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Omni Corpus Christi once again hosts speech communication educators from around the country.

TSCA returns to the Omni Corpus Christi

Combating Truthiness: Teaching in a Post Truth Era is the theme for the 2018 TSCA Convention in Corpus Christi. President Wade Hescht asks the question how will we teach our students to identify and respond to the truth?

This will be the question of the weekend October 4-6, 2018 at the Texas Speech Communication Association yearly convention. The convention will once again take place at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, which is located on the seawall in Corpus.

Room rates include a single room rate of \$101, a double room rate at \$125, a triple room rate at \$145 and a quad room rate at \$165. Because of a glitch on the Omni website, room reservations in the TSCA block have been extended to 5 PM on Monday, September 17th. You can phone 1-800-843-6664 and ask for the TSCA convention room rate block code 1450081453 when making your reservation.

Cost for the convention is \$150.00. More information, including a tentative program is available on www.etsca.com.

Highlights will include:

- New Member Breakfast (Friday, October 5th at 8 AM)
- Keynote speech by the 2018 Communicator of the Year Dr. Kelly Quintanilla, the President and CEO of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TSCA General Session, Friday, October 5th at 12:45 AM)
- President's Reception and Professors Performance Hour (Friday, October 5th at 7 PM)
- TFA Business Meetings (Thursday, October 4th at 4 PM and Friday, October 5th at 8 PM)
- More than 45 Panel sessions presented by every TSCA Interest Group

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President's Corner

Combating Truthiness: Teaching in



Wade Hescht
TSCA President

The Texas Speech Communication Association's annual convention is October 4-6, 2018 at the Omni Bayfront Tower in Corpus Christi. The theme of this year's convention is "Combating Truthiness: Teaching in a Post-Truth Era." Here is some background as to why I thought that this theme was timely.

In 2006, the dictionary people at Merriam-Webster performed a great public service by bestowing its "Word of the Year" award to "truthiness." A phrase coined by Stephen Colbert just moments before airing an episode of *The Colbert Report*. Colbert explained that truthiness is not about "truth, we're talking about something that seems like truth - the truth we want to exist." A decade later, the Oxford Dictionaries chose "post-truth" as its word of the year for 2016. Oxford describes post-truth as "relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal

belief."

We can assume that neither Merriam-Webster nor Oxford was thinking about teachers and students when choosing the words, but the dawning of a truthiness/post-truth era illuminates a number of major challenges for progressive-minded teachers. As Communication professionals, these facts demand that we reevaluate how we teach media literacy, but it also makes clear the work we must do to reinvigorate our approaches to inspiring students.

We must ask ourselves some very important questions: How will we adapt to this new era? How will we inspire them to become more patient, open-minded readers? How will we inspire them to become more patient, active listeners? How will we inspire them to become more patient, critical thinkers? How will we teach them to identify and respond to the truth?

I encourage all of you to attend this year's convention and to bring a colleague from your institution. A draft of the program is on the website. For additional information about the convention, and how TSCA can be beneficial to you, please see the flyer <http://www.etsca.com>.

Renew your TSCA Membership today



<http://www.etsca.com/>

To expedite registration at convention in Houston, complete a membership form or renew your TSCA membership on the TSCA website at least 2 weeks prior to convention held October 4-6, 2018.

Please note the following reminders from Executive Secretary Carolyn Baum.

- TFA. To join TFA, select TFA as an Interest Group. You will automatically be billed for your TFA membership.
- Lifetime members. You need to renew your membership. It will look as if you will be charged \$600 again. But, you will not. Just continue to the end.
- Payment. If you can't pay in advance, you still need to complete the renewal form in advance. This allows us to have your name tag ready and have a head count for convention.
- Luncheon Tickets. Luncheon tickets will be on sale at convention. I know that many of your schools will not pay for this meal.
- Forms. Please remind your school to include a copy of your TSCA renewal or membership form with the check. It is amazing how many checks I receive with no school or name attached. Also, check the mailing address. Amazingly, Brent Hinkle is still receiving membership checks.

Thank you for helping ease congestion in the convention registration lines.

