

feminisms rhetorics

enabling complexities: communities / writing / rhetorics

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The 2009 Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) conference will be sponsored by the Coalition of Women Scholars in the History of Rhetoric & Composition and hosted by the Rhetoric & Writing program at Michigan State University. We invite proposals that:

- **reflect** the complexity and diversity of who “we” are as a scholarly community;
- **make manifest** the deep structure of the connections, intersections, and overlaps that actually make us a community;
- **help articulate** who “we” are as a deliberate community of scholars, and what that means about our responsibilities and relationships to one another across scholarly areas and institutional positions;
- **highlight** scholarly and teacherly activities that deliberately create space for more complex notions of scholarship and teaching within the discipline of Rhet/Comp;
- **include** and significantly engage communities outside of the academy;
- **focus on** antiracist pedagogies and scholarship; present interdisciplinary scholarship in Afrofeminist Rhetorics; American Indian Rhetorics, Chicana Rhetorics, Asian American Rhetorics, post/neo-colonial rhetorics;
- **highlight** the intellectual traditions of women’s communities, especially communities constellated around specific identity markers such as race, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation issues, geographic origins;
- **explore** the relationships between written, oral, and material discursive production;
- and other topics that **address** the connections in the conference theme.

We also welcome proposals on relevant topics not directly addressed above, that significantly engage disciplines other than Rhet/Comp, and that have consequences for communities located outside of the academy.

Although traditional presentations are acceptable, we encourage participants to create formats that go beyond the read-aloud academic paper. Interactive sessions that include discussions, dialogues, and performances are especially welcome. Proposals should be uploaded to the FemRhet 2009 web site (www.femrhet.cwshrc.org), and can be for:

- 20-minute individual presentations (250-word proposals)
- 90-minute 3–4 member panels (500-word proposals)
- 90-minute workshops or roundtables (500-word proposals)

Please plan to submit a title, a proposal the length indicated above, and a program-ready, booklet-friendly 50-word blurb for the presentation.

Proposal System Open	Proposal Deadline	Acceptances Distributed
December 15, 2008	February 1, 2009	April 30, 2009

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