Ethics, and Social Justice Interest Group; Undergraduate Education and Administration Section

Chair: Samentha Sepúlveda, Northeastern Illinois University

Respondent: Samentha Sepúlveda, Northeastern Illinois University

"Ethical Perspective of Media Presentation of AI Bias Issues" Ruth Yeboah, Grand Valley State University

"Revising University Codes of Ethics for an AI World" Julie Myers, Phoenix College; Chad R. Tew, University of Southern Indiana

"The Risks of AI-driven Bias: An Ethical Call to Action (**Top Inclusive Scholarship Paper**)" Heather Walters, Missouri State University

3500 Saturday 2-3:15pm EDT Salon C

Changing the Scope: Building a Praxis of Solidarity Within Academia

This training on building cultures of solidarity offers interdisciplinary insights from communication scholars, labor organizers, and social justice workers for promoting cohesiveness through vulnerability, compassion, and the principle of mutual advantage. Following a brief overview of activist and academic perspectives on solidarity, small group discussions and exercises will focus on finding solutions to emerging organizational challenges within academia. Finally, a reformed collective will discuss how these strategies may be effectively applied on our home campuses.

Chair: Madelaine Coffman, Wayne State University

Presenters:

Dessa Cosma, Detroit Disability Power

Lara Martin Lengel, Bowling Green State University

Jamie McQuaid, Wayne State University

Madeline Pringle, University of Missouri

Other things to note:

Inclusivity Speakers Keynote Address

Dr. Eddah M. Mutua 'A World Where Many Worlds Fit': Widening the Theoretical Scope of Communication Studies

Friday, April 4, 2025, 6:00 to 6:45 PM Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hall of Mirrors

President's Party

Saturday, April 5, 2025 7:00 to 8:30 PM

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