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Speaker and Gavel invites authors to submit manuscripts for an upcoming special edition focused on scholarship, pedagogy, research, competition, and administration in competitive and non-competitive speech and debate practices within and post the global Covid-19 pandemic. We welcome submissions from forensic coaches, communication scholars, and students (undergraduate and graduate).

Operating during a pandemic presents the forensics world with an unprecedented need to administer and defend our practices, i.e. in person tournaments, travel, budgets, etc. However, it also presents our community with a potentially productive opportunity to review and question our practices in a changing technological, cultural, and economic landscape. The goal of this edition is to document these conversations so that we may share and learn from each other’s experiences and use this time to further enhance the activity’s pedagogical potential in today’s world.

The Editors and Editorial Board invite scholarly discussion on administration and participation in forensics speech and debate during restrictions necessitated by the global pandemic. Topics of particular interest to the Editors and Editorial Board include but are not limited to: administration and participation of virtual tournaments, team social distancing practices, budgetary communication with administration, team retention, and team morale in a virtual world.

This special issue will be published in the Fall of 2021 allowing ample time for both qualitative and quantitative research projects. Submissions for or questions about this special issue should be emailed to Speaker & Gavel Associate Editor Dr. Stephanie Wideman: widemans@uindy.edu

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1. The manuscript is your own original work and has not been previously published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

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3. You have gained permission to use copyrighted material (photos, cartoons, etc.) and images of people and can provide proof of that permission upon acceptance.

4. You have conducted any original empirical research after the approval of and in accordance with your institution’s Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Deadline for submission is June 1, 2021.