HU 5002 Rhetoric, Composition, and Literacy Studies
Fall 2006

Texts:

Carroll, *Rehearsing New Roles*  
Marilyn Cooper  
307 Walker  
TTh 10-11 and by appt

Brandt, *Literacy in American Lives*  
487-3233 (w)

McComiskey, *Gorgias and the New Sophistic*  
296-9206 (h, til Oct)  
482-7834 (h)

Faber, *Community Action and Organizational Change*  
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This course is designed to help you understand the research agendas of these fields and to help you frame interesting and relevant research agendas of your own. We will consider what questions and issues are being studied and what research methodologies are being used in these fields, and how these fields are related.

The work you will do includes reading the four assigned books along with some additional articles, writing directed responses to the readings, and writing four brief papers. The full reading schedule will be handed out on Thursday.

For this Thursday, read the preface in Carroll and the introductions in Brandt, McComiskey, and Faber, and write in answer to these questions:

- What questions are they each trying to answer?
- What concepts or positions are they disputing?
- How have they gone about finding the answers to their questions and proving the validity of their own positions?

Your responses will form the basis of our discussions, and I will also read and comment on them.

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