



Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric & Composition

NEW MEMBER PACKET

Welcome to the Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric and Composition!

Thank you for joining the CFSHRC – or the Coalition, as we call it – in our mission to promote intersectionality, collaboration, and communication, to advance feminist research and pedagogy, and to foster a thriving community of feminist teachers, scholars, and activists. We're so excited to have you as part of this dynamic, intellectually challenging, and professionally nurturing community.

We–the 2022 Committee on Graduate Student Engagement–hope this New Member Packet provides you with vital information and encourages you to make your membership in the Coalition count by taking full advantage of the opportunities for growth and connection your membership affords. Whether you're at the outset of your graduate career or have been engaged in the profession for a while, we've designed this New Member Packet to help you become familiar with the opportunities that make being a part of the Coalition special.

The Coalition was founded in 1989, in response to a perceived need for mentorship and scholarly support for those doing feminist historical work in the field. Today, the Coalition is a vibrant organization whose members forward feminist work in rhetoric and composition through the following avenues:

- By participating in the biennial Feminisms and Rhetorics Conference, hosted by Coalition members at rotating locations around the U.S. This conference is a key opportunity to share your feminist work with others, connect with this vibrant community, and shape the future of the field.
- By publishing scholarship in *Peitho*, the Coalition's peer-reviewed online journal.
- By engaging in mentoring in a variety of venues and modalities.
- By guiding the Coalition through service and leadership on the Executive Board, Advisory Board, or one of its standing or ad-hoc committees.

In this Welcome Packet we offer:

- An overview of the opportunities available to you as a Coalition member;
- A timeline of conference and award deadlines;
- and direct links to guide you toward additional avenues for connecting with your fellow Coalition members.

We welcome you to the Coalition and offer our support as you pursue your feminist work. We are so happy you're a part of this community!

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ABOUT THE COALITION



Professional Development

As a member of the Coalition, you are eligible to submit your work for awards, seek funding, and connect with others at Coalition events. Through mentorship opportunities, awards, and events, the Coalition supports your professional development as a scholar, teacher, and advocate.



Organization Structure

As a new member, you may find yourself being invited to serve alongside Executive Board and Advisory Board members on standing committees, award committees, or ad hoc committees. The Coalition elects an Executive Board for a two-year cycle, including a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Graduate Student Representative, and Member-at-Large. Additionally, the Advisory Board is a group of 23 Coalition members who serve on committees, vote on business, and advise the Executive Board as needed.



Publishing Opportunities

Peitho is the peer-reviewed journal of the Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric and Composition. It is published quarterly. Shorter submissions are published annually in "Recoveries and Reconsiderations," a *Peitho* forum for sharing innovative perspectives on existing feminist work, as well an incubator for new feminist research projects.

MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Online Mentoring Program

The online mentoring program is designed to share knowledge about research, teaching, activism, and professional development by matching mentor-mentee pairs who establish a schedule to enable the mentee to make progress on an agreed-upon project (preparing job materials; planning research projects or fieldwork; writing or revising materials for publication; developing a syllabus; applying for grants; etc.) within six months or less.

Mentors and mentees may continue to work together beyond one six-month cycle if desired.



CCCC Mentoring Tables

Wednesday night at CCCC, the Coalition offers mentoring tables where junior and senior scholars discuss topics such as:

- developing new methodologies
- doing feminist WPA work
- finding work-life balance
- composing in digital spaces
- performing activism, & more.

Mentoring tables are open to anyone attending CCCC.

Virtual mentoring tables extend these opportunities throughout the summer.



Fellowship Pods Program

Fellowship Pods provide space for small groups to think, organize, and revel with other Coalition members around collectively chosen topics and shared interests.

This non-hierarchical program encourages participants to establish and maintain relationships beyond the confines of Feminisms and Rhetorics and CCCC conferencing, to foster community-building and collaboration on research, teaching, and community engagement and social justice projects, and to disrupt charismatic models of leadership.

MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Feminisms and Rhetorics Manuscript Mentoring

The Feminisms and Rhetorics conference offers a manuscript mentoring program for scholars working on a project at any stage — from early conception to a completed manuscript.

This program occurs during the biennial Feminisms and Rhetorics conference, during a dedicated session where mentors meet in person with scholars to discuss their work. Many conversations also extend well beyond the conference.



Peitho Journal Mentoring

Though *Peitho's* submission and peer review process operates on a model that helps authors move manuscripts to publication, *Peitho* also offers a mentoring program specifically for developing manuscripts.

