

My name is Andrew Clark and I'm an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Texas at Arlington. I was the broadcast sequence coordinator for 16 years, before stepping down to become Associate Director of the Center for Research on Teaching and Learning Excellence at UTA. I'm also currently Vice President of the Texas Association of Broadcast Educators.

I attended my first BEA conference as a graduate student in the late 1990's at the recommendation of my faculty advisor. He suggested I send a paper to BEA because it was a conference for broadcasters. I'll always be grateful for that simple piece of advice; not only did my paper win an award in the International Division paper competition, but I found a group of people who all had a connection and interest in broadcasting and all it entailed. Over the years I've made some life-long friends, have continued to submit papers, proposed and participated in numerous panels, and served in all of the various leadership roles in the Radio and Audio Media Division. I feel as if things have come a full circle as my former students are now submitting papers, appearing on panels, and taking on leadership roles in various divisions. They are also bringing their students to BEA.

As a former division chair I have seen first-hand the importance of the role of the Interest Division rep in being a liaison between the divisions and the board, and I would consider it a privilege to be elected to that position. I look forward, if elected, to representing the interests of the various divisions, to working with division chairs to support new initiatives, and working with the board and convention organizers to develop engaging and relevant content for future conventions.