

# Rhetoric Of Science Inventing Scientific Discourse

Decoding **Rhetoric Of Science Inventing Scientific Discourse**: Revealing the Captivating Potential of Verbal Expression

In an era characterized by interconnectedness and an insatiable thirst for knowledge, the captivating potential of verbal expression has emerged as a formidable force. Its capability to evoke sentiments, stimulate introspection, and incite profound transformations is genuinely awe-inspiring. Within the pages of "**Rhetoric Of Science Inventing Scientific Discourse**," a mesmerizing literary creation penned by a celebrated wordsmith, readers embark on an enlightening odyssey, unraveling the intricate significance of language and its enduring effect on our lives. In this appraisal, we shall explore the book's central themes, evaluate its distinctive writing style, and gauge its pervasive influence on the hearts and minds of its readership.

**The Work in the World** Michael R. Curry 1996 Minnesota Archive Editions uses digital technology to make long-unavailable books once again accessible to scholars, students, researchers, and general readers. Rich with historical and cultural value, these works are published unaltered from the original University of Minnesota Press editions. The books offered through Minnesota Archive Editions are produced in limited quantities according to customer demand and are available through select distribution partners.

**Scientific Discourse in Sociohistorical Context** Dwight Atkinson 1998-11 Scientific Discourse in Sociohistorical Context represents the intersection of knowledge and method, examined from the perspective of three distinct disciplines: linguistics, rhetoric-composition, and history. Herein, Dwight Atkinson describes the written language and rhetoric of the Royal Society of London, based on his analysis of its affiliated journal, *The Philosophical Transactions*, starting with the 17th century advent of modern empirical science through to the present day. Atkinson adopts two independent approaches to the analysis of written discourse--from the fields of linguistics and rhetoric-composition--and then integrates and interprets his findings in light of the history of the Royal Society and British science. Atkinson's study provides the most complete and particular institutional account of a scientific journal, which in this case is a publication that stands as an icon of scientific publication. He supplies his readers with important material found nowhere else in the historical literature, including details about the operation of the journal and its relation to the society. The work embeds the history of the journal and its editors within the history of the Royal Society and other developments in science and society. The synthesis of historical, linguistic, rhetorical, and cultural analysis makes visible certain complex communicative dynamics that could not previously be seen from a single vantage point. The work presented here reinforces how deep historical examinations of linguistic and rhetorical practices have direct bearing on how and what scholars read and write now. Most significantly, this volume demonstrates how these historical activities need to inform current teaching of and thinking about language.

**Assembling Arguments** Jonathan Buehl 2016-01-20 Scientific arguments—and indeed arguments in most disciplines—depend on visuals and other nontextual elements; however, most models of argumentation typically neglect these important resources. In *Assembling Arguments*, Jonathan Buehl offers a concentrated study of scientific argumentation that is sensitive to both the historical and theoretical possibilities of multimodal persuasion as it advances two related claims. First, rhetorical theory—when augmented with methods for reading nonverbal representations—can provide the analytical tools needed to understand and appreciate multimodal scientific arguments. Second, science—an inherently multimodal enterprise—offers ideal subjects for developing general theories of multimodal rhetoric applicable across fields. In developing these claims, Buehl offers a comprehensive account of scientific persuasion as a multimodal process and develops a simple but productive framework for analyzing and teaching multimodal argumentation. Comprising five case studies, the book provides detailed treatments of argumentation in specific technological and historical contexts: argumentation before World War I, when images circulated by hand and by post; argumentation during the mid-twentieth century, when computers were beginning to bolster scientific inquiry but images remained hand-crafted products; and argumentation at the turn of the twenty-first century—an era of digital revolutions and digital fraud. Each study examines the rhetorical problems and strategies of specific scientists to investigate key issues regarding visualization and

argument: 1) establishing new instruments as reliable sources of visual evidence; 2) creating novel arguments from reliable visual evidence; 3) creating novel arguments with unreliable visual evidence; 4) preserving the credibility of visualization practices; and 5) creating multimodal artifacts before and in the era of digital circulation. Given the growing enterprise of rhetorical studies and the field's contributions to communication practices in all disciplines, rhetoricians need a comprehensive rhetoric of science—one that accounts for the multimodal arguments that change our relation to reality. *Assembling Arguments* argues that such rhetoric should enable the interpretation of visual scientific arguments and improve science-writing instruction.

