**English 6310**

**Fall 2015**

**Schedule of Class Readings and Assignments**

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**Aug. 25/ Introductions;**

Hawhee, Debra. **“**Performing Ancient Rhetorics: A Symposium” *Rhetoric Society Quarterly* 36.2. (135-142)

**Aug. 27/** **Introduction to** **Classical Greek Rhetoric**

*Rhetoric in the European Tradition*, Chapter 1, “Classical Greek Rhetorics,” 1-28 (books.google.com and on Blackboard); *Iliad*, Book II (selected pages)

Reading Responses Begin

**Sept. 1/** **Plato’s *Phaedrus***

*Phaedrus,* Introduction, ix-xxxi (stop before “Rhetoric”), and part 1, lines 227a-257b

**Sept. 3**/ *Phaedrus*, Introduction, xxxi-end; part 2, lines 257b-279c; “Plato’s Denunciation of Rhetoric in the Phaedrus.” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sept. 8/** **Plato’s *Gorgias***

*Gorgias,* Introduction and full text.

**Sept. 10/** Plato *Gorgias* discussion continued; Rev. of*The Unity of Plato’s Gorgias: Rhetoric, Justice, and the Philosophic Life*.

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**Sept. 15/** “Apology of Socrates”; The Evolution of the Rhetorical Genre of Apologia” (43-44, 46-48); [“Not to Shy Away: Barack Obama’s Rhetoric of Friendship.](http://www.presenttensejournal.org/volume-2/not-to-shy-away-barack-obama%E2%80%99s-rhetoric-of-friendship) Present Tense (follow links and listen to or read the speeches);

Lead Discussion: Heather

**Sept. 17/** “The *New York Times’* Defense of its Coverage of the Gaza War: An Apologia.”*The Greek Sophists,* Introduction, x-xxii, and Gorgias of Leontini, 43-97.

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**Sept. 22/ The Sophists**

McComiskey Ch. 1 and 2. 1-54; “The Case for the Sophists.”

*Rereading the Sophists*.

**Sept. 24**/

Chapter 1, “The First Sophists: History and Historiography” 1-29.

Lead Discussion: Isela

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**Sept. 29/Aristotle**

Aristotle *Rhetoric.* Introduction and Part I.; “Reconsidering the Intention or Purpose of Aristotle’s Rhetoric”

**Oct. 1/**

Aristotle. Part 2.; “Kairos in Aristotle’s Rhetoric”

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**Oct. 6/ Women’s Rhetoric**

*Rhetoric Retold,* “Classical Rhetoric Conceptualized, or Vocal Men and Muted Women,” 18-73; Aspasia materials from *The Rhetorical Tradition*; Pericles “Funeral Oration”; Sappho (selected texts)

Lead Discussion: Julie

**Oct. 8/** “Song to Speech: The Origins of Early Epitaphia in Early Middle Eastern Women’s Lamentations”*RBBG*, 213- 225; “From Menexenus”; “Pericles’s Funeral Oration” (from Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*, text from Internet). *Rhetoric Before and Beyond the Greeks*, Introduction 1-24

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**Oct. 13/ Roman Rhetoric**

“Forces Shaping the Tranisition from Greek to Roman Rhetoric.” “From Athens to Tusculum: Gleaning the Background of Cicero's "De Oratore.”

Cicero, *On the Ideal Orator*, Introduction and Book 1;

Lead Discussion: Terry

**Oct. 15/** Cicero, Book 2 and 3

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No Reading Response This Week

**Oct. 20/** **Cross Cultural Rhetorics**

***Comparative Rhetoric: An Historical and Cross-cultural Introduction*, Prologue and Chapter 6; “The Gendering of Prophetic Discourse,” ANGR, 67-93.**

Lead Discussion: Jasmine

**Oct. 22/ “Literacy and Rhetoric in the Ancient Near East,” *Comparative Rhetoric*, 115-40; *ANGR* Introduction, 3-27; “Disciplinary Landscaping, or Contemporary Challenges in the History of Rhetoric.”**

DUE: Trace Paper

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**Oct. 27/ Arabic Rhetoric**

“Aristotle and Averroes: The Influences of Aristotle’s Arabic Commentator upon Western European and Arabic Rhetoric”; selected pages from *Averroës' Three Short Commentaries on Aristotle's "Topics," "Rhetoric," and "Poetics"*;

Lead Discussion: Jennifer

**Oct. 29/“**The Islamization of Rhetoric: Ibn Rushd and the Reintroduction of Aristotle into Medieval Europe.”; “What is Arab Islamic Rhetoric? Rethinking the History of Muslim Oratory Art and Homiletics.”-

**Mesopotamian Rhetoric:**

**Nov. 3** “The Rhetoric of Origins and the Other: Reading the Ancient Figure of Enheduanna.” *RBBG* 47-63: Meadoe. *Ianna, Lady of the Largest Heart: Poems of the Summerian High Priestess Enheduanna.* (Selected pages) Lead Discussion: Brenda

**Nov. 5/** “Ritual Rhetoric in Ancient Near-Eastern Texts, “ *ANGR,* 39-66.

**Nov. 10/** **Egyptian Rhetoric:**

“Ancient Egyptian Rhetoric: It All Comes Down to Matt,” RBBG 79-97.

*The Context of Scripture: Canonical Compositions from the Biblical World* (Selected pages); “Rhetoric and Identity: A Study of Ancient Egyptian Non Royal Tombs and Tomb Autobiographies,” *ANGR*, 94-124.

**Nov. 12/** *The Story of Sinuhe and other Ancient Egyptian Poems 1940-1640 B.C.E.* (Introduction, “The Tale of Sinuhe” and “The Tale of the Eloquent Peasant”); “Ancient Egyptian Rhetoric in the Old and Middle Kingdoms.”

. Lead Discussion: Sabrina

Reading Responses END

**Nov. 17/** **Chinese Rhetoric:**

*RBBG*, “The Use of Eloquence: The Confucian Perspective,” 115-29. *The Analects of Confucius* (selected pages);

**Nov. 19/** “Confucius’s Virtue-Centered Rhetoric: A Case Study of Mixed Research Methods in Comparative Rhetoric”; *ANGR*, “Why Do the Rulers Listen to the Wild Theories of Speech-Makers? Or Wuwei, Shi, and the Methods of Comparative Rhetoric,” *ANGR,* 176-196.

**Nov. 24/ Rhetoric in the New World**

*Rhetoric in the New World*: Introduction, “Rhetoric: Old World and New,” “Bernardino de Sahagun and the Rhetoric of the Other,” 1-40; Sahagún, Bernardino de. General History Of The Things Of New Spain. (Florentine Codex or Códice Florentino) Part VII. Vol. 6. 113-26; *Rhetoric in the New World:* “Diego Valades: An Ancient Art in a New World.”

Lead Discussion: Margarita

**Nov.-26/ Thanksgiving**

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**Dec. 1/ Meet in Library to view codex books**

**Dec. 3/** *Rhetoric in the New World:* “Bartolome de Las Casas and Jose de Acosta: The Other as Audience,” 41-78; “The Language and Rhetoric of Conversion in the Viceroyalty of Peru.” DUE: Practice Exam Question

**Extended Lit. Review due at the time of the Final Exam—Thurs., Dec. 10 by midnight through the Blackboard assignment dropbox.**