



**Association for the Rhetoric of Science and Technology  
2009 NCA Convention Call for Papers**

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The Association for the Rhetoric of Science and Technology invites submission of program proposals and papers. Submissions may cover any area of rhetoric of science and technology, including but not limited to the rhetorical analysis and critique of (1) scientific and technological texts, practices, and genres; (2) the production, deployment, invocation, and contestation of scientific ideas and technological visions in political, professional or disciplinary, and literary or social contexts (e.g., policy debates, scientific controversies, popular culture); and (3) discourses of reason and rationality, including reflexive engagement with the rationality of rhetoric of science as a discipline.

NCA has asked in the general conference call that each unit organize a “5 Years Out” panel to discuss the history and future of their area of interest. ARST would like to invite submission of individual papers or proposals for a coherent panel that address the past and future of the rhetoric of science and technology.

Submit completed papers, extended abstracts, and panel proposals through the All-Academic website (<http://convention3.allacademic.com/one/nca/nca09>) by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2009, in Microsoft Word or PDF format.

Completed papers should be no more than 25 pages in length and prepared as for blind review, with identifying information stripped from the body of the document as well as from associated electronic information (e.g., Word document "Properties"). Papers should include an abstract of 250 words or less to facilitate the assignment of a reviewer.

Extended abstracts should be no more than 5 pages in length and suitable for blind review. The abstract should be forthright about the degree of work in progress and that completed. If the work is substantially incomplete, please emphasize the nature of the argument to be developed or the theoretical expectations to be explored at length in the finished work.

Panel proposals should consist of a concise and cogent thematic rationale for the panel, a list of panelists (including relevant institutional affiliations) along with a short description of each panelist's presentation or role on the panel, and a descriptive abstract of 75 words or less to be included in the conference program.

Completed student papers are eligible for the Joanna Ploeger Award, honoring the life and work of our late colleague and former Association president.

Please contact me at [gdwilson@iastate.edu](mailto:gdwilson@iastate.edu) if you have any questions.