

## Chapter 1 : CF A Portrait of a Scholarâ€™In Progress by Tanya K. Rodrigue

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The articles can be categorized under a number of topics including WPA work, hermeneutics, phenomenology, feminism, discourse structure, and concept development. She is currently in the process of composing a two-volume collection of her published and unpublished work. The first volume is called Poetics of Composition: Footprints of an Intellectual Journal and the second volume is entitled Prosaics of Composition: A Rhetorical Portfolio of Scholarship in Action. Together, the volumes are called Madisonian Research. You have a unique and interesting story about why you became interested in studying writing and how you ended up in the field. Can you talk a bit about your journey to composition and rhetoric? My intellectual project to study writing started long before composition had any formal existence as an academic discipline. Writing and language have fascinated me my whole life. I studied them originally because I wanted to be a writer, so my interest was grounded in my own experiences as a writer and learner, but it was philosophical almost from the beginning. When I was 12 years old learning to write essays, I was already analyzing and reflecting with my motherâ€™who is a writer herselfâ€™on things like composing processes, how form expresses meaning, and using models and imitation. In retrospect, I can see that in college I was looking for ways to understand language and writing from every possible disciplinary point of view. But there were no interdisciplinary Ph. I wanted to be a writer and editor. Later, after teaching writing briefly in high school, I started trying to write a book for teachers that led me deeper and deeper into readings on language, symbolic activity, mind and cognition, rhetoric, and so on, trying to construct a knowledge base for conceptualizing writing. This was pretty much the same territory that writing scholars were exploring to create a new discipline. When I discovered composition was emerging as a field, I realized it was possible to have a career where I could think and write about written language, and talk to people with the same interests. By the time I decided to get a Ph. I was lucky that my work converged with the rise of composition studies at exactly the time I needed an intellectual community. You and others have worked for years to bring recognition to the field as an established and legitimate discipline, an effort that is referred to as the Visibility Project. Can you talk a little bit about the process of how you all went about gaining this recognition and why it is so important? The Doctoral Consortium had been working for a long time to get recognition for the discipline. But because they invited comments, we had an opportunity to respond and make an argument. You might call it the rhetoric of information. Basically there is information disseminated about fields through statistics and databases that count and describe things like programs, degrees, and faculty, using discipline-based codes. It was basically hidden in plain sight. So we realized we had to penetrate these networks code by code. Acquiring an SED code is a huge advance because so many other organizations use this survey to track disciplinary presence and emergence and to revise their own codes. And unlike other databases, we can potentially control implementation, because graduates themselves pick the code and report the information directly, without going through department or university filters that prevent new codes from being applied to our programs. What were some of the challenges and obstacles you faced in the process of getting these codes? There were three kinds of challenges we encountered. The first is bureaucracy. On campuses, it is hard to find out who uses the databases and codes, for what purposes, and even what the processes are for assigning or changing program codes. So to prove how many graduates and programs we have, we had to gather information as best as we could, on a very tight time schedule. It was incomplete, but enough to prove our case. The third problem is that rhetorically, the way we talk about our field, we tend to be internally focused on how we distinguish ourselves from one another, and resist the idea of a common discipline. But from the very broad perspectives that govern coding, these differences and arguments are way below the radar. We had to set them aside and approach the problem rhetorically, not in purist or essentialist terms. The problem is to construct an identity as a whole that works for outsiders. But, as a rhetorical construct, this identity has to be

