Rhetoric Reading List

Overview:
The Rhetoric Core List is arranged according to conventional historical periods for the sake of convenience. Students are asked to investigate at least one non-Western rhetorical tradition; that reading list can be constructed in consultation with RWL faculty. In some cases (particularly contemporary rhetoric), only authors have been listed. RWL faculty will help students select the texts most useful for their research interests. When possible, please use either Oxford Classical Texts or Loeb Classical Texts for Greek and Latin sources. Please confer with faculty for appropriate editions of other sources.

Classical Rhetorics

1. Sophistic Fragments (Gorgias, Protagoras, Dissoi Logoi)
2. Plato “Gorgias,” “Protagoras,” “Phaedrus,” “Sophist” (d. 347 BCE)
3. Isocrates “Antidosis,” “Panegyricus,” selected speeches on from “speeches” (d.338 BCE)
4. Attic Orators selections from Antiphon, Aeschines, Demosthenes, Lysias
5. Aristotle Rhetoric; selections from corpus (d. 322 BCE)
6. Rhetorica ad Herennium (first century BCE)
7. Cicero De Oratore, selected speeches (d. 43 BCE)
8. Quintilian Institutes (d. 95 CE)
9. Hermogenes “Progymnasmata”
10. Demetrius “On Style” (1st c CE)

Medieval Rhetorics

1. Augustine On Christian Doctrine, Bk. 4 (392-426)
2. Martianus Capella De nuptiis philologiae et mercurii (c.420)
3. Boethius De topicis differentiis, Overveiw of the Structure of Rhetoric (c.522)

Renaissance Rhetorics

1. Christine de Pizan representative selections (c.1400)
2. Laura Cereta letters (c.1499)
3. Erasmus selections (c. 1469-1536) Copia: Foundations of the Abundant Style
4. Philip Melanchthon The Praise of Eloquence (1523)
5. Juan Luis Vives De ratione dicendi (1533)
6. Peter Ramus Arguments in Rhetoric Against Quintilian (1549)
7. Thomas Wilson The Arte of Rhetorique (1553)
8. Richard Rainholde Foundation of Rhetorike (1563)
10. Bacon, Francis, *The Advancement of Learning, Novum Organum* (1620)

**Long Eighteenth-Century Rhetorics**

1. Margaret Fell, "Women’s Speaking Justified by the Scripture”s (1666)
2. Mary Astell, “A Serious Proposal to the Ladies for the Advancement of Their True and Greatest Interest” (1697)
6. Adam Smith, *Lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres* (1762-3)
7. George Campbell, *The Philosophy of Rhetoric* (1776)
11. Hannah Moore, “The Bas Bleu” (excerpts 1783-86); “Strictures on the Modern System of Female Education” (1799)

**19th-C Rhetorics**

1. John Witherspoon, "Lectures on Eloquence" (1802)
2. John Quincy Adams, *Lectures on Rhetoric and Oratory* (1810)
4. Maria Stewart, “Religion and the Pure Principles of Morality, "The Sure Foundation on Which We Must Build” (1831)
5. Sojourner Truth, “Speech Delivered to the Women’s Rights Convention” (1851)
6. Alexander Bain, *English Composition and Rhetoric* (1866)

9. Selections from nineteenth-century women’s public rhetoric (e.g. Angelina Grimke, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Jane Addams, Ida B. Wells)

**20th-21st C Rhetorics**

1. Asante, Molefi, selections from *Malcolm X as Cultural Hero & Other Afrocentric Essays*
2. Berlin, James, *Rhetoric and Poetics*
3. Bitzer, Lloyd “The Rhetorical Situation”
4. Booth, Wayne Selected articles or book
6. Campbell, Karlyn Kohrs selections from Man Cannot Speak for Her
7. Derrida, Jacques Selected articles and/or book
8. Fish, Stanley Selected articles and/or book
9. Habermas, Jürgen The Theory of Communicative Action
10. Jarratt, Susan Rereading the Sophists: Classical Rhetoric Refigured
11. Kinneavy, James A Theory of Discourse
12. Lauer, Janice Invention in Rhetoric and Composition or selected articles
13. Leff, Michael Selected articles
14. Lunsford, Andrea Selected articles
15. Lyotard, Jean-Francois “The Differend, the Referent and the Proper Name” or The Differend: Phrases in Dispute
18. Vitanza, Victor Selected articles
19. Young, Richard Selected articles