

NCA PUBLIC ADDRESS DIVISION
Business Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 13, 2004

Chair Shawn Parry-Giles brought the 2004 meeting of the NCA Public Address Division to order at 3:34 p.m. She began by introducing herself and then went directly to the agenda.

1. Approval of the minutes from the 2003 business meeting (posted to Web: www.ncapublicaddress.org).
 - 1.1. Shawn reminded everyone present that the 2003 minutes had been on-line for some time. Hopefully, everyone had had an opportunity to review them, she said.
 - 1.2. Karlyn Kohrs Campbell made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. John Jones offered the second.
 - 1.3. With no discussion or amendments, the minutes passed unanimously.

2. Report from the Nominating Committee (Mary Stuckey, Chair) and division elections.
 - 2.1. Mary Stuckey thanked the nominating committee for its hard work.
 - 2.2. Mary provided some instructions as she distributed the ballots, then she and the rest of the committee retired to tally the votes.

3. Report from the Legislative Assembly (Representatives James Darsey, Immediate Past Chair; Shawn Parry-Giles, Chair; Amy Slagell, Vice-Chair).
 - 3.1. James Darsey rose to summarize the Legislative Assembly's deliberations.
 - 3.2. According to Jim, NCA set a new attendance record this year.
 - 3.3. "Rhetoric and Communication" is a new category for ACLS fellowships.
 - 3.3.1. We need to be sure to take advantage of this accomplishment, by applying for ACLS grants.
 - 3.3.2. If the ACLS receives a sufficient number of applicants for the Rhetoric and Communication category, Jim explained, it will appoint reviewers from within our discipline; therefore, every application strengthens our standing.
 - 3.4. Financial News: NCA owns its building in Washington D.C. and the contingency fund is up.
 - 3.5. NCA has a new Division, the Nonverbal Division.
 - 3.6. RSA is now an affiliate of NCA.
 - 3.7. Jim explained that the Assembly discussed certification for undergraduate programs. No one is really sure what this means, but you will hear more about this in the future.
 - 3.8. The Assembly entertained a lengthy discussion about NCA's contract with All Academic. It would seem that the PAD had better success this convention than other divisions—congratulations to Amy Slagell for all of her hard work. NCA is in the third

year of its five-year contract with All Academic, and it doesn't know if it can get out of the contract. If problems continue in scheduling next year's panels and papers, the association may revisit this issue.

- 3.9. Art Bochner was elected to the Nominating Committee, and Pam Cooper was selected for the position of Second Vice President.
- 3.10. There were a number of At-Large assembly seats up for election, and the PAD fared well in the nomination process.
 - 3.10.1. Suzanne Daughton, Angela Ray, and Eric King Watts will be on the ballot. Robert Terrill may appear, because he has agreed to be an alternate.
 - 3.10.2. They individuals deserve our thanks for their willingness to serve and our support in the coming election.
- 3.11. The Assembly discussed the NRC rankings scheme, its metrics, and how our field will be reported the first time through the process.
- 3.12. NCA is going to develop an "Experts" web page.
- 3.13. The Assembly discussed whether or not to distribute the convention program in the mail. The membership preferred receiving the program by mail prior to the convention, but the question remains: Should NCA spend money on this mailing? There was no resolution on this issue
- 3.14. The Assembly discussed the "ideal convention," and how the NCA annual convention could move toward that ideal.
- 3.15. James Darsey was elected to the Committee on Committees.

4. Immediate Past Chair's Report (James Darsey)

- 4.1. Jim took the floor again to discuss proposed changes to the By-Laws of the Public Address Division.
- 4.2. Proposed Action Items:
 - 4.2.1. Article 3, Section 1—*Calling Business Meetings*
 - 4.2.1.1.Moved that the Executive Committee of PAD continue to have the authority to call Division meetings in addition to the annual business meeting.
 - 4.2.1.2.The motion passed.
 - 4.2.2. Article 3 sec. 2--*Quorum*
 - 4.2.2.1.Moved that the PAD specify a quorum for business meetings.
 - 4.2.2.2.The motion failed.
 - 4.2.3. Article 3—*Publish Scheduled Business Meeting*
 - 4.2.3.1.Moved that language be added to stipulate that the PAD business meetings will be published with adequate warning and in an appropriate manner.
 - 4.2.3.2.The motion passed.

4.2.4. Article 4—*Online Elections*

4.2.4.1. Recommended that the PAD move to online elections as specified in Article 4, alternate--Sections 1-3 and new Sections 4-5

4.2.4.2. Lester Olson made the motion to amend Article 4 to allow for online voting, and the motion was seconded by Susan Zaeske.