modulated to fit each new database and the audiences that decide the codes and use them. What can we learn from the Visibility Project, and how might we build on the work that has recently been done? This project has also taught us that as a field we need to gather, analyze, and control our own information in some central, systematic way. It evolves quite rapidly and is hard to track or disseminate. Many composition and rhetoric scholars are becoming more involved in international conversations about writing. Why do you think an international writing studies community is important? Rhetoric and composition in the U. In other countries responsibility for writing instruction is typically very diffuse and lots of disciplines are involved, so the scholarship has also developed in a very decentralized way. International writing studies brings all this together in a network of people from different disciplines and cultures and languages who share an interest in writing and literacy education. Chuck Bazerman has been a great leader in trying to create an infrastructure for exchanging knowledge and collaborating, through international conferences and edited books, and now these have led to establishing an International Society for the Advancement of Writing Research. How do you think these conversations impact the field in the U. I think this contact with international writing instruction and researchers is already changing our own field in very positive ways. The opportunities came along a bit late in my career for me to be very active in this work, but I try to keep informed and open to the possibility. How have you specifically been involved in conversations related to international writing studies? My first opportunity to actually participate, other than conferences, came when my friend Gil Harootunian, who is of Armenian descent, invited me to go to Armenia in as part of a review team for an educational exchange project she led between Syracuse University and Yerevan State Linguistic University, which specializes in teaching languages and linguistics. The university followed authoritarian Russian methods of education when Armenia was part of the Soviet Union. When it became independent, the university expanded English language instruction and turned to the west for educational models, although the lingering Russian influence on their pedagogy was still very powerful when I visited. After being a Fulbright Exchange Scholar there, Gil got a grant to help Armenian teachers use writing-intensive instruction to develop a democratic pedagogy. Her project helped teachers develop English-language courses in subjects like political science that used writing to teach western-style analysis and argument. Her design of this project and its student-centered pedagogy were partly inspired by the Syracuse Writing Program, so she asked me to go along on the review as an observer and consultant. Cezar Ornatowski, who grew up in Poland under the Russian-style system, was the official reviewer, and the three of us observed classes together and talked with teachers and students for a week, while I took extensive notes. Gil and several Armenian teachers took us around the city and countryside every afternoon and evening, giving us a cultural context for what we were seeing in the classroom. The students were very conscious of their role as future leaders of the country, who would help Armenia become democratic and join the international community. Most of them expected to be communicators—journalists, translators for government and business, teachers. They were incredibly liberated by the shift to a democratic pedagogy of talk and writing. It was stunning to hear them talk so eloquently about having the freedom to take responsibility for their own thinking and learning. So you spent time in Armenia and you just recently spent time in Canada serving as a consultant. How did this opportunity come about? I applied for the Fulbright specialist program, which makes you eligible to be a consultant on short international projects. They try to match specialists to projects proposed by universities in other countries. In I got a six-week grant to visit the University of Winnipeg to consult for the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and Communications. You said they are the only stand-alone program in writing and rhetoric in Canada, right? It was the first department with a full-time faculty in this area. The department developed from a program that was the first in Canada to offer a writing course to all students. Here, writing programs and departments grew out of the universal required first-year composition course, which was a platform for developing a discipline. In Canada it started out as remedial and developed through structures like our writing centers or WAC programs, similar to Europe and the UK. These programs are still scattered and very diverse in terms of where they are located, what they are called, who teaches in them, and what their instructional duties are. And the relationship of this instruction to disciplines is very mixed and murky—rhetoric and composition in the American sense hardly exists there. One of my mandates was to investigate the whole scene of Canadian writing instruction and scholarship and

place the work of this department in that context and comparatively with the U. In this respect it was a kind of extension of my work on the Visibility Project. What are some of the specific tasks they wanted you to do in their efforts to change or enhance their department and also establish a disciplinary identity within the national context? Jennifer Clary-Lemon wrote the proposal for the project, and she organized a steering committee to work with me. They gave me a very ambitious agenda when I arrived. They wanted to take a fresh look at all these programs, articulate them in relation to one another, and figure out the most promising future directions for the department. Part of the problem they faced was how to manage this transition collegially and with respect for different traditions in the department. There was also a major component for me to research context and history as a basis for understanding the identity of the department and its potential for future development and contributions to Canadian instruction and scholarship. I really loved the contextual element of the project, and the fact that it called for a great deal of inquiry and conversation onsite. I think I did over 70 hours of interviewing and lots of reading. There were so many layers—learning about the department, the university, the city, and their relationships, which turned out to be crucial. I wrote up my observations in a report, which was intended to facilitate their own ongoing deliberations and decision-making. I tried to make sure that the concepts and categories that ended up in my reports came from their own work and the conversations where we discussed them. Some Winnipeg faculty did a roundtable on the project with me at CCCC last spring, so I was able to hear the progress they are making on developing their plans for reform. I remember you gave a talk about your consulting experiences at an international writing studies conference a couple of years back, Writing Research Across Borders Conference. You specifically talked about your work in Armenia. What are some of the things you addressed in that presentation? How can I trust myself to interpret it well enough to offer good advice? This is a very fundamental hermeneutical question. Right, so what makes it possible at all? In my talk I pointed to the role of cultural mediators like Gil and Cezar, who understood the Soviet-style system the project was trying to transform, and the teachers and students, because they were so direct and explicit in making cultural comparisons.

