

2024 CSCA Rhetorical Theory and Criticism Interest Group Business Meeting Summary

Saturday, April 6 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

- **Introductions of officers and present members were made.**
 - Gordana Lazić, Vice-Chair, Missouri State University
 - Alexandra Parr Balam, Secretary, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
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- **Review and approval of 2023 Business Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion to approve, seconded, and approved unanimously by those in attendance (5-0)
- **Election of Secretary for 2024-2025**
 - Nominations requested, brief discussion of duties of the role
 - Members asked for nominations and/or self-nominations
 - Dustin Greenwalt, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, nominated, seconded, and unanimously approved.
- **Announcement of awards for top papers (to be presented directly after meeting at Top Paper Panel)**
 - Karlyn Kohrs Campbell Award
 - "'You Are Not The Victim Here': Conspiritoriality and the Framing of Evangelical Patriarchy as a Victim of #ChurchToo Disruption (Top Paper)" Karly Poyner-Smith, University of Memphis; Patrick Loebs, Grace College
 - David Zarefsky award
 - "Language Strategies and Social Media Mobilization in #FixTheCountry: A Critical Discourse Analysis (Top Student Paper, Top Debut Paper)" Matthew Edor, Illinois State University
- **Chair's Report**
 - Submissions continue to appear to be on track with pre-pandemic levels. We were able to fill our available slots with strong scholarship. We were not able to slate every submission we received.
 - 19 of 21 individual papers were accepted and slotted.
 - 3 of 3 panels were accepted.
 - Thank you to our reviewers.
 - Requested feedback on "Intersections, Transitions, and Silenced Voices in Rhetorical Studies" networking event.
 - None provided by those in attendance.
 - Conversation regarding state of the group, next year's theme, calls, and other issues:
 - Next year's theme: "Widening the Scope"
 - We could use a broader discussion of race, our call for scholarship next year needs to emphasize critical intersections of race, gender, etc.
 - Theme is to attempt to encourage us to think interdisciplinarily, so we should consider collaborating with other interest groups, such as Popular Culture, and ACES-J.

- Consider how to encourage more attendance and participation in business meetings – encourage others, especially graduate students, to attend, emphasize that these are not closed meetings and we welcome the discussion
 - Suggestion to explore an Environmental Justice tour with activist group in Cincinnati
 - Request to update the listserv for the Interest Group
 - Suggestion to move Top Paper Panel and Business Meeting to Friday
 - Make sure not to conflict with Pop Culture, Performance, or ACES-J
 - Or, alternatively, have a social after the meeting and panel if we continue to schedule it end of day on Saturday
 - Suggestion to include discussion for changing the name of the interest group on next year's agenda
 - Discussion of “theory” being a potential deterrent for submissions
 - Suggested change to “Rhetorical Studies”
 - Suggestion to have a Spotlight Panel at next year's conference
 - Especially working with people in the region, reach out to local faculty (such as at the University of Cincinnati)
- New Business
 - No new business submitted
- Motion to Adjourn made and seconded