

2021 CSCA Political Communication Interest Group

1. Call to Order at 8am CDT
 - a. Greetings and introduction of officers
 - b. Approval of 2020 (virtual) minutes
2. Chair's Report
 - a. Overview of conference
 - i. Conference submissions down across the board
 1. Likely due to global pandemic
 - ii. 9 competitive submissions down from 17 in 2020 and 18 in 2019.
 - iii. 8 papers, 1 paper panel, 2 organized discussion panels
 - iv. Lowest submissions in record
 - v. Slots- 6, including business meeting
 1. Hope to make argument for more panels later
 2. CSCA short on slots this year
 - vi. 12 total reviewers each with 2-3 submissions to review. Lots of variance in reviewer background/experience.
 1. Will try to grow that number to three reviewers per paper
 2. Strong set of papers across the board
3. Vice Chair's Report (Josh Bramlett)
 - a. 2022 Conference
 - i. Madison, WI @ Madison Concourse Hotel
 - ii. Re-Connect
 - iii. March 30-April 3
 - iv. 2022 Midterms, etc.
4. Awards
 - a. Top Paper Panel, Saturday, 11AM-12:15pm CDT
 - b. Top Paper Awards presented to:
 - i. Bradley H. Madsen, Central Michigan University "Too Stressed to Function: The Effects of Information Overload on News Exposure, Political Efficacy, and Political Apathy (Top Paper)"
 - ii. Daniel M. Chick, University of Kansas "Political Identities Transcending National Borders: A Comparative Reading of Candidate (& Campaign) Rhetoric Toward a Cultural Diagnosis (J. Jeffery Auer Award for Top Student Paper)"
 - iii. Blessy McWan, Bowling Green State University; Joshua Atkinson, Bowling Green State University "Perceptions of Interactivity by the Local Level Key Political Members"
 - iv. Sarah Turner McGowen, Northeastern State University "Sex and Politics: A Review of the Literature Regarding Political Sex Scandals"
 - c. 2020 Judith Trent Award: Ryan Neville-Shepard, University of Arkansas
 - d. 2021 Judith Trent Award: Kelly Winfrey, Iowa State University
 - i. Comments from committee member Dr. Dianne Bystrom
 1. First awards conferred after passing of Dr. Trent
 2. Our recipients walking in the footsteps of Dr. Trent

- 3. Two very strong candidates
 - ii. Will leave applications open for another year
 - 5. New Business
 - a. Selection of Interest Group Secretary
 - i. Nominations
 - 1. Jihye Park, University of Missouri
 - a. Seconded
 - 2. No other nominations
 - ii. Election
 - 1. Vote by acclimation
 - 2. Unanimous vote in favor
 - iii. Comments by new chair, Josh C. Bramlett
 - 1. Expression of gratitude, desire to assist graduate students and emerging scholars in their development
 - b. Ideas for 2022 Convention
 - i. COVID-19 pandemic
 - ii. 2020 election outcomes / implications
 - iii. Ways that candidates are communicating via Twitter
 - iv. Ways in which women are communicating differently in politics
 - 1. How gender boundaries are being challenged
 - 2. Political advertisements, etc.
 - v. Race and gender – women of color
 - 1. Strategies, intersectionality
 - 2. Example: VP Kamala Harris
 - 3. Media coverage of VP Harris
 - a. Likeability trap / box
 - vi. Social media and polarization
 - 1. “Unfriending” friends / family, etc.
 - vii. Sexist tropes in politics
 - c. Additional Business?
 - i. Josh and Bryan express gratitude to Joel and others
 - d. Announcements?
 - i. Please share news / announcements with Josh, Bryan, and/or Jihye for Facebook page
 - 1. Recent publications, etc.
 - e. Remaining Panels
 - i. 11:00 p.m. CDT Top Papers
 - ii. 2:00 p.m. CDT Judith S. Trent Celebration of Life
 - iii. 5:00 p.m. CDT Madam VP
 - 6. Adjournment
 - a. 8:39 p.m. CDT