**Chapter 2 : Rhetorical Expressions Of Canadian Identity | Essay Writing Service A+**

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Smith clip from Cornelius Cort, "Rhetorica. Yet why must Canadians compare themselves with the United States, the country with the highest concentration of rhetorical scholars? Canadian rhetorical studies, if determined by membership of organizations, is still stronger than in many other countries in the world. It is also not accurate to measure Canadian numbers by a single association because rhetoricians are dispersed across many as described below. If measured by public attention and the quality of our work, Canadian rhetoricians are doing quite well. There are too many to list. I have tabulated the programs I have found online on my RhetLinks website here. But in Canada, we do not have a large first-year writing phenomenon, and many of our rhetoricians are found in departments across the disciplines, mainly in the humanities and social sciences. In Canada, because we are dispersed across so many institutions and disciplines across a large geographical area, it is difficult to find enough colleagues in one place in order to found a program with a major in rhetorical studies, although a few Canadian programs do exist see my RhetLinks website. I have never regretted it " I had such a strong mentorship and deep and broad education in rhetorical history, composition studies, and the teaching of rhetoric and writing. Associations relevant to Canadian rhetorical scholars We currently have 4 Canadian organizations that strongly appeal to scholars with interests in rhetoric. The most obvious is CSSR noted above. It hosts a scholarly journal, Rhetor. Here you will find most of the rhetoricians interested in rhetoric and philosophy, popular culture, literature, and the public sphere. Secondly, many of our Canadian rhetoricians who are scholars of writing and of organizational discourse, public discourse, and cross-disciplinary academic discourse identify with the recently-renamed Canadian Association for the Study of Discourse and Writing CASDW. It hosts a scholarly journal. A fourth organization that appeals to rhetoricians who teach writing courses or work in writing centers is the Canadian Association of Writing Centers a listserv, but no web page yet at the time of writing. The future of rhetorical studies I am no prophet, but I can see signs that rhetorical studies will continue to grow in importance and notice across Canada. When I talk with individuals in corporations and civil society organizations, they can instantly see the relevance of rhetoric to what they are trying to accomplish. In Communications Studies we are slowly but surely making our relevance and value known in the midst of an overwhelming interest in new media and film and a continuing interest in traditional media. And in the humanities and liberal arts in general, rhetoric is a natural site for an interdisciplinary investigation of important social issues that is being carried along with the wave of cultural studies and critical theory, with whom we have much in common. In Engineering, Business, and some other professional schools rhetoric is slowly becoming known as an important basis for not only written communication but speech, collaborative writing, and technical and professional communication. I also note that rhetoricians are multi-talented enough to expand our field in many directions at once. Some of us are very interested in administration and are creators of programs and courses and centers of study, while others seem to focus more on publishing scholarly work. Some serve community causes, nonacademic organizations, and the public with their rhetorical skills, while others spread their expertise and strengthen our society through teaching hundreds of students every year and publishing textbooks. Many of us do two or three or more of these things quite well" and I think that we have survived and will thrive despite our relative geographic isolation and disciplinary distances from each other " because rhetoric helps a person think more clearly, speak more powerfully, and act more wisely. Hopefully we will help more and more leaders and citizens in our society achieve far greater and more beautiful and just things than ourselves.

**Chapter 3 : RhetCanada/Canadian Society for the Study of Rhetoric | Congress**

*The book comprises a collection of articles that first saw life as conference papers on Canadian rhetoric, and consequently, their focus is both diverse and divergent. Each essay attempts to draw a line around its topic, whether by gender or colour, along the French/English divide, by geographical boundary, or by historical context.*

