

The Rhetorics of Identity: Place, Race, Sex and the Person

Hunsaker Student Center
University of Redlands, Redlands, CA
20-22 January, 2005

The conference will be held in the Bulldog and Och Tamale Rooms on the second floor of the Hunsaker Student Center in the heart of the University of Redlands campus. Parking is available in the parking lot behind the Memorial Chapel along Brockton Avenue, or in the large lot along Grove Avenue, between Brockton and Colton Avenues. The Hunsaker Center is on the west side of the quad in front of Armacost Library.

Presentations will be limited to a ten-minute summary of the paper*, with up to 30 minutes dedicated to dialogue. The purpose of the conference is to dialogue with each other concerning issues raised by papers, not necessarily to defend or question the thesis of each paper. Presenters, respondents, and audience are asked to contribute to enriching an environment of exploration and insight.**

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Schedule of Presentations

Thursday, January 20

- 1:00 – 1:25 PM Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics
- 1:30 – 2:15 PM Dana Anderson, Indiana University
“Identity and ‘Common Sense’: Rhetoric’s Responsibility to the Doxastic Status of the Person.”
- 2:15 – 3:00 PM Todd Penner, Austin College, and Caroline Vander Stichele, University of Amsterdam
“Accenting the Other: Rhetorical Constructions of Identity and Difference in the Films of Lars van Trier.”
- 3:00 – 3:15 PM Break
- 3:15 – 4:00 PM David Roof, University of Illinois Champaign/Urbana
“The Dawn of Idiocy: Nineteenth Century Tropes and Topologies of Intelligence.”
- 4:00 – 4:30 PM Overview, Reflections and Responses: A Time for Community Discussion

Friday, January 21

- 8:45 – 9:00 AM Gathering and Logistics
- 9:00 – 9:45 AM Victor Marsh, School of English, Media Studies and Art History,
University of Queensland
“Journey of the Queer ‘I’: Dislocation, Re-location, Spirituality, and
Subjectivity in the Life-writing of Christopher Isherwood.”
- 9:45 – 10:30 AM Philippe Chassaigne, University of Tours, France
“Gai Pied and the Rhetorics of Identity in the French Gay Community,
1979-83.”
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM Break
- 10:45 – 11:30 AM Roy R. Jeal, Booth College
“Clothes Make the (Wo)Man.”
Respondent: Jacqueline Signori, Kirkwood Community College
- 11:30 – 12:15 PM Claudia Salamanca, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá
“Globalization and Vouyerism: Sexed Identities.”
- 12:15 – 1:30 PM Lunch Break
- 1:30 – 2:15 PM Susanne Scholz, Merrimack College
“Reconstructing Rape for the Olden Days: The Challenge of Biblical
Rape Laws in Biblical Studies.”
- 2:15 – 3:00 PM Alan Van Wyk, Claremont Graduate University
“‘To Rest in Thee’: Conversion and Simple Subjectivity.”
- 3:00 – 3:15 PM Break
- 3:15 – 4:00 PM Joseph A. Marchal, Colby College
“What Difference Does Paul Make?: Rhetorical Constructions of Identity
and Community Boundaries in Philippians.”
- 4:00 – 4:45 PM Samuel Hong, Methodist Theological Seminary in America
“Creating Christian Self-identity through Rhetorical Definition,
Classification, and Association in Origen.”
- 5:00 – 5:30 PM Overview, Reflections and Responses: A Time for Community Discussion
- 6:30 PM Reception for Participants (Place TBA)

Saturday, January 22

- 8:45 – 9:00 AM Gathering and Logistics
- 9:00 – 9:45 AM Peter Steeves, De Paul University
“Illicit Crossing: The Other at the Human/Animal Boundary.”
- 9:45 – 10:30 AM Jay Twomey, University of Cincinnati
“Silence with Full Submission?: Jonathan Edwards, the Pastoral Epistles,
and the Rhetoric of Misogyny in the Great Awakening.”
Respondent: Steve Mailloux, UC Irvine
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM Break
- 10:45 – 11:30 AM Marcia Alesan Dawkins, Annenberg School for Communication,
University of Southern California
“Spinning on Margins: An Analysis of Passing as Communicative
Phenomenon.”
- 11:30 – 12:15 PM Barry Mauer, University of Central Florida
“The Epistemology of Cindy Sherman: A Research Method for Media
and Cultural Studies.”
- 12:15 – 1:30 PM Lunch Break
- 1:30 – 2:15 PM Gerrie Snyman, University of South Africa
“Constructing and Deconstructing Identities in Post-Apartheid South
Africa: A Case of Hybridity versus Untainted Africanicity.”
- 2:15 – 3:00 PM Charles Muiru Ngugi, Emory University
“Media and the Sustenance of Collective Identifications in Africa.”
- 3:00 – 3:15 PM Break
- 3:15 – 4:00 PM Margaret Biakolo, University of Botswana
“The Male as Engineer: The Social Construction of Woman’s Professional
Identity in Africa.”
- 4:00 – 4:45 PM Emevwo Biakolo, University of Botswana
“Orality, Philosophy, and African Identity.”
- 5:00 – 5:30 PM Overview, Reflections and Responses: Future Conferences?

*Copies of papers can be found at <http://www.ars-rhetorica.net>

**Formal responses will be made for some of the papers.