

PHD READING LIST RHETORIC AND LANGUAGE THEORY

The following is a fundamental reading list for doctoral students preparing for comprehensive examinations in the field of Rhetoric and Language Theory. One purpose for the exam is to acquaint students with major theories and writers in the field; another is to assemble key texts underpinning dissertation research. The list is suggestive rather than definitive and should be used as a starting point for consultation with members of the Committee on Studies. The list has five sections:

- General Studies
- Grammar, Style, and Language History
- Classical Rhetoric
- Medieval to Enlightenment Rhetoric
- Nineteenth-Century and Contemporary Rhetoric

GENERAL STUDIES

- Conley, Thomas. *Rhetoric in the European Tradition*. New York: Longman, 1990.
- Hauser, Gerard A. *Introduction to Rhetorical Theory*. 2nd ed. Prospect Heights, IL: Waveland P, 2002.
- Kennedy, George A. *A New History of Classical Rhetoric*. New Haven: Princeton UP, 1994.
- . *Comparative Rhetoric: An Historical and Cross-Cultural Introduction*. New York: Oxford UP, 1997.

GRAMMAR, STYLE, AND LANGUAGE HISTORY

- Algeo, John, and Thomas Pyles. *The Origin and Development of the English Language*. 4th ed. Fort Worth: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1993.
- Austin, J.L. *How To Do Things with Words*. 2nd ed. Ed. J.O. Urmson and Marina Sbisa. Cambridge, MA: Harvard UP, 1975.
- Baugh, Albert C., and Thomas Cable. *A History of the English Language*. 5th ed. New York: Routledge, 2002.
- Bennett, James R. *Prose Style: A Historical Approach Through Studies*. New York: Chandler Publications, 1972.
- Chomsky, Noam. *Syntactic Structures*. The Hague: Mouton, 1952.
- . *New Horizons in the Study of Language and Mind*. New York: Cambridge UP, 2000.
- Croll, Morris. *Attic and Baroque Prose Style: The Anti-Ciceronian Movement*. New Haven, CT: Princeton UP, 1966.
- Davidson, Donald. *Inquiries into Truth and Interpretation*. 2nd ed. New York: Oxford UP, 2001.
- Finegan, Edward. *Attitudes Toward English Usage*. New York: Teacher's College P, 1980.
- Goffman, Erving. *Forms of Talk*. Philadelphia: U of Pennsylvania P, 1981.
- Lakoff, George, and Mark Johnson. *Metaphors We Live By*. Chicago: U of Chicago P, 1983.
- Lakoff, George, and Mark Turner. *More Than Cool Reason: A Field Guide to Poetic Metaphor*. Chicago: U of Chicago P, 1989.
- Lanham, Richard A. *Analyzing Prose*. 2nd ed. New York: Continuum, 2003.
- Mencken, H. L. *The American Language*. 4th ed. New York: Knopf, 1999.

- Milroy, James, and Lesley Milroy. *Authority in Language: Investigating Language Prescription and Standardization*. 2nd ed. New York: Routledge, 1991.
- Newmeyer, Frederick J. *Grammatical Theory: Its Limits and Possibilities*. Chicago: U of Chicago P, 1983
- Pinker, Stephen. *Words and Rules: The Ingredients of Language*. New York: Perennial, 2000.

CLASSICAL RHETORIC

Note: Consult with a member of your Committee on Studies to select appropriate editions of Aristotle, Plato, Cicero, Isocrates, Quintilian, and Augustine. We've suggested critical editions for some of these works. The Loeb Classical Library (Harvard University Press) publications are in Greek and English.

Works marked with the symbol † may be found in *The Rhetorical Tradition: Readings from Classical Times to the Present*. Ed. Patricia Bizzell and Bruce Herzberg. 2nd ed. New York: Bedford-St. Martin's, 2000.

Aristotle. *On Poetics*.

---. *On Rhetoric: A Theory of Civic Discourse*. Trans. George A. Kennedy. New York: Oxford UP, 1991.

Augustine. *On Christian Doctrine*.

Cicero. *On Oratory and Orators*. Carbondale: Southern Illinois UP, 1986.

---. *The Orator's Education*. Loeb Classical Library. Cambridge, MA: Harvard UP.

Gorgias. "Encomium of Helen" †

Guthrie, W. K. C. *The Sophists: A History of Greek Philosophy*. Vol. 1. New York: Cambridge UP, 1971.

Isocrates. "Against the Sophists." †

Kennedy, George A. *A New History of Classical Rhetoric*. New Haven: Princeton UP, 1994.

Jarratt, Susan. *Rereading the Sophists*. Carbondale: Southern Illinois UP, 1991.