The article begins with a proposal, a notion to explain its readers regarding the misunderstandings related to what a nation is. The tone of Ernest Renan otherwise translated by Martin Thorn is persuasive though the author confesses that there would be no approach towards a biased perspective and the author is successful in maintaining the same tone by giving several examples that aid in the understanding of the concepts based on his perspectives. The author also, indirectly, hints on the fact that he is extremely knowledgeable Sorry, but full essay samples are available only for registered users Choose a Membership Plan regarding the subject and has a fair opinion regarding the topic he chose to choose with his readers or audience. It is a delicate thing that I propose to do here, somewhat akin to vivisection; I am going to treat the living much as one ordinarily treats the dead. I shall adopt an absolutely cool and impartial attitude. After reading through the entire text, we witness an expositional attitude of the author in terms of the rhetoric style. The author exaggerates regarding his views about what a nation is. He touched on every aspect of history in a brief manner from Middle East to the Americas, including the French Revolution as well. The beginning of the article through the examples stated above serve as an open proof where the audience will sit back, relax and would listen to what the author is trying to say because the issue he is dealing with is indeed exhilarating subjects regarding misconceptions about the development or perceiving of nation have been a great interest for people of all ages, especially related to the field of philosophy and politics. As we move on, the author proceeds to discuss the true facts of history by starting with the fall of the Roman Empire. The structure moves from the previous historical facts in detail. The author is definitely trying to establish the fact that race cannot be confused with nation. As he states, The crucial result of all this was that, in spite of extreme violence of the customs of the German invaders, the mould which they imposed became with passing centuries, the actual mould of the nation. The author also discusses the irony of the history by stating the contrast related to the laws of the history of Western Europe. He gives several examples ranging from what King of France did to the Turkish policy of separating nationalities according to the religion. This is contradictory to what the author had already posed earlier. We definitely sense irony when he says that race cannot be confused with nation where as history accounts for the opposite. The motivation of the argument begins when the author states that the building of modern nation is based on historical facts led by many events and this includes examples such as the consequences on unity, consequences of direct will or the consequences of general consciousness. Renan tries to overcome the fact that a nation cannot be confused with race, ethnic origins, language, geography, dynastic principles or any kind of attraction or materialistic interest. The author questions its readers regarding the legitimacy of statements that are in agreement with the misunderstandings mentioned above. The purpose of what the author is trying to convey is clearly stated throughout the text where he discusses each factor separately followed by an explanation of his own opinion. We sense a paradox in the text throughout where the factors stated by the author may seem contradictory but what author states eventually is the truth. In the first section, the author shows why the military necessity cannot be confused with the nation. He states several examples, one of which has been elucidated above regarding the wars. Language is undoubtedly concerned with race and therefore, cannot be associated with nation as well. Originally, religion had to do with the very existence of the social group, which itself was an extension of the family. Two things, which in truth are but one, constitute this soul or spiritual principle. One lies in the past, one lies in the present. One is the possession in common of a rich legacy of memories; the other is present-day consent, the desire to live together, the will to perpetuate the value of the heritage that one has received in an undivided form. The nation, like the individual is the culmination of a long past of endeavors, sacrifice and devotion. It is clearly an expositional text where the author details his position on several issues and highlights the importance of understanding the nation from a humanistic perspective. Furthermore, the essay is synonymous with the argumentation theory

established by the Philosopher of Science, Steve Toulmin where the author has presented the data as well as the claims and also warrants for the truth in what he believes in. While the text may be complex in nature, the audience may find themselves connecting to the text based on several historical facts that the author stated. This trait makes the text appealing and as we reach the conclusion of the text, we find ourselves in a position where we agree with what the author. The use of several literary devices in the text makes it very enjoyable for its readers to read and therefore, the text written by the author receives its credit and accomplishes its purpose.

**Chapter 4 : Formats and Editions of The rhetoric of Canadian writing [calendrierdelascience.com]**

*>The Rhetoric of Canadian Writing = and the balkanized exempla composing its content there exists a virtual oxymoron, reflective perhaps of the goodwill and positive ethos invested in multiculturalism,= that officially >.*