**The Discourses of Science** Marcello Pera 1994-12-15 Rather, science is a three-way interaction among nature, the investigator, and a questioning community which, through the process of attack, defense, and dispute, determines what science is. Rhetoric, then, understood as the practice of scientific argumentation, is an essential element in the constitution of science.

**Science Communication in Theory and Practice** S.M. Stockmayer 2012-12-06 This book provides an overview of the theory and practice of science communication. It deals with modes of informal communication such as science centres, television programs, and journalism and the research that informs practitioners about the effectiveness of their programs. It aims to meet the needs of those studying science communication and will form a readily accessible source of expertise for communicators.

**Rhetorics of Display** Lawrence J. Prelli 2021-12-24 Groundbreaking case studies mapping the rhetoric inherent in acts of presentation and concealment *Rhetorics of Display* is a pathbreaking volume that brings together a distinguished group of scholars to assess an increasingly pervasive form of rhetorical activity. Editor Lawrence J. Prelli notes in his introduction that twenty-first century citizens continually confront displays of information and images, from the verbal images of speeches and literature to visual images of film and photography to exhibits in museums to the arrangement of our homes to the merchandising of consumer goods. The volume provides an integrated, comprehensive study of the processes of selecting what to reveal and what to conceal that together constitute the rhetorics of display. Surveying major historical transformations in the relationship between rhetoric and display, this book also identifies the leading themes in relevant scholarship of the past three decades. Seventeen case studies canvass a representative and diverse range of displays—from body piercing to a civil rights memorial to a Titanic exhibition to imagery found in gambling casinos—and examine the ways that phenomena, persons, places, events, identities, communities, and cultures are exhibited before audiences. Collectively the contributors shed light on rhetorics that are nearly ubiquitous in contemporary communication and culture.

**Reengaging the Prospects of Rhetoric** Mark J. Porrovecchio 2010-02-25 *Reengaging the Prospects of Rhetoric* reanimates the debate over the function and scope of rhetoric. Providing a contemporary response to the volume *The Prospect of Rhetoric* (1971), this volume reconceptualizes that classic work to address the challenges facing the study of rhetoric today. With contributions from today's leading rhetorical scholars, *Reengaging the Prospects of Rhetoric* offers "response" essays to each chapter of the original work. Each scholar uses his/her essay as a forum in which to address three questions: As a historical document, why is this essay important? In terms of contemporary theory and/or practice, what is the significance of the essay? How can the issues raised therein be profitably addressed in the future? These provocative engagements suggest that, while the study of rhetoric has gained much ground in the

intervening decades, there is more work to be done to reestablish the primacy of rhetoric in contemporary society. This volume provides students and scholars of rhetoric with a strong foundation in the issues that have shaped contemporary rhetorical theory and criticism. It offers them an accessible introduction to the challenges facing future iterations of rhetorical theory and criticism. As a standalone text or a supplemental resource for undergraduate and graduate courses in the history, theory, and criticism of rhetoric or contemporary rhetorical theory, it will help to shape rhetoric's future role in communication studies and will foster interdisciplinary dialogues about the topic.

**Sweet Reason** Susan Wells 1996-07-15 In *Sweet Reason*, Susan Wells presents a rhetorical model for understanding the diverse discourses of modernity. Wells describes modernity as a system of texts which we are only now learning to read. In order to comprehend how these texts organize our world, she argues, we must grasp how reason and desire interact to create meaning. To this end, Wells offers a rhetoric based on an understanding of meaning as intersubjectivity created through the work of language. Wells elaborates this "rhetoric of intersubjectivity" by drawing on both Jürgen Habermas's concept of communicative rationality and on Jacques Lacan's theory of desire, affirming the significance of reason and desire for rhetorical studies. From scientific articles to classroom altercations, contemporary government hearings to Maigne's Essays, Wells organizes several using rhetoric as an art, and she shows how rhetoric operates in practice. Susan Wells is associate professor of English at Temple University.