4.2.4.3. A significant discussion followed this motion, and it focused on these issues:

4.2.4.3.1. How will this motion affect those who do and do not attend NCA and the PAD business meeting?

4.2.4.3.2. Would some members be disenfranchised by the technology?

4.2.4.3.3. Can we have both online and traditional balloting?

4.2.4.3.4. Does the traditional balloting process encourage new members to enter PAD because they come to the business meeting, and will this function diminish if we go to online balloting?

4.2.4.4. After several minutes, the question was called and the motion failed to pass.

4.2.5. Article 5, sec. 2 & 6—*Representation on Legislative Assembly.*

4.2.5.1. Moved: that the PAD continue to be represented on Legislative Assembly by the Chair and Immediate Past Chair (Article 5, Sections 2 & 6), and that the Immediate Past Chair will serve, when Division membership allows for at least 3 representatives on Legislative Assembly, one year beyond his/her term in that office as the third PAD representative to Legislative Assembly.

4.2.5.2. The motion passed

4.2.6. Article 5, sec 9—*New LA representatives.*

4.2.6.1. Moved: that PAD representatives to Legislative Assembly beyond the first three shall be elected as specified in revised Article 5, Section 9.

4.2.6.2. The motion passed.

4.2.7. Article 5, sec. 5—*PAD Secretary's Term*

4.2.7.1. Moved: that the term of the PAD secretary be extended from 2 to 3 years.

4.2.7.2. The motion passed.

4.2.8. Article 5, sec. 7—*Webspinner*

4.2.8.1. Moved: that the office of division Webspinner, its name, duties, and term of office as described in Article 5, Section 7 be confirmed.

4.2.8.2. The motion passed.

4.2.9. Article 5, sec. 9—*Incapacity of Officers.*

4.2.9.1. Moved: that Article 5, Section 9, concerning the replacement of officers in case of incapacity, be adopted. This language has been requested by NCA.

4.2.9.2. The motion was approved.

4.2.10. Article 6, Sec. 1—*Executive Committee*.

4.2.10.1. Moved: that all PAD representatives to Legislative Assembly be included on the Division's Executive Committee.

4.2.10.2. The motion passed.

4.2.11. Moved: that the Division Webspinner not be required to serve on the Division's Executive Committee. This motion passed.

4.2.12. Article 6, Sec. 2.3—*Ballot Changes*

4.2.12.1. Moved: that the ballot for the Division be revised as specified in Article 6, Section 2.3.

4.2.12.2. A brief discussion ensued about whether the Webspinner should be an elected official or whether the person should be selected by the executive committee.

4.2.12.2.1. A friendly amendment was offered to strike Webspinner from the proposed changes to Article 6, Section 2.3

4.2.12.2.2. The amendment passed.

4.2.12.3. The motion to revise Article 6, Section 2.3 with language that omits the Webspinner was put to a vote; it passed.

4.2.13. Article 6, Secs. 2.3.1 and 2.3.2—*Award Committee Representation*

4.2.13.1. Moved: that PAD representation on the Nichols and Winans-Wichelns Award Committees be restricted as specified in Article 6, Sections 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 so as to ensure the greatest variety of representation on these committees.

4.2.13.2. The motion passed.

4.2.14. Article 4, sec. 3—*Plurality*

4.2.14.1. A motion came from the floor to alter the language of Article 4, sec. 3 so that it required a Plurality rather than Majority vote.

4.2.14.2. The motion passed.

4.2.15. At this point the entire By-Laws, including all substantive and stylistic changes, was put before the PAD membership. The By-Laws change passed unanimously.

4.2.16. The entire membership thanked the ad hoc By-Laws committee for its hard work. The committee included Jim Darsey (Chair), Susan Zaeske, Matthew Barton, David Deifell, William Harpine, Shawn Parry-Giles, and Karen Rasmussen.

5. Chair's Report (Shawn Parry-Giles)

5.1. Shawn said that her report was online, and she hoped that the membership had read it. (*Secretary's Note*: A copy of that report can be found below in Appendix B.)

5.2. Pre-Conference / Short Course:

5.2.1. In 2003 we had a very successful pre-conference session about public address pedagogy. We had another pre-conference this year about teaching a course on the rhetoric of the 1960s. We don't, however, have a pre-conference theme for next year.