Scope[ edit ] Scholars have debated the scope of rhetoric since ancient times. Although some have limited rhetoric to the specific realm of political discourse, many modern scholars liberate it to encompass every aspect of culture. Contemporary studies of rhetoric address a much more diverse range of domains than was the case in ancient times. While classical rhetoric trained speakers to be effective persuaders in public forums and institutions such as courtrooms and assemblies, contemporary rhetoric investigates human discourse writ large. Rhetoricians have studied the discourses of a wide variety of domains, including the natural and social sciences, fine art, religion, journalism, digital media, fiction, history, cartography, and architecture, along with the more traditional domains of politics and the law. Public relations, lobbying, law, marketing, professional and technical writing, and advertising are modern professions that employ rhetorical practitioners. Because the ancient Greeks highly valued public political participation, rhetoric emerged as a crucial tool to influence politics. Consequently, rhetoric remains associated with its political origins. However, even the original instructors of Western speech—the Sophists —disputed this limited view of rhetoric. According to the Sophists, such as Gorgias , a successful rhetorician could speak convincingly on any topic, regardless of his experience in that field. This method suggested rhetoric could be a means of communicating any expertise, not just politics. In his Encomium to Helen , Gorgias even applied rhetoric to fiction by seeking for his own pleasure to prove the blamelessness of the mythical Helen of Troy in starting the Trojan War. He criticized the Sophists for using rhetoric as a means of deceit instead of discovering truth. In "Gorgias", one of his Socratic Dialogues , Plato defines rhetoric as the persuasion of ignorant masses within the courts and assemblies. Thus, Plato considered any speech of lengthy prose aimed at flattery as within the scope of rhetoric. Aristotle both redeemed rhetoric from his teacher and narrowed its focus by defining three genres of rhetoric— deliberative , forensic or judicial, and epideictic. When one considers that rhetoric included torture in the sense that the practice of torture is a form of persuasion or coercion , it is clear that rhetoric cannot be viewed only in academic terms. However, the enthymeme based upon logic especially, based upon the syllogism was viewed as the basis of rhetoric. However, since the time of Aristotle, logic has changed. For example, Modal logic has undergone a major development that also modifies rhetoric. He restricted rhetoric to the domain of the contingent or probable: The contemporary neo-Aristotelian and neo-Sophistic positions on rhetoric mirror the division between the Sophists and Aristotle. Neo-Aristotelians generally study rhetoric as political discourse, while the neo-Sophistic view contends that rhetoric cannot be so limited. Rhetorical scholar Michael Leff characterizes the conflict between these positions as viewing rhetoric as a "thing contained" versus a "container". The neo-Aristotelian view threatens the study of rhetoric by restraining it to such a limited field, ignoring many critical applications of rhetorical theory, criticism, and practice. Simultaneously, the neo-Sophists threaten to expand rhetoric beyond a point of coherent theoretical value. Over the past century, people studying rhetoric have tended to enlarge its object domain beyond speech texts. Kenneth Burke asserted humans use rhetoric to resolve conflicts by identifying shared characteristics and interests in symbols. By nature, humans engage in identification , either to identify themselves or another individual with a group. This definition of rhetoric as identification broadened the scope from strategic and overt political persuasion to the more implicit tactics of identification found in an immense range of sources. Influenced by theories of social construction , White argues that culture is "reconstituted" through language. Just as language influences people, people influence language. Language is socially constructed, and depends on the meanings people attach to it. Because language is not rigid and changes depending on the situation, the very usage of language is rhetorical. An author, White would say, is always trying to construct a new world and persuading his or her readers to share that world within the text. Even in the field of science , the practices of which were once viewed as being merely the objective testing and reporting of knowledge, scientists must persuade their audience to accept their findings by sufficiently demonstrating that their study or experiment was conducted