**Invention in Rhetoric and Composition** Janice M. Lauer 2004 *Invention in Rhetoric and Composition* examines issues that have surrounded historical and contemporary theories and pedagogies of rhetorical invention, citing a wide array of positions on these issues in both primary rhetorical texts and secondary interpretations. It presents theoretical disagreements over the nature, purpose, and epistemology of invention and pedagogical debates over such issues as the relative importance of art, talent, imitation, and practice in teaching discourse. After a discussion of treatments of invention from the Sophists to the nineteenth century, *Invention in Rhetoric and Composition* introduces a range of early twentieth-century multidisciplinary theories and calls for invention's awakening in the field of English studies. It then showcases inventional theories and pedagogies that have emerged in the field of Rhetoric and Composition over the last four decades, including the ensuing research, critiques, and implementations of this inventional work. As a reference guide, the text offers a glossary of terms, an annotated bibliography of selected texts, and an extensive bibliography. Janice M. Lauer is Professor of English, Emerita at Purdue University, where she was the Reece McGee Distinguished Professor of English. In 1998, she received the College Composition and Communication Conference's Exemplar Award. Her publications include *Four Worlds of Writing: Inquiry and Action in Context*, *Composition Research: Empirical Designs*, and *New Perspectives on Rhetorical Invention*, as well as essays on rhetorical invention, disciplinarity, writing as inquiry, composition pedagogy, historical rhetoric, and empirical research.

**Rhetoric and Incommensurability** Randy Allen Harris 2005-09-19 *Rhetoric and Incommensurability* examines the complex relationships among rhetoric, philosophy, and science as they converge on the question of incommensurability, the notion jointly (though not collaboratively) introduced to science studies in 1962 by Thomas Kuhn and Paul Feyerabend. The incommensurability thesis represents the most profound problem facing argumentation and dialogue—in science, surely, but in any symbolic encounter, any attempt to cooperate, find common ground, get along, make better knowledge, and build better societies. This volume brings rhetoric, the chief discipline that studies argumentation and dialogue, to bear on that problem, finding it much more tractable than have most philosophical accounts.

*Independent Offices and Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations for 1971* United States. Congress. House. Committee on Appropriations. Subcommittee on Independent Offices and Department of Housing and Urban Development 1990

**Scientific Discourse** David Ian Hanauer 2006-06-23 *Scientific Discourse* examines the nature of scientific inquiry in the primary school classroom to show how this interacts with early literacy. Through an examination of the texts used and produced by pupils studying science the author shows how what is at work in this context of scientific discourse is actually multiliteracy. The teacher aids the pupils' learning using different forms of literacy spread across the spoken word, written text, visual text and physical action. The result of this diverse approach is a growth not only in scientific knowledge, but basic literacy.

The book provides a theoretical introduction to developmental literacy theory, current positions of science education and advanced theories of multiliteracy and genre theory. The new theory of scientific discourse presented in this book will be of interest to researchers of applied linguistics, discourse analysis and education.

