

# ACTIVISM & SOCIAL JUSTICE DIVISION

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NATIONAL  
COMMUNICATION  
ASSOCIATION



**HONORING  
PLACE** PEOPLE, LIBERATION,  
ADVOCACY, COMMUNITY,  
AND ENVIRONMENT

## ABOUT THE DIVISION

The Activism and Social Justice Division (ASJD) promotes scholarship (research and teaching) that explores relationships among communication, activism, and social justice. Activism and social justice scholarship ranges from explorations of researcher-activists and teacher-activists employing their communication resources (e.g., theories, methods, pedagogies, and other practices) in collaboration with community members whose lives are affected by oppression, domination, discrimination, and other sociopolitical struggles due to differences in race, gender, class, sexual orientation, age, ability, religion, and other identity markers, and/or with justice-oriented groups, organizations, and social movements to intervene into and reconstruct unjust discourses in more just ways, to analyses of communication enacted by activist individuals, groups, and/or organizations to promote social justice. The division welcomes conceptual, theoretical, methodological, empirical, and exploratory/experimental work about, and encourages dialogue, discussion, debate, and performance of, communication, activism, and social justice.

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*Power concedes  
nothing without  
a demand. It  
never did, and it  
never will.*”

—  
*Frederick Douglass*

## **NOTES FROM THE DIVISION VICE CHAIR, AMY ALDRIDGE SANFORD**

Happy Conference Season! Serving as the ASJD program planner was a joy because of the willingness of the division’s scholar-activists who pitched in and contributed in a constant state of purposefulness and gratitude. We had 64 reviewers! 64! The reviews were thoughtful and on time. I appreciate everyone involved in getting the papers and panels slated. Additionally, my sincerest gratitude to all the submitters, chairs, reviewers, authors, panelists, and co-sponsors. As a result of your hard work and generosity, ASJD has an incredibly creative and relevant schedule at NCA 2022. We hope you enjoy it!

### **Overall Submissions**

**2022:** 34/55 = 61.8% Acceptance Rate

**2021:** 38/74 = 51.4% Acceptance Rate

### **Film Session**

0/0 (NA Acceptance Rate)

2021: 1/1 (100% Acceptance Rate)

### **Individual Film**

0/1 (0% Acceptance Rate)

2021: N/A

### **Individual Paper**

(Created 4 paper sessions)

16/33 (48.5% Acceptance Rate)

2021: 21/43 (48.8% Acceptance Rate)

### **Individual Performance**

0/0 (NA Acceptance Rate)

2021: N/A

### **Panel Discussion**

11/18 (61% Acceptance Rate)

2021: 9/21 (43% Acceptance Rate)

### **Paper Session**

3/3 (100% Acceptance Rate)

2021: 7/9 (78% Acceptance Rate)

### **Performance Session**

0/0 (NA Acceptance Rate)

2021: N/A



**TOP PAPER**

*"#NeverAgainMeans Never Again for Anyone: Jewish Memory and Legitimizing Radical Protest"*

**MICHAEL J. KLAJBOR-SMITH**

University of Urbana-Champaign

**TOP STUDENT PAPER**

*"Platform Coloniality: Facebook at the Intersection of Capitalism and Nation-State Internal Colonialism"*

**MOHAMMAD SALIH**

University of Pennsylvania

***Our Appreciation to the 2022 ASJD Reviewers***

Zainul Abedin  
Doris Acheme  
Jaafar Aksikas  
Shoaa Almalki  
Noorie Baig  
Kara Beck  
Nurhayat Bilge  
Kristen Blinne  
Erin Brummett  
Jessica Chaplain  
Delaney Couri  
Alexa Dare  
Satarupa Dasgupta  
Alex Davenport  
Jason Del Gandio  
Abbe Depretis

Nuria Diallo Padro  
Savannah Downing  
Sarah Dweik  
Monica Evans  
Joshua Ewalt  
Melinda Farrington  
Kathryn Golsan  
Joshua Guitar  
Heidi Hamilton  
Jessica Hatrick  
Natasha Howard  
Taylor Jackson  
Tristan Johnson  
Sergio Juarez  
Angela Labador  
Nicholas Lacy

