

Paper Development Workshop at the 2008 SMA Annual Meeting

Authors of papers that are accepted for presentation at the 2008 SMA Annual Meeting now have the opportunity to apply for the Paper Development Workshop. During this workshop, authors will work with an experienced researcher/journal reviewer to enhance their paper's publication potential. Each paper accepted for the workshop will be given in advance to an experienced scholar who will serve as a research mentor by providing developmental feedback and meeting one-on-one with authors during the workshop. The goal of the session will be for authors to receive feedback useful for refining their papers for eventual publication in refereed management journals. The workshop is scheduled to be held on Friday, October 31 from 1:15-2:45 p.m. (The program is still preliminary, however, so keep in mind that the date and time may change.)

For your paper to be considered for the Paper Development Workshop, your paper must have been accepted for presentation at the conference. In addition, you must complete by August 1, 2008, the short application on Page 2 of this document. A maximum of 12 papers will be selected for the workshop based on the application as well as reviewer feedback provided during the SMA review process. Authors will be notified of workshop acceptance by September 1, 2008.

Research mentors will focus their feedback on

- Framing the theoretical contribution of the paper
- Crafting propositions or hypotheses
- Addressing issues raised by conference reviewers
- Enhancing the methodological rigor of empirical papers
- Developing the contribution of the paper to be consistent with the targeted journal requirements/standards, and
- Specific issues identified by the paper's author(s) on the application form.

APPLICATION

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Name of contact author: _____

E-mail address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Title of paper: _____

Track: _____

What are your goals for this paper? _____

With what specific aspects of the paper would you like assistance? _____

Please attach a list of all authors and a copy of the paper.

APPLICATION IS DUE BY AUGUST 1, 2008. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION VIA E-MAIL TO THE PROGRAM CHAIR, MARGARET (PEG) WILLIAMS (mlwillia@vcu.edu).

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2008.