Willie Ocasio, Northwestern University, tells us about the upcoming program in Philadelphia.

2007: RECORD YEAR FOR OMT PROGRAM!

Our division has a very exciting program planned for the AoM meetings in Philadelphia with a record 110 sessions (57 paper sessions, 51 symposia, and 2 special OMT sessions by OMT Distinguished Scholars).

OMT takes pride in being a community of communities, and our program reflects the wide diversity of theoretical and research perspectives in our division. Session topics range widely and include multiple sessions and symposia on institutional theory, intra- and inter-organizational networks, organizational adaptation and change, corporate governance, structure and design, industry and population dynamics, organizational identity, status and reputation, and organizations and professions. New emerging research areas are also represented, include a symposia and one paper session on complexity in organizations, and set theoretic research methods. The hottest new research areas in the program is categorization in organizations with 4 symposia and 1 paper session, covering the gamut from ecological to cognitive and social movement perspectives on categorizations.

2007 proved to be a banner year for the OMT Division. Our submissions were up 35% with a record 480 paper and 75 symposia submitted. While AoM submissions were up overall, OMT did significantly better than other divisions and increasing our share of submission from 8.9% in 2006 to 10.0% in 2007. We accepted a record 228 papers for the regular paper sessions, plus an additional 69 interactive paper sessions and 59 visual paper sessions. Thanks to a record 838 reviewers who completed 1724 reviews for their hard work! But this was not just a year of quantity but of quality. We had 9 symposia and 9 papers (including several dissertation and student papers) receive a perfect 5.0 ratings from our reviewers.

We have two special highlights for our Program on Monday, August 6. At 8:30 we begin with the OMT Breakfast and 2007 Distinguished Speaker Talk by Ron Burt, from the University of Chicago. At 10:20 we have a Special Panel by Past Distinguished Scholars on Bringing the M
Back into OMT: Theory and Research on Management, Managers, and Managing. The four panelists are Michael Tushman from Harvard, Andrew Pettigrew from University of Bath (UK), Kathleen Eisenhardt from Stanford, and Jane Dutton from Michigan.

Thanks for the wonderful papers, symposia, and reviews that are helping make this an extraordinary year for OMT. See you all in Philadelphia. I can't wait to attend the sessions and hope you do too! To help plan your session attendance please find below the preliminary schedule (subject to change).