

# Human Communication and Technology Division NEWSLETTER

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## HCTC Achieves Division Status

By Tasha Van Horn, HCTD Co-Chair  
Dennis Wignall, HCTD Co-Chair

### Welcome to HCTD!

At last our NCA Human Communication and Technology Commission (HCTC) has matured from a Commission to become a Division. On November 24, 2002, during our National Communication Association New Orleans Convention, the NCA Legislative Council voted to grant HCTC status as an NCA Division. Our official name is now the Human Communication and Technology Division (HCTD). This promotion in rank will give HCTD the opportunity to have a strong voice as well as a vote at future NCA Legislative Council meetings and a vote on the NCA nominating committee.

We owe our Division status to you our HCTD members—thank you for your interest in HCTD. In order to qualify for NCA Division status, we needed to reach the 300 membership mark for two consecutive years. We are excited to inform you that we not only met but exceeded the 300 membership mark for two consecutive years. In fact, on

November 24, 2002, HCTD had over 400 members!



HCTD is grateful to its founding, past, and present officers. Without their tireless efforts, there would not be a HCTD today. These individuals deserve to be recognized and include: Frank Dance, Clark Germann, Karen Krupar, Karen Lollar, Mary Mandeville, Diane Witmer, , and Student Representative, Scott D'Urso. The current officers also deserve recognition: Tasha Van Horn, Citrus College, CA; Dennis Wignall, Saginaw Valley State University, MI (also a founding member); Lori Charron, Concordia University, MN; James D. Wallace, Pepperdine University, CA; Mary Wiemann, Santa Barbara City College, CA; Noemi Marin, Florida Atlantic University, FL; Andrew Finn, George Mason U; Davis Foulger, Oswego State U; and Student Representatives Steve Rains, University of Texas, Austin; and Kerk Kee, San Diego State University, CA. These officers have committed to serve as HCTD officers in various roles for four years. New elected officers first serve

for one year as Co-Vice Chairs of Membership, promoting up to Co-Vice Chairs of Publications during their second year, then serving as Co-Vice Chairs of Planning (NCA annual convention planners) during their third year, and during their fourth year acting as Co-Chairs. Now that we have Division status, retiring Co-Chairs will serve a fifth year as NCA/HCTD representatives on the NCA Legislative Council meetings and on the NCA nominating committee. Should you be interested in further serving HCTD, please contact the current HCTD Co-Chairs Tasha Van Horn at [tyanhorn@citrus.cc.ca.us](mailto:tyanhorn@citrus.cc.ca.us) or Dennis Wignall at [dwignall@svsu.edu](mailto:dwignall@svsu.edu).

#### **Next year's convention**

Reaching Out/Reaching In will be the theme for the next NCA 2003 convention in Miami Beach. It was suggested that members should try to propose joint sponsored panels. Ideas for panels should be directed to Lori Charron and J.D. Wallace. The deadline is Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> for submission of all proposals/panels/papers and should be sent to Lori Charron at [lcharron@csp.edu](mailto:lcharron@csp.edu).

#### **HCTD website**

Look for HCTD's new website coming soon at [hctd.net](http://hctd.net)!

#### ***HCTD is here for you!***

HCTD is moving forward. Your officers want to serve you, so please let us if you have an idea to better serve you. See contact information above for and Dennis Wignall.

## **EJournal Benefits for HCTD Members**

The officers of HCTD and the editors of EJournal would like to announce a special benefit for HCTD members that would speed publication of HCTD convention papers after they have been presented at the annual conference. Successful convention paper presenters will be encouraged to submit their final papers to EJournal. While the details of this relationship are still being worked out, HCTD may participate in organizing special issues of EJournal based on key themes at the annual meeting. As a start, HCTD would like to encourage members to submit successful HCTD NCA 2002 convention papers that deal with electronic text to EJournal.

Members can find more information about EJournal, including archival issues and the current call for submissions, at <http://ejournal.hctd.net>.



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**Human Communication & Technology Commission  
2002 NCA Business Meeting**

Friday, November 22, 2002, 5-6:15 p.m. Balcony M, Fourth Floor, Marriott Hotel

Officer Attendees:

Frank Dance, and Karen Lollar, Co-Chairs, President 2002,  
Dennis Wignall and Tasha Van Horn Co-Chairs, Planning;  
Lori Charron and D. J. Wallace, Co-Chairs, Publications;  
Noemi Marin and Mary Wiemann, Co-Chairs, Membership;  
Scott D'Urso, Student Representative

**Call to Order**

Frank Dance called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**II. Presidents Report**

Frank Dance and Karen Lollar, President Co-Chairs, gave the report about the Division Status of the Commission.

