



Vice-Chair Report
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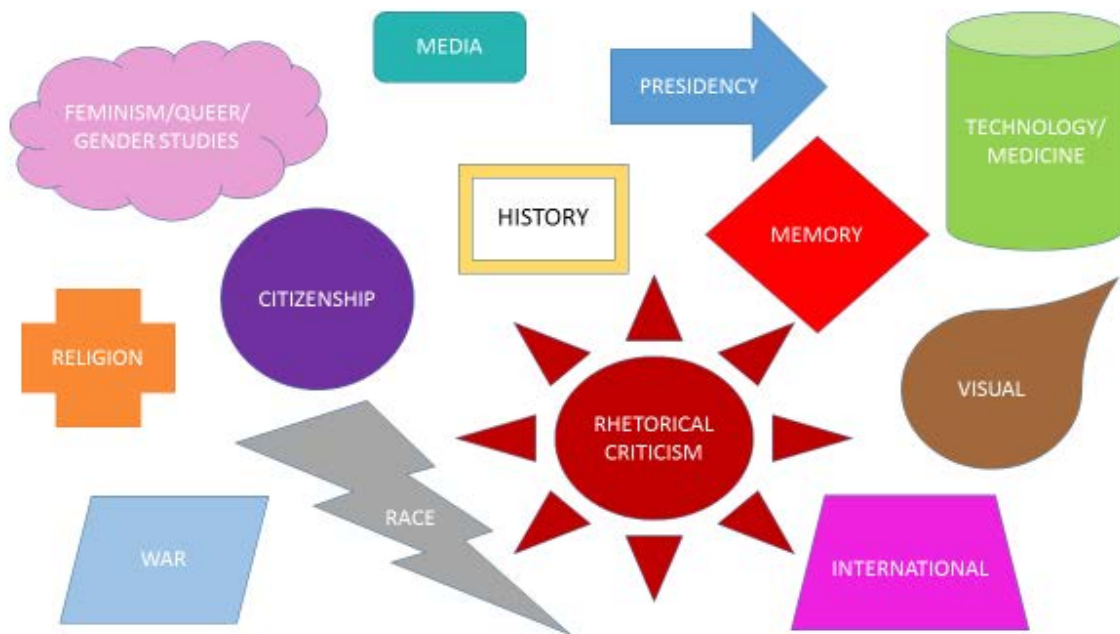
Thank you:

Mary Stuckey (Wandering Scholar and Scholar to Scholar)
Roseann M. Mandziuk (substitute for Legislative Assembly)
Matriarchy: Chair Lisa Keranen, Vice-Chair Elect Lisa Flores, Secretary Maegan Parker Brooks,
Immediate Past Chair Leah Ceccarelli
Web: Trevor Parry Giles
Thank you to the many, many of you who agreed to review submissions. Your thoughtful feedback was well appreciated by your colleagues and you've all created an excellent program.

Program

Thanks to y'all who submitted work for consideration for PAD at NCA this year. We were allotted 22 slots this year, two fewer than last year. I regretted that the submissions were so strong overall that many deserving papers and panels were declined. Overall, I was able to accept 36 of 89 papers for about 40% acceptance (the same as last year). In addition, I was able to program 18 of 27 panel submissions.

I'm sure that Lisa will once again ask for reviewers to help with the reviews. Last year I asked for you to self-identify your areas of expertise. I then color coded those specialties to help me to assign reviewers. Some folks were curious about my codes and their colors, you can see it here:



One suggestion for next year: please don't identify yourself as an expert in "rhetoric," even though you most likely are one. It won't help Lisa to sort folks if we all say "rhetoric." Better to give more specific (but not too specific!) terms like "environmental rhetoric" or "feminism" or "public memory" or similar.

We changed the reviewer form to include a category for gender diversity, that seemed to work well and our panels reflected the diversity of our division.

I made a powerpoint of awesomeness for the Interest Group Fair, thank you to all of you who sent me awesome slides to include therein.

I added a panel on HRC because there wasn't a single submission about her. You can see that panel 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM **Spotlight Panel 2016 Election: Hillary Rodham Clinton's Presidential Campaign Rhetoric**, Room 413 - Level 4 Marriott Downtown

Karrin Anderson, Colorado State University
 Bonnie J. Dow, Vanderbilt University
 Stephanie Martin, Southern Methodist University
 Carrie Murawski, Texas A&M University
 John M. Murphy, University of Illinois
 Shawn J. Parry-Giles, University of Maryland

Followed by a panel on Trump:
 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM **Spotlight Panel 2016 Election: Trump's Insurgency: Demagoguery, Perversion, and Identity**, Room 413 - Level 4 Marriott Downtown

Taylor Hahn, Johns Hopkins University
James Darsey, Georgia State University
Paul Elliott Johnson, University of Pittsburgh
Patricia Roberts-Miller, University of Texas
Joshua Gunn, University of Texas, Austin
Jennifer Mercieca, Texas A&M University

Top Papers Panel

Immediately after the business meeting, we will move on to our top papers panel, featuring:

Kelly Jakes, Wayne State University, "Songs of Sovereignty: Folksinging and Hegemonic Masculinity in Liberation France."

Kevin A. Johnson and Stefani Wlaschin, California State University, Long Beach, "Vita Contemplativactiva: President Obama, Chronopolitics, and the Liberal Arts."

Courtney Caudle Travers, Vanderbilt University, "Fashion's "Civic Callings:" The Rhetorical First Lady, Postwar National Identity, and Michelle Obama."

Lauren R. Harris, University of Maryland, "More Beef, Less Bull: The Intersection of Agrarian and Expediency Ideologies in Recent Congressional Campaigns."

Award Winners

Finally, it is my pleasure to award this year's recipients of the Public Address Division Top Paper Awards:

First, congratulations to **Lauren R. Harris** for submitting the top-ranked student paper to PAD this year. Robert Gunderson Top Student Paper Award

Second, join me in congratulating **Kelly Jakes** for submitting the division's overall top-ranked contributed paper. Wrage-Baskerville Top Paper Award