

Rhetoricon Symposium: Figures & Constructions; Constructions & Figures

Thursday, May 28, 2026

4:30 – 6:30 DC 1301 Registration, Reception; rhetoricon demos; posters

Friday, May 29, 2026

8:30 – 9:30 DC 1301 Coffee, pastries, fruit; registration

9:30 – 9:50 DC 1301 Welcome – Issues and Interests – Randy (possibly Chrysanne)

10:00 – 10:30 DC 1302 **Jeanne Fahnestock**
Persuasive parallelism in form, sound, and strategic repetition

10:30 – 10:50 DC 1302 Discussion

Kyle Gerber
We construct language as language constructs us: $V^A NP^B NP^B V^A$ constructions

11:00 – 11:50 DC 1302 **Ritika Puri, Rency Luan, Keru Chen** Said the Master: Antimetabolic variations in *The Analects*

12:00 – 1:00 DC 1301 Lunch

Laura A. Michaelis
1:00 – 1:30 DC 1302 Marked contrast: A construction that performs antithesis through prosody, conceptual blending and ironic pretense

1:30 – 1:50 DC 1302 Discussion
Ramona Kühn
Aligned in form, divided in meaning: Computational identification and interpretation of antithesis

2:00 – 2:50 DC 1302 **Kavi Duvvooori**
Figuring out whether large language models can construct linguistic constructions and rhetorical figures

3:00 – 3:30 DC 1301 Coffee break

Adele Goldberg
3:30 – 4:00 DC 1302 Constructions do it with style: Rhetorical effects of the *You-Know-What-I-Mean* construction

4:00 – 4:20 DC 1302 Discussion

4:30 – 6:00 DC 1302 Roundtable: Adele, (possibly Chrysanne), Jeanne, Kavi, Keru, Kyle, Laura, Ramona, Randy, Ritika, Rency

Posters, DC 1301

attended on 28 May, on display throughout the 29th

Nimun Bajwa, Rhetorical reasoning probes

Romina Hashemi, How to pay the cat tax: A constructionist approach to multimodal social media trends

Elisa He, GoFigure

Kamika McFarlane, When language still works: Rhetorical schemes in cognitive decline

Martin Pham, Alicia Bremer, Terry Stewart, Hyperdimensional computing and rhetorical figures

Vy Nguyễn, The Rhetoricon database administration portal

Adeshola Ogunsanya, The Rhetoricon public portal

Zoya Randhawa Not All, But Always: The role of figurative constructions in epitomizing arguments

Kayla Russell, Rhetorical figures in child and child-directed discourse: There are figures everywhere!

Maddy Saleem, Rhetoricon overview

Yetian Wang, The plope ontology: A knowledge representation for rhetorical figures of perfect lexical repetition



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