5.2.2. Shawn asked that individuals who wished to propose a short course for 2005 contact her.

5.3. The PAD has had a great year, she said.

5.3.1. Our membership moved from 614 to 688 and this number does not include those who registered at the 2004 NCA conference.

5.3.2. The Public Address Conference at the University of Maryland was a big success. In 2006, the conference will be held at Vanderbilt University.

5.3.3. Shawn said that she wished to thank many people, especially the members of the PAD Executive Committee.

5.3.4. There were no questions for the Chair.

6. Vice-Chair's Report (Amy Slagell)

6.1. Amy informed the membership that her report was also online and could be read at the Division's web site. (*Secretary's Note:* A copy of that report can be found below in Appendix C.)

6.2. She said that she would like feedback on any panels that didn't work, but it seemed as though that majority of the 2004 convention experience was positive.

6.3. Paper submissions were up 30 percent and panel submissions were up 100 percent.

6.4. 28 different individuals reviewed papers and panel proposals. Amy thanked everyone who served in this capacity.

6.5. The All Academic system was used for the awards process, as well, this year she said.

7. Presentation of Awards

7.1. Amy Slagell presented the Gunderson Award, which went to Michael Lee.

7.2. Amy Slagell presented the Wrage-Baskerville Award, which went to Jason Black.

7.3. James Darsey presented the Nichols Award. He said that the committee was extremely pleased with the quality of all the nominees. This year's award went to Susan Zaeske.

8. Reports

8.1. Awards Committee: The Thomas Benson—Karlyn Kohrs Campbell Public Address Dissertation Research Award.:

8.1.1. James Darsey reported that the Division is not supposed to use NCA funds for the Arnold Award, so if the Division wants to continue the award then it would have to

have a capital campaign. The Division would have to fundraise \$5,000 in five years. This situation has led to the consideration of new award to honor Thomas Benson and Karlyn Kohrs Campbell.

- 8.1.2. Susan Zaeske and Martin Medhurst presented the membership with the following motion:

Whereas, the Public Address Division of the National Communication Association is committed to promotion of the study of public address, and,

Whereas, Professor Thomas Benson and Professor Karlyn Kohrs Campbell have through their mentoring of students made significant contributions to the promotion of the study of public address,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Public Address Division of the National Communication Association shall establish the Thomas Benson -- Karlyn Kohrs Campbell Public Address Dissertation Research Award.

Discussion:

Approval of this resolution would initiate a campaign to raise \$5000 to endow the award, which would be granted annually to a graduate student who is a member of the division and who is pursuing completion of a dissertation that contributes significantly to the study of public address. Those who wish to be considered for the award, which will be granted annually in the amount of \$300 must submit a dissertation proposal (no longer than ten pages in length excluding bibliography) to the chair of the award committee. Candidates must also submit a summary of progress on their dissertation project and a letter of support from their dissertation advisor. The award committee shall be elected from among the Public Address Division members who hold Ph.D.s. The deadline for the award shall be April 15.

- 8.1.3. John Jones made the second to this resolution, and the motion passed unanimously.

8.2. Resolutions Committee

- 8.2.1. Mari Tonn was unable to attend so Jim Klumpp attended instead.

8.2.1.1. There were no resolutions to consider, said Jim.

8.2.1.2. The membership entertained a motion to thank Jim for his service, and it was approved unanimously.

- 8.2.2. Budget Committee: There is little to discuss in this area because there is no extra money.

9. New Business—There was no new business.

10. Vice-Chair Elect's Report (Susan Schultz Huxman)

- 10.1. The theme for next year's conference (2005) is the "Health of the Discipline." We are to think broadly about this theme, explained Susan.

10.2. The conference will be held from November 16th through the 20th in Boston.

10.3. The deadline for papers and panel proposals will be February 16, 2005, and the call for papers will appear December 8, 2004.

- 10.4. Supposedly the computer submission system will work a bit better next year; we will not be forced to use any sort of quota for discussion panels.
- 10.5. We have been allotted 34 slots for next year. One paper per person per unit, please.