Frank Dance announced that, based on the current changes NCA is exploring in relation to its constitution, HCTC meets the requirements to be changed into a Division.

HCTC has over 400 members and accordingly needs to be considered a division.

HCTC members are encouraged to read about all the changes to the new constitution and to take note of the additional information posted on NCA's website.

After Frank Dance and Karen Lollar's report, Dennis Wignall and Tasha Van Horn took over as Co-Chair Presidents for 2002/3. Discussion on the co-Chair strategy, initiated by Dennis Wignall and Tasha Van Horn followed. There was a reiteration of the benefits of co-chairing partnership as a system of shared responsibility, teamwork, and leadership assistance for HCTC members. All members present favored the system. Dennis moved for HCTC to continue its strategy of having two co-chairing officers per president, planning, publication, membership and student representative. Scott D'Urso seconded the motion. Voted unanimously.

**III Program Report**

The report was given by Tasha Van Horn and Dennis Wignall.

Number of papers received: 74, with 53 accepted for panel presentation, and 9 for poster session inclusion, all within the 85% limit.

Number of complete panel submissions: 28, with 25 accepted.

Number of papers/panelists represented, not included in miscellaneous papers: 130.

HCTC shared co-sponsorship of 5 panels.

Reviewers: 17.

Copies of all panels accepted circulated among members.

Total of both panel paper presentations and discussion panels: 35

**IV Publication Report**

Report given by J.D. Wallace and Lori Charron

Two Newsletters produced over the 2001/2002 year, the second posted also via email to HCTC members.

Discussion about the Newsletter content, about including announcements about other calls for papers pertinent to HCTC, and call for feedback in order to reassert HCTC specific focus in the field of communication studies.

There was a suggestion [Dennis Wignall] followed by discussion on a mission statement articulating more the continued research and focus on the relationship between technology and theory-driven communication practices.

## **V Membership and Recruitment**

Report given by Noemi Marin.

Mary Wiemann and Noemi Marin created a call for renewal of membership and recruitment, posted and distributed in hard copy throughout the convention halls. In addition, the call was posted via email to all HCTC members. They approached graduate directors of certain programs to inform them about HCTC and foster membership/recruitment from the graduate student body.

Mary Wiemann and Noemi Marin created a Distribution List updating all the records about NCA HCTC members. Noemi Marin reported that there was a 20% return of the newsletter and of the call for membership due to inaccurate email addresses.

Having the electronic data stored, Noemi Marin announced that a HCTC Listserv is available at her institution.

Discussion followed on the challenges to have an electronic presence with a University that assures stability and continuous access to the information on HCTC. While the Listserv remains an important distribution tool, Dennis Wignall suggested to investigate more and make an informed decision on where to place the Listserv in order to be beneficial for all HCTC members over a long period of time.

## **VII HCTD Officers for next year**

The following people were nominated: Scott D'Urso, Andy Finn, Davis Foulger, Rodney Marshall, and A.J. Baltes. Voting for the Recruitment and Membership Co-Chairs took place. Elected: Andrew Finn and Davis Foulger. Voting for Student Representative position also took place. Scott D'Urso nominated Steve Rains and Kerk Kee nominated himself.

Before the vote, Tasha Van Horn articulated the need to have a co-chaired position for the student representative. Seconded by Rodney Marshall, voted unanimously.

Elected: Steve Rains and Kerk Kee as Co-Chairs Student Representative.

