

"If you explore beneath shyness or party chit-chat, you can sometimes turn a dull exchange into an intriguing one. I've found this to be particularly true in the case of professors or intellectuals, who are full of fascinating information, but need encouragement before they'll divulge it."

--Joyce Carol Oates

RHETORIC NEWS

Issue 1
06.02.06

Hi folks. It's Jeff here. You may have noticed that this is like a formal listserv posting, numbered as the first issue and including a fancy yet appropriate epigraph.

It is actually in the spirit of Oates' quote that the powers-that-be have tasked me with sending weekly listserv announcements. Our hope is that this list can be a forum for information about our fellow rhetorical scholars as well as discussion of important issues.

Below you will find a letter from Sue further explaining the new face of the rhetoric list. As she notes, you should send important news to me by Saturday evening (please use the following e-mail address: [REDACTED]). In addition, if there are any articles or books you've read that you feel would appeal to the entirety of the list feel free to send me that information also. Hopefully we can make this a more interactive process of learning between and about colleagues.

In the meantime, look for the forthcoming report from RSA; I will probably e-mail it this Sunday.

Take care and enjoy the weather!

Jeff

Dear Cheddaricians,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the first few weeks of summer. Many of us have just returned from the Rhetoric Society of America conference in Memphis and have many stories to tell. To that end, I have asked Jeff Drury if he would provide the list with a summary of the work and the play we did there. Such a posting will be, I hope, the first among many to come. In other words, I hope we can make more use of this list to keep up-to-date on the news and accomplishments of members of the Rhetoric program present and past.

To that end, I have asked Jeff Drury to serve as the list "DJ" or whatever you Web savvy folks are calling such a position. He has kindly agreed. Thanks, Jeff. Please send news items you would like circulated on the list to Jeff by Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. He will compile the items and send out a weekly posting on Sundays. Of course if you have a time-sensitive item, send it to the list yourself.

Please do not hesitate to send items describing awards you have won, publications, and other accomplishments. All of us like to hear this good news as the program benefits as a whole from the accomplishments of each of its members. Likewise, do not hesitate from sharing sad news either. In both cases, if you are sending news about a colleague, please check with him or her first.

I am looking forward to hearing more from all of you.

Best wishes,
Sue

FACULTY NEWS

The Provost recently renewed Steve Lucas's Evjue-Bascom chair for another six years noting that Lucas has put this prestigious professorship to good work. Congratulations to Steve!

Sue Zaeske has accepted Communication Arts Department Chair Vance Kepley's invitation to serve as associate chair. She will begin associate chair responsibilities in the fall at which time Lea Jacobs will take over as Director of Graduate Studies.

Steve received sad news recently from Professor Emeritus Edwin Black. Ed is suffering from an inoperable brain tumor and likely will not recover. Our thoughts are with him and his wife, Sharon Ruhly.

"Walking in Memphis/I was walking with my feet ten feet of Beale/
Walking in Memphis/But do I really feel the way I feel?"

--Marc Cohn

RHETORIC NEWS

Issue 2

06.04.06

In this issue:

* Report on RSA

Just a quick reminder that you should e-mail me ([REDACTED])
submissions about you and your work for circulation to the list. A
lack of submissions may force the newsletter to be entirely about me
(including my musings on popular culture--anyone else disappointed
Taylor Hicks won American Idol?), which I am sure none of you want.

>>REPORT ON RSA<<

The 12th biennial conference of the Rhetoric Society of America took
place in Memphis over Memorial Day weekend (May 26-May 29). UW-Madison
had an impressive showing with nine of our faculty/students
participating in panels (Robert Asen, Jeff Drury, Chris Garlough,
Michelle LaVigne, Michelle Murray, Kathryn Palmer, Maegan Parker,
Susanna Weinstein, and Sue Zaeske).

In addition to participating in conference events, many of us were
able to see Memphis sights like the National Civil Rights Museum,
Graceland, and historic Beale Street. Courtesy of Maegan, I've
attached some pictures from the trip showing these places.

We also had a send-off dinner Friday night of the conference for
Susanna who is heading home on June 12 to Oregon. Everyone had an
enjoyable time and Susanna will certainly be missed. We wish you luck!

Overall, the conference was a success and it provided a good
opportunity for all involved to interact with other scholars in our
field.

Have a good week!

"We do what we must, and call it by the best names we can."
--Ralph Waldo Emerson

RHETORIC NEWS
Issue 3
06.11.06

In this issue:

- * Name-the-Newsletter Contest (from Jeff)
- * ORWAC Newsletter (from Sue)
- * 2006 Public Address Conference (from Sue)
- * Zaeske on C-Span (from Sue)
- * Student News

>>NAME-THE-NEWSLETTER CONTEST<<

I have received some comments about not having a snappy name for this weekly newsletter. I thought instead of placing the onus on me to come up with one, I would extend the request outward through a contest. If you would like, you can submit possible names for the newsletter during the next week (I need to receive all nominations by 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 17). I will then send the list out and you can all vote for the best one.