11. Announcements

- 11.1. Mary Stuckey reported the results of the 2004 PAD Elections
 - 11.1.1. Lisa Hogan (Penn State) was elected as Vice Chair.
 - 11.1.2. Vanessa Beasley (SMU) was elected to the NCA Resolution's Committee.
 - 11.1.3. Cara Finnegan (1 year) and Trevor Parry-Giles (3 years) were elected to the Winans-Wichelns Awards Committee.
 - 11.1.4. Anne Demo (Vanderbilt) will Chair the 2005 Nominations Committee. She is joined by Jason Black (Maryland), Martin Carcasson (Colorado State), Gordon Mitchell (Pittsburgh), and Andrew Hansen (Trinity).
- 11.2. Winans-Wichelns Award
 - 11.2.1.1. Susan Zaeske is the 2004 winner of the Winans-Wichelns Award.
 - 11.2.1.2. Susan was congratulated by all.
- 11.3. Announcements from the Floor
 - 11.3.1. Golden Anniversary Monograph Awards were won this year by Eric Doxtader, John Lucaites, Robert Hariman, and John Murphy.
 - 11.3.2. The Rhetoric and Public Address Division of Western is sponsoring a pre-conference will be looking at social justice and social dissent—February 19th, 2005.
 - 11.3.3. Marty Medhurst appealed to the membership that they subscribe to *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*.
 - 11.3.3.1. *R&PA* is still in the red and unless the journal's subscription base increases, its future is in doubt.
 - 11.3.3.2. The PAD membership needs to support this important resource by subscribing or renewing subscriptions to *R&PA*!
 - 11.3.4. Marty Medhurst informed the PAD membership that he has started a new book series at Baylor: Studies in Rhetoric and Religion.
 - 11.3.5. Kirt Wilson announced that as the new Book Review Editor for *QJS* he invited the membership to submit books and reviews for his consideration. Proposals for lead reviews are especially welcome.
 - 11.3.6. Mary Stuckey announced that as the Book Review Editor for *R&PA* she invited the membership to submit books and reviews for her consideration.

11.3.7. Marty Medhurst moved that the membership of the PAD recognize Shawn and Amy for all of their hard work over the past year. This motion was approved enthusiastically.

The meeting adjourned at 4: 40, p.m.

Respectfully prepared from typed notes by
Kirt H. Wilson, Secretary
January 14, 2005

Appendix A Published Business Meeting Agenda

NCA PUBLIC ADDRESS DIVISION
Agenda - Business Meeting
Saturday, November 13, 2004, 3:30 p.m.i

- I. Approval of the minutes from the 2003 business meeting.
- II. Report from the Nominating Committee (Mary Stuckey, Chair) and division elections.
- III. Report from Legislative Assembly (James Darsey, Immediate Past Chair; Shawn Parry-Giles, Chair; Amy Slagell, Vice-Chair).
- IV. Immediate Past Chair's Report (James Darsey)
 - A. If possible, please review the revised bylaws
- V. Chair's Report (Shawn Parry-Giles)
- VI. Vice-Chair's Report (Amy Slagell)
- VII. Presentation of Awards
 - A. Gunderson Award (Amy Slagell)
 - B. Wrage-Baskerville Award (Amy Slagell)
 - C. Nichols Award (James Darsey)
- VIII. Reports from NCA Committees
 - A. Award Committee (Graduate Student Dissertation Award)
 - Resolution to Establish the Thomas Benson -- Karlyn Kohrs Campbell Public Address Dissertation Research Award (Susan Zaeske)

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- B. Resolutions Committee
- C. Nominations Committee
- D. Budget Committee
- E. Other Committees

IX. New Business

X. Vice-Chair Elect's Report (Susan Schultz Huxman)

- XI. Announcements
 - A. PAD Elections
 - B. Winans-Wichelns Award
 - C. Announcements from the Floor

Appendix B

PAD Chair's Report by Shawn J. Parry-Giles

Public Address Division

Chair's Report 2004

Shawn J. Parry-Giles, University of Maryland

I would like to begin by expressing appreciation to the Executive Committee for their support throughout the past year. As issues arose that needed further deliberation, members of the committee have been very responsive in offering their input. The Executive Committee includes James Darsey, Amy Slagell, Kirt Wilson, and Susan Schultz Huxman.

I would also like to thank Mary Stuckey as chair of the Nomination Committee as well as the entire committee for establishing a quality ballot of nominees in a very timely fashion.

In addition, I want to thank Trevor Parry-Giles for his work on the Public Address website, which is a good resource for information and contact information about the business of the division. Please visit the website at: <http://www.ncapublicaddress.org/>.

Amy Slagell deserves all of our gratitude for her hard work over the past year, pulling together a dynamic slate of public address panels. All Academic is still working through many glitches and Amy has been forced to attend to multiple issues throughout the year. She persevered courageously through all of such obstacles.

