

**Communication Theory Interest Group Business Meeting**  
**Central States Communication Association**  
**Omaha, NE**  
**April 6, 2019**  
**9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

9:30 – Meeting begins (Jenna)

Yesim (Secretary) not able to make it; Stephen (Vice-Chair) takes over.

**I. Announcements (Jenna)**

- a. First presentation of Em Griffin Top Paper Awards
- b. **Top Paper** - “Extending the Communication Theory of Group Dialectics: Goals and Tactics for Tension Management in Interorganizational Collaboration” – Carrisa S. Hoelscher, Missouri State University
- c. **Top Student Paper** - “Childfree and ‘bingoed’: Explicating ‘identity challenges’ in dialogue about reproduction as an extension of the communication theory of identity” Elizabeth Ann Hintz, University of South Florida

**II. Nominations for Secretary**

- a. Dr. Shweta Arpit Srivastava (Monmouth College, Assistant Professor and Communication Across the Curriculum Coordinator, Department of Communication Studies)
- b. Open vote (Yes or No)
- c. Results – 100% approval (Note: Dr. Srivastava will serve as Secretary next year, leading up to a Chair’s position CSCA 2022 Convention in Madison, WI)

**III. THEME: Borders and Breakthroughs (CONFERENCE 2020)**

- a. 9 Spots available
- b. Specialty themes for next year on theory
  - i. Seeing theory breakthrough into new territory/application
  - ii. Going beyond theory...can we?
  - iii. Possible Scholar Presentation
  - iv. Focus on the new Communication Is book with Adam Tyma and Autumn Edwards

- v. Collaboration with other divisions (what communication theory is)
- vi. How theory drives the life dialogue (career, relationships,
- vii. Integrations and APPLICATION of theory (Beyond the “Ivory Tower” approach)
- viii. Theorizing as dialogue (focusing on furthering conceptual frameworks towards theory)
- ix. Helping students understand theory through popular media (Movies and TV) as examples of theory (Collaboration with Communication Education Interest Group)
- x. Collaboration with G.I.F.T.S. on activities that use COM theory or are theory-based.
- c. Address the entire listserv to help describe and explain how theory can be used in submissions

#### **IV. Raising money for the top paper award for CTIG**

- a. This is the first year of our endowed award
- b. Thank you to everyone who gave!

#### **V. Al Gonzalez (2<sup>nd</sup> VP for CSCA 2020)**

- a. Theme: Borders and Breakthroughs (Buber Philosophy) – Looking at the barriers and opportunities for cross over/collaboration.
- b. Location: O’Hare (Chicago, IL) (Loews O’Hare Hotel – Airport area).
- c. CSCA will be later this year (mid-April).
- d. Again this year submissions will be online (portal style) for papers and panels

#### **VI. Adjourn Meeting**

- a. Carrisa Hoelscher motion to adjourn
- b. Stephen Spates second
- c. Vote – Unanimous
- d. Meeting adjourned at *10:12 a.m.*