

Kenneth Burke Prize in Rhetoric
Center for Democratic Deliberation

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The Center for Democratic Deliberation at Pennsylvania State University is pleased to announce the annual Kenneth Burke Prize in Rhetoric. The award recognizes exemplary scholarship on rhetoric by a graduate student—whether from historical, critical, or theoretical perspectives—in the form of a single essay.

Submitted essays might address pedagogical methods or issues; engage in textual criticism of significant documents; revisit varieties of rhetorical theory or develop new theoretical models; examine the disciplinary history of rhetoric in its many permutations; or demonstrate the value of rhetorical inquiry to research on culture, race, sex and gender, contemporary political phenomena, religion, science and technology, and so on.

Essays should reflect ongoing or recently completed scholarship. Submissions will be evaluated anonymously by two rhetoric faculty members (one each from Communication Arts and Sciences and English). They will be evaluated based on their scholarly significance, methodological rigor (in structure and argumentation), compositional excellence, and evidentiary persuasiveness.

\$500.00 will be awarded to the selected author. The Burke Prize will be awarded at the CDD banquet, following the Kenneth Burke Lecture (on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at the Nittany Lion Inn, 6:00 p.m.).

Submission Guidelines

Please do not submit essays previously submitted for the prize. Submissions should consist entirely of unpublished work.

Submissions should consist of two separate electronic files: 1) a title page with the author's name and contact information; and 2) a manuscript free of identifying author information.

Graduate students should submit their essays electronically to David Randolph, Administrative Assistant for the McCourtney Institute for Democracy (dlr53@psu.edu), by **Wednesday, March 21, 2018**.

Submit questions about the Burke Prize or Burke Lecture to Bradford Vivian, Director of the CDD (bjv113@psu.edu). Further information about the prize can be found [here](#).