

Call for Papers, Panels, and Abstracts

NCA/AFA Summer Conference on Argumentation, 2009

Theme: The Functions of Argument and Social Context

Submissions for the Program: Please send electronic versions of completed papers, panel proposals, or extended abstracts to the Conference Program Planner, Dennis S. Gouran (g8v@psu.edu).

Deadline for Submissions: Friday, April 3, 2009

Submission Format: Drafts of completed papers from any of the traditional perspectives on argumentation (logic, rhetoric, dialectic) or from emerging contemporary views in the social sciences and humanities are welcome. Papers may address issues that are pedagogical, philosophical, theoretical, interpretive, empirical, or critical. Cross disciplinary perspectives are also welcome.

Panel proposals should provide a title for the panel, names and addresses (including email) of all participants, a specified time limit for each participant, an abstract for each paper, and a brief explanation of the nature and importance of the topic, as well as the pertinence of the individual presentations. If respondents are included, their role should be explained. We discourage panel proposals in which all participants are from the same institution.

Extended abstracts (at least 500 words) should be substantial enough to indicate the scope, direction, and merit of proposed papers. Assessments will be based on the evaluators' understandings of the projected document discussed in the abstract.

To the extent possible, completed papers, panels, and extended abstracts should reflect the Conference theme.

Multiple submissions from authors or co-authors are permissible, but we do not encourage the practice.

Presentation Guidelines: The Alta Conference encourages discussion and audience participation. Thus, each oral presentation (paper or response) should not exceed 15 minutes, nor should the total presentation time for a panel (papers and respondents) exceed one hour.

Conference Proceedings: Papers delivered at the conference will be reviewed for possible publication in the Conference Proceedings. Only completed papers (including those proposed for panels and in abstracts) forwarded to the Conference Program Planner by July 1 will be considered for inclusion. Papers may not exceed 3,000 words, excluding notes and references. Endnotes should not exceed two double-spaced pages and should be in the same font as the rest of the paper (12-point, Times New Roman). Papers must follow APA style. Authors who wish to have their papers considered for publication in the Proceedings will also need to bring three hard copies of their papers with final edits completed and 1 disk copy to the Conference.

Papers must be submitted in MS Word (doc), WordPerfect (wpd), or Rich Text (rtf) formats. (MS Word is preferred.) Authors must also obtain written approval to publish any copyrighted material. Evidence of permissions must be presented at the Conference.