



## A Message From the Co-Directors

Queer rhetoric is a relatively new field situated at the intersection of LGBT studies, queer theory, rhetoric and cultural studies. In short, queer rhetoric seeks to uncover the symbolic and performative strategies whereby queer identities have been and continue to be constructed in different times and places. Scholars working in this field locate the heteronormative occlusion of queer voices within a given cultural and social context and describe how queer voices develop a battery of technologies that offer a means of resistant expression. This symposium will be the first ever devoted entirely to the subject of queer rhetoric.

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## Hofstra University LGBT Studies Program and the Hofstra Cultural Center present

# QUEER RHETORIC

## Fifth Annual LGBT Studies Symposium

### Friday, March 16, 2012

<b>9 a.m.-5 p.m.</b>	<b>REGISTRATION AND COFFEE</b> Rochelle and Irwin A. Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall, Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, 10th Floor, South Campus
<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>WELCOME</b>
<b>10-11 a.m.</b>	<b>PANEL I: QUEER HISTORIES OF RHETORIC</b>
Chair	<b>Philip Dalton</b> , Hofstra University
	<b>Mary Marcel</b> , Bentley College <i>The Nagging Wife of Athens</i>
	<b>Pamela Van Haitsma</b> , University of Pittsburgh <i>Rhetorical Pedagogies of Romance and Sexuality</i>
<b>11:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>PANEL II: COMING OUT AND QUEER YOUTH</b>
Chair	<b>Judith S. Kaufman</b> , Hofstra University
	<b>Christopher Thomas</b> , Wake Forest University <i>It Gets Better (for Some): The Creation of Authentic Queerness in Coming Out Rhetoric for LGBT Bodies</i>
	<b>Erin J. Rand</b> , Syracuse University <i>Violence Foretold: Heteronormativity and the Rhetorical Production of the Suicidal Queer Teen</i>
<b>12:15-1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> (on your own)

<b>1:45-2:45 p.m.</b>	<b>PANEL III: WHERE QUEER AND RACE INTERSECT</b>
Chair	<b>Vicente Lledo-Guillem</b> , Hofstra University
	<b>Paul Casey</b> , Occidental College <i>Drag Ethnographies: Paris Is Burning</i>
	<b>Lisa Corrigan</b> , University of Arkansas <i>Orval Faubus and the Language of Segregation: Homonationalism, Sexualized Violence, and Racial Anxiety During the Little Rock Crisis</i>
<b>3-4 p.m.</b>	<b>PANEL IV: PSYCHIATRY AND THE BODY: QUEER CRITIQUES</b>
Chair	<b>Lisa Merrill</b> , Hofstra University
	<b>Thomas R. Dunn</b> , University of Georgia Dr. H(omosexual) Anonymous and Gay Rights Activism at the American Psychiatric Association Conventions, 1970-1972
	<b>Angela Leone</b> , Willamette University Ta-tas, Boobies and the Top – Rhetoric of Mastectomies and Mastectomy Fundraising Campaigns
<b>4-4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>4:45-5:45 p.m.</b>	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>
	<b>Erik Gunderson</b> , University of Toronto, Canada <i>Joseph G. Astman Distinguished Symposium Scholar</i>
	<i>The Reluctant Queerness of Ancient Rhetoric</i>

### Saturday, March 17, 2012

<b>8:15-9 a.m.</b>	<b>CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b>
<b>9-10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>PANEL V: QUEER SPACES</b>
Chair	<b>Valeria Fabj</b> , Lynn University
	<b>Jonathan Halsall</b> , Kent State University <i>Making a Moral Problem: How One United Church of Christ Congregation Metaphorically Problematizes Its Open and Affirming Covenant</i>
	<b>Benjamin Joseph Nobile Kampler</b> , New York University <i>Straightening Space: Neoliberalism and Gay Public Sex</i>
	<b>Bruce Henderson</b> , Ithaca College <i>Sex Panic in the Causeway: Russell Banks' Queer Rhetoric(s) in Lost Memory of Skin</i>
<b>10:30-11 a.m.</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>11:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>
	<b>Chuck E. Morris III</b> , Boston College <i>Joseph G. Astman Distinguished Symposium Scholar</i>
	<i>My Old Kentucky Homo: Abraham Lincoln Is Here, Queer, and Wants to Recruit You</i>
<b>12:30-1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> (on your own)
<b>3-5 p.m.</b>	<b>WALKING TOUR OF NEW YORK'S WEST VILLAGE</b> Shuttle bus will transport those registered for the tour to the Mineola train station to take the LIRR to Penn Station.
<b>5-7 p.m.</b>	<b>GATHERING AT THE HISTORIC STONEWALL INN</b> 53 Christopher Street, New York 212-488-2705

### LODGING INFORMATION

The Long Island Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Uniondale has been designated the official symposium hotel. The following is the special discounted rate for room reservations.

#### LONG ISLAND MARRIOTT HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER

101 James Doolittle Blvd.  
Uniondale, NY 11553  
Attn: Reservations Manager  
Tel: 516-794-3800 or 800-832-6255  
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Room rate: \$169 per night, single/double occupancy  
**Cutoff date: Based on availability**

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**LOCATION OF HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY**  
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY is located in Hempstead, Long Island, New York, about 25 miles east of New York City, less than an hour away by train or automobile. The Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) has frequent trains to the Hempstead Station and the Mineola Station from Pennsylvania Station, located at 34th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, as well as from the Flatbush Avenue Station in Brooklyn, New York. Use local taxi service to the Hofstra campus.

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