

A Symposium in Rhetoric: "Kairos & Film Studies"
Open to faculty, graduate students, and independent scholars

The Federation Rhetoric Committee
of the Federation of North Texas Area Universities

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A Definition of Kairos: "The opportune occasion for speech. The term kairos has a rich and varied history, but generally refers to the way a given context for communication both calls for and constrains one's speech. Thus, sensitive to kairos, a speaker or writer takes into account the contingencies of a given place and time, and considers the opportunities within this specific context for words to be effective and appropriate to that moment. As such, this concept is tightly linked to considerations of *audience* (the most significant variable in a communicative context) and to *decorum* (the principle of apt speech)." Quoted courtesy of Silva Rhetoricae (rhetoric.byu.edu)

The Federation Rhetoric Committee is currently seeking papers exploring kairos in relation to film studies. Movies have become a tremendous part of our culture, and their development, production, significance, and influence on our society deserve to be acknowledged and examined.

The Rhetoric Symposium broadly defines *kairos* to incorporate a wide variety of research interests. The Film Studies panel welcomes papers from all academic areas including but not limited to: film in popular culture, rhetoric in film and in the film industry, cultural significance of particular films or of film as a medium, critical examinations of particular films, and the interrelationship of film and modern culture.

Submission guidelines:

- Proposals should be in abstract form (approximately 250 words); electronic submissions are preferred.
- Please send abstracts and a brief biography to Wendy Commons at wcommons@twu.edu.
- The deadline for submission of all proposals is December 15, 2005.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Brenda Brueggeman of Ohio State University. For additional details about the symposium, please visit the conference web site: www.frs.suavecat.com