Accordingly, the HCTC/D Officers for 2002-2003 are:

### *Co-Chairs-President (2003)*

Tasha Van Horn (Citrus Community College) and Dennis Wignall (Saginaw Valley State University)

### *Co-Chairs Program(2003)*

Lori J.N. Charron (Concordia University, St. Paul) and J.D. Wallace (Pepperdine University)

### *Co-Chairs Newsletter(2003)*

Mary Wiemann (Santa Barbara City College) and Noemi Marin (Florida Atlantic University)

### *Co-Chairs Membership (2003)*

T. Andrew Finn(George Mason U) and Davis Foulger (Oswego State U)Membership (2003)

### *Co-Chairs Student Representative (2003)*

Steve Rains (University of Texas, Austin) and Kerk Fong Kee (San Diego State University)

### *Past Co-Chair President (2002)*

Frank E.X. Dance (University of Denver) and Karen Lollar (University of Denver)

HCTC elects officers on a 5 year projected activity with the Commission, each year selecting a Membership co-Chaired position and the student representatives. Accordingly, for the NCA 2004 convention, the following officers will be in place

Lori J.N. Charron and J.D. Wallace BCo-Chair *President* (2004)

Mary Wiemann and Noemi Marin-Co-Chair *Programs* (2004)

Andrew Finn and Douglas Foulger-Co-Chair *Newsletter*(2004)

*Membership Co-Chairs*- to be elected during the NCA 2003 Business Meeting  
*Student Representatives* - to be elected during the NCA 2003 Business Meeting

Tasha Van Horn and Dennis Wignall *Past Co-Chairs-President* (2003)

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**Meeting adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### HUMAN COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

Lori J.N. Charron, Department of Communication Studies, 275 Syndicate Street North, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN 55104-5494. Phone: 651-641-8710; Fax: 651-659-0207; Email:

[Lcharron@csp.edu](mailto:Lcharron@csp.edu)

Copies of Papers: 4 Deadline: February 15, 2003 Specify student papers: yes Maximum length: article length.

The Division invites panels and papers on topics that support the examination of theory and application of contemporary communication technology as related to human communication studies, pedagogy, and other functions. The Commission is especially interested in Human Communication and Technology as related to areas of rhetoric, ethics, intellectual property rights, teaching and learning, security, accessibility, accountability, globalism, distance education, training and development, and other topics. Please indicate if program proposals or papers are particularly appropriate for co-sponsorship.

.All proposals (including those for competitive papers) should be submitted online at <http://convention.allacademic.com/nca2003/> and one hard copy to Lori Charron (see above).

**See the HCTD website for easy and clear instructions:**

<http://callforpapers.hctd.net/>

## Meet the New Officers - Davis Foulger and Andy Finn join HCTD Board as Co-Chairs, Membership

Davis Foulger is a Visiting Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Studies at Oswego State University of New York. His primary research focus is the diversity of media and the ways in which they evolve as a function of invention, technology, use, effects, and

practice.

Davis received his Ph.D. from Temple University, and spent 16 years developing new software and systems at IBM's Thomas J. Watson Research Center, where he developed a variety of computer-mediated human

communication systems, and was the lead architect for IBM's Business Partner web site. Davis has three grown children. He splits his time between Oswego, NY, where he has been playing viola in the university community orchestra, and New York, NY, where his girlfriend, Joan lives and works. He loves skiing, bicycling, music (all kinds), good jokes, reading, new ideas, and thinking about how the world works. Additional information on Davis' interests, research, background, and pedagogy can be found from his personal home page: [http://pages.prodigy.net/davis\\_foulger](http://pages.prodigy.net/davis_foulger).



Davis Foulger



Andy Finn

Andy Finn is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication at George Mason University (Fairfax, VA), where he splits his teaching between the

communication and telecommunications programs which include courses in communication and information technologies, research methods, cyberspace & communication, the structure of the telecom industry, and telecommunications management. Andy serves as Associate Director of the Center for Media Research & Telecommunications, Coordinator of the interdisciplinary Telecommunications Minor, and as a member of the GMU Faculty Senate Technology Committee. His research interests center on how people structure messages and interactions when using electronic communication and information technologies.

Andy had a previous career at AT&T, working on communication and information technologies from a variety of perspectives, including user interface and system design, technology implementation and training, voice mail product management, and voice processing product line planning. He has a B.S. in Mathematics from St. John Fisher College (Rochester, N.Y.), and a Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Washington University (St. Louis). Prior to coming to the George Mason in 2000 he taught at the University of Kentucky, Rutgers University, New York University, and Washington University in St. Louis.

Dr. Finn has two grown sons and currently lives what he calls the "sweet life" in Burke, VA, surrounded by his cats and friends. He loves music and concerts, books and ideas, current events and politics, some sports (primarily softball, baseball, golf, and college basketball), and making a difference in the world.

