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CALL FOR <u>RESEARCH PAPERS</u>
DEADLINE: 11:59 p.m. EST Friday, January 26, 2024
Submit papers to: Dr. Austin Moore, <u>austin.moore@abac.edu</u>

The Academic and Research Learning Community is pleased to announce the call for research papers for presentation at the **2024 ACE Conference (held in Salt Lake City, UT) June 23–25, 2024.**
Please share this call with others in your unit to ensure all interested colleagues are notified of this opportunity.

Research Paper Submission Information
FULL paper submissions are invited from professional communicators, faculty members, Extension personnel, graduate students and/or undergraduate students and should be relevant to the field of agricultural communications and ACE membership to be considered for review. Selections will be made from these submissions for the conference agenda through a double-blind, peer-review process. Abstract submissions are not accepted. Questions regarding paper submissions can be directed to Research Director Dr. Austin Moore, austin.moore@abac.edu

SUBMISSIONS GUIDELINES
- At least one author must be a current, dues-paying ACE member; otherwise, the paper will not be reviewed or considered in any way.
  - To join or renew: http://www.aceweb.wildapricot.org/page-1720977
- Papers must not be concurrently in review for any other conference (regional, national, or international) or journal. Papers presented previously at other national or international conferences will not be considered. Those in review or in press for or published in peer-reviewed journals will also not be considered. Papers accepted and previously presented at a regional conference are welcome as long as substantial improvements have been made to the paper.
- The manuscript will consist of a one-page cover sheet and a one-page abstract (250 word maximum) with the manuscript itself, including graphic/tabular information (tables, figures, photographs) and references.
- Manuscripts must be formatted and <u>submitted as two (2) separate PDF documents</u>.
  - Details for the *separate* documents are outlined below.
- The PDF file names should follow the following convention:
  - Lead author last name, document type (cover or manuscript), and lead author last name
    - e.g., SmithCover.PDF, SmithManuscript.PDF
  - If a lead author has more than one submission, add numerals to each filename.
    - e.g., SmithCover1.PDF, SmithManuscript1.PDF
  - Your file name will be changed when sent to reviewers for the blind review process.
- At least one author must be willing to present the paper in person at the 2024 ACE Annual Conference.

Document 1-CoverPage
- Includes manuscript title, author(s) name(s), phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of all authors.
- If the paper has more than one author, the lead author should be listed first.
- Author information should not appear on any page except for the cover page.
- Manuscript title is centered and appears on the title page and the initial page of the paper.
- In the top right-hand corner of the cover page, please indicate your submission as a Research Paper.

- Research manuscripts not accepted for presentation during paper sessions at the 2024 ACE conference may alternatively be considered for presentation as a research poster at the conference at the author(s) discretion. **If you would like for your research manuscript to be *considered* for a poster presentation in the event it is not accepted as a full paper presentation, please indicate this clearly on your cover page under the Research Paper designation heading.**
  - **e.g., Please consider my manuscript for a research poster presentation.**

Document 2–Manuscript
NOTE: Researcher(s) are not to be identifiable in any of these materials.

Abstract:
- 250 words maximum on one single page.
- Immediately following the abstract, include approximately seven keywords or phrases identifying the study.

Research Study:
- All tables, figures, and photographs must be placed within the body of the paper as soon after their first mention in the text as possible.
- The table functions command MUST BE USED for all tables.
- 12-point Times Roman or Times New Roman font with one-inch margins.
- Do not use headers, footers, or footnotes.
- Do include page numbers in the bottom left corner starting with the first page of the manuscript (not the abstract).
- Manuscripts are limited to 20 double-spaced pages or fewer, excluding cover page, abstract, and references.
- Use the most current American Psychological Association style for citations in text body and reference list, statistical symbols, and table/figure titles.
- Suggested Paper Sections:
  - Introduction/Theoretical Framework, Purpose and Objectives, Methods/Procedures, Results/Findings, Discussion/Conclusions/Recommendations, References.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTED PAPERS
Authors of papers accepted for presentation will be notified in April and will receive reviewer critique forms at that time.

Authors of accepted papers are strongly encouraged to address reviewers' comments and submit revised manuscripts for the special conference issue of the *Journal of Applied Communications*. Abstracts from accepted papers will be posted on the ACE Academic and Research LC website following the conference.

OUTSTANDING PAPER COMPETITIONS
Outstanding paper honors will be awarded to the papers with the top ranked scores. Papers must adhere to all submission requirements to be eligible.

We look forward to seeing you in Salt Lake City!
Dr. Shannon Norris-Parish, Chair
Dr. Cara Lawson, Vice Chair
Dr. Austin Moore, Research Director
Dr. Alyssa Rockers, Secretary