Whoever submitted the name that gets the most votes will receive a prize (to be determined, probably food related) and will be a part of the newsletter's provenance for all posterity.

>>ORWAC NEWSLETTER<<

I (Zaeske) am sending along as an attachment the June 2006 newsletter of Organization for Research on Women and Communication. This newsletter contains announcements of an upcoming conference in Seattle, a call for submissions to a student research paper competition, and a call for manuscripts for the journal Women's Studies in Communication.

>>2006 PUBLIC ADDRESS CONFERENCE<<

I (Zaeske) would like to call to your attention the 2006 Public Address Conference scheduled to convene October 5-8, 2006, at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. A robust program is planned

featuring robust members of the UW faculty (well, I can speak for one of us anyway). Unlike the monstrosity that is the NCA convention, the Public Address conference is a much smaller affair with a single session that allows participants to develop and push themes/ideas for several days in a row. I am hoping UW-Madison will make a good showing at this conference, as we did at RSA, because it will improve the chances of winning our bid to host the 2008 conference here in Madison.

>>ZAESKE ON C-SPAN<<

Back on April 28 I traveled to Washington, D.C., by invitation of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society to deliver a paper at its symposium entitled "Congress and Slavery in the 1840s and 1850s." The symposium was directed by Professor Paul Finkelman, University of Oklahoma Law School, and featured several highly-prestigious historians such as professors David Brion Davis (Yale), David Blight (Yale), and Michael F. Holt (University of Virginia). Finkelman praised the work being done in the field of rhetoric when he introduced Professor David Zarefsky (Northwestern University) and me. My paper was entitled "'A Nest of Rattlesnakes Let Loose Among Them': Congressional Debates over Women's Antislavery Petitions, 1835-1845."

The entire day-long symposium was aired on C-Span on May 30 with the title "Congress Confronting Slavery." After it aired I received emails from people around the country. One fellow with the email address GlockM22@ . . . , who identified himself as a "a southern white male with a B. A. in political science from the University of South Carolina" and "a former republican," said he was not offended by my analysis of the southern code of honor but rated my delivery as sub par and recommended that I "slow down my dialogue." Somehow I suspect he did indeed have some problems with the gender analysis. Bottom line: going public with scholarship, especially gender analysis, was an eye opener!



>>STUDENT NEWS<<

Jeff Drury was accepted for the NCA National Honors Doctoral Seminar, taking place at Purdue University this July. He will be working with Dana Cloud, Dilip Gaonkar, Marouf Hasian and 8 other doctoral students at the week-long seminar.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

--Mahatma Gandhi

RHETORIC NEWS

Issue 4

06.18.06

In this issue:

- * Summer Humanity (from Michelle Murray)
- * Name-the-Newsletter Contest, Part II (from Jeff)
- * Student News

>>SUMMER HUMANITY<<

Hello fellow rhetoricians. I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. I know there are many animal lovers among us so I thought some of you might be interested in the following info. Many of the animal shelters are becoming overcrowded due to the increase in abandoned kittens during this time of year. Some of them, including the Rock County Humane Society, have begun posting flyers on campus due to the magnitude of the problem. If you or someone you know has been contemplating adopting a pet, this would be an excellent time to do so. If you are interested in more information, you can go to rockcountyhumanesociety.com or call 295-4281. Take care!

>>NAME-THE-NEWSLETTER CONTEST, PART II<<

So there was not an overwhelming amount of participation in the Name-the-Newsletter contest but I did receive some submissions. I've listed them in no particular order with their explanatory remarks:

1. HermesNet (meaning messenger with "net" signifying electronic)
2. The Rhetorical Times (notice the double-meaning of "times")
3. Phidippides (who established what we know today as the marathon by running 26 miles to Athens to deliver news of victory over the Persians in battle and call for additional assistance to fend off approaching Persian ships - the modern equivalent of announcing academic accolades and honors and calling for additional involvement in the program and conferences, perhaps?)

Should you decide that you want to participate in the vote, please e-mail me your top choice by Saturday, June 25. Keep in mind that you are going to see the chosen name in the subject line of an e-mail every week for at least another year (while I'm helming the newsletter). Along with your vote, feel free to include any news or information you would like featured in the next issue.

>>STUDENT NEWS<<

Kathryn Palmer's masters thesis has been accepted for publication by *Rhetoric and Public Affairs*. The thesis is titled "On Trial: Conflicting Versions of Emma Goldman's Address to the Jury" and grew out of her discovery of two substantially different texts of Goldman's Address while conducting research for Steve's top one-hundred book. Pending final revisions, the article will hopefully appear within the next year or so.

