

Kenneth Burke Prize in Rhetoric 2016

Center for Democratic Deliberation

Penn State's Center for Democratic Deliberation is pleased to announce the twenty-fourth Kenneth Burke Prize in Rhetoric, to be awarded to the best essay written by a graduate student in one of Penn State's liberal arts disciplines on the subject of rhetoric in its many forms—as historical, critical, or theoretical discourse.

Papers might address pedagogical methods or issues; offer textual criticism (“rhetorical analysis”) of significant documents; offer theoretical or historical insights on items in the rhetorical tradition; discuss rhetoric as an organizing principle for English, Communication Studies, the liberal arts or the contemporary university; or consider rhetoric in relation to African-American studies, cultural materialist critiques, feminism, post-colonial criticism, science and technology, etc. Papers written for seminars or conferences, or composed specifically for the Burke Prize, are all welcome. The essays, which should have been composed for the most part during the calendar year 2015, will be judged on the basis of their scholarship, significance, and rhetorical artistry. (Essays submitted previously for the prize should not be resubmitted.)

A prize of \$500.00 will be awarded to the winning graduate student. Graduate students should submit their essays electronically to Rose Petrunyak (rxp65@psu.edu) by **Friday, March 4, 2016**. Include a cover sheet with your name and the essay's title. (Note: your name should not appear elsewhere in the essay.)

The Burke Prize will be announced and awarded after the Burke lecture on Thursday March 31, 2016.

Any questions about the Burke Prize or Burke Lecture can be directed to Debra Hawhee (hawhee@psu.edu).