*Inventing a Discipline* Maureen Daly Goggin 2000 Heeding the call of noted rhetoric scholar Richard E. Young to engage in serious, scholarly investigations of the assumptions that underlie established practices and habits about writing, the contributors to this critical volume study a diverse array of disciplinary issues, situate their work in a wide matrix of theoretical perspectives, and engage in multiple modes of inquiry and in multiple discourses. In section 1, the authors consider the history, present state, and potential future directions of the research, scholarship, and pedagogies of the field. Section 2 presents the theoretical, historical, and empirical investigations of particular kinds of rhetorical theories and practices. Section 3 offers discussions of specific writing programs and pedagogical approaches. After an introduction by Maureen Daly Goggin, essays in the book are: (1) "A Rhetoric for Literate Society: The Tension between Expanding Practices and Restricted Theories" (Charles Bazerman); (2) "Accounting for 'Well-Worn Grooves': Composition as a Self-Reinforcing Mechanism" (Maureen Daly Goggin and Steve Beatty); (3) "Cross-Disciplinarity in Rhetorical Scholarship?" (Janice M. Lauer); (4) "Shaping Sophisticates: Implications of the Rhetorical Turn for Rhetoric Education" (Joseph Petraglia); (5) "Rhetoric and the Ecology of the Noosphere" (Robert Inkster); (6) "The Modesty of Aristotle's 'Rhetoric'" (Eugene Garver); (7) "Classical Rhetoric in American Writing Textbooks, 1950-1965" (Karen Rossi Schnakenberg); (8) "Reinventing Memory and Delivery" (Winifred Bryan Horner); (9) "From Heuristic to Aleatory Procedures; Or, Toward 'Writing the Accident'" (Victor J. Vitanza); (10) "Bridging the Gap: Integrating Visual and Verbal Rhetoric" (Lee Odell and Karen McGrane); (11) "Inventing the American Research University: Nineteenth-Century American Science and the New Middle Class" (Danette Paul and Ann M. Blakeslee); (12) "Scientific Writing and Scientific Thinking: Writing the Scientific Habit of Mind" (Carol Berkenkotter); (13) "The Rhetoric of Social Action: College Mentors Inventing the Discipline" (Elenore Long); (14) "WAC, WHACK: You're an Expert--NOT!" (Sam Watson); (15) "Can Writing Be Taught? Being 'Explicit' in the Teaching and Learning of Writing across the Curriculum" (Stuart Greene and Rebecca Schoenike Nowacek); (16) "Notes on the Evolution of Network Support for Writing across the Curriculum" (Mike Palmquist); and (17) "Pedagogical Invention and Rhetorical Action in Writing across the Curriculum" (Jo-Ann M. Sipple, William L. Sipple, and J. Stanton Carson). (Each chapter contains references.) (RS)

**The Routledge Handbook of Language and Science** David R. Gruber 2019-11-28 *The Routledge Handbook of Language and Science* provides a state-of-the-art volume on the language of scientific processes and communications. This book offers comprehensive coverage of socio-cultural approaches to science, as well as analysing new theoretical developments and incorporating discussions about future directions within the field. Featuring original contributions from an international range of renowned scholars, as well as academics at the forefront of innovative research, this handbook: identifies common objects of inquiry across the areas of rhetoric, sociolinguistics, communication studies, science and technology studies, and public understanding of science; covers the four key themes of power, pedagogy, public engagement, and materiality in relation to the study of scientific language and its development; uses qualitative and quantitative approaches to demonstrate how humanities and social science scholars can go about studying science; details the meaning and purpose of socio-cultural approaches to science, including the impact of new media technologies; analyses the history of the field and how it positions itself in relation to other areas of study. Ushering the study of language and science toward a more interdisciplinary, diverse, communal and ecological future, *The Routledge Handbook of Language and Science* is an essential reference for anyone with an interest in this area.

**Rhetoric in the Human Sciences** Herbert W Simons 1989 Scholars of every sort inevitably make stylistic choices, name and frame issues, appeal to communal values, adapt arguments to ends, audiences and circumstances. Yet the myth persists that 'good' scholarship consists of hard fact and cold logic, devoid of all rhetoric; that the assent given to scholarly claims is somehow independent of the language used to communicate and defend them. *Rhetoric in the Human Sciences* demonstrates that the rhetorical dimensions of scholarly discourse can no longer be ignored. The authors illustrate the usefulness of

rhetorical theory, bringing its tools and perspectives to bear on such diverse subjects as language acquisition, television viewing, ethnographic writing, psychotherapy, jur

**Sourcebook on Rhetoric** James Jasinski 2001-07-19 Please update SAGE UK and SAGE INDIA addresses on imprint page.

**The State of Rhetoric of Science and Technology** Alan G. Gross 2020-08-26 The ubiquity of the Internet and digital technology has changed the sites of rhetorical discourse and inquiry, as well as the methods by which such analyses are performed. This special issue discusses the state of rhetoric of science and technology at the beginning of the twenty-first century. While many books connecting rhetorical theory to the Internet have paved the way for more refined and insightful studies of online communication, the articles here serve as a reflective moment, an opportunity to consider thoughtful statements from those who have published and been influential in the field.