"Every baby born into the world is a finer one than the last."
--Charles Dickens

RHETORIC NEWS
Issue 5
06.25.06

In this issue:

- * Introducing Harrison Jedd (from Sarah)
- * Name-the-Newsletter Contest, Part III (from Jeff)

>>INTRODUCING HARRISON JEDD<<

Baby Harry is here! Harrison Benjamin Jedd was born at 8:40 am on Wednesday, June 14th--about 3 weeks early, but we are certainly glad to meet him. He weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces at birth, and he was 19 inches long. He seems to be a little bit bigger now, but we'll know for sure on Wednesday when he goes to the doctor for a 2-week check up. For some adorable pictures, as well as Ben's commentary on Harry's birth and life so far, check out our blog: www.harrytimes.blogspot.com.

Also see the attached pictures.

>>NAME-THE-NEWSLETTER CONTEST, PART III<<

The votes have been calculated (all three of them) and the winner is:

The Rhetorical Times, earning 66% of all votes.

In second place, Phidippides earned 33% of the votes with HermesNet trailing at third without a single vote.

The newsletter will not be sent next Sunday, July 2, in honor of the holiday weekend (and because I will be out of town) but it will return with a new title the following Sunday. Enjoy the Independence Day celebration and have a great week!

THE RHETORICAL TIMES
Issue 6
07.09.06

In this issue:

- * Symposium Call for Papers (from Erik)
- * Business Cards (from Sue)

>>SYMPOSIUM CALL FOR PAPERS<<

An Interdisciplinary Symposium - Call for Papers

'Coming to Terms' with Reconciliation: Critical Perspectives on the Practice, Politics, and Ethics of Transitional Justice

10-11 November 2006

The University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin, USA

Ten years after the formation of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the idea and practice of reconciliation has moved from the margin to the center of international debate over how deeply divided countries can heal the wounds of atrocity, promote democratization, and (re)build civil society. For better or worse, reconciliation is now a global issue, one that has direct and controversial bearing on norms of international law, the promotion of human rights, and the delicate problem of how fractured societies can both recognize substantive identity claims and cultivate formal modes of citizenship.

At the same time, there appears to be little agreement over how to best define the process of reconciliation, explain its transformative power, or evaluate its formal and informal promotion. Along with continuing suspicion about reconciliation's unrealistic promise, debate over these issues has been hampered both by a lack of interdisciplinary dialogue and a continuing gap between scholars and practitioners of reconciliation.

In the name of "coming to terms" with a difficult concept, this symposium aims to open a comparative and theoretically informed dialogue on the meaning, dynamics, and outcomes of reconciliation. Equally important, the symposium seeks provoke debate over how theory might be best used to develop and assess reconciliation's practice. To approach these issues, the symposium invites papers that reflect on

such questions as:

- What are the political, philosophical, and ethical commitments that ground the pursuit and promotion of reconciliation? In particular, what is the status of the reconciling subject and how does reconciliation bear on the formation of individual and collective identity?

- What cultural and historical factors enable and/or preclude reconciliation in deeply divided societies? How do reconciliation's roots in religion and theology enable and limit its appeal? What are the risks associated with modeling formal reconciliation initiatives?

-How can we better understand and explain the process of reconciliation? What are the specific communicative, discursive, and rhetorical elements of reconciliation? Can the power of the word that inheres in reconciliation be presupposed in situations characterized by trauma and deep division? What does reconciliation do with history?

-Precisely how is reconciliation related to other central and frequently controversial elements of transitional justice, e.g. the concepts of truth, reparation, amnesty, forgiveness, retribution, accountability, restoration, memorialization, and economic redistribution?

-Does the idea of "political reconciliation" imply that reconciliation is a form or mode of politics? How might such a politics contribute to our understanding of democracy? Does reconciliation issue an important challenge to the tenets of democratic liberalism?

-How can formal and informal reconciliation initiatives be critically and fairly evaluated? What are the unexpected gains and hidden costs of attempts to promote reconciliation?

-What is the relationship between institutional, civil society, and local attempts to promote reconciliation?

A significant portion of the symposium will take plenary form and feature a series of invited addresses by leading scholars, practitioners, and critics of reconciliation. Confirmed speakers include:

- Charles Villa-Vicencio, Director of the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town

- Philippe-Joseph Salazar, Distinguished Professor of Humane Letters, University of Cape Town

The symposium also invites papers of 25-30 minutes in length on topics that engage with its thematic concern for the nature, dynamics, and outcomes of reconciliation. The symposium planners encourage proposals and papers that draw from a wide range of disciplines and

perspectives, including anthropology, cultural studies, history, law, narrative and discourse analysis, performance studies, philosophy and rhetoric, peace and conflict studies, political theory and science, and religious studies.

Accepted submissions will be grouped into thematic panels composed of 2-3 presenters. A select number of slots have been reserved for papers delivered by advanced graduate students.