Murphy, James J., et al. *A Synoptic History of Classical Rhetoric*. 3rd ed. New York: Hermagoras P, 2003.

Plato. *Cratylus*.

---. *Gorgias*.

---. *Phaedrus*.

---. *Protagoras*.

Quintilian. *Institutes of Oratory*. Books I, II, XI, XII.

MEDIEVAL TO ENLIGHTENMENT RHETORIC

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Blair, Hugh. *Lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres*. Books I, II, XIV, XXXII. Ed. Linda Ferreira-Buckley and S. Michael Halloran. Carbondale: Southern Illinois UP, 2003.

Campbell, George. *Philosophy of Rhetoric*. Carbondale: Southern Illinois UP, 1988.

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- Carruthers, Mary. *The Book of Memory: A Study of Memory in Medieval Culture*. New York: Cambridge UP, 1990.
- Locke, John. "An Essay Concerning Human Understanding." †
"Longinus." "On the Sublime" †
- Nietzsche, Friedrich. "On Truth and Lies in a Nonmoral Sense" †
- Ramus, Petrus. "Arguments against Quintilian" †
- Saul, John Ralston. *Voltaire's Bastards: The Dictatorship of Reason in the West*. New York: Vintage, 1993.
- Vico, Giambattista. *New Science: Principles of the New Science Concerning the Common Nature of Nations*. Trans. David Marsh. New York: Penguin, 2000.

NINETEENTH-CENTURY AND CONTEMPORARY RHETORIC

Note: Works marked with the symbol † may be found in *The Rhetorical Tradition: Readings from Classical Times to the Present*. Ed. Patricia Bizzell and Bruce Herzberg. 2nd ed. New York: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2000.

- Anzaldúa, Gloria. *Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza*. Aunt Lute Books, 1999.
- Bakhtin, Mikhail. "Problems of Speech Genres." †
---. *The Dialogic Imagination*. Ed. Michael Holquist. Trans. Caryl Emerson and Michael Holquist. Austin: U of Texas P, 1981.
- Barthes, Roland. *Mythologies*. Trans. Annette Lavers. New York: Hill and Wang, 1972.
- Bhabha, Homi K. *The Location of Culture*. New York: Routledge, 1994.
- Booth, Wayne C. *A Rhetoric of Irony*. Chicago: U of Chicago P, 1975.
- Burke, Kenneth. *A Grammar of Motives*. Berkeley: U of California P, 1945.
---. *A Rhetoric of Motives*. Berkeley: U of California P, 1950.
- Cixous, Hélène. "The Laugh of the Medusa" †
- Derrida "Plato's Pharmacy." *Dissemination*. Trans. Barbara Johnson. Chicago: U of Chicago P, 1981. 63-155.
- Fish, Stanley. *Doing What Comes Naturally*. Durham, NC: Duke UP, 1990.
- Foucault, Michel. *Archaeology of Knowledge and the Discourse on Language*. New York: Pantheon Books, 1982.
- Gates, Henry Louis, "The Signifying Monkey and the Language of Signifyin(G): Rhetorical Difference and the Orders of Meaning." †
- Habermas, Jürgen. *Between Facts and Norms: Contributions to a Discourse Theory of Law and Democracy*. Trans. William Rehg. MIT P, 1991.
- Johnson, Nan. *Rhetoric in Nineteenth-Century North America*. Carbondale: Southern Illinois UP, 1991.
- Kinneavy, James. *A Theory of Discourse*. 2nd ed. New York: W. W. Norton, 1980.
- Kristeva, Julia. "Women's Time" or "Stabat Mater" in *The Kristeva Reader*. Ed. Toril Moi. New York: Columbia UP, 1986.
- Lanham, Richard A. *The Electronic Word: Democracy, Technology, and the Arts*. Chicago: University of Chicago P, 1993.
- Liotard, Jean-Francois. *The Postmodern Condition: A Report on Knowledge*. Minneapolis: U of Minnesota P, 1985.

- Neel, Jasper. *Aristotle's Voice: Rhetoric, Theory, and Writing in America*. Carbondale: Southern Illinois UP, 1994.
- Ong, Walter. *Orality and Literacy*. New York: Routledge, 2002.
- Perelman, Chaim. *The Realm of Rhetoric*. Trans. William Kluback. Notre Dame, IN: U of Notre Dame P, 1982.
- Richards, I. A. *The Philosophy of Rhetoric*. New York: Oxford UP, 1936.
- Rorty, Richard, *Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature*. Princeton: Princeton UP, 1979.
- Toulmin, Stephen. *The Uses of Argument*. New York: Cambridge UP, 1958.
- Weaver, Richard. "Language is Sermonic."†