

R/C Speaker Series

Krista Ratcliffe

Tuesday January 26th at 2:00pm
Common Room (WMS 013)

Rhetorical Listening: Cultural Logics as Enthymemes

Since the publication of her book *Rhetorical Listening*, Krista Ratcliffe has extended her thinking about listening in terms of the roles played by cultural logics, which inform how claims are assigned meaning at the sites of both production and reception. Professor Ratcliffe will discuss how claims are haunted by cultural logics functioning as enthymemes that can help us to understand other people's arguments and to compose our own responses to them, particularly across differences haunted by troubled identifications, i.e., those identifications troubled by history, culture, uneven power dynamics, and/or ignorance.



Krista Ratcliffe is a Professor and Head of the English Department at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. Her publications include *Anglo-American Feminist Challenges to the Rhetorical Tradition*; *Who's Having This Baby* (with Helen Sterk, Carla Hay, Alice Kehoe, and Leona VandeVusse); *Rhetorical Listening: Identification, Gender, Whiteness* (which won the 2006 JAC Gary Olson Award, the 2007 CCCC Outstanding Book Award, and the 2007 Rhetoric Society of America Book Award); *Silence and Listening as Rhetorical Arts* (with Cheryl Glenn) and *Feminist Administration in Rhetoric and Composition Studies* (with Becky Rickly).