Abstracts (400-500 words) and questions about the symposium should be sent by email to:

Professor Erik Doxtader

Email: [REDACTED]

Abstracts must be received by 4 August 2006 and should include a cover page with the following information:

Name and affiliation

Email address

Physical Address

Telephone #

Submissions from graduate students should be marked as such.

>>BUSINESS CARDS<<

It was wonderful to see Rhetoric graduate students circulating at the RSA convention and making important contacts, especially given that many of you will soon be on the job market. I noticed that on several occasions it would have been helpful for graduate students to have business cards instead of having to write out contact information.

Several of us chatted about the idea of getting business cards, which seems to me a great idea. I checked with the source of faculty business cards, which is UW Communications. Sorry to say they make the cards only for faculty and staff. Not to worry, Bob's Copy Shop and Kinko's make business cards. And they will let you put whatever logo you want on your card, whereas UW Communications limits you to the standard logo. So while I have a boring W, you can have Bucky or a big hunk of cheese.

If anyone gets an estimate on the cost of having business cards printed, please share it with the list.

Good luck with this. I hope many of you will have business cards made.

There has been a lot of talk these days about North Korea. I looked up the North Korean government's official statement on the missile test

launches and it is interesting to see how they focus on U.S. rhetoric as much as U.S. action in justifying their missile tests. If you're interested in reading it (even if it's merely for the counter-argument), it's available at:

<http://www.kcna.co.jp/item/2006/200607/news07/07.htm#1>

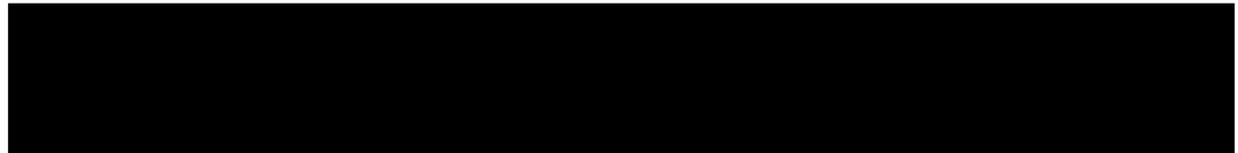
Have a good week!

THE RHETORICAL TIMES
Issue 7
07.23.06

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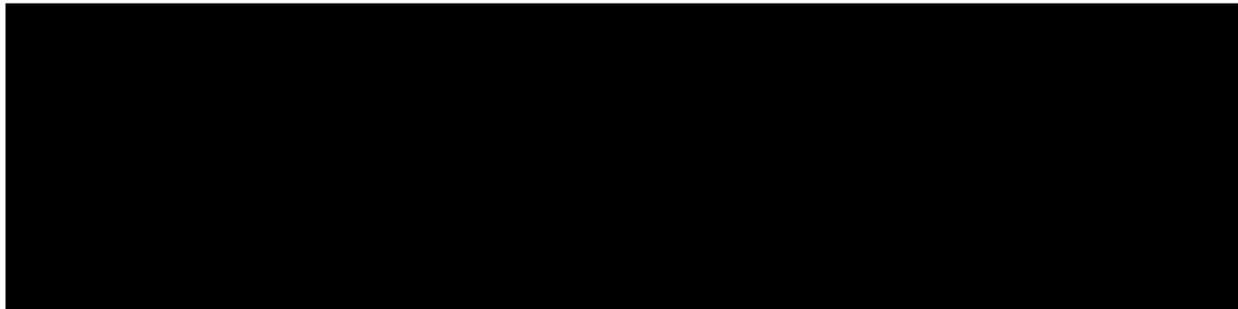
- * Susanna Update (from Michelle M.)
- * The PETS Act (from Michelle M.)

>>SUSANNA UPDATE<<



(Editor's Note)

If you do not still have the e-mail Susanna sent a while back to the list, here is following contact information she included in that message:



>>The PETS Act<<

The Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act (PETS Act), S. 2548 and H.R. 3858--During Hurricane Katrina, people were not allowed to evacuate with their pets. As a result, many people refused to evacuate or they attempted to return home under unsafe conditions in order to rescue their pets. Thousands of animals were left behind. The Humane Society of the United States is supporting legislation that requires state and local authorities to consider the needs of individuals with pets and service animals in the event of a major disaster. The PETS Act passed the House. You can voice your support for its passage in the Senate by going to the address below.

https://community.hsus.org/campaign/FED_2006_PETS3

Have a good week!

THE RHETORICAL TIMES
Issue 8
08.20.06

In this issue:

* CFP-Composition/Rhetoric and Popular Culture (from Sue)

>>CFP-Composition/Rhetoric and Popular Culture<<

Call for Papers

Composition and Rhetoric Area

Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Conference

The Boston Marriott Copley Place
Boston, MA
April 4-7, 2007

The Composition and Rhetoric Area of the PCA/ACA seeks papers/projects addressing the intersection of Popular Culture with Composition studies and/or Rhetoric, as each of these terms can be most broadly construed.