Edwin Lee  
Freda Lekey  
Naomi Levine  
Angelina Malenda  
Sean Maulding  
Lana McDonnell  
Bryan Moe  
Michelle Mooney  
Mollie Murphy  
Billie Murray  
Anh Nguyen  
Lesli Pace  
Dacia Pajé  
Matthew Parnell  
Tara Perry  
Meredith Pruden

Jessica Rauchberg  
Kristina Rietveld  
Alex Rister  
Jamie Rothwell  
Vincent Russell  
Sarah Stone Watt  
Kerry Strayer  
Madison Stueve  
Robert Tabackman  
Ana Isabel Terminel Iberri  
Lindsey Thomas  
Misha Viehouser  
Alessandra Von Burg  
Phillip Wagner  
Yidong Wang  
Katrina Webber

# NCA 2022 CONVENTION

## ACTIVISM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE DIVISION PROGRAM

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TIMES IN CENTRAL STANDARD TIME (CST)

### Thursday, November 17

#### 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM CST

Prison Education as Social Justice: Engaging Issues of Liberation and Community for Those Impacted by Mass Incarceration

SHERATON ROOM: GALLIER AB - 4TH FLOOR

#### 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM CST

Legislative Attacks on Critical Race Theory

SHERATON ROOM: NAPOLEON BALLROOM B1 - 3RD FLOOR

#### 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM CST

##### Emphasizing Advocacy

Living Life as a Scholar-Activist: Finding One's PLACE Inside and Outside the Academy  
*Co-sponsor: Applied Communication Division*

SHERATON ROOM: GALLIER AB - 4TH FLOOR

#### 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM CST

##### Emphasizing Liberation

Abolitionism and Communication Studies: A Framework for Community Advocacy and Liberation

SHERATON ROOM: OAKLEY - 4TH FLOOR

#### 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM CST

Honoring Liberation and Advocacy: Examining Emotional Appeals in Activist Rhetorics

SHERATON ROOM: MAUREPAS - 3RD FLOOR

#### 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM CST

Honoring PLACE and Creating Communities to Support the Career Advancement of Women Academics in the Communication Discipline  
*Co-sponsors: Feminist and Gender Studies Division; Women's Caucus*

SHERATON ROOM: NAPOLEON BALLROOM A3 - 3RD FLOOR

#### 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM CST

##### Emphasizing Community

Place-based Activism: Research and Teaching Rooted in and for Communities

SHERATON ROOM: MAUREPAS - 3RD FLOOR

#### 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM CST

Scholar to Scholar Session featuring ASJD

MARRIOTT ROOM: PRESERVATION HALL STUDIO FOYER - 2ND FLOOR

#### 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM CST

Honoring PLACE: Digital Activism through Communications

SHERATON ROOM: MAUREPAS - 3RD FLOOR

### Friday, November 18

#### 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM CST

##### Emphasizing Advocacy

Honoring PLACE: Advocating for Undocumented Students through Communication Research  
*Co-sponsors: International and Intercultural Communication Division; La Raza Caucus; Latina/o Communication Studies Division*

SHERATON ROOM: MAUREPAS - 3RD FLOOR

#### 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM CST

Diversity in our PLACES I: Retaining and Recruiting Diverse Faculty and Staff in Higher Education and Communication Programs  
*Co-sponsors: Disability Issues Caucus; Undergraduate College and University Section*

SHERATON ROOM: MAUREPAS - 3RD FLOOR

#### 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM CST

Diversity in our PLACES II: Retaining and Recruiting Diverse Graduate and Undergraduate Students in Higher Education and Communication Programs  
*Co-sponsors: Disability Issues Caucus; Undergraduate College and University Section*

SHERATON ROOM: MAUREPAS - 3RD FLOOR

#### 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM CST

##### Emphasizing Advocacy, Community, Liberation

Mass Incarceration in Louisiana: Confronting the Nation's Carceral Capital  
*Co-sponsors: Black Caucus; Critical and Cultural Studies Division; NCA First Vice President*

MARRIOTT ROOM: PRESERVATION HALL STUDIO 2 - 2ND FLOOR

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#### 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM CST

Activism and Social Justice Division  
Business Meeting

SHERATON ROOM: MAUREPAS - 3RD FLOOR

#### 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM CST

Communication, Inquiry, Activism: A Purposeful  
Conversation Between Activism and Social Justice  
Division Scholars and Non-Profit Organizations in  
New Orleans

