



2023 CGC Conference Call for Proposals **Through the Margins: Amplification and Mobilization**

18th Annual Communication Graduate Caucus Conference

Conference Date: March 2-3, 2023

Deadline for submissions: December 7, 2022

The 2023 Communication Graduate Caucus (CGC) Conference theme *Through the Margins* invites scholars to examine the social crises that are shaping and defining our era through the lens of the margins.

This conference theme considers “marginalization” as a keyword, seeking to interrogate multiple entryways to unpack its emergent meanings and its various forms in academic work. Some of the most urgent social challenges brought on by the past decade, such as climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the forced displacement of millions due to war, health, and sexual identity, have brought existing problems of inequality, inequity, and privilege to the surface. Activism and resistance have also become more amplified in the media in recent years, while “anti” groups have spread mis/disinformation amid far-right media ecosystems. The conference theme encourages scholars to consider what the margins are, where they are found, how they are drawn, and what it means to exist through them and to understand social crises through this lens. Whose voices and actions are amplified in the media, and whose are silenced? What is the role of media and communication in facilitating the counter-hegemonic practices of the margins, and what subcultural or substructural voices exist within your own research? What emerging and existing methodologies and theories are present in communication research, and how might these be challenged? What kinds of mobilizations have emerged in recent years and what role have media played in these? When we examine global crises through the margins, what comes to the surface?

We encourage contributions relating but not limited to the following topics and issues:

- Feminist, queer, critical race, Indigenous, and intersectional perspectives that help us reflect on the meanings of marginalization,
- Reflections on how these perspectives have changed over the past decade amid social, political, and global contexts,
- Innovative theories and methodologies that challenge the status quo,
- The far-right media ecosystem and the spread of mis/disinformation amid “anti” movements,
- Media (non)representations of the Other,
- Decolonizing media, data, platforms, systems, and infrastructure,
- Media coverage, framing, and discourse around current global crises, including work that examines challenges around inequity and inequality,
- Counterpublics, activism, and resistance.



Delivery:

Given the ongoing pandemic, the opening keynote and all conference panels will be held on Zoom, while the closing keynote talk will be delivered in person at Carleton University in Ottawa on March 3rd, followed by an in person social event to close out the conference. All conference presenters and attendees are invited to join this in person portion. Those who are not able to attend in person will be able to watch a live stream of the closing keynote online.

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Faiza Hirji** from McMaster University will be delivering the opening keynote on March 2nd, and **Dr. Siobhan Angus** from Carleton University will give the closing keynote on March 3rd.

Submission Guidelines:

The CGC welcomes proposals for 12-minute individual presentations (these may be co-authored). Submissions should include an abstract of approximately 200 words, with a title and brief description of the topic's relevance to the conference theme, the author(s) full name(s), current academic/community affiliations, and any technical accommodations required for the presentation. Please also include a biography of 50-100 words and relevant contact information.

Individual presentations will be organized into panels of similar research themes by the conference committee and each panel will include a 15-minute Q&A session to allow presenters to address any questions raised by audience members.

If you wish to submit an entire panel, please include a proposal of approximately 600 words detailing the panel description, a title, the panel's connection to the conference theme, each participant's contribution to the discussion, and any technical accommodations you require. Please also include a short biography of 50-100 words for each panel presenter. Note: panel presentations are scheduled to be no longer than 45 minutes to allow for a Q&A session.

We encourage traditional and non-traditional works (i.e. essays, photographs, videos, audio clips, etc.) so please ensure you describe how you would like to showcase your work so the committee can decide on the best way to accommodate your request. Pre-recorded presentations are also welcomed.

As an inclusive conference, we encourage submissions from persons of diverse intersections, identities, and positionalities. We welcome anyone to submit or attend the conference and appreciate the individual, experiential knowledge you bring to this event.

We ask that submissions be sent electronically by filling out the following Google form: <https://forms.gle/YkBTXeYdme1MJoSy5>.

The submission deadline is December 7, 2022.



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The 18th annual CGC Conference provides graduate students with the opportunity to present their work to an audience, receive valuable feedback from a range of research communities, and foster their own professional development. Our goal is to foster an environment where emerging and established scholars and professionals may engage in meaningful discussions related to the widely interdisciplinary communication and media studies field.

Upon acceptance to the conference, presenters will also be invited to submit a full paper to be considered for the Canadian Journal of Communication Student Paper Prize if they wish. More information will be sent to accepted speakers and any questions can be directed to Jenny Kliever at jennykliever@cmail.carleton.ca.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to reading your submissions!

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