Rhetoric & Writing PhD Program

General Reading List

Resources for Rhetoric and Writing Studies

Revised Fall 2017

The General Reading List below is in effect for students entering Fall 2017 and later. Students who entered Fall 2016 will work with their committee chair to determine whether to use the 2017 list or the previous reading list, linked on the Rhetoric & Writing homepage, under the tab for Preliminary Exams. The previous “old” list will be available on the Rhetoric Program homepage through Summer 2018.

Following the General Reading List, there is a list of Resources for Rhetoric and Writing Studies. These resources are helpful for finding a few of the items on the general list, fleshing out your general reading list, starting research projects, and preparing materials for the job market.

General Reading List

The list below contains 52 works; you are to add 18 sources, resulting in a general reading list of 70 sources. Once approved by your chair and by your committee, your reading list serves as the basis for your general preliminary exam.

4. Aspasia. Discussion & selections in Bizzell & Herzberg; Glenn, Rhetoric Retold
5. Augustine. On Christian Doctrine, Book IV.
17. Cicero. *De Oratore*.
19. de la Cruz, Sor Juana Ines. Discussion & selections in Bizzell & Herzberg; in Glenn, *Rhetoric Retold*; in Ritchie & Ronald.
31. Isocrates. *Antidosis*; “Against the Sophists.”
42. Perelman, Chaim and Lucie Olbrechts-Tyteca, *The New Rhetoric* or *The Realm of Rhetoric*.
43. Plato. *Gorgias; Phaedrus*.
Resources for Rhetoric and Writing Studies
The works below are recommended for your professional library. These sources are helpful for finding some sources in the core reading list. The sources also can be used to enhance your general competency in the field, add items to your core reading list, provide starting points for a range of research topics, and help you in preparing materials for the job market. Some of these books have been published in multiple editions with variations in content.

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