

The 7th Biennial D.C. Health Communication Conference (DCHC)

Preconference April 27, 2023

“Creating and Sustaining Academic-Clinical Research Teams,”

Conference April 28-29, 2023

“Health Communication for a Changing World”

The Department of Communication at George Mason University announces the 2023 D.C. Health Communication Conference. The conference will take place at our new location, the [Hyatt Regency Dulles](#). The Hyatt Regency Dulles is within walking distance of the Washington Dulles airport and has easy access to the D.C. Metro train system, as well as multiple restaurants and attractions in the area.

December 1 deadline for abstract submissions.

The preconference, “Creating and Sustaining Academic-Clinical Research Teams,” planned by Anne Nicotera and Tianna Cobb, on Thursday April 27, will focus on discussion of initiation and maintenance of academic-clinical health communication research collaborations. We hope to provide the opportunity to network with clinical researchers seeking collaborations. Further information will be available in January 2023.

The main conference, “Health Communication for a Changing World,” April 28-29, 2023, will feature competitive papers, posters, and panel sessions covering not only issues related to the conference theme but also broadly defined concerns across a breadth of topics relevant to health communication research and practice.

The conference keynote address will be given Friday morning, April 28th, by Dr. Ed Maibach, Professor in the Department of Communication and founding director of our [Center for Climate Change Communication](#). Dr.

Maibach is a newly elected member to the prestigious [National Academy of Medicine \(NAM\)](#)

Learn more about Dr. Maibach here:

<https://communication.gmu.edu/people/emaibach>

Learn more about Dr. Maibach's election to NAM here:

<https://communication.gmu.edu/articles/18083>

Saturday, April 29th will continue with additional competitive paper and panel sessions and will conclude with a luncheon and keynote presentation by the winner of The Charles Atkin Award for Outstanding Translational Health Communication Scholar.

February 1 is the deadline for nominations for the Charles Atkin Translational Scholar Award.

Top paper and poster awards will also be announced at the luncheon. Abstracts programmed in poster sessions are eligible for poster awards in three categories: Top Student, Top Early Career Scholar, and Top Overall. Abstracts accepted for panel presentations will be eligible for awards in those same categories, provided that complete papers are submitted by February 15th. Specific instructions will be given at the time of acceptance.

Call for Abstracts for the main conference, *Health Communication in a Changing World*: The deadline for submitting one-page abstracts is *December 1, 2022*. Submission will be through the DCHC website, and the link will be live in early November. We encourage both new and seasoned health communication scholars to submit their work. All health communication topics are welcomed. Submission of panels addressing the conference theme are also welcomed; please provide an abstract for the panel, including a list of all panelists with a moderator identified.

Those who submit abstracts will be informed of acceptance by the end of January 2023. Submit your abstract online here:

<https://comm.uky.edu/dchc/sub>

The Charles Atkin Award for Translational Health Communication

Research Scholar Award: The 6th Translational Health Communication Scholar Award will be presented at the conference to an eminent scholar who has made major contributions to health communication research, practice, and policy. Nominations for this award will be accepted until *February 1, 2023*, at: gkreps@gmu.edu. A nomination should consist of a letter detailing why the nominee deserves the award, accompanied by the nominee's CV.

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DCHC Conference Registration Prices & Information

Information about conference registration and hotel reservations, including pricing, will be provided in early 2023

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