Like last year, James Darsey continues to be an integral source of information and support for the Public Address division. He answered my many questions and offered sage advice throughout the year. I really appreciate his support to me and to the Public Address Division over the past three years and beyond. In particular, his work on revising the division's by-laws is most appreciated. He also plans to continue his work for the division by guiding our efforts to elevate the curricular development of public address studies at our home institutions.

The year has been a positive one for the Public Address Division. As Amy Slagell's (Vice Chair) report reveals, paper submission to the division increased 30 percent and the panel submissions were doubled from last year. The division was also allotted seven additional panel slots for this year's conference. In 2003, the division was allotted 21 slots compared to 28 slots in 2004, which does not include the co-sponsored panels. Part of the allocation change is linked to the increase in the membership of the Public Address Division, which has risen from 614 in 2003 to 688 in 2004.

The 9th Biennial Public Address Conference hosted by the University of Maryland from October 7-10, 2004, also attracted over 95 participants to Washington, DC area. The papers and the responses created robust discussions that revealed an energized body of public address scholars, including many graduate students from the University of Georgia, Penn State, and the University of Maryland.

A new public address project has also been piloted by five scholars from three institutions (Shawn Parry-Giles and Robert Gaines—University of Maryland; Mike Hogan and Rosa

Eberly—Penn State University; and Marty Medhurst—Baylor University). The *Voices of Democracy: The U.S. Oratory Project* is designed to promote the study of great speeches and public debates in undergraduate humanities classrooms by developing a website that provides reliable, authenticated primary texts (with audio and video versions when available) along with interactive curricular materials under seven “deliberative topics”: *Citizenship, Civil Rights, Freedom of Speech, Religion and Public Life, Social and Economic Justice, U.S. Internationalism, and War and Peace*. By the end of the Fall 2004 semester, several units will be available on the website—<http://www.voicesofdemocracy.com>. During 2005, we plan to encourage other humanities faculty and graduate students to submit units, making this a long-term and interdisciplinary project that provides quality teaching-learning resources for public address instructors and students.

There has also been some important business done in relation to the Public Address Division throughout 2003-2004. NCA requested that the PA division elect two members to serve on the Winans-Wichelns Award Committee for 2005 because one current member asked not to serve more than one year. As the PAD ballot reveals, the PAD will elect one member that will serve a three-year term and another that will only serve a one-year term during this year’s business meeting.

For the 2004 NCA convention, the Public Address Division will have three members represented during the Legislative Assembly meeting. The immediate past chair, the chair, and the vice chair are representing the division at the annual meetings. An electronic report of the PAD was submitted to the Legislative Assembly by the division’s Chair.

Discussions continued over whether or not to reinstitute a dissertation research award formerly known as the Arnold Award. In order to continue with the award, NCA guidelines require that the division initiate a campaign and raise \$5,000 for the award in five years before the money could be awarded. Martin Medhurst, Susan Zaeske, and Shawn Parry-Giles will present a resolution initiating such a campaign during the 2004 Public Address business meeting.

The Executive Committee discussed briefly the use of the division’s budget. At present, the division expends approximately \$100 for the Gunderson and Wrage-Baskerville Awards and \$200 for the Nichols Award. Approximately \$225 is spent on the plaques for the three awards. Minimal money is now left over from our annual budget of \$640.

We encourage all of you to submit papers and panels to the 2005 conference in Boston and to encourage your students to do the same. Thanks for a great year.

Appendix C
Vice-Chair's Report by Amy R. Slagell

Vice Chair Report
Public Address Division—NCA November 2004
submitted by Amy R. Slagell, Iowa State University

I. Submission and Session information

A. 52 competitive papers received. [up from 40 papers received last year–30% increase]

1. A total of 31 papers were accepted. [29 papers accepted and formed into PAD panel sessions; 1 paper accepted and added to a proposed PAD panel session where it fit; and 1 paper accepted and forwarded to GLBT Division.]
2. The All Academic System reports 50 paper submissions because one was reviewed outside of the system due to uploading problems (the submitter had been assigned a number when he submitted but the paper had disappeared) and one paper was forwarded to another division [GLBT for inclusion in a panel there cosponsored by PAD.]

B. 25 Complete Panels Submitted [up from 12 panel submissions for last year–108% increase]

1. 19 Panels were accepted and scheduled for the convention.
2. The All Academic system records 23 submissions since one was forwarded and scheduled by the Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division and one was forwarded to the Vice President, but was not accepted.

C. Including the business meeting, all 28 sessions allotted to the division were scheduled for the convention. In addition, Public Address is listed as co-sponsor on 4 panels listed in other divisions.

