

**National Communication Association 2021 Convention**  
**Activism and Social Justice Division**  
**Virtual Business Meeting Agenda**  
**November 13, 2021**  
**12:30 pm- 1:45 pm PST**

I. **Welcome and Call to Order (David Palmer)** 3:33 EST

a. Introduction of Division Officers

- Immediate Past Chair: **Patricia Parker**
- Chair: **David Palmer**
- Vice-Chair: **Billie Murray**
- Vice-Chair Elect: **Amy Aldridge Sanford**
- Secretary: **Jasmine T. Austin**
  
- David Palmer extending gratitude to all officers

b. Introduction of Graduate Student Committee Officers

- Chair: **Alex Rister**
- Vice-Chair: **Sohana Nasrin**
- Comm. Coordinator: **Katie Webber**

c. Approval of 2020 minutes

- Amy Aldridge Sanford motions to approve
- Alex Rister 2<sup>nd</sup>'s the motion
- Minutes approved at 12:36 EST

II. **Chair's Report (David Palmer)**

**1. ASJD numbers**

**2. April 24 Webinar: Critical Pedagogical Practices in the Communication Classroom**

Dr. Satarupa Dasgupta, Ramapo College of New Jersey

Dr. Anjali Ram, Roger Williams University

Dr. Ruma Sen, Ramapo College of New Jersey

**3. September 23 Webinar: Engaging in Charged Conversations in the Classroom**

Dr. Nicole Allen, Utah State University

Dr. Mary Beth Held, West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Meredith L. Pruden, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Matthew Held   Tinh Dang

**4. Building bridges: Todd Wolfson, Chair ICA ACSJ**

- *Jasmine Austin* asked: how can this partnership look between ICA and NCA ASJDs?
  - *David Palmer's* response: Newsletter shared between both ICA and NCA divisions, partnerships in webinars, conference planning

**5. Work with Yonty Friesem, Columbia College**

### III. Vice Chair's Report (Billie Murray)

#### Overall Submissions

38/74 = 51.4% acceptance rate

18 slots were provided by NCA, one was used for the business meeting leaving 17 for content programming

#### Submissions Breakdown:

- 1/1 Film Session accepted

#### *Individual Papers*

- 21/43 accepted (48.8% acceptance rate)
- 10/24 student papers accepted (41.6% acceptance rate)
- 5 panels were created from these papers including:

#### *Panel Discussions*

- 9/21 accepted

#### *Paper Sessions*

- 7/9 accepted

77 reviewers

### IV. Message from NCA First Vice President (Walid Afifi)

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lkWkaFZN8mqeR81EhSWNDmC9AZfSEFeK/view>
- Billie Murray noted that membership numbers are great, but attendance numbers matter because that can determine the amount of slots we are given at the conference.
  - Amy Aldridge second's this.

### V. Vice-Chair Elect's Report (Amy Aldridge Sanford)

- **Theme** - Honoring PLACE: People, Liberation, Advocacy, Community, and Environment
- **Place** - New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
- **Dates** - Nov. 17-20, 2022
- **Hotels** - Sheraton & Marriott on Canal Street in the French Quarter
- **Deadline for Submissions** - March 30, 2022
- **Planner** - Walid Afifi, [w-afifi@ucsb.edu](mailto:w-afifi@ucsb.edu)
- *Patricia Parker*: Loves the theme and is excited about it. Points out language in Walid's video as, "referring to slaves and free Black people", surprised that this type of language was used in the video, instead of using "enslaved". This language perpetuates a system that is not critiqued enough.
- *Jasmine Austin*: Will we be at the same location in New Orleans each time?
  - Amy Aldridge Sanford and Billie Murray both believe it will in the same place, but the video was not clear on this.

### VI. New/Other Business (David Palmer)

- *David Palmer* opens the floor for new business and ideas. No one had new business or ideas.

## VII. **Presentation of Awards (Patricia Parker & Billie Murray)**

- *Patricia Parker*, acknowledges we have 4 awards, but we only presented 3.
  - **Pedagogy Award:** Dr. Sergio Juarez. This award was based on his integration of
  - **Community Engagement Award:** Dr. Sahar Khamis: Interfaith dialogue, human rights. “of high significance in our polarizing society”
    - Sahar Khamis: Accept the award and thanks the division!
  - **Primavera Martinez:** “Part of what drives her success is wanting to become a lawyer... which now she is in law school”
    - Billie Murray notes this award does include a travel grant!
- *Billie Murray*: Top paper awards
  - **Stephanie Kaczynski**
    - *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
    - “Sixteen Shots and a Cover-Up!”: News Media Discourse of CHicago’s Fight for Police Reform
  - **Yena Kang**
    - *University of Massachusetts, Amherst*
    - #YellowPeril Supports Black Power: Performing Affective Memory Work for Solidarity

## VIII. **Elections of 2021-22 Officers (David Palmer & Alex Rister)**

- Vice Chair Elect: Jasmine Austin
- Secretary: Alex Rister
- Graduate Student Committee Officers:
  - Vice Chair Candidates
    - Pauline Matthey, Georgia State University
    - Dacia Paje, Drexel University
    - Katie Webber, University of Connecticut
  - Communications Chair Candidates
    - Emeline Beltran, California State University, Los Angeles
    - Leah Dajches, University of Arizona
    - Seth Knievel, Syracuse University
    - Edwin Lee, University of Alabama
    - Rachael Purtell, West Virginia University
    - Misty D. Saribal, Louisiana State University
    - Katie Webber, University of Connecticut

## IX. **A Social Justice Conversation (Billie Murray)**

## X. **Announcements**

- *Patricia Parker Announcement*: “The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill invites applications for Professor and Chair of the Department of Communication. Review of Applications will begin on December 1st. To apply: <https://unc.peopleadmin.com/postings/214767>”
- *Amy Aldridge Sanford Announcement*: Two positions: Chair search and org comm/leadership scholar for Middle Tennessee State University
- *Jasmine Austin Announcement*: Book announcement for February 2022: *Communication theory: Diverse and inclusive perspectives*, Edited by Jasmine T. Austin, Mark P. Orbe, Jeanetta D. Sims

XI. **Passing of Gavel to Billie Murray (David Palmer)** 1:31 pm

XII. **Closing (Billie Murray)**

- Wants to continue how active the division is through webinars, speaker series, and other initiatives!