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Shannon Hervey-Lentz

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Dr. Shannon Hervey-Lentz has a BA in English, an MA in Rhetoric and Composition, and a PhD in English Literature all from the University of California, Riverside. To complement her literary, cultural, and rhetorical study, she also completed an MA in Psychology Counseling at Palo Alto University. Her work considers the psychological aspects of writing and rhetoric - Rhetoricians contend that we shape and are shaped by language, that it is inherently dialogic, emerging within the intersubjective space between self and other, and that it is intimately bound to cognition, with thought often conceptualized as a form of inner speech. As such, Dr. Hervey-Lentz is interested in the role of writing in reflecting, reinforcing, and/or challenging conceptions of self and how the process of writing may influence broader social, cultural, and economic impacts. Dr. Hervey-Lentz is currently teaching a PWR 1 course titled, "The Rhetoric of Wellness: The Social Context of Mental and Physical Health and Wellbeing" and a PWR 2 course titled, "The Rhetoric of Bodies." She began teaching at Stanford University in 2015, and before that she was a University Writing Program instructor at UC Riverside where she was also a Mellon Research Fellow.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Advanced Lecturer, Program in Writing and Rhetoric

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

SPECIALIZATION: Rhetoric and Composition Pedagogy, the study of psychology & wellness in rhetorical study, the role of rhetoric in constituting, policing, and navigating bodies.

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Writing & Rhetoric 1: Beyond Ivory Tower - Rhetoric of the University: PWR 1TRF (Sum)
- Writing & Rhetoric 1: The Rhetoric of Wellness: Social Context of Mental & Physical Health: PWR 1SNB (Spr)
- Writing & Rhetoric 2: The Rhetoric of Bodies: PWR 2SNA (Aut, Win)

2025-26

- PWR 1 Workshop: PWR 1WW (Spr)
- Writing & Rhetoric 1: Beyond Ivory Tower - Rhetoric of the University: PWR 1TRF (Sum)
- Writing & Rhetoric 1: The Rhetoric of Wellness: Social Context of Mental & Physical Health: PWR 1SNB (Spr)

2024-25

- PWR 1 Workshop: PWR 1WW (Aut)
- Writing & Rhetoric 1: Beyond Ivory Tower - Rhetoric of the University: PWR 1TRF (Sum)
- Writing & Rhetoric 1: The Rhetoric of Wellness: Social Context of Mental & Physical Health: PWR 1SNB (Win, Spr)
- Writing & Rhetoric 2: The Rhetoric of Bodies: PWR 2SNA (Aut)

2023-24

- PWR 1 Workshop: PWR 1WW (Aut)
- Writing & Rhetoric 1: Beyond Ivory Tower - Rhetoric of the University: PWR 1TRF (Sum)
- Writing & Rhetoric 1: The Rhetoric of Wellness: Social Context of Mental & Physical Health: PWR 1SNB (Win, Spr)
- Writing & Rhetoric 2: The Rhetoric of Bodies: PWR 2SNA (Aut)