1. 8 sessions were designated as Discussion Sessions
2. Competitive Paper sessions were created along thematic lines out of the top 29 papers submitted with respondents and chairs selected largely from reviewers for the division who signed up at the business meeting at the 2003 Convention.
3. One of our 28 sessions is designated as co-sponsored with the Political Communication Division.
4. The Public Address Division is listed as the co-sponsor for 4 panels in other divisions. (Sessions were co-sponsored with Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Division and with the Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division).
- 5.. A list of the titles of all 32 sessions scheduled is appended to this report.

II. Paper submissions were reviewed through the All Academic System and the top two rated papers were designated as TOP PAPERS for the Division.

A. Wrage-Baskerville Award for the Top Contributed Paper in Public Address goes to Jason Edward Black of the University of Maryland for his paper titled: “Constituting the 'Allotment Indian': The Role of Paternal Rhetoric in America's Dawes Act Era.”

B. The Robert G. Gunderson Award for the Top Student Paper in Public Address goes to Michael J Lee of the University of Georgia for his paper titled: “George W. Bush and the Iraq Question: Analyzing a Moral Realist Perspective.”

III. Miscellaneous Issues

A. Many thanks go to the two dozen reviewers for the Public Address Division several of whom did express service as deadlines approached and reviewing assignments needed to be changed.

B. Submissions were certainly up from the previous year which can be likely be attributed both to the Chicago location and to increased comfort with the All Academic Submission process.

C. Student papers were not consistently marked when students submitted to the All Academic System; whether this was choice or oversight is unclear.

D. Co-sponsorship of panel sessions presents some challenges in the All-Academic system.

1. When panels or papers are forwarded for consideration for co-sponsorship in another division, they disappear from the list of submissions to our group.
2. Co-sponsored panels do not show up in the online program when you search for Public Address Panels unless we are the first sponsor.
3. I've addressed these concerns to NCA.

Appendix D
PAD Panel Sessions, NCA 2004

Public Address Division Scheduled Panel Sessions NCA 2004
(in alphabetical order)

Our Official 28 Slots

1. Confronting Anti-Semitism
2. Deliberation, Citizenship, and Nineteenth-Century Public Culture
3. Dreaming, Fighting, Celebrating, Apologizing: Strategies in Discourse on Race
4. Expanding Rhetorics of Violence: Inflicting Pain on Self, Groups and Perpetrators
5. First Ladies' Public Address and International Diplomacy
6. Great Speeches? Great Speakers? Great Teachers?: The Theory and Practice of Teaching Public Address
7. History and Memory: Rhetorical Tensions
8. Looking Back at William Jennings Bryan's "Imperialism"
9. Moving Forward/Looking Back: A Roundtable Discussion on Teaching Presidential Rhetoric
10. Moving Forward/Looking Back: Chicago, "City of Big Shoulders," City of Famous (and Infamous) Public Speakers and Places
11. Moving Forward While Looking Back at Pivotal Moments: Public Discourse and the Struggle for Identity in Relation to Civil Rights and Abortion
12. Nationalism, Americanization, Paternalism and Empowerment: Strategies of Constitutive Rhetoric
13. Negotiating Radical Community Imaginaries
14. Nineteenth Century Women: Inventing Themselves and Being Defined by Others
15. Perspectives on the War in Iraq: History, Purpose and Technology
16. Political Implications of Visual Discourse
17. Presidents, Rhetoric, and Immigration: Then and Now [co-sponsored with Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division]
18. Public Address Division Business Meeting
19. Public Address Looks at Contemporary Issues
20. Ralph Ellison's Oratorical Imagination
21. Rediscovering America's Agrarian Voice
22. Reflections on the Current Status of Public Commemoration of the Nation-State
23. Revisiting Economic Policy Debates of the Early Republic
24. Rhetorical Leadership and Symbolism in Latin American Public Address: Cuba and Venezuela
25. Silencing Women in Mid-Nineteenth Century U.S. Political Culture
26. Strategies of Unification and Division Across Time and Circumstance
27. Turning Points in 19th Century American Public Address
28. Turning to History: A New Look at Women's Suffrage

Our Additional Slots Garnered Through Co-sponsorship:

1. America's Obsession: the Odyssey, Hope, and Pride of the BIG [with RTC Division]
2. Queering Public Address: A Roundtable Discussion [with GLBT Division]
3. Rhetorical Criticism of GLBT Figures in Public Discourse [with GLBT Division]
4. Speaking For Our Lives: Rhetorical Artifacts of the lesbian and gay rights movement [with GLBT Division]