

Reading List--Area Examinations
2003
History and Theory of Rhetoric

Candidates must register with the Graduate Officer during the examination period preceding that in which they propose to sit Area Examinations. Forms for this purpose are available in the office of the Graduate Assistant.

Candidates proposing to sit examinations should arrange with the members of the area committee to discuss the examination and appropriate ways to prepare for it.

PRIMARY MATERIALS

Classical Rhetoric

Gorgias

Encomium of Helen.

Isocrates

Against the Sophists.
Antidosis.

Plato

Gorgias.
Phaedrus.

Aristotle

Rhetoric.

Cicero

The Orator.
On Invention.

Quintilian

Institutes of Oratory.

Augustine

On Christian Doctrine.

Medieval Rhetoric

Readings from the following authors (all available in Readings in Medieval Rhetoric, edited by Joseph M. Miller, Michael H. Prosser, Thomas W. Benson. Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Press, 1974):

Martianus Capella.

Anonymous of Bologne.

(Pseudo) Aurelius Augustine.

Honorius of Autun.

C. Chirius Fortunatianus.

Hugh of St. Victor.

Emporius the Orator.	Wibaldus of Stavelot.
Rufinus of Antioch.	John of Salisbury.
Priscian the Grammarian.	Philip of Harveng.
Anicius Manilus Severinus Boethius.	Alan of the Isles.
Flavius Magnus Aurelius Cassidorus.	Thomas of Citeaux.
Isidore of Seville.	Geoffrey of Vinsauf.
The Venerable Bede.	Humbert of Romans.
Alcuin.	(Pseudo) Thomas Aquinas.
Rabanus Maurus.	Brunetto Latini.
Walafrid Strabo.	Giles of Rome.
Al-Baqillani.	Dante Alighieri.
Alberic of Monte Cassino.	Robert of Basevorn.
Guibert de Nogent.	Thomas of Todi.
Hildebert of Lavardin.	Poggio Bacciolini.
Rupert of Deutz.	

Renaissance Rhetoric

Wayne A. Rebhorn, editor
Renaissance Debates on Rhetoric, Cornell University Press, 2000

Christine de Pisan
The Treasure of the City of Ladies.

Laura Cereta
Letter to Augustinus Aemilius, Curse against the Ornamentation of Women.
Letter to Bibulus Sempronius, Defense of the Liberal Instruction of Women.
<http://www.sas.upenn.edu/~ebbeler/writs/cereta.html>

Desiderius Erasmus
Copia: Foundations of the Abundant Style.

Peter Ramus
Arguments in Rhetoric against Quintilian.

Thomas Wilson
The Arte of Rhetorique.

Francis Bacon
The Advancement of Learning.

Enlightenment Rhetoric

Margaret Fell
Women's Speaking Justified, Proved, and Allowed by the Scriptures.

Sarah Grimke

Letters on the Equality of the Sexes and the Condition of Women.

John Locke

An Essay Concerning Human Understanding.

Giambattista Vico

The New Science.

Rene Descartes

A Discourse on Method.

Thomas Sheridan

A Course of Lectures on Elocution.

George Campbell

The Philosophy of Rhetoric.

Hugh Blair

Lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres.

Joseph Priestley

Lectures on Oratory and Criticism.

Thomas De Quincey

Selected Essays on Rhetoric.

Modern and Post-modern Rhetoric

Friedrich Nietzsche

Philosophy and Truth: Selections from Nietzsche's Notebooks of the early 1870's.
Friedrich Nietzsche on Rhetoric and Language.

Richard Whately

Elements of Rhetoric.

I.A. Richards

Philosophy of Rhetoric.

Richard Weaver

Language is Sermonic.

Mikhail Bakhtin

The Dialogic Imagination
Speech Genres and Other Late Essays

Wayne Booth

Modern Dogma and the Rhetoric of Assent.

Kenneth Burke

A Rhetoric of Motives.
Language as Symbolic Action.

Chaim Perelman and Lucie Olbrecht-Tyteca

The New Rhetoric: A Treatise on Argumentation.

Ernesto Grassi

Rhetoric as Philosophy.

Michel Foucault

The Archaeology of Knowledge.

Juergen Habermas

Knowledge and Human Interests.

Jacques Derrida

Of Grammatology.

Helene Cixous

The Laugh of the Medusa.

Loyd Bitzer

The Prospect of Rhetoric.

Donald Bryant

Rhetorical Dimensions in Criticism.

Bernard L. Brock and Robert L. Scott

Methods of Rhetorical Criticism: A Twentieth-Century Perspective.

SECONDARY SOURCES

Candidates without undergraduate training in rhetoric are advised to start with a solid undergraduate history of rhetoric text (for instance, James Herrick's *The History and Theory of Rhetoric: An Introduction*. 2d ed. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 2001, or Craig R. Smith's *Rhetoric and Human Consciousness: A History* 2nd ed. Waveland.)

Candidates should also read a solid generalist scholarly history of rhetoric (for instance, George Kennedy's *Classical Rhetoric and Its Christian and Secular Tradition from Ancient to Modern Times*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1980, Thomas Conley's *Rhetoric in the European Tradition*. NY: Longman, 1990, or Brian Vickers's *In Defence of Rhetoric*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1990).

Candidates should further familiarize themselves with the secondary materials available in the *Landmark Essays* series from Lawrence Erlbaum (in particular, those *on Kenneth Burke*, vol. 2 edited by Barry Brummett; *on Classical Greek Rhetoric*, vol. 3, edited by Edward Schiappa; *on*

Bakhtin, vol. 13, edited by Frank Farmer; *on Aristotelian Rhetoric*, vol. 14, edited by Richard L. Enos and Lois P. Agnew; and *on Contemporary Rhetoric*, vol. 15, edited by Thomas B. Farrell.)

Journals

Journal articles are central to the development of rhetoric as an intellectual discipline during the past fifty years. Students are expected to be conversant in the historical, critical, and theoretical issues raised by these journals.

Philosophy and Rhetoric
Quarterly Journal of Speech
Rhetorica
Rhetoric Review
Rhetoric Society Quarterly