We are interested in popular representations of writing, rhetoric, and instruction in both, as well as the composed or rhetorical nature of culture as expressed in popular artifacts. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- + Composition and rhetoric in literature.
- + Composition and rhetoric in film.
- + Rhetorical analysis of literature, film, popular music.
- + Rhetorics of difference (feminisms, queer studies, racial and ethnic studies), especially as related to popular culture.
- + Rhetorics of news media.
- + Rhetorics of politics and political campaigns (especially the 2006 mid-term election).
- + Rhetorics of warfare.
- + Rhetorics of protest/social causes.
- + Propaganda.
- + Advertising.
- + Rhetorics of religion.
- + Rhetorics practiced by specific groups (the military, social classes or groups, academics).

This list should be considered suggestive rather than definitive; any paper positioned in the intersection of culture, rhetoric, and composition studies will be strongly considered.

We are also keenly interested in the intersection of rhetoric and technology and media--the ways in which popular technologies/media(tions) shape the rhetorics of argumentation, persuasion, and culture. Papers considering the three-way intersection of rhetoric, culture, and technology/media are encouraged.

Alternative session formats will be considered. Please explain format and what is to be gained from this format in your abstract. A/V equipment will be limited to TV monitors and DVD players; there is a possibility of a limited number of monitors with VGA inputs (for PowerPoint presentations and the like), though this is not guaranteed.

Graduate student submissions are welcome. Professors/instructors are invited to present with their graduate and undergraduate students. Limited support for graduate student and international travel is available on a competitive basis--for further details, see:

<http://www.popularculture.org/2007%20PAGES/General%20Information/2007%20Travel%20Grant%20Submissions.htm>

Have a good week!

THE RHETORICAL TIMES
Issue 9
08.27.06

In this issue:

- * HEX Research Awards (from Sue)
- * Student News

>>HEX Research Awards<<

The Center for the Humanities is pleased to announce the third year of HEX Research Awards.

The program is open to graduate students in UW-Madison Humanities Departments and will provide up to five winners with an award of \$2,000 each. HEX enables graduate students to create, and participate in, community-based projects that make research in the humanities available to the public. HEX will support humanities-based projects created in collaboration with area schools, with community organizations, and with organizations such as museums, theaters, and service agencies, as well as projects that provide a public benefit but are not affiliated with any specific organization.

All graduate students in the humanities are eligible, but preference will be given to students beyond the masters year. Interested students should visit the Center for the Humanities' website (www.humanities.wisc.edu/programs/HEX.html) to learn more about the program and to download an application packet. The deadline for all applications is 5:00 PM on Monday, September 18.

There will be an informational meeting about the HEX program at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 6, in Room 126 of Memorial Library (next to the Langdon St. entrance to the library). All interested students are encouraged either to attend the informational session or to consult with HEX Program Coordinators Rachel Tabak (retabak@wisc.edu) or Sophia Estante (saestante@wisc.edu) prior to submitting entries.

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Rachel Tabak

HEX Program Coordinator
AmeriCorps*VISTA

>>STUDENT NEWS<<

Susanna Weinstein's book review of *Rhetoric Before and Beyond the Greeks*, by Carol S. Lipson and Roberta A. Binkley, eds., appeared in the Summer 2006 issue of *Rhetoric and Public Affairs*. Be sure to check out her thoughts about the book.

Have a good week!

THE RHETORICAL TIMES
Issue 10
10.15.06

In this issue:

- * Report from Nashville (from Maegan)
- * 2008 Public Address
- * Graduate Student Travel Funding (from Kathryn)
- * Student News

>>REPORT FROM NASHVILLE<<

Last weekend at the Public Address Conference, Allison, Pam, the Pauls, Maegan, and Bob Betts enjoyed stimulating panels and lively discussion with Professors and Graduate Students from a variety of top Rhetoric programs accross the nation. Our very own Professors Zaeske and Asen were among the distinguished scholars invited to respond to their colleagues' work. This conference's intimate nature (there were fewer than 150 people in attendance) and its concentration on a previously chosen theme (that of epideictic and its varied manifestations) engendered rich debate on recurrent topics woven throughout the weekend.

See the picture below!

>>2008 PUBLIC ADDRESS<<

In related news, the University of Wisconsin will be hosting the 2008 Public Address Conference right here in Madison. This will be an excellent opportunity for all of us who will be involved with the conference. We should convene and planning committee meeting soon. . .

>>GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL FUNDING<<

About the change to the travel funding policy Linda emailed us about: I talked to her and for those who are looking to get funding for NCA *and* Alta (in August), they count as two different fiscal years so you could get funding for both. However, you wouldn't get funding for NCA 2007 if you got \$\$\$ for Alta -- but bear in mind that NCA is in Chicago next year, so your best bet (if going to all three) is to take the money for Alta since it will be more expensive to get there.

