



FROM ALL DIRECTIONS

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Message from the President Jackson B. Miller, Linfield College

The annual Northwest Communication Association Conference is our flagship event, and preparations are currently underway to ensure an exceptional conference experience for all participants. With five divisions representing different sub-disciplines in communication, there truly is a place for scholarly projects and presentations representing a wide range of theoretical, methodological and philosophical perspectives. The conference theme this year is “Communicating in an Informed Democracy,” and the panels and other conference events will provide an outstanding platform for fully exploring this topic. Papers and proposals that connect with the conference theme will be given special consideration, and works not related to the theme are also strongly encouraged.

The February deadline is fast approaching, so now is the time to submit your projects for presentation at the conference and encourage students and colleagues to do the same. Please refer to the listing of the divisions provided in this newsletter and on the NWCA website for additional guidance. As has been the tradition in past years, the conference will begin with an opening reception on the evening of Thursday, April 20. We are waiting eagerly for your paper and panel proposals, and I sincerely look forward to welcoming all of you to Coeur d’Alene for the 2017 NWCA conference.

MESSAGE FROM THE CONTENT MANAGER Mark Porrovecchio, Oregon State University

The conference is almost upon us. In the interest of drawing members, new and old, to our website and highlighting some of the changes that NWCA has implemented, we are providing the following list of **Frequently Asked Questions**:

Question: When and where is the conference?

Answer: Thursday-Saturday, April 20-22, 2017, at the Coeur d’Alene Resort, in beautiful Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. Visit their [website](#).

Question: Who is the keynote speaker?

Answer: 1st Vice President/Conference Planner Kevin T. Jones, George Fox University, has planned an amazing conference. This year’s keynote speaker is Dr. Roderick

Hart, University of Texas, Austin. Dr. Hart holds the Allan Shivers Centennial Chair in Communication and the Cronkite Regents Chair in Communication. His area of special interest is politics and the mass media.

Question: Is it too late to register for the conference?

Answer: Not at all . . . but time is running out! The deadline for paper and panel proposals is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2017. Running late? Just ask!

Question: How do I find out about divisions?

Answer: Go to the [conference page](#) to peruse the call for papers and division contact information.

Question: How do I register for the conference?

Answer(s): It is easy to register for the NWCA Conference. You can register [online](#) (individual, not group, registration only please), register by [mail](#), or register on-site.

Question: How do I book a room at the resort?

Answer(s): Booking at the resort—at incredible conference-only rates—is easier than ever. Call the resort directly at 800-688-5253. But hurry: the deadline to secure these rates is Friday, March 10, 2017. More information can be found on the NWCA [conference page](#).

Question: Is this conference right for me and my friends?

Answer: NWCA welcomes all faculty (four and two year) and students (graduate as well as undergraduate) who are interested in Communication Studies. NWCA is especially committed to, and proud of, creating an environment that is student-focused and faculty-friendly. Emerging and established scholars get a chance to interact in an educational and beautiful setting year after year.

Question: I’m hooked! How do I find out more?

Answer: It is easier than ever to learn more about NWCA. [Contact](#) members of our Executive Council; browse the [call](#) for the *Northwest Journal of Communication*; and consider running for office (with new Executive Council members chosen each year at the Friday afternoon luncheon).

Question: I have friends who might want to join? How do they get involved?

Answer: Pass this newsletter along and urge them to visit our website or join our [listserv](#).

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"Communicating in an Informed Democracy"
The Coeur d'Alene Resort
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Papers & Proposals Deadline:
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