**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