

CSCA Performance Studies and Autoethnography Interest Group **2025 Business Meeting**

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2025

Time: 9:30 p.m.-10:45 A.M. EDT

Location: Salon F

In attendance: Tony Adams, T Brown, Travis Wolven, Jennifer Hawkins, Chelsea Bihlmeyer, Andrew Hermann, Christina Ivey, Becky DeGreeff, Jessica Paxton

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. Sarah calls meeting to order at 9:31
- II. Presentation and Approval of the 2024 Minutes
- III. Executive Committee Introductions
 - a. Sarah LeBlanc, Chair
 - b. Vianna Isbister, Vice-Chair
 - c. Shelby Swafford, Secretary
- IV. Election of New Secretary
 - a. Nominations from Email
 - i. Christina Ivey
 - b. Nominations from the Floor
 - i. Jessica: Motion to close nominations
 1. Vianna, 2nd: approved unanimously
 - ii. Andrew: Motion to accept Christina as secretary
 1. Jessica, 2nd: approved unanimously
- V. Division Awards
 - a. Top Paper
 - i. Holly Holladay, Missouri State University
 - b. Top Student Paper
 - i. T Brown, Southern IL University
 - c. Outstanding Article in Performance Studies
 - i. No nominations
 - d. Outstanding Chapter in Autoethnography
 - i. Shelby Swafford, Southern IL University
 - e. Outstanding Book in Performance Studies
 - i. No nominations
 - f. Outstanding Scholar in Autoethnography
 - i. No nominations
 - g. When call goes out to nominate for these awards, *please nominate self and others!*
- VI. Old Business

- a. 2024 Submissions Summary
 - i. 8 Slots, 99% of papers, and 100% of panels accepted (low submission numbers)
- VII. Passing the Gavel
- VIII. Vice-Chair's Report
 - a. 2026 Conference in Minneapolis, MN
 - i. Theme of next year's conference, "Translate"
 - 1. Consider how research and teaching can make reasonable difference outside of the academy
 - 2. Promotes engagement with others
 - 3. Innovative ways to share with the public that our institutions recognize
 - 4. How might research improve when others have access to it? How might other's lives improve when they have access to research?
 - ii. April 14-19 to hopefully avoid the snow 😊
 - iii. Room rate is \$10 less than this year; trying to work hard to negotiate to keep costs down as much as possible (e.g., no extra costs for extra guests in rooms)
 - b. New ideas for 2026 Conference
 - i. Connection to Prince in MN
 - 1. Panel in which we bring in forensic/debate/performance skills of/about Prince's music
 - 2. Sarah: anyone willing to chair?
 - a. Becky DeGreeff
 - ii. Travis: story circles
 - 1. Mode of getting people to talk about stuff
 - 2. Groups of 3-4 given prompts to talk about together
 - 3. Translating ourselves from the data into the story or vice versa, and doing a story circle event based on that
 - iii. Christina: translation through poetic inquiry
 - 1. Poetry slam
 - 2. At night or later in the day
 - iv. Vianna: Open mic of stories, poems, etc.
 - 1. Christina can emcee
 - v. Andrew: taking ethnographic fieldnotes
 - 1. Double-panel short course of fieldnotes
 - a. First part: Everyone goes out and takes fieldnotes and brings those back as a double-panel short course
 - b. Second part: come back together and add auto to the ethno

- vi. Chelsea: visual representation of participants as art installation that's ongoing to tie in the artistic and the data points
 - 1. Sarah: could be set up in exhibit hall through the conference
- vii. George Floyd Square
- viii. Sarah: discussed at the women's caucus to do some community outreach, will be giving out menstrual products
 - 1. Performance/panel on reproductive rights?

IX. New Business

- a. Submission Reviews
 - i. Please sign up to be a reviewer for 2026
 - ii. Also need chairs and respondents
 - 1. Will send around a piece of paper for folks to
- b. Social Media Presence and Outreach
 - i. Sarah: Health Comm division has someone who is responsible for social media since it's a lot of work to ask of chair
 - 1. Create elected student position that someone could run the IG social media (e.g., announcements of top papers/awards, books/projects, calls, etc.)?
 - 2. T Brown: has been doing social media for theatre and department at SIU and can help with some of the social media outreach
 - ii. Tony will share with IANI and Critical AE groups/Listservs
- c. Membership
 - i. Membership numbers are up overall at CSCA, don't currently know division numbers
 - 1. Vianna and Sarah will find numbers

X. Announcements

- a. Shelby: CFP for special issue of Feminist Pedagogy
- b. Vianna: Tony is offering online 6 week autoethnography course again this summer
- c. Sarah: Tony and Andrew have a new book out and are still editing *Journal Autoethnography*
 - i. If you have an opportunity, sign up to review for them

XI. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn: Christina
- b. Pass unanimously