CALL FOR PAPERS:

The Rhetoric Society of Old Dominion University (RSODU) is excited to be hosting our first symposium this summer, with support from the Rhetoric Society of America. The symposium will be held on July 12th and 13th at Old Dominion University and will also be available online for participants at a distance. We invite everyone who is interested in the recent development and interdisciplinary expansion of our field to join with us in exploring these areas and their influences at this year’s symposium.

Rhetoric itself has experienced a re-emergence as an academic subject, and with the growth of new technologies, interdisciplinary networks and (restorative/revival/historical) studies, the topics of study in our field are quickly multiplying. The emanation of these topics as areas for inquiry highlights the value of rhetorical study and the widespread influence of rhetoric in our society. To explore these developments and their influences, our symposium will focus on emergence(s). How do new technologies impact our field? How can theories or topics from other fields enhance our current studies of rhetoric? How should we understand and apply traditional approaches to rhetoric today?

RSODU welcomes paper and panel proposals that address these questions or any related topics, including pedagogical approaches to rhetoric, issues of intercultural communication, and the development of new theories of rhetoric. Any presentation that can enrich the study of our burgeoning field will be considered.

If you are interested in presenting at the 2011 RSODU symposium, please submit 250-500 word abstracts for paper or panel presentations to rhetorsocietyodu@gmail.com by April 20, 2011. Abstracts should include the title of your presentation or panel, your name, institutional affiliation, email-address, and the names and affiliations of co-presenters (if applicable). Also, indicate whether you plan to attend the symposium on site or at-a-distance.

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