

CCCC Medical Rhetoric Standing Group (MRSG)

Annual Business Meeting (Zoom)

March 25, 2022

Members present: Joanna Johnson (Chair), Molly Kessler (At-large member), Daniel Kenzie (Communication officer), Melissa Nichols, Brittany Smart, Bryna Siegel Finer, Cathryn Molloy, Danielle Stambler, Jackie James, Justiss Burry, Karen Lunsford, Lilly Campbell, Mallory Henderson, Michael J. Klein

1. Introductions

- a. All attendees briefly introduced themselves and shared their interest in the rhetoric of health and medicine (RHM).

2. MRSG Sponsored Panel at CCCC (Molly K.)

- a. The 2022 sponsored panel, OD-331: “Justice-Oriented Work in the Rhetoric of Health and Medicine,” is available on-demand with a CCCC registration through June 10. The on-demand format means it is a collection of short talks rather than our typical roundtable.
- b. We are waiting for CCCC to share the 2023 call for papers (CfP) before writing our own CfP for our sponsored panel. Molly (kesslerm@umn.edu) is open to ideas for a theme.

3. Elections (Joanna J.)

- a. The MRSG has openings for associate chair, at-large member, and graduate student member. Lucía Durá (MRSG associate chair, not present) will e-mail the RHM listserv soon with a call for nominations.
- b. Grad student members are appointed, not elected. Danielle, a former grad student member, thought that there had been interested in making the grad student member elected. Joanna will look into it.
- c. Molly welcomes any questions about the at-large member position.

4. RHM Symposium (Molly K.)

- a. The most recent RHM symposium, chaired by Molly, was held on September 9-10, 2021. Several members agreed in the Zoom chat that the event was a success.
- b. Molly Kessler will co-chair the 2023 symposium with Colleen Derkatch and Daniel Kenzie, who were selected following an application process.
- c. Those interested in getting involved with the next symposium should contact Molly.

5. RHM Journal (Cathryn M.)

- a. *RHM* co-editor Cathryn Molloy shared that the journal has been behind because of the publisher’s COVID-related delays, but that they should be caught up soon.
- b. Cathryn also announced new members of the editorial team (full list at <https://journals.upress.ufl.edu/rhm/about/editorialTeam>) and said they are very open to mentoring prospective authors.

6. **Mentoring** (Joanna J.)

- a. The next Third Thursday discussion is scheduled for April 21. Previous Third Thursdays held this semester focused on mentoring (February) and submitting to and revising for the *RHM* journal (March). Details at <https://medicalrhetoric.com/third-thurs-2022/>. Those interested in hosting a Third Thursday should contact Joanna (jsjohnson@miami.edu).
- b. Joanna asked for ideas for mentoring initiatives beyond the symposium and Third Thursdays.
 - i. A grant-writing workshop (possibly as a Third Thursday topic) was a well-received idea. Joanna and Lilly C. expressed interest in joining a panel but not leading the workshop alone.
 - ii. Danielle S. suggested facilitating mentoring partnerships focusing on attending and navigating CCCC together.
 - iii. Brittany S. suggested forming an RHM group just for grad students that could informally meet and/or connect on social media. Joanna suggested the new grad student member could follow up.

7. **RHM & the Medical Humanities**

- a. The group discussed RHM's linkages with and distinctions from the medical/health humanities.
- b. The general consensus was that alliances with or distancing from the medical humanities were local strategic decisions. Resources for program development (such as the Consortium of Medical Humanities) were shared.

8. **Priorities for Next Year/Misc. Topics**

- a. Justiss B. asked about next steps for forming an RHM organization, which has been discussed in the past.
- b. Melissa N. asked for further detail about the MRSG annual report to CCCC. Joanna clarified that it describes activity from the past year and goals for next year, but CCCC does not have specific expectations or follow-up for activity.
- c. Danielle S. mentioned the Teaching Writing in the Health Professions conference, submissions for which are due April 1. For details, contact Michael Madson at michael.madson@asu.edu.
- d. Karen L. suggested giving attention to undergraduate involvement in RHM.
- e. Justiss B. suggested that an RHM student group on campuses could be a recruitment tool for both graduate and undergraduate students.
- f. Karen L. also invited members to contact her (klunsford@ucsb.edu) if they are interested in participating in a colloquium April 20, April 27, and May 4.

Submitted by Daniel Kenzie
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