Co-sponsor: NCA First Vice President

MARRIOTT ROOM: PRESERVATION HALL STUDIO 2 - 2ND FLOOR

#### 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM CST

##### Emphasizing Place

The Place of Protest in the Russian Invasion of  
Ukraine

SHERATON ROOM: NAPOLEON BALLROOM A1 - 3RD FLOOR

#### 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM CST

##### Emphasizing Place

Thinking about Social Class and Social Mobility in  
Interpersonal Communication Studies: A Roundtable  
Discussion

Co-sponsor: Interpersonal Communication Division

MARRIOTT ROOM: PRESERVATION HALL STUDIO 3 - 2ND FLOOR FLOOR

#### 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM CST

##### Emphasizing Community

Finding Our PLACE in Activism and Social Justice: A  
Rich Discussion About In-Progress Works from  
Graduate Students in the Division

Co-sponsor: Student Section

SHERATON ROOM: OAKLEY - 4TH FLOOR

### Saturday, November 19

#### 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM CST

##### Emphasizing Liberation

Radical Rhetorics at/and the World's End:  
Epistemologies, Ontologies, And Otherwise  
Possibilities

##### ASJD Top Panel

SHERATON ROOM: MAUREPAS - 3RD FLOOR

#### 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM CST

Digital Activism Around the Globe: Demanding  
Political and Cultural Changes via the Web  
(Competitive Papers)

##### Featuring ASJD's Top Student Paper:

"Platform Coloniality: Facebook at the Intersection  
of Capitalism and Nation-State Internal  
Colonialism," Mohammad Salih, University of  
Pennsylvania

SHERATON ROOM: MAUREPAS - 3RD FLOOR

#### LIVE STREAMED EVENT

#### 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM CST

##### Emphasizing Advocacy and Community

Community as Space and Place: Collective Activism  
and Advocacy by Groups in the Southwest United  
States (Competitive Papers)

Co-sponsor: NCA First Vice President

##### Featuring ASJD's Top Paper:

"#NeverAgainMeans Never Again for Anyone: Jewish  
Memory and Legitimizing Radical Protest," Michael  
J. Klajbor-Smith, University of Urbana-Champaign

SHERATON ROOM: GRAND BALLROOM C - 5TH FLOOR

#### 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM CST

##### Emphasizing Place

Being Place-Centered: Listening to Folx with Lived  
Experiences about Systemic Changes in their  
Communities (Competitive Papers)

SHERATON ROOM: MAUREPAS - 3RD FLOOR

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### Saturday, November 19

**3:30 PM - 4:45 PM CST**

#### **Emphasizing Liberation**

A Need to Be Better: Liberating Our Spaces and Practices (Competitive Papers)

SHERATON ROOM: MAUREPAS - 3RD FLOOR

**3:30 PM - 4:45 PM CST**

#### **Emphasizing Community and Environment**

The Color of Place: Influences on Democracy, Environmental, and Climate Change”

Co-sponsors: Environmental Communication Division; NCA First Vice President

SHERATON ROOM: GRAND CHENIER - 5TH FLOOR

### Sunday, November 20

**8:00 AM - 9:15 AM CST**

The Right to Privacy and Control: Reproductive Rights are Human Rights

Co-sponsors: Feminist and Gender Studies Division; Health Communication Division; Women’s Caucus

SHERATON ROOM: NAPOLEON BALLROOM B1 - 3RD FLOOR

**9:30 AM - 10:45 AM CST**

A Multifaceted Approach to Creating Stories that Reconnect Creators with Place and Identity: Photography, 360 Video, and Theater of the Oppressed as Methods for Building Capacity and Indigenous Leadership in Amazonian Ecuador

Co-sponsor: Visual Communication Division

MARRIOTT ROOM: PRESERVATION HALL STUDIO 7 - 2ND FLOOR

**11:00 AM - 12:15 PM CST**

From A Whisper to a Movement: Investigating the Shared Rhetorical Spaces of Whistleblowing and Public Protest

Co-sponsors: Freedom of Expression Division; Political Communication Division

SHERATON ROOM: NAPOLEON BALLROOM A1 - 3RD FLOOR

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*We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.*

”

—  
*Fred Rogers*

# ASJD 2022 AWARD RECIPIENTS

## **DR. SATARUPA DASGUPTA**

Ramapo College of New Jersey



### **PEDAGOGY AWARD**

The 2022 Activism and Social Justice Pedagogy Award is presented in recognition of Dr. Dasgupta's outstanding activism and social justice pedagogy.

