Presentation Information & Tips

Oral Presentations will be organized around common themes and be scheduled throughout the conference day.

Presenters will have 15-20 minutes to speak from organized talking points or read from a polished paper about their scholarly project. Presentations are typically followed by a short Q & A session. (Presenters who want to be on panels together should indicate that preference in the “Other Information” section of the online submission form.)

Creative Work Performances celebrate the art of creative writing and will be scheduled in appropriate performance spaces throughout the day.

Presenters will have 15-20 minutes to present their scholarly and creative work. The time should be divided into appropriate segments in any combination of the following - speaking from organized talking points, reading from a polished paper, and/or reading a creative writing piece or excerpt (poem, short fiction, or memoir). Time should be allotted at the end of the presentation for Q & A. (Presenters who want to be on panels together or who have collaborative performance pieces should indicate that preference in the “Other Information” section of the online submission form.)

Session chairs will introduce presenters, ensure they do not exceed their allotted speaking time, and facilitate audience questions and discussion after the presentations.

Preparing Oral Presentations -
- Prepare and practice your presentation so that it is concise, clear, and effectively delivered.
- Effective delivery includes good pace; appropriate volume; inviting posture, smile and eye contact; straightforward organization; and effective use of PowerPoint and handouts
- Seek editorial assistance and a practice audience from peers and/or faculty advisor(s).
- Presenters will have access to classroom tech - computer, projection, and Internet capabilities.

Conference Day Tips for Presenters
- Know the scheduled time and location of your presentation. Arrive early; locate your presentation room; arrive at your panel session at least 10 minutes early; if relevant, load your PowerPoint presentation on the room computer.
- Introduce yourself to the panel chair. S/he is there to support you; provide info so that s/he can introduce you before your presentation.
- Be prepared to learn: this is an opportunity to confidently share your hard work and to humbly look forward to respectful questions and constructive feedback.
- Good news: being nervous does not hurt your credibility or authority. Have fun and enjoy!