>>STUDENT NEWS<<

Sarah Jedd has been awarded the 2006 Top Student Paper from the NCA Feminist and Women's Studies Division for her paper entitled "Pregnant with Potential: Embodied Activism in the Comic Frame."

Congratulations, Sarah!

Have a good week.

THE RHETORICAL TIMES
Issue 11
11.12.06

In this issue:

- * NCA Party Information (from Sue)
- * Student News

>>NCA PARTY INFORMATION<<

The Wisconsin reception at NCA will be held on Saturday from 9:00-11:00 p.m. in the Hilton's Stetson room. The reception, though festive, is a professional event that affords the opportunity to connect with our large network of alumni and other friends of the program. A great deal of important work is done at these events because they provide the opportunity to meet people who are considering our graduate program as well as those who have applied for jobs in our department. With that in mind, I want to apologize ahead of time for being unable to chat socially. There will be many applicants (for the grad program and Comm Sci job) trying to get the attention of faculty members who are present.

Your attendance at this event would be greatly appreciated. Often potential graduate students like to speak with those presently in the program, so you play a key role in recruiting new students to the program. You might also want to simply observe how these events work because before you know it, you will be on the job market and will need to attend receptions to meet with (and schmooze) potential employers. And, as always, you may wish to graze on the crackers and cheese as well as the open bar.

Finally, I hope you will remember that the NCA conference is an event that provides opportunities to begin establishing your professional reputation. To that end, your intellectual preparedness and personal conduct undoubtedly will have an impact on your reputation and your career.

If you have any questions or concerns about the convention, please get in touch with me. I would be happy to speak with you as, I suspect, would other faculty members.

Wishing you safe travels and a productive, enjoyable convention.

>>STUDENT NEWS<<

Paul Stob has been awarded a 2006 Top Paper Award from the NCA Division on Communication and the Law for his paper entitled "Chisholm v. Georgia and the Rhetoric of Representation."

Congratulations, Paul!

Have a good week.

THE RHETORICAL TIMES
Issue 12
01.14.07

In this issue:

- * Job Talk (from Maegan)
- * NCA Preparation (from Sue)
- * Word of the Year (from Kathryn)

>>JOB TALK<<

Maegan Parker will be interviewing for a full time, tenure track assistant professor position at the University of Washington in late January. The following is a message from her requesting your support and attendance at a practice session:

As many of you know, I recently applied for an Assistant Professor position at the University of Washington. I have been asked on campus for an interview, which will include a job talk. I would love to practice this talk before the interview. Toward that end, it would mean a great deal to me if you could attend the practice job talk I have arranged for next Wednesday the 17th from 2-4pm in the Ewbank room, which is on the 6th floor of Vilas.

Hopefully you can all attend to give Maegan feedback and congratulate her.

>>NCA PREPARATION<<

Dear Rhetoric Grads,

Welcome back from break. I hope yours was both restful and productive and that you are ready for another semester.

Likely you are attuned to the annual rhythms of the profession and are aware that it is time to prepare papers and panels for the 2007 National Communication Association meeting. As a reminder, the deadline is February 14 and here is a link to the call <http://www.natcom.org/nca/Template2.asp?bid=7339> You might speak with your adviser about papers that might be appropriate to submit or to ask for help putting together a panel.

Good luck,
Sue

>>WORD OF THE YEAR<<

Of interest to those who study words:

Pluto's revenge: 'Word of the Year' award

7 January 2007 (CNN) -- Pluto may no longer be a planet, but it has a new claim to fame: "Plutoed" has been chosen 2006 Word of the Year by the American Dialect Society.

The society defined "to pluto" as "to demote or devalue someone or something, as happened to the former planet Pluto when the General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union decided Pluto no longer met its definition of a planet."

The former planet had some tough competition in the voting, which took place Friday at the ADS' annual meeting, held in Anaheim, California.

"Plutoed" won in a runoff against "climate canary," defined as "an organism or species whose poor health or declining numbers hint at a larger environmental catastrophe on the horizon."

The runner-up was "macaca" or "macaca moment," defined as "treating an American citizen as an alien" -- a reference to a campaign remark by former Virginia Sen. George Allen that some say marked the beginning of the end for his re-election hopes.

Enjoy the rest of your break!

THE RHETORICAL TIMES
Issue 13
08.12.07

In this issue:

- * Revival message (from Jeff)
- * Contact information (from Maegan)
- * Alta summary (from Jeff)
- * RSA Call

>>THE RETURN OF THE TIMES<<

Hi folks. Did you miss me? I hope you are enjoying your summer these last few weeks before the start of classes. This issue is the official kick-off of the revival of the Rhetorical Times, our handy rhetoric program newsletter. I apologize that it has been MIA for a while.

