



ARTICULATING ENGAGEMENTS

THE 7TH ASPEN CONFERENCE ON ENGAGED COMMUNICATION SCHOLARSHIP

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The Given Institute, Aspen, CO

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Do scholars study the world, do we actively shape and participate in it, or are studying and teaching their own forms of participation? Organizational scholars, practitioners, university administrators, and state legislators are increasingly clamoring for academic work to be more relevant to those outside academia and the issues they face. This clamoring creates a space for scholars to consider doing things differently and to think differently about the things we do. Yet, there still exist several stumbling blocks to creating new models of engagement.

The 2009 **ARTICULATING ENGAGEMENTS** conference marks the 7th Aspen conference on engaged communication scholarship. This year's gathering will provide a forum for exploring what being an engaged scholar can mean in the field of organizational communication both theoretically and practically. To accomplish our goal, we will delve into various meanings of the verb, "to articulate," including: to express clearly, to formulate, and to connect or unite.

THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE WILL BE ORGANIZED AROUND FOUR CENTRAL ISSUES:

- ❖ **Identifying "Vocabularies" of Engagement**
- ❖ **Exploring Ways that Engaged Scholarship Can, and Has, Made a Difference**
- ❖ **Developing Models of Engagement by Capturing Lessons Learned**
- ❖ **Identifying Strategies for Distributing and Extending the Conversation**

Since 2001, scholars in Organizational Communication have gathered together in Aspen in mid-summer to explore and advance the role of engaged scholarship in our discipline. In order to provide maximum opportunities for participant, scholar, and practitioner engagement, the conference is kept small and the format is intentionally interactive. The focused time, and intimate setting, have helped foster important contributions to our research, teaching, and understanding of how we can and do engage organizations and communities in our work.

We hope you will consider joining us this year.

One of the greatest benefits of this conference format is the opportunity to work closely with some of organizational communication's finest scholars. This year's steering committee includes *Brenda Allen, Kevin Barge, Sarah Dempsey, Scott Dickmeyer, Gail Fairhurst, Michele Jackson, Tim Kuhn, Dave Siebold, Pamela Shockley-Zalabak, Jennifer Lyn Simpson, and Paaige Turner*. Information about additional speakers and presenters will be available on our web site as information becomes available.

The 2009 conference will be held in the heart of Aspen at the Given Institute, close to all the downtown attractions, yet providing the privacy of an exclusive mountain retreat.

REGISTRATION FEES HAVE BEEN SET AS FOLLOWS:

Regular Attendee \$200 before March 15, 2009 OR \$250 after March 16, 2009

Student Attendee \$50 before March 15, 2009 OR \$75 after March 16, 2009

In addition, conference registration fees will include a reception on Saturday evening and lunch on Sunday. Additional snacks and beverages will be provided throughout the event. If you are planning to bring a guest to the reception and/or the lunch, please note that we will be charging an additional fee of \$20 per person per meal. Additional details are available on the registration form.

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