On Our Website...

www.etsca.com

Lesson Plans and Activities:

<http://www.coachingspeech.com/>

Renew Your Membership:

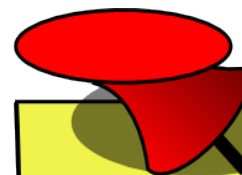
<http://www.etsca.com/reg/step0.asp>

Texas Speech Communication Journal:

www.etsca.com/journal.asp

Jobs:

<http://www.etsca.com/jobs.asp>



Members: If you are reaching a benchmark in your TSCA membership this year, please contact Archivist Jana Riggins. We will be recognizing those who have reached their 25th anniversary with the organization, along with 40 and 50 year members. You can email her at jriggins@uiltexas.org

TSCA 2018 Committee Assignments

Bylaws Committee

2017-18 Committee Members
Ann Shofner '18 (chair)
Sara Jane Barno '19
Vanessa Ruth Amos '20
Kathy Owens '19
Kristi Braley '20

College and University

2017-18 Committee Members
Sara Contreras (Chair)
Justin Blacklock
Casey Garcia
Rebecca Kerr
Trey Guinn
Meghan Pace
Rachel Riggs
Julie Welker

Educator Training

2017-18 Committee Members
Melessa Denny (chair)
Krista Nix-Buckner
Tracy Matthies
Stacey McGee
Victoria Graves
Angie Richards
Kirsten Nash

Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee Committee Members

Floyd McConnell
Jacklyn Davis
Laura Lara
Jacklyn Ochoa
Delia O'steen
Jim Towns

Educator of the Year Committee

2017-18 Committee Members
Kari McKenzie '19 (Chair) HS
Dale Anderson '18 CC
Kyla Brookshier DeLeon '19 HS
Lacy Cannon '20 Univ
Ralph Long '20 CC
Barbara Mayo '20 Univ
Amanda Jo Ratcliff '19 CC
Julie Schniers '20 HS
George Tennison '19 MS

Fiscal Review Committee

2017-18 Committee Members
Brent Hinkle (Chair)
Greg McGee '18
Melissa Witt '20

Governmental Affairs Committee

2017-18 Committee Members
Sami Womack (Co-Chair) '20
Ryan Lovell (Co-Chair) '20
Linda Alderson '21
Andrew Griffith '21
Greg Mayo '20
Seth Pietsek '20
Ruben Richardson '21

Local Arrangements

2017-18 Committee Members
Tahsa Kneis (Chair)
Dale Anderson
Sarah Contreras
Martha Fair
Eric Pinon
Amy Aldridge Sanford
Amy Jones

Nominating Committee

2017-18 Committee Members
Lacy Cannon (Chair)

Nicole Cornish
Caly Wheeler
Patrick Ralls
Dale Anderson

Public Relations Committee

2017-18 Committee Members
Michael Merritte '20 (Chair)
Timothy Haynes '18
Deanne Christensen '20
Martha Pierson '19
James Thompson '18
Charles Wise '20
Danny Moss '20

Resolutions Committee

2017-18 Committee Members
Adesuwa Omoruyi '19 (Chair)
Jayson Anderson '19
Adrian Gallardo '19
D'Nan Mathis '19
Melissa O'Neal '18
Janice Singleton '20
Karen Schilling '19
Angela Verner '18
Kasey Willeby '19

Special Awards Committee

2017-18 Committee Members
Connie McKee '20 (Chair)
Amy Tilton Jones '19
Russell Kirkscey '20
Barbara Mayo '19
Kerry Moore '18
Norma Coston (external resource)
Wade Hescht (Ex Officio)

Speech and Theatre in Public School Committee

2017-18 Committee Members

Committees Cont.