With more of our fellow grads and faculty scattered throughout the country, it is even more important to use this forum as a means of communicating and keeping people updated on the goings on in the UW rhetoric program.

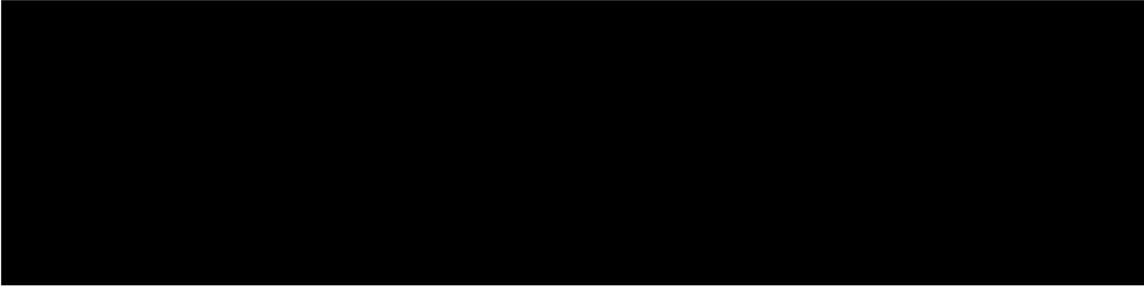
So, in the spirit of camaraderie and communication, I implore you to please send me updates and information to [REDACTED]@wisc.edu so that we might keep each other abreast of what's happening. This includes personal news like contact information for those who have moved as well as any academic news such as publications, calls for conferences, job interviews, articles of interest, etc.

Perhaps in our initial formulation we were a bit overzealous in aiming for a weekly newsletter so I figure we should perhaps scale it back to an every other week affair. If you send me your updates by the Saturday prior to the release, I will be sure to include it in the newsletter.

Thanks in advance for your entries!

>>CONTACT INFORMATION<<

Greetings from the rainy Northwest! As most of you know, I moved back to WA this summer and will be teaching at the University of Puget Sound during the 07/08 school year. I wanted to send out my updated contact information:



Keep in touch!

>>ALTA SUMMARY<<

UW had a great showing at the Alta Summer Conference on Argumentation this past August 2-5 in Alta, Utah. Six of our own attended the conference, including Professors Asen and Howard, Paul Hendrickson, Kathryn Palmer, Ryan Solomon and me.

Altitude sickness aside, it was a great opportunity to meet faculty members and grad students from other programs in an intimate environment and it seems that most of us received valuable feedback on our projects. Plus, we will all have the indelible image of G. Thomas Goodnight singing karaoke etched in our memories.

A few of us submitted our work for consideration to be published in the proceedings so there may even be a publication or two gained from the experience.

>>RSA CALL<<

In case you may have not heard, the call for submissions to the Rhetoric Society of America biennial conference is officially out. The due date for submissions (abstract only!) is September 15 so there is still plenty of time to put something together. Here is the official call:

**13th Biennial Conference
The Westin - Seattle, Washington
23-26 May 2008**

RSA 2008: Call for Proposals

Conference Theme: The Responsibilities of Rhetoric

Colleagues:

I know that many of you are already thinking about submitting a proposal for the RSA 2008 conference in Seattle. You can find the CFP, which you already received, and more information about submitting a proposal on our website: www.rhetoricsociety.org. Your submissions are not due until September 15, but our online submission process and website are now up and running. We are now ready to receive your submissions.

You may be thinking of an individual presentation or a panel presentation that would be suitable for RSA, and of course we welcome those; especially welcome are panels that involve four or five people as presenters and responders, because audiences find them especially inviting.

But I also want to take a moment to emphasize a third kind of proposal you have the option of submitting to RSA this year: special format proposals. Is there a topic you are interested in that would be best served by a non-traditional format? Have you ever wanted to extend your Q & A time to allow for more interaction with your audience? Perhaps yours is a topic that could benefit from the sharing of a number of perspectives or is a concern for deliberation among many members of our organization or the field of rhetorical studies more broadly. If so, please consider proposing a special format session. The conference planners will be giving special consideration to sessions that promise to include the audience by using a unique format or by limiting the length of presentations by speakers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Seattle because it will be an exciting venue for RSA. In a few weeks, I'll be writing with more information about the site of our conference, emphasizing the facility we'll be using and the attractions that will—in cooperation with our conference—draw you to Seattle. You can also expect other emails detailing the specific features and accommodations—academic and logistical—that our conference will offer to graduate students.

It's all a way of expressing my excitement at the prospect of welcoming you to Seattle and RSA 2008. In the meantime, best wishes for the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

Jack Selzer
RSA President Elect

Speaking from past experience, it should be a fun and valuable experience!

Enjoy the rest of your break and send me your news!

THE RHETORICAL TIMES [SPECIAL ED.]
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At Rob's request, I am sending out a special edition of the Rhetorical times.