reliably and resulted in sufficient evidence to support their conclusions. The vast scope of rhetoric is difficult to define; however, political discourse remains, in many ways, the paradigmatic example for studying and theorizing specific techniques and conceptions of persuasion, considered by many a synonym for "rhetoric". Because of its associations with democratic institutions, rhetoric is commonly said to flourish in open and democratic societies with rights of free speech, free assembly, and political enfranchisement for some portion of the population. Those who classify rhetoric as a civic art believe that rhetoric has the power to shape communities, form the character of citizens and greatly effect civic life. Rhetoric was viewed as a civic art by several of the ancient philosophers. Aristotle and Isocrates were two of the first to see rhetoric in this light. In his work, *Antidosis*, Isocrates states, "We have come together and founded cities and made laws and invented arts; and, generally speaking, there is no institution devised by man which the power of speech has not helped us to establish. He further argues in his piece *Against the Sophists* that rhetoric, although it cannot be taught to just anyone, is capable of shaping the character of man. He writes, "I do think that the study of political discourse can help more than any other thing to stimulate and form such qualities of character. In the words of Aristotle, in the *Rhetoric*, rhetoric is " According to Aristotle, this art of persuasion could be used in public settings in three different ways. Garver writes, "Rhetoric articulates a civic art of rhetoric, combining the almost incompatible properties of *techné* and appropriateness to citizens. Because rhetoric is a public art capable of shaping opinion, some of the ancients including Plato found fault in it. They claimed that while it could be used to improve civic life, it could be used equally easily to deceive or manipulate with negative effects on the city. The masses were incapable of analyzing or deciding anything on their own and would therefore be swayed by the most persuasive speeches. Thus, civic life could be controlled by the one who could deliver the best speech. Plato explores the problematic moral status of rhetoric twice: This concern is still maintained to nowadays. More trusting in the power of rhetoric to support a republic, the Roman orator Cicero argued that art required something more than eloquence. A good orator needed also to be a good man, a person enlightened on a variety of civic topics. Modern day works continue to support the claims of the ancients that rhetoric is an art capable of influencing civic life. In his work *Political Style*, Robert Hariman claims, "Furthermore, questions of freedom, equality, and justice often are raised and addressed through performances ranging from debates to demonstrations without loss of moral content". In his book, *When Words Lose Their Meaning*, he argues that words of persuasion and identification define community and civic life. He states that words produce "the methods by which culture is maintained, criticized, and transformed". In modern times, rhetoric has consistently remained relevant as a civic art. In speeches, as well as in non-verbal forms, rhetoric continues to be used as a tool to influence communities from local to national levels. As a course of study[ edit ] Rhetoric as a course of study has evolved significantly since its ancient beginnings. Through the ages, the study and teaching of rhetoric has adapted to the particular exigencies of the time and venue. Rhetoric began as a civic art in Ancient Greece where students were trained to develop tactics of oratorical persuasion, especially in legal disputes. Rhetoric originated in a school of pre-Socratic philosophers known as the Sophists circa BC. Demosthenes and Lysias emerged as major orators during this period, and Isocrates and Gorgias as prominent teachers. Rhetorical education focused on five particular canons: Modern teachings continue to reference these rhetorical leaders and their work in discussions of classical rhetoric and persuasion. Rhetoric was later taught in universities during the Middle Ages as one of the three original liberal arts or trivium along with logic and grammar. With the rise of European monarchs in following centuries, rhetoric shifted into the courtly and religious applications. Augustine exerted strong influence on Christian rhetoric in the Middle Ages, advocating the use of rhetoric to lead audiences to truth and understanding, especially in the church. The study of liberal arts, he believed, contributed to rhetorical study: That is, influential scholars like Ramus argued that the processes of invention and arrangement should be elevated to the domain of philosophy, while rhetorical instruction should be chiefly concerned with the use of figures and other forms of the ornamentation of language. Scholars such as Francis Bacon developed the study of "scientific rhetoric". In the 18th century, rhetoric assumed a more social role, initiating the creation of new education systems. In his most famous work "Lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres", he advocates rhetorical study for common citizens as a resource for social success. The rhetorical studies of ancient Greece

