

**Mentoring and Leadership Council**  
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The MLC has met monthly as a whole team since the 2023 convention. Sub-teams have met in between these meetings to discuss particular topics/initiatives. Our activities have centered around planning for the 2024 convention and promoting mentoring and leadership related opportunities and information.

**Curating Mentoring-Related Resources**

Our Council has been working on curating a set of resources related to mentoring –especially academic mentoring to be housed on the upcoming revised NCA website. The resources we are collecting include: mentoring awards that are being given interest groups and caucuses; peer mentoring programs, activities, sessions; conference mentoring events, activities, panels; links to mentoring books, materials, tools, and websites.

We are involved in the development of membership value enhancement through offering content and opportunities related to mentoring via the new website. These conversations are ongoing.

**Conference Plans**

We have created some “pre-convention buzz” about mentoring through an article entitled, **“Making Mentorship Matter More: Mentorship & Leadership Council Programming at the 2024 NCA Convention in New Orleans”** that will be circulated in various communications from NCA comms team.

Most of our labor has been focused on planning for the 2024 convention panels. We did solicit nominations from the membership for our third panel below through the NCA newsletter. At the convention we will sponsor three sessions (and a business meeting) and will co-sponsor a set of other sessions.

MLC Sessions:

- **NCA Governance and Leadership Pathways**
- **Spotlight on Mentoring within and across NCA Caucuses**
- **Spotlight on Mentoring Best Practices and Challenges**

Co-sponsored Sessions

- **Pedagogy Potlatch** – Co-sponsored with Indigenous Caucus
- **Communication for Greater Regard?: A Critical Exploration of Selected Mediated Representations of Caribbean Women** -Co-sponsored with Caribbean Communication Caucus, African American Communication and Culture division, Black Caucus, Critical and Cultural Studies Division, Feminist and Gender Studies Division, Indigenous Communication Division, La Raza Caucus, and Women’s Caucus

- **Mutual Mentoring, Networking and Community Building as Asian/Pacific American Scholars** –Co-sponsored with Asian/Pacific American Communication Studies Division, Asian/Pacific American Caucus
- **Caribbean Women’s Leadership: Greater regard for the past, present and future of Caribbean women’s leadership in NCA and beyond.**-Co-sponsored with Caribbean Communication Caucus, Activism and Social Justice Division, African American Communication and Culture Division, Asian/Pacific American Caucus, Asian/Pacific American Communication Studies Division, Black Caucus, Feminist and Gender Studies Division, Indigenous Caucus, International and Intercultural Communication Division, La Raza Caucus, Organizational Communication division, and Women’s Caucus.
- **Greater Regard for Asian Communities, Intercultural Instructional Communication, Asian Media Use, Asian Leadership Development, and Asian Spirituality/Self-Transcendence** – Co-sponsored with Asian/Pacific American Caucus, Asian/Pacific Communication Studies Division, International and Intercultural Communication Division.

We are using our budget to provide give-aways to our session attendees. We will have small gift bags that include flyers about all the above sessions. We are also giving away copies of three different books on academic mentoring in our sessions. Further, each of our panelists will be given a thank-you gift card. Books we will give away are:

- **The Black Academic’s Guide to Winning Tenure –Without losing your soul (Kerry Ann Rockquemore & Tracey A. Laszloffy, 2008)**
- **On Being a Mentor: A guide for Higher Education Faculty (Brad Johnson, 2016)**
- **Mentoring in Intercultural and International Contexts (Ahmet Atay and Diana Trebing, Volume editors, 2023)**