In this issue:

- * Labor Day Weekend BBQ (from Rob Asen)
- * Central States Call
- * Faculty & Student News

>>LABOR DAY WEEKEND BBQ<<

Hello friends!

Rob and Andrea invite you and yours to gather 'round a grill, play some yard games and toast a terrific summer on Sunday, September 2nd beginning at 4:00 pm. The next day is Labor Day, so treat it like a weekend night.

The event will take place at Rob's house, [REDACTED]. We will provide grillables (meat and vegetarian) and beverages. If you would bring something to pass, that would be great.

Hope to see you there!

>>CENTRAL STATES COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION CALL<<

The calls for the regional conferences are posted online with most submission deadlines between September 1 and October 1. Central States' annual conference is taking place in Madison next April so it will be a great opportunity to partake in a regional conference at low cost. Submission deadline for Central is October 1. Most divisions require completed papers in APA format, not just an abstract. For more information and specific division requirements, see the website: <http://www.csca-net.org/>

>>FACULTY & STUDENT NEWS<<

Congratulations are in order for the following people:

Professor Zaeske, who was promoted to full professor in January (sorry I missed the news in the *Times'* absence).

Professor Garlough, whose piece, "Transfiguring Criminality: Eclectic Representations of a Female Bandit in Indian Nationalist and Feminist Rhetoric," was the lead article in the most recent edition of the *Quarterly Journal of Speech* (93.3 [August 2007]).

Jeff Drury, whose submission to NCA's Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division was selected as a top student paper.

Have a great weekend!

THE RHETORICAL TIMES
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In this issue:

- * New Student Welcome
- * Colloquium reminder
- * NCA Registration Reminder
- * Central States Call (repost)
- * Faculty & Student News

>>NEW STUDENT WELCOME<<

I wanted to take a moment as editor of this publication to welcome the new graduate students to our forum. The intent of the Rhetorical Times, e-mailed biweekly on Sundays, is to keep the rhetoric students and faculty abreast the news in our program and up to date on potential rhetoric happenings. If you have any information or updates you would like published in the Times, please send them to me ([REDACTED]). This includes personal academic news like publications and awards, calls for conferences, job interviews, articles of interest, etc. I hope you will participate in our public sphere!

>>COLLOQUIUM REMINDER<<

Quick reminder that our first colloquium meeting of the semester will take place this Thursday, September 13 at 4 p.m. in the Ewbank Room.

>>NCA REGISTRATION REMINDER<<

Pam has asked to include a reminder that you must pre-register for the NCA convention by October 1 to get the cheaper registration rate. Be sure to do so in the next few weeks if you haven't already.

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>>FACULTY & STUDENT NEWS<<

Kudos to the powers that be for getting new iMacs for graduate student offices. These computers are certainly a nice addition and will make our jobs easier.

Have a great week!

THE RHETORICAL TIMES
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In this issue:

- * University of Iowa Position Announcements (from Barb Biesecker)
- * Department Travel Funding (for graduate students)
- * Vilas Travel Grant Information (for dissertators)
- * Faculty & Student News

>>UNIVERSITY OF IOWA POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS<<

Please find attached our announcement for several tenure track positions in our department. And I call particular attention to two: rhetorical studies and race/ethnicity, and rhetorical studies and gender/sexuality studies. We would welcome receiving applications and/or inquiries from your students (ABD, recent grads, assistant professors looking for a new home).

Hope you are well,
Barb

>>DEPARTMENT TRAVEL FUNDING<<

As you may know, graduate students can apply for funding from the Department to attend one conference per year (stipend varies depending on distance traveled). "Years" are defined by the fiscal calendar, which is July 1 to June 30. This means that the Alta convention this past August, the NCA convention this November in Chicago, and the RSA conference next May in Seattle all take place during the 2007-2008 fiscal calendar. If you plan on presenting at both NCA and RSA, it would make sense to apply for funding to go to Seattle since the stipend is larger but it's a risk because you will not know if your submission is accepted until early next year, after the deadline to apply for funding for NCA. More information about travel funding can be found on the bulletin board outside Linda Henzl's office or you can chat with another grad student who has gone through the process.

>>VILAS TRAVEL GRANT INFORMATION<<

Dissertators are eligible to get travel funding from the Graduate Student Collaborative. They award approximately 200 \$600 Vilas Travel Grants per year for dissertators to attend conferences or travel for research. The submission window for this year's awards is between October 1 and October 31. More information is available at the GSC website: <http://www.grad.wisc.edu/admin/gsc/vilasfellowships.html>

>>FACULTY & STUDENT NEWS<<

Congratulations are in order for Susanna, who defended her Master's thesis, entitled "The Experience of Pain or Pain as Experience? A Critical-Theoretical Inquiry into the Rhetorical Construction of Pain", on Monday, September 10.

Have a great weekend!