and Rome were resurrected in the studies of the era as speakers and teachers looked to Cicero and others to inspire defense of the new republic. Leading rhetorical theorists included John Quincy Adams of Harvard who advocated the democratic advancement of rhetorical art. Recently, there have been studies conducted examining the rhetoric used in political speech acts to illustrate how political figures will persuade audiences for their own purposes. The American lyceum in particular was seen as both an educational and social institution, featuring group discussions and guest lecturers. Throughout the 20th century, rhetoric developed as a concentrated field of study with the establishment of rhetorical courses in high schools and universities. Courses such as public speaking and speech analysis apply fundamental Greek theories such as the modes of persuasion: Rhetoric has earned a more esteemed reputation as a field of study with the emergence of Communication Studies departments as well as Rhetoric and Composition programs within English departments in universities and in conjunction with the linguistic turn. Rhetorical study has broadened in scope, and is especially utilized by the fields of marketing, politics, and literature. Rhetoric, as an area of study, is concerned with how humans use symbols, especially language, to reach agreement that permits coordinated effort of some sort. Rhetoric, in this sense, how to properly give speeches, played an important role in their training. Rhetoric was soon taught in departments of English as well. But it is fairly clear that while knowledge is primarily concerned with what is commonly known as "truth", rhetoric is primarily concerned with statements and their effects on the audience. The word "rhetoric" may also refer to "empty speak", which reflects an indifference to truth, and in this sense rhetoric is adversarial to knowledge. Plato famously criticized the Sophists for their rhetoric which had persuaded people to sentence his friend Socrates to death regardless of what was true. However, rhetoric is also used in the construction of true arguments, or in identifying what is relevant, the crux of the matter, in a selection of true but otherwise trivial statements. Hence, rhetoric is also closely related to knowledge. Eloquentia Perfecta[ edit ] Eloquentia Perfecta is a Jesuit rhetoric that revolves around cultivating a person as a whole, as one learns to speak and write for the common good. History[ edit ] Rhetoric has its origins in Mesopotamia. The Egyptians held eloquent speaking in high esteem, and it was a skill that had a very high value in their society. The "Egyptian rules of rhetoric" also clearly specified that "knowing when not to speak is essential, and very respected, rhetorical knowledge". Their "approach to rhetoric" was thus a "balance between eloquence and wise silence". Their rules of speech also strongly emphasized "adherence to social behaviors that support a conservative status quo" and they held that "skilled speech should support, not question, society". The tradition of Confucianism emphasized the use of eloquence in speaking.

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Hartlib Papers Project, Sheffield University, Decency and Authority, with Peter Hennessey. Can Socialism Survive Global Capital? Fact, Fiction or Spin? In the 21st Century, what are we Citizens of? Dealing with Difference, with Cynthia Cockburn. Externally Funded Keynotes and Plenaries Invited as guest lecturer by the Warsaw University Humanities Institute, to lecture on modern political rhetoric, at a week long seminar including a retrospective of my performance work. The participation also included two performances. Invited as guest participant to the International Association of Philosophy and Technology Conference held at the University of Aberdeen, to speak on a panel dedicated to my Work on Computing, Science and Philosophy. Editing and the Theatre: Lecturing on Romeo and Juliet. Organisation of Major Conferences Papers Delivered at Conferences Organised an extensive three week tour of poetry readings and workshops throughout Britain for the poet Christopher Dewdney. Set up a British tour of poetry readings and school lectures for John Wilkinson and Geoffrey Ward, including a reading at the Traverse Theatre during the Edinburgh Festival. Toured Canadian writer Katharine Govier throughout Britain and arranged for her fellowship at the University of Leeds. On editorial board of the McGill Allegory Project. Organised visit of Canadian writer Alice Munro. Co-organised the visit of Carol Shields to read at the University of Leeds. Organised reading by Scottish poet and playwright Liz Lochhead. Co-organised the visit of Robert Kroetsch to read at the University of Leeds. Organised exchange for Professor Janice Williamson, to visit Leeds and contribute to the work on Canadian Literature and on creative writing. Organised visiting poet Erin Moure to give a creative writing workshop and to read, October.

## Chapter 6 : Literature/Rhetoric

*Having just this spring presented papers at the Rhetoric Society of America (RSA) in Seattle and the Canadian Society for the Study of Rhetoric (CSSR) in Vancouver, I was afforded a fresh view of the vibrant field of Rhetorical Studies on both sides of the border.*

## Chapter 7 : Rhetoric - Wikipedia

*Thus, instead of examining Canadian convent writing as spiritual discourse, this article focuses on how it embodied the rhetoric of colonization by which the settlers explicitly or implicitly justified France's enterprise in the New World.*

## Chapter 8 : RhetCanada – The Canadian Society for the Study of Rhetoric

*Title: The Rhetoric of Canadian Writing: Author: Steenman-Marcusse, C. Publisher: Rijksuniversiteit Groningen: Date issued: Access: Restricted Access: Language.*

## Chapter 9 : rhetoric | Definition of rhetoric in English by Oxford Dictionaries

*In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content. letters in canada university of toronto quarterly, volume 73, number 1, winter /4 they should take the time to state their thoughts clearly, and that they should not turn the literature into weapons for a particular cause.*