The journal's editors will match writers with a mentor when a manuscript shows promise but it is either not ready to go out for review or comes back with suggestions for significant revision. Mentors work one-on-one with writers to help them develop their manuscripts from draft to re-submission.



Informal Opportunities

Informal mentorship opportunities abound. All members (including graduate students) are encouraged to:

- Serve on Coalition task forces
- Read and contribute to *Peitho*
- Attend the biennial Feminism and Rhetorics Conference and the CCCC (Conference on College Composition & Communication) including the Wednesday night meeting
- Apply for awards and scholarships pertaining to their work in feminist rhetoric.

AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

Kathleen Ethel Welch Outstanding Article Award

Submit your work to *Peitho* to be considered for this award. All works published in *Peitho*, including multiple-authored works, are automatically considered.

Shirley Wilson Logan Diversity Scholarship Award

Applicants should submit application and current CV by May 1, 2023, to Wendy Sharer, Immediate Past President, at sharerw@ecu.edu.

Nan Johnson Outstanding Graduate Student Travel Award

The current deadline for this award is May 15, 2023 to support travel to the Feminisms and Rhetorics Conference at Spelman in Fall 2023.

Lisa Ede Mentoring Award

Applicants should submit all materials as a single PDF by June 1, 2023, to Wendy Sharer, Immediate Past President, at sharerw@ecu.edu.

President's Dissertation Award

The deadline for nominations for the next award cycle (the 2022 Award) is June 15, 2023.

Nominees should submit an electronic copy of the completed dissertation in its final form, as it was submitted to the author's home institution, to Wendy Sharer, Immediate Past President, at sharerw@ecu.edu. Please also provide documentation of completion, including date of submission/deposit to the institution.

Winifred Bryan Horner Outstanding Book Award

Nominations must be received by December 1, 2023 and must include five (5) copies of the book and a brief (500 words) nominating statement. Electronic submissions are accepted.

Alternatively, please send all materials to: Wendy Sharer, Immediate Past President, at sharerw@ecu.edu.

Nancy A. Myers Feminist Research Grant

Calls for the 2024 award will begin circulating in Fall 2023. At that time, applicants should complete an application and letter of interest and request the submission of two confidential letters of recommendation. Applications and letters must be submitted by December 15, 2023 to Wendy Sharer, Immediate Past President, at sharerw@ecu.edu.

EVENTS



Feminisms & Rhetorics Conference

The Feminisms and Rhetorics Conference is a biennial meeting dedicated to defining and demonstrating excellent research at various intersections of feminisms and rhetorics—historical, theoretical, methodological, and pedagogical. Check the Coalition’s website in January and February prior to the fall conference for updates about proposal and award deadlines.

The Coalition confers the following awards at the Feminisms and Rhetoric Conference:

- Nancy A. Myers Feminist Research Grant
- Shirley Wilson Logan Diversity Scholarship Award
- Nan Johnson Graduate Student Travel Award
- Lisa Ede Mentoring Award
- President’s Dissertation Award



Wednesday Evening Meeting at the Conference on College Composition and Communication

The Coalition meets annually on Wednesday evening during the Conference on College Composition and Communication. These meetings often focus on scholarship, activism, and community-building within the Coalition, offering new members and non-members a space to come together and participate.

The Kathleen Ethel Welch Outstanding Article Award and Winifred Bryan Horner Outstanding Book Award are presented at the Wednesday evening meeting. Check the Coalition’s website in the fall prior to the spring conference for award application deadlines.

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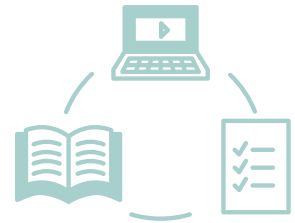
Volunteer for a standing committee or a task force

Any member can contribute to the work of the Coalition. Reach out to current officers to learn about current opportunities. Many committees hold spots available for graduate students and work to ensure diverse perspectives are represented. Your presence can strengthen the organization in numerous ways.



Run for a spot on the EB or AB

The Executive Board and Advisory Board are made stronger when diverse perspectives are present. Consider throwing your name in the hat for the next election cycle.



Propose a new book review for *Peitho*

Contact the *Peitho* editorial team to learn what reviews they are seeking and to match your interests and expertise to these needs.



Want to connect?

Coalition Website: cfshrc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CFSHRC

Instagram: www.instagram.com/cfshrc

Twitter: @CFSHRC

Vimeo: vimeo.com/cfshrc