## **SAVANNAH GREER DOWNING**

University of Georgia



### **GRADUATE STUDENT ACTIVIST AWARD**

The 2022 Graduate Student Activist Award is presented in recognition of Savannah's impactful activism to help create better working conditions for University of Georgia employees.

## **ASJD ANNUAL AWARDS**

The committee did not receive any nominees for two award categories: the **Community Engagement Award** and the **Scholarly Influence Award**. We would like to encourage the ASJD membership to consider nominations for our next awards cycle in 2023.



## **ASJD GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Graduate Student Committee (GSC) of the Activism and Social Justice Division has been busy in 2022! We hosted our first speaker series event in April called ***Rethinking Earth Day Through the Lens of Climate Activism & Environmental Justice***, our second in August called ***Intersectional Feminism is the Only Feminism: A Conversation on Grounding Scholarship & Activism in Black Feminist Thought***, our third in September called ***Activism in Spaces and Places***, and our fourth and final event of the year was a ***Preparing for NCA*** workshop on 11/1. We are also very excited to share that on Friday @3:30 PM at NCA we have a rapid-share style panel of NINE(!) amazing graduate students in ASJD sharing a wide range of fantastic projects. We would love to see many ASJD members there to support these fantastic students, network, and talk about research and activism ideas. Keep an eye out for more details on the **GSC social we are hosting RIGHT AFTER the grad student panel at NCA**—5pm location and details to come—snacks will be provided! LASTLY, we are accepting nominations and self-nominations for graduate students to join the GSC leadership team as **Communication Coordinator** or **Vice Chair**! We are accepting nominations through 11/4 and voting will open after NCA. Reach out to current Vice Chair, Katie Webber ([katrina.webber@uconn.edu](mailto:katrina.webber@uconn.edu)) with any questions on anything listed here!

Thank you, Sohana Nasrin (Chair), Katie Webber (Vice-Chair) & Edwin Lee (Communication Coordinator)

## **ASJD GRADUATE STUDENT ACTIVIST AWARD**

Since 2021, the Waterhouse Family Institute (WFI) has provided a \$1,000 conference travel grant each year to the winner of the ASJD Graduate Student Activist Award.

Thank you to Bryan Crable and the WFI for supporting our graduate student scholar-activists!



# NCA 2022 CONVENTION CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE DIVISION CHAIR

Dear Activism and Social Justice Community,

Let me first begin by thanking all of our members for their support of the division and willingness to serve the division in so many ways. Serving as your division chair this past year has been a privilege that I take seriously, as we continue to face so many pressing social justice challenges in academia and globally. I am humbled to be a part of a community of scholar-activists working to make our world a more just place.

A huge thank you to our division's leadership team for all of the hard work they have contributed to both the discipline and our communities, especially their work promoting our scholarship and creating a new collaboration with the New Orleans Youth Master Plan. Special thanks to this team including: David Palmer, Amy Aldridge Sanford, Jasmine Austin, Alex Rister, Katie Webber, Sohana Nasrin, and Edwin Lee, who have worked with vigor and passion for our division and social justice more broadly. I am immensely grateful to all of you for your efforts, and I am looking forward to continuing that work!

Please join me in a special thank you to our outgoing leader, David Palmer, who has served our division for four productive and challenging years! We are all grateful for your collaborative spirit and wise guidance. As we thank David, we would also like to welcome and congratulate the new members of our leadership team! We are grateful for their willingness to serve.

As our division grows ever larger, we hope you will stay active by joining us at the Division's business meeting in the Sheraton, Maurepas, 3rd Floor on Friday, November 18th from 12:30-1:45pm. In addition to recognizing this year's amazing award winners, we will be soliciting your input on our awards' nomination procedure, presenting our officer reports, and addressing other issues of import to our membership.

My thanks again for your support this past year, I look forward to continue serving the division as its Immediate Past Chair and Awards Committee Chair.

Dr. Billie Murray

## **DIVISION LEADERSHIP:**

**Chair: Dr. Billie Murray**

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**Secretary: Dr. Alex Rister**

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**Immediate Past Chair: Dr. David Palmer**

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## **GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP:**

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**Vice-Chair: Katie Webber**

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**Communication Coordinator: Edwin Lee**

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