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TEXAS WOMAN'S
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"The doctoral program in Rhetoric at Texas Woman's University is phenomenal. Taking classes in rhetoric, literature, and linguistics from faculty passionate about their research helped me to develop ideas about what I wanted to investigate in my dissertation. One paper that I wrote for my Studies in Rhetorical Criticism class not only served as a springboard for my dissertation, but it also won a Chancellor's Student Research Scholar Award. There are numerous scholarships available through the program, and online course offerings provide some respite from commuting but not from a challenging academic experience. I worked full time and went to TWU part time and completed my doctorate and found the experience to be one of the most rewarding experiences of my life."

Kathleen Mollick, PhD 2007

"The rhetoric program at TWU made me a strong candidate for a tenure-track position The TWU professors supported my research in rhetoric and new media, a combination of interests highly relevant to today's college students. After I completed my dissertation regarding the rhetoric of electronic literature, I received an outstanding offer for . . . an assistant professor position in St. George, Utah. . . . I appreciate the support I received from the excellent professors at TWU, and I recommend the program to all . . . students interested in . . . developing the most pertinent research in rhetoric, composition, and communications available today."

Cheri Crenshaw, PhD 2008

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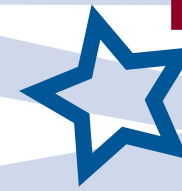
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The beautiful campus of **TWU** in Denton, population over 100,000, is one of three campuses of the university primarily for women that is located 35 miles north of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, the nation's fourth largest metropolitan area and the ninth fastest-growing region in the country. The multiple colleges and universities in the area, including the University of North Texas across town, offer a rich intellectual and a flourishing arts environment: music, drama, dance, art exhibits, and lecture series are nearby and plentiful. The Dallas Arts District when complete will be a world-class complex of venues.

THE PhD IN RHETORIC HISTORY

Established in 1970, the PhD in English with a Concentration in Rhetoric was revised extensively in 1998 to anticipate future trends in the profession and is now the PhD in Rhetoric.

PROGRAM MISSION

The doctoral program in rhetoric prepares graduate students for a variety of positions. Graduates are qualified to pursue professions in both academic and non-academic settings: teaching and research at institutions of higher education, administration of writing programs, and writing and editing in business and government settings. Students study a three-part curriculum: historical rhetoric; applied rhetoric; and a third area of their choice, such as literature, composition theory, or gender studies. In keeping with the university's mission of empowering women, the program supports students in graduate studies and encourages scholarship on gender issues in the field of rhetoric. Educational objectives of the doctoral program in rhetoric include the following:

- ▶ to understand theoretical, historical, and applied rhetoric and their interrelationships
- ▶ to understand connections among rhetorical, literary, critical, and composition traditions
- ▶ to use a range of interpretive methodologies such as textual, ethnographic, historical, and empirical analysis
- ▶ to develop an understanding of the processes by which a culture generates and disseminates knowledge and experience

- ▶ to develop communication skills necessary for leadership in a world of diversity and