**Composition and the Rhetoric of Science** Michael J Zerbe 2007-03-21 Composition and the Rhetoric of Science: Engaging the Dominant Discourse calls for instructors of first-year writing courses to employ primary scientific discourse in their teaching and for rhetoricians of science to think about teaching scientific discourse as a literacy skill. Author Michael J. Zerbe argues that inclusion of scientific discourse is crucial because of this rhetoric's status as the dominant discourse in western culture. The volume draws on Lyotard, Žižek, Foucault, and Althusser to argue that while important theorists such as these have recognized the dominance of scientific discourse, rhetoric and composition has not—to its detriment. The text illustrates that scientific discourse remains a miniscule part of the enterprise of rhetoric and composition and thus the field is not fulfilling its mission of providing students with the writing and reading skills they need to live and work in a science- and technology-dependent society. Zerbe provides an analysis of science popularizations and demonstrates how these works can be used to contextualize primary scientific research. He also presents three pedagogical scenarios, each built around a carefully chosen, accessible example of scientific discourse, that demonstrate how articles from scientific journals can be used in writing courses. Only by gaining a meaningful fluency in this discourse—one that is not offered by science textbooks—can a more sophisticated scientific literacy be assured. Composition and the Rhetoric of Science effectively explores the relatively limited amount of work done in rhetoric and composition on scientific discourse and questions this state of affairs. Zerbe presents for the first time cultural studies and science literacy as gateways for incorporating scientific discourse into first-year writing courses.

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**Rhetorical Figures in Science** Jeanne Fahnestock 1999-07-01 Rhetorical Figures in Science breaks new ground in the rhetorical study of scientific argument as the first book to demonstrate how figures of speech other than metaphor have been used to accomplish key conceptual moves in scientific texts. Examples, both verbal and visual, range across disciplines and centuries to reaffirm the positive value of these once widely-taught devices.

**A Rhetoric of Doing** James L. Kinneavy 1992 Concerned with both the nature and the practice of discourse, the eighteen essays collected here treat rhetoric as a dynamic enterprise of inquiry, exploration, and application, and in doing so reflect James L. Kinneavy's firm belief in the vital relationship between theory and practice, his commitment to a spirit of accommodation and assimilation that promotes the development of ever more powerful theories and ever more useful practices. A thorough introduction provides the reader with clear summaries of the essays by leading-edge theorists, researchers, and teachers of writing and rhetoric. A "field context" for the ideas presented in this book is provided through the division of the various chapters into four major sections that focus on classical rhetoric and rhetorical theory in historical contexts; on dimensions of discourse theory, aspects of discourse communities, and the sorts of knowledge people access and use in producing written texts; on writing in school-related contexts; and on several dimensions of nonacademic writing. A fifth section contains a bibliographic survey and an appreciation of James Kinneavy's work. The exceptional range of these essays makes A Rhetoric of Doing an ecumenical examination of the current state of mind in rhetoric and written communication, a survey and description of what discourse and those in the field of discourse are, in fact, doing.

**Discourses and Narrations in the Biosciences** Brian Hurwitz 2011 Discourses and Narrations in the Biosciences investigates the forms of writing in which scientific claims are formulated and announced.

Argumentative strategies, compositional rules, and figurative expressions in communication and narrativization of scientific knowledge are the focus of interdisciplinary contributions by humanities and science scholars. The first part of the book, dedicated to 'Rhetorical and Epistemological Aspects of Science Writing', addresses how scientific pursuits and methods feed into multi-level texts that generate responses within science, society, and culture. The second part, entitled 'Bioscientific Discourses and Narrations', examines popularisations and fictionalizations of science in relation to diversity, deviancy, ageing, illness, reproduction, the evolution of humankind, mathematical models of biomedical systems, and the myth of the heroic scientist. Assessing the narrative impetus and command of literary and meta-discursive strategies shown by contemporary science writers enhances understanding of the methods and conventions through which the biosciences produce knowledge.

