



ROCKY MOUNTAIN



RHETORIC SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, October 13, 2018 - The University of Utah

Retórica Elevada, the RSA student chapter at the University of Utah, is thrilled to announce the second biennial Rocky Mountain Rhetoric Symposium! The symposium will bring together exceptional and diverse rhetorical scholars and students from across the Mountain West to build a more robust community among our institutions, celebrate the richness and interdisciplinarity of rhetorical studies, and encourage scholarly conversations and mentorship. Professor LuMing Mao, the new Department Chair of the Writing and Rhetoric Studies Department at the University of Utah, will offer the symposium keynote address.

There are several ways to participate. Professional development and topical seminar sessions will be held concurrently throughout the day. Seminars will include introductions to the following topics: **environmental rhetoric, rhetorical history, Renaissance rhetorics, cultural rhetoric practices, posthumanism and new materialism, procedural rhetoric via persuasive games** and more. Professional development topics will include sessions on **dissertation & thesis writing, teaching in a multicultural classroom, developing professional identities in the field, teaching and administering in writing programs, and writing center administration**, with several others in the works. Each will be led by professors from our participating institutions.

Additionally, graduate students working on dissertation, theses, or article drafts are invited to participate in **faculty-led writing workshops**. These workshops will put writers in conversation with a scholar in a near or adjacent field and offer an opportunity to receive feedback from them and other students in their group. Interested participants should submit a short 150-350 word abstract of a current work-in-progress upon registration. As far as possible, these abstracts will be used to assemble workshop groups of students/mentors with overlapping interests. A few weeks prior to the symposium, workshop participants will be asked to send a 5-7 page excerpt to the workshop leader for full review.

The registration deadline is September 14, 2018 with a fee of \$20 for students and \$30 for faculty. A light breakfast and lunch will be included.

To register, scan the QR code or visit

<https://goo.gl/forms/Mw6aFNHUCtczUgMA2>

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