**Chelona RSA Fall Meeting**

**September 24, 2018**

**4:00-5:00 PM 3117 Skinner**

Attendance: Nora, Becca, Gareth, Sarah, Matthew, Aya, Joe Good

* Introductions: Name, Year, Program, What would you like to get out of the Chelona RSA community?
  + Nora: Having a community so grad school isn’t so lonely, both scholarship wise and social-wise
  + Joe: Get more English people! Pedagogical concerns
  + Aya: Community - balance with work; bounce ideas off of each other outside of the seminar setting
  + Matthew: social and intellectual connections - meeting people who are no longer in coursework
  + Sarah: lower-stakes community than a seminar, MORE RHETORIC
  + Gareth: loves rhetoric; getting to know people he wouldn’t be in class with; less formal stuff
  + Becca: keep our chapter alive and healthy
* Chair’s Report: Nora
  + Who are we and we we matter!
    - It’s a BFD that we have a chapter! Let’s keep the community alive and moving forward. Stay invested, help other people get invested
  + RSA Summer Institute (4-6 hours) - register participants, giving directions around campus, staffing the book table...gets you these sweet rates:
    - $150 for the workshop
    - $200 for the seminar
    - $300 for both
  + Seeking blog posters - parameters have been sent out - it’s a way to make our community known on the interwebs; very low-stakes
  + Write-Together Sessions
    - 10:00 AM to noon on Fridays in Marie Mount
  + Coffee and Klatch
    - Tuesday, Oct 2, 1:30 to 3:00 PM
    - Article Swap
      * Two options: article that you are actively writing and you want someone else to talk through or read….
      * If you aren’t at an article stage...seminar projects
* Officer reports
  + Vice Chair (Hagar)
  + Publicity Chair (Becca)
    - Matthew is going to help with the blog!
  + Secretary/RSA Liaison (Kim)
  + Comm Rep (Gareth)
    - Great crossovers in Hample’s persuasion class on stasis
    - Tweet about the stasis symposium
  + English Rep (Savannah) - Joe is going to take over
* Old Business
  + RSA Conference Event - happy hour in Minneapolis
  + Org Sync status - you might get an invite to join via Org Sync - do it
* New Business
  + New members
  + Archival Conference - we want our chapter’s signature event to be the archival conference
    - Timing - maybe we just do the archival conference for UMD grad students; in the next years we can go back to inviting scholars from other universities;
      * Do the call in the fall and the event in the spring
      * Interests: medical archives; digital humanities
    - Funding
      * GSG; RSA Special Event Grant; other funding sources
  + Partnership with Faculty
    - Sharing pedagogy
      * 100-level gen-eds
      * Upper-level rhetoric courses
    - Model CVs
    - What we’re working on
    - Social events (i.e. book launch parties, HH, etc.)
    - Incubator-style events
  + NCA social? - why did they take the party away?
  + Speaker/roundtable
    - Damien met someone from the region
    - Depends who it is
      * Topical or low key
  + Fall Calendar
    - Tuesday Oct 2: coffee and Klatch
    - Friday Oct 12 - Stasis Symposium - register soon
    - Thursday Oct 18 Rosenker Lecture SEries
    - Oct 18-20 AADHum Conference
    - Tuesday October 23 - ARHU Dean’s Lecture Series
    - Thursday Nov 1: Coffee and Klatch - Conference Prep
    - Wednesday Dec 12 Coffee and Klatch: Happy Hour
* For the Good of the Order