Ross DeLeon (Chair)
 Ramon F. Arana '19
 Andrew Barrett '19
 Angi Burns '19
 Amy Kemp '20
 Carolyn Mackey '19
 Max Thompson '20
 Janice Valenzuela '19

Task Force on Strategic Planning

2017-18 Committee Members
 June Smith (Chair)
 Rory McKenzie
 Connie McKee
 Brent Hinkle
 M'Liss Hindman
 Amy Tilton Jones
 Sara Jane Barno

Time and Place

2017-18 Committee Members
 Trudy Hanson (West) - Chair
 Victoria Beard (South)
 M'Liss Hindman (East)
 Michelle Watkins (Central)
 Kandi King (Ex Officio - Comptroller)

UIL Advisory Committee

2017-18 Committee Members
 Eloise Blair (Chair)
 Ross DeLeon
 Shawn Duthie
 JP Fugler
 Joanna Hickey
 Tania Kelley

Victor Martinez
 Marilyn Myrick
 Louie Pachecho
 Bryan Winn

Ad Hoc Committee to Examine the Need for Caucuses

Melissa Witt (Chair)
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 John Augillard III
 Kim Falco
 Kathryn Kelly
 AJ Martinez
 Leslie Rodriguez
 Jonathan Stansbury

Ad Hoc Committee to Examine the Need for Absentee Voting

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2018 Vice-President Elect Candidates

Aimee Kasprzyk

Aimee Kasprzyk is the Director of Fine Arts as well as the theater and speech and debate director for Blooming Grove ISD. In her position at Blooming Grove, Aimee works to coordinate and develop district Fine Arts programs and personnel, coordinate BGHS UIL Academic and Music events, direct the UIL high school and junior high one act play as well as direct the district-wide musicals and plays.

Aimee is a long-time member of TSCA and served as the organizations newsletter editor. She was also named a TSCA Educator of the Year in 2017, as well as being named a UIL Sponsor of Excellence in 2018.

Involvements include:

- Navarro Council of the Arts Member
- Texas Theatre Adjudicators & Officials- Contest Manager
- Texas Educational Theatre Association- Past Public/Governmental Affairs Chair
- Texas Speech Education Association- Past Newsletter Editor/Corresponding Secretary; Chair of Theatre Interest Group (Multiple Years); Chair of Oral Interpretation Interest Group (Multiple Years); Chair of Nominating Committee, Chair of Resolutions Committee; Member of UIL Advisory, Resolutions, Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee, and Nominating Committee
- UIL Speech/Debate RAC Member for 20 years in 1A through 5A Divisions
- 25 Plus Years of UIL State Participation- Speech/Debate/OAP
- TREA Educator of the Year Nominee
- HISD Educator of the Year Nominee
- Education Service Center Region 12 Educator of the Year Nominee
- TMEA Member
- Summer MA at University of Houston graduate
- UIL OAP State Advisory Committee
- UIL Prose/Poetry State Advisory Committee

Katrese Skinner

Katrese Skinner has been teaching at El Campo High School, the high school she graduated from, since 1998. She currently teaches all levels of debate and oral interpretation and serves as the One-Act Play co-director, a position she has held since 2010. She is also the UIL Academic Coordinator, serves on the ECHS Academic Scholarship Committee, the NHS Faculty Advisory Council among many other campus responsibilities.

Katrese has been a member of TSCA since 1998 and has attended the convention every year, except for two, since then.

Katrese was named a 2018 UIL Sponsor of Excellence.

Involvements include:

- TSCA Interest Groups: Argumentation and Debate, Oral Interpretation, Theater, Instructional Development HS
 - TSCA/ UIL Advisory Committee (2003-04)
 - TSCA District III Chair (2006-12)
 - Presented, chaired, and coordinated panels for Oral Interpretation, Texas Forensic Association, Argumentation and Debate, Instructional Development, High School, Instructional Development, College & University
 - UIL Cross Examination Debate Spring Meet Contest Director (1999, 01, 05, 08- present)
 - UIL Spring Meet Director (2000, 04, 06, 08, 11)
 - UIL Regional Advisory Committee (2002-04, 2006-09, 2011-present)
 - UIL State Judge (all events)
 - UIL District ESC III Congress Clerk (2013-present)
 - UIL Congressional Advisory Committee
 - 2014 Capitol Conference presenter
 - 2014 UIL Student Activities Conference presenter
- A& M Corpus Christi
- NSDA:
- NFL/ NSDA Gulf Coast District Chair (2008-present)