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Colleagues:

Now could be the most important moment in the development of the study of the history of rhetoric in the United States. The American Society for the History of Rhetoric invites you to join us.

The American Society for the History of Rhetoric (ASHR) has, for more than a quarter-century, been a central meeting place for scholars devoted to the historical study of rhetoric. We bring together scholars invested in ***all historical aspects of rhetoric, in all historical periods, and with reference to all intellectual, national, and cultural communities***. We encourage dialogue across the boundaries of rhetorical theory, criticism and instruction in writing and speaking. And we make connections between rhetoric and other disciplines [poetics, politics, religion, law, etc.], institutions, processes, and events.



We believe that you share these passions and these investments, and we want you to be a part of ASHR as we move into our next phase. If you've been a member in the past, now is a great time to renew your commitment to this vital organization.

A Vibrant Community of Scholars in Historical Study of Rhetoric

ASHR Symposium: ASHR has sponsored an annual symposium since 1986. The symposium topic this year is "Rhetorics of Reason and Restraint: Stoic Speech from Antiquity to the Present." Symposium keynote speakers this year are ASHR's own Janet Atwill and Lawrence Green as well as the well-known public address scholar, James Darsey. We also have panelists from as far away as Poland.

In planning this year's symposium, as in years past, we have made a special effort to put graduate students alongside senior scholars to ensure the vitality of the study of the history of rhetoric for years to come. We'd like to add your voice to the symposium in the future.

Leadership in Historical Studies of Rhetoric: ASHR has established affiliate status with leading scholarly associations in Communication and Composition. This year, we begin affiliate status with RSA, the preeminent rhetorical studies society in the United States. We continue to offer affiliate panels in the historical study of rhetoric at the National Communication Association, and we are building upon special interest group status at the Conference on College Composition and Communication.

An Intimate Community: ASHR is the core of historical study of rhetoric in the United States, and we are proud to be that. At the same time, we recognize that our community is small, a network of scholars from classics, cultural studies, English, history, linguistics, modern languages, philosophy, and speech communication. That intimacy is also our strength. We create special opportunities for networking and professional development, for mentorship and disciplinary leadership.

Advances in the History of Rhetoric

ASHR's journal, *Advances in the History of Rhetoric* (edited until 2004 by Richard Leo Enos, and from 2004 to the present by Robert Gaines), is distinguished both by the excellence of its contributors and by the range of genres it publishes: innovative research in the history of rhetoric, translations of historical

texts, and scholarly dialogue in the Collocutio section, as well as interdisciplinary work in rhetorical criticism, theory, and pedagogy.

These strengths will be more visible to the broader community of rhetorical scholars as *Advances* takes its place among the journals published by Taylor and Francis. T&F already publish leading journals in communication (including the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*) and composition (*Rhetoric Review*). By 2011, *Advances* will be carrying the best work in the historical study of rhetoric into hundreds of libraries internationally through T&F.



Membership

There is no better time to join ASHR. Our new, graduated annual dues structure makes membership affordable for younger scholars while assuring the sustainability of the organization and its journal into the future through slightly higher (but still very reasonable) contributions from more established members. We especially encourage long-term supporters of ASHR to become "Sustaining Members."

Membership Category	Annual Dues
Graduate students	\$20
Instructors & Lecturers	\$30
Assistant Profs	\$40
Associate Profs	\$50
Full Profs	\$60
Sustaining Members	\$75

An Invitation

No matter the stage of your career, there may be no better time to join ASHR. As we prepare to enter into this new stage of growth, we have been reminded of what we value most about our organization.

- First, the smaller, plenary conference format of our annual symposium, in contrast to the large conferences we attend, provides an opportunity for rich intellectual stimulation and discussion among committed historians.
- ASHR also represents in important respects the future of the history of rhetoric in the United States, as it continues to bring young scholars into the field and provide an important outlet for more established scholars.
- ASHR is the only scholarly organization completely devoted to the history of rhetoric in the United States and *Advances* is the only journal so focused.

We invite you to join, or rejoin, ASHR. Membership has never been easier, and the benefits of membership have never been greater to scholars at every stage of their career. Our website hosts an online payment option, at www.ashr.org, as well as many resources useful to scholars in rhetoric. Visit soon!

Sincerely, The ASHR Membership Committee,

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