

**ComS 168 Approaches to Rhetorical Criticism
Tentative Course Calendar
Spring 2014**

Pre-course readings: Wrage , Public address: A study in social and intellectual history"; Natanson , "Limits of Rhetoric"; Bryant , "Rhetoric: Its Functions and Scope" Read and respond to comments in essays and bring both essays and your responses to our first class.		
	Date (Tuesdays 6-8:50 PM)	Assignment for next class
Wk 1 Intro To Course	Jan 28 Course orientation examination of syllabus, website and wiki; discussion of pre-course readings	Read and process: Hart & Doughton (<i>main text: Modern Rhetorical Criticism</i>), Chapter 1, pp. 10 ff, and Chapter 2; Fisher , "Rhetorical Criticism as Criticism" (in Readings Packet zip file) See wiki for further assignment
Wk 2 What is rhetoric And criticism?	Feb 4 Reading Comments Discussion of the nature of rhetoric and criticism of it	Read and process: Hart & Doughton (<i>main text: Modern Rhetorical Criticism</i>), Chapters 3 and 4; Black , "Note on Theory and Practice" in Readings Packet zip file
Wk 3 What is rhetoric And criticism?	Feb 11 CONTRACTS DUE! Reading Comments Discussion of the nature of rhetoric and criticism of it	Read and process: Hart & Doughton Chapter 5; Forster , "The Machine Stops"; Fisher , "Narrative As Moral Argument"; Kirkwood , "Narrative and Rhetoric of Possibility" Readings Packet zip file
Wk 4 Narrative analysis	Feb 18 Reading Comments Apply theory to "The Machine Stops" What problems do we have with the narrative paradigm?	Read and process: Fisher , "Clarifying the Narrative Paradigm" Readings Packet zip file
Wk 5 Narrative analysis	Feb 25 Reading Comments Developing narrative theory	Read and process: Ghandi , "The Green Pamphlet"; Crosswhite , "New Rhetoric Project" Ritivoi , "Dissociation and Context" Readings Packet zip file

Wk 6 New rhetoric	March 4 Reading Comments Apply theory to "The Green Pamphlet"	Read and process: Graff & Winn , "Presencing in Perelman's New Rhetoric" Readings Packet zip file
Wk 7 New rhetoric	March 11 Reading Comments Developing theory of new rhetoric	Read and process: Hart & Doughton Chapters 11 and 13; Barker , "Wanted, a Young Woman to Do Housework" Readings Packet zip file
Wk 8 Cultural/ Feminist analysis	March 18 Reading Comments Tentative responses to Final Exam Questions (We do this together) Oral reports on progress of term projects	Read and process: Suddoth , "Feminist Analysis of Gun Ads" Readings Packet zip file
Wk 9	March 25 Spring Break	
Wk 10 Cultural/ Feminist analysis	April 1 Reading Comments Apply Feminist and Cultural Theory to "Wanted, a Young Woman"; developing theory	Read Hart & Doughton Chapter 9; Birdsell & Groake , Theory of Visual Argument; Jeong , "Visual Metaphor" and Graphical History of America in packet Readings Packet zip file
Wk 11 Visual Rhetoric	April 8 Reading Comments Apply visual theory to American History; developing theory	Read Farrell , "Critical Models..." Readings Packet zip file
Wk 12	April 15 Reading Comments Answers to Basic Questions Due	Re-read pre-course readings: Wrage, Natanson and Bryant
Wk 13	April 22 FINAL REFLECTION DUE	Complete course projects

Wk 14	April 29 TERM PAPERS DUE Presentations of term projects begin	Prepare for final exam
Wk 15	May 6 Presentations	
Wk 16	May 13 Presentations Discuss Final Exam	
Final exam	May 20 5:15-7:15 PM	