**The History and Theory of Rhetoric** James A. Herrick 2020-12-29 By tracing the traditional progression of rhetoric from the Greek Sophists to contemporary theorists, this textbook gives students a conceptual framework for evaluating and practicing persuasive writing and speaking in a wide range of settings and in both written and visual media. The book's expansive historical purview illustrates how persuasive public discourse performs essential social functions and shapes our daily worlds, drawing on the ideas of some of history's greatest thinkers and theorists. The seventh edition includes greater attention to non-Western rhetorics, feminist rhetorics, the rhetoric of science, and European and American critical theory. Known for its clear writing style and contemporary examples throughout, The History and Theory of Rhetoric emphasizes the relevance of rhetoric to today's students. This revised edition serves as a core textbook for rhetoric courses in both English and communication programs covering both the historical tradition of rhetoric and contemporary rhetoric studies. This edition includes an instructor's manual and practice quizzes for students at [www.routledge.com/cw/herrick](http://www.routledge.com/cw/herrick)

**Topologies as Techniques for a Post-Critical Rhetoric** Lynda Walsh 2017-03-16 This book restores the concept of topology to its rhetorical roots to assist scholars who wish not just to criticize power dynamics, but also to invent alternatives. Topology is a spatial rather than a causal method. It works inductively to model discourse without reducing it to the actions of a few or resolving its inherent contradictions. By putting topology back in tension with opportunity, as originally designed, the contributors to this volume open up new possibilities for post-critical practice in "wicked discourses" of medicine, technology, literacy, and the environment. Readers of the volume will discover exactly how the discipline of rhetoric underscores and interacts with current notions of topology in philosophy, design, psychoanalysis, and science studies.

**A Rhetoric of Science** Lawrence J. Prelli 1989 Part of a series in Studies in Rhetoric and Communication, this book casts a fresh light on the process by which scientific claims are validated. If scientists cannot justify their claims in positivistic terms, how can a scientific claim be legitimized?

**Rhetorical Hermeneutics** Alan G. Gross 1997-01-01 Examines the nature of rhetorical theory and criticism, the rhetoric of science, and the impact of poststructuralism and postmodernism on contemporary accounts of rhetoric.

**Applied Data Science** Douglas G. Woolford 2023-05-09 The use of data to guide action is growing. Even the public uses data to guide everyday decisions! How do we develop data acumen across a broad range of fields and varying levels of expertise? How do we foster the development of effective data translators? This book explores these questions, presenting an interdisciplinary collection of edited contributions across fields such as education, health sciences, natural sciences, politics, economics, business and management studies, social sciences, and humanities. Authors illustrate how to use data within a discipline, including visualization and analysis, translating and communicating results, and pedagogical considerations. This book is of interest to scholars and anyone looking to understand the use of data science across disciplines. It is ideal in a course for non-data science majors exploring how data translation occurs in various contexts and for professionals looking to engage in roles requiring data translation.

**The Modern Invention of Information** Ronald E Day 2008-02-20 In The Modern Invention of Information: Discourse, History, and Power, Ronald E. Day provides a historically informed critical analysis of the concept and politics of information. Analyzing texts in Europe and the United States, his critical reading method goes beyond traditional historiographical readings of communication and information by engaging specific historical texts in terms of their attempts to construct and reshape history. After laying the

groundwork and justifying his method of close reading for this study, Day examines the texts of two pre-World War II documentalists, Paul Otlet and Suzanne Briet. Through the work of Otlet and Briet, Day shows how documentation and information were associated with concepts of cultural progress. Day also discusses the social expansion of the conduit metaphor in the works of Warren Weaver and Norbert Wiener. He then shows how the work of contemporary French multimedia theorist Pierre Lévy refracts the earlier philosophical writings of Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari through the prism of the capitalist understanding of the "virtual society." Turning back to the pre-World War II period, Day examines two critics of the information society: Martin Heidegger and Walter Benjamin. He explains Heidegger's philosophical critique of the information culture's model of language and truth as well as Benjamin's aesthetic and historical critique of mass information and communication. Day concludes by contemplating the relation of critical theory and information, particularly in regard to the information culture's transformation of history, historiography, and historicity into positive categories of assumed and represented knowledge.

