

At the inaugural Human Communication Studies Conference in September 2013, the Business Meeting took the decision to establish an association of Caribbean Human Communication Studies, publish a journal based on submissions received by October 31 2013 and to hold the next conference in September 2015. Arising out of these decisions, the following Call for Papers for the 2015 conference is issued. The deadline has been extended to April 30 2015.

Human Communication Studies Call For Papers September 24-25 2015

Theme: Identity, Context and Interdisciplinarity in Human Communication Studies in the Caribbean and Beyond

The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

Human communication studies research in the Caribbean has evolved from the pioneering work in mass communication by CARIMAC and media and communication, and communication for social and behavioural change at UWI, Mona, Jamaica; subsequent developments in communication studies at UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad between 1999 and the present, and human communication studies since 2009; the introduction of a minor in Communication Studies at UWI Cave Hill since 2011. These developments in the Caribbean reflect, in part, the international and national trends in the burgeoning discipline of human communication which is home to more than two dozen sub-fields. Issues of identity, interdisciplinary links and discussions about the focus and study of human communication studies in the Caribbean arise quite naturally, especially in multidisciplinary academic departments and contexts.

Human communication studies developments in the Caribbean have also been accompanied by the design and delivery and growth of successful undergraduate and graduate programmes and research days and seminars. This period of development in Caribbean human communication studies has also witnessed the initiation and growth of faculty research in communication and interdisciplinary research collaboration in **areas and subthemes such as communication studies education; communication, culture and gender; communication, culture and conflict; health communication; intercultural and/or multilingual communication; media, culture and society; organizational and corporate communications/business communication; performance, popular culture and critical theory; newer media and digital technology; telecommunications policy, information use and technology convergence**. These areas of academic (faculty) research in the Caribbean and beyond reflect issues of identity, context and interdisciplinarity.

As we explore **Identity, Context and Interdisciplinarity in Human Communication Studies in the Caribbean and Beyond**, please consider submitting your full conference papers to an international panel for peer review for acceptance at the conference and possible publication in *The Journal of Human Communication Studies in the Caribbean (JHCSC)*. The inaugural conference on *Human Communication Studies: Celebrating the Caribbean in Communication, Culture and Community 2013* took place at UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. For 2013 information visit: <http://sta.uwi.edu/conferences/13/humancommunication>

Full papers and 1500 word abstracts deadline extended to April 30 2015

Submissions should be sent as abstract and full paper attachments to humancommconference@sta.uwi.edu and uploaded at the conference website <http://sta.uwi.edu/conferences/15/humancommunication>

The full papers should propose topics, posters, panels or innovative sessions based on **the areas or sub-themes listed above**. All papers should provide a paper title, names of author(s), names of presenter(s), institutional affiliation, email address and telephone contacts, identify a conference sub-theme from the areas listed in the call for papers, provide 5 keywords and the abstract should not exceed 200 words.

Notice of Acceptance: by June 15 2015

Commitment to Present: by June 30 2015

Early Conference & Accommodation Registration April 15- August 15 2015

Programme and/or Abstracts online: August 15 2015

Manuscripts should not exceed 25 double-spaced pages, excluding tables and references. Extended abstracts of 1500 words will be considered up to April 30, but to receive full consideration prospective submitters of an extended abstract should send a full paper by May 15 2015.

Manuscripts submitted to this conference should include “human communication studies conference” in the subject line of the email, a separate abstract not to exceed 200 words, and a list of five suggested keywords. They must conform to the conventions of the 6th edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*; otherwise, they will not be reviewed.

Research involving human subjects must be approved by an institutional review board (IRB) in order to be considered for publication in *The Journal of Human Communication Studies (JHCSC)*: <http://sta.uwi.edu/conferences/13/humancommunication/JHCSC.asp> or the permanent site <http://journals.sta.uwi.edu/jhcsc/index.asp>

Manuscripts must not be under consideration in other outlets or have appeared in any other published form at the time of submission.

Presentations should not exceed twenty (20) minutes for papers and one hour for panels or innovative sessions. Poster specifications will be issued with the notice of acceptance by June 15 2015. PowerPoint/multimedia presentations will be received during a period to be announced.

Conference information, travel and accommodation, registration, and programming will be posted and updated regularly. Submissions: humancommconference@sta.uwi.edu and <http://sta.uwi.edu/conferences/15/humancommunication> Submission period January 15-April 30 2015. Interested persons are strongly encouraged to submit early as possible beginning January 15. The extended deadline is April 30 2015 at midnight Eastern Caribbean time. Inquiries: Godfrey.Steele@sta.uwi.edu or humancommconference@sta.uwi.edu

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