

*Engaging Theory*  
**The Inaugural Conference on Rhetorical Theory**  
**The University of South Carolina**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Schedule**

**Friday, 24 October 2008**

Unless noted, all events will be held in the  
Hilton Columbia Center, 924 Senate St.

8:30-9:00 – **Registration/Continental Breakfast** (Outside the Carolina Wren Room)

9:00-9:30 – **Welcome & Opening Remarks** (Carolina Wren Room)

Erik Doxtader  
Professor, Speech Communication & Rhetoric Program,  
University of South Carolina

Steven Lynn  
Senior Associate Dean for Liberal Arts, USC

John Muckelbauer  
Professor, Rhetoric and Composition Program,  
University of South Carolina

Mindy Fenske  
Professor, Speech Communication & Rhetoric Program,  
University of South Carolina

9:30-11:00 – **Session I – *Ontology's Returns***

Jeffrey Nealon  
Professor, Pennsylvania State University

Michael Hyde  
Professor, Wake Forest University

Stuart Murray  
Professor, Ryerson University

Lenore Langsdorf  
Professor, Southern Illinois University

11:00-11:15 – **Recess & Refreshments**

11:15-12:45 – **Session II – *History, Historiography and Violence***

Barbara Biesecker  
Professor, University of Georgia

Michelle Ballif  
Professor, University of Georgia

Susan Jarratt  
Professor, University of California – Irvine

Jeffrey Walker  
Professor, University of Texas

12:45 - 2:15 – **Lunch Break**

2:15-3:45 – **Session III – *The Call of the Sacred***

Michael Bernard-Donals  
Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison

James Darsey  
Professor, Georgia State University

Chris Lundberg  
Professor, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Carol Poster  
Professor, York University, Ontario

3:45-4:00 – **Recess & Refreshments**

4:00-5:30 – **Session IV – *Technological Inventions***

Carolyn Miller  
Professor, North Carolina State University

Collin Brooke  
Professor, Syracuse University

Kevin DeLuca  
Professor, University of Utah

Thomas Goodnight  
Professor, University of Southern California

Thomas Rickert  
Professor, Purdue University

5:30-7:30 – **Conference Reception – The Liberty Taproom and Grill**

**Saturday, 25 October 2008**

8:30-9:30 – **Continental Breakfast** (Outside the Carolina Wren Room)

9:30-11:00 – **Session V – *Rhetorical/Theory***

Michael Leff  
Professor, University of Memphis

Steven Mailloux  
Professor, University of California-Irvine

Philippe-Joseph Salazar  
Professor, University of Cape Town

Raúl Sánchez  
Professor, University of Florida

John Muckelbauer (USC)/Erik Doxtader (USC)

11:00-11:15 – **Recess & Refreshments**

11:15-12:45 – **Session VI – *The Global Everyday***

Ron Greene  
Professor, University of Minnesota

Barry Brummett  
Professor, University of Texas

Christine Garlough  
Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Jenny Rice  
Professor, University of Missouri

12:45-2:15 – **Lunch Break**

2:15-3:45 – **Session VII – *(Im)Possible Democracy***

John Sloop  
Professor, Vanderbilt University

Sarah Burgess  
Professor, University of San Francisco

David Rieder  
Professor, North Carolina State University

Bradford Vivian  
Professor, Syracuse University

3:45-4:00 – **Recess & Refreshments**

4:00-5:30 – **Session VIII – *Signs of Ethical Life***

Diane Davis  
Professor, University of Texas

Maurice Charland  
Professor, Concordia University, Montreal

Lynn Clarke  
Professor, University of Pittsburgh

Brook Rollins  
Professor, Louisiana State University

Victor Vitanza  
Professor, Clemson University

5:30-6:00 – **Concluding Remarks & Anticipations**