**Rhetoric of Science** Lawrence J. Prelli 1994

**Humanistic Aspects of Technical Communication** Paul. M. Dombrowski 2020-11-25 This book has two audiences and purposes. The first audience comprises teachers of technical communication and graduate and undergraduate students, commonly from English programs and without technical backgrounds. The purpose for them is to introduce technical communication from the avenue of humanities with which many are familiar and allied. The book serves them as an adjunct to conventional textbooks. The second audience comprises scholars and practicing professionals already familiar with technical communication. The purpose for them is to provide a handy collection, with introduction, of significant essays on recent humanistic developments.

**Scientific Communication** Han Yu 2017-09-18 This book addresses the roles and challenges of people who communicate science, who work with scientists, and who teach STEM majors how to write. In terms of practice and theory, chapters address themes encountered by scientists and communicators, including ethical challenges, visual displays, and communication with publics, as well as changed and changing contexts and genres. The pedagogy section covers topics important to instructors' everyday teaching as well as longer-term curricular development. Chapters address delivery of rhetorically informed instruction, communication from experts to the publics, writing assessment, online teaching, and communication-intensive pedagogies and curricula.

**Constructing the Beginning** Simon Locke 2014-04-04 In *Constructing the Beginning*, Simon Locke offers a new approach to considering the enigma of creation science, using the perspective of discourse analysis. Using the publications of the British Creation Science Movement to perform a detailed analysis of the creationist case, Locke demonstrates that the discourses and rhetorics used by natural and social scientists are also employed by non-scientists. Out of this study, a view of science as a cultural resource develops, questioning the adequacy of perceived sociological wisdom that sees science as the source and embodiment of cultural "rationalization." As a case study of the use of science as a discursive resource in everyday life, *Constructing the Beginning* speaks to scholars of discourse analysis, constructionism, rhetorics, and the public understanding of science. It will also be of great interest to scholars in the areas of cultural studies, sociology of scientific knowledge and of religion, postmodernism, and sociological theory. Additional Copy Creation science is the target of much attack these days from both within and outside of the orthodox scientific community. This book, however, takes a different approach. It is not an attack on creationism; nor is it a defense. The author's interest is not in creationism at all, but rather, it is in the questions of the role and significance of science in modernity or the public understanding of science. Locke's approach to this issue is a discursive and rhetorical one. Creationism is treated as a case study of the argumentative engagement between science and non-science which--in his view--is as central to the commonsense lifeworld of modernity as much as it is to the lives of its intellectuals. An important dimension of the public meaning of science in modernity is its limits and its relations with other modes of thought and belief, which continue to survive as discourses in the wider culture. Creationism is merely one example of this general feature. The book begins with a discussion of the current issues in the public understanding of science in relation to traditional sociological views of the impact of science on modernity. This is examined through rationalization and the contrasting view derived from the sociology of scientific knowledge which

points to the likelihood of a much more complex and variable relationship than rationalization proposes. It continues with an argument and detailed analysis that focuses on three main points: \*the problem of a competing account of reality (the world), in the form of evolution; \*the problem of competing accounts of the Bible (the Word), in the form of different versions of Christianity; and \*the realization that both of these problems must be managed together in such a way that creationists' own version(s) of the world and of the Word are compatible--a compatibility achieved through a discursive syncretism. The final chapter brings together the strands of the argument to further develop the implications of the dilemma of science for the public understanding of science through the idea of science as a cultural resource and its possible relation to other such cultural resources within modernity--such as Christianity. It is suggested that much so-called "anti-science" could be made sense of in these terms and proposes further research in this direction.

**The Rhetoric of Science** Alan G. Gross 1996 Alan Gross applies the principles of rhetoric to the interpretation of classical and contemporary scientific texts to show how they persuade both author and audience. This invigorating consideration of the ways in which scientists--from Copernicus to Darwin to Newton to James Watson--establish authority and convince one another and us of the truth they describe may very well lead to a remodeling of our understanding of science and its place in society.

**Rhetoric In(to) Science** Heather Brodie Graves 2005 "This book examines the role that rhetoric plays in the creation and conceptualization of new technology claims. Rather than examining historical scientific documents, it looks at scientists in the act of conducting research, interpreting data, and constructing accounts of an experiment and highlights how they worked with the linguistic resources available to them to bring into existence abstract concepts and gain new insight into the subject of their study." "Using ethnographic type data to observe and record the contributions of rhetoric to the work of science, the book addresses some of the big questions about the epistemic and ontological status of rhetoric in the context of ongoing scientific inquiry. The book concludes with an examination of the implications of this research for the teaching of writing, especially focusing on the role that specialists play in modeling effective writing in their disciplines."--BOOK JACKET.

**The Rhetorical Turn** Herbert W. Simons 1990-04-15 We have only recently started to challenge the notion that "serious" inquiry can be free of rhetoric, that it can rely exclusively on "hard" fact and "cold" logic in support of its claims. Increasingly, scholars are shifting their attention from methods of proof to the heuristic methods of debate and discussion--the art of rhetoric--to examine how scholarly discourse is shaped by tropes and figures, by the naming and framing of issues, and by the need to adapt arguments to ends, audiences, and circumstances. Herbert W. Simons and the contributors to this important collection of essays provide impressive evidence that the new movement referred to as the rhetorical turn offers a rigorous way to look within and across the disciplines. The Rhetorical Turn moves from biology to politics via excursions into the rhetorics of psychoanalysis, decision science, and conversational analysis. Topics explored include how rhetorical invention guides scientific invention, how rhetoric assists political judgment, and how it integrates varying approaches to meta-theory. Concluding with four philosophical essays, this volume of case studies demonstrates how the inventive and persuasive dimensions of scholarly discourse point the way to forms of argument appropriate to our postmodern age.

**The Recovery of Rhetoric** Richard H. Roberts 1993 This collection of essays by distinguished international scholars from various disciplines addresses the widespread and growing interest in the nature and function of rhetoric, and in the rhetorical analysis of such human sciences as psychology, political science, economics, medicine, and philosophy. The book may be situated with the new studies that show how disciplines have been constructed, legitimated, and institutionalised and, in particular, with those focusing on the material, social and rhetorical practices that have produced disciplinary knowledges and disciplines themselves. While the disciplines often present their knowledge as purely objective, their knowledges are, as the book shows, only available in rhetorical form. Rhetoric is thus not merely a medium through which knowledge is communicated but rather that which is constitutive of knowledge itself. -- Amazon.com.

**Language and Discipline Perspectives on Academic Discourse** Kjersti Fløttum 2009-05-05 This book represents the physical outcome of the symposium "Academic Voices in Contrast", organised at the University of Bergen, Norway, in May 2006. The symposium, focusing on recent research within the field of

academic discourse, was initiated and organised by the KIAP project (Cultural Identity in Academic Prose; see [www.uib.no/kiap/](http://www.uib.no/kiap/)). In this project, a special focus has been put on the study of the voice(s) of the academic author, in the doubly contrastive perspective of language and discipline. A narrow selection of distinguished scholars were invited to participate at the symposium. They were asked to address issues related to "traditional" linguistic versus contextual approaches or to interlingual and interdisciplinary similarities and differences in academic discourse. By the papers of the following, the symposium and the present book constitute a clear advancement of the research on academic discourse: M. A. A. Ariza, L. Berge, M. Bondi, S. V. Bonn, S. Carter-Thomas, T. Dahl, K. Fløttum, A. M. Gjesdal, F. Grossmann, K. Hyland, T. Kinn, L. Lundquist, A. Mauranen, M. Pabón, E. Rowley-Jolivet, F. Salager-Meyer, P. Shaw, J. M. Swales, J.L. Tønnesson, E. T. Vold, F. Wirth.

*The SAGE Handbook of Rhetorical Studies* Andrea A. Lunsford 2008-10-29 The SAGE Handbook of Rhetorical Studies surveys the latest advances in rhetorical scholarship, synthesizing theories and practices across major areas of study in the field and pointing the way for future studies. Edited by Andrea A. Lunsford and Associate Editors Kirt H. Wilson and Rosa A. Eberly, the Handbook aims to introduce a new generation of students to rhetorical study and provide a deeply informed and ready resource for scholars currently working in the field.

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