

American Society for the History of Rhetoric Interest Group 2004-2005 Report

1. While we decided during our 2004 business meeting to pursue division status, and while we made head-way in the process during the year (for instance, obtaining many signatures for the petition), we have decided, after much debate and reflection, that it would be in our best interest to not pursue division status at this time.

2. Our submissions picture was as follows:
 - We received 3 panel proposals, and accepted one.
 - We received 8 competitive papers and accepted all of them.
 - We solicited/developed one panel of senior scholars in the area of rhetorical theory, with ties to LSU.
 - We're doing a total of 4 panels (1 reg. competitive, 1 student competitive, 1 solicited, one submitted as a panel)
 - Top student paper went to Carey L. Powers, City University of New York for "The Southern Strategy Revisited: Nationalizing Racial Rhetoric in Republican Presidential Campaigns"
 - Top paper went to M. Lane Bruner, Georgia State University for "The Divinity of Language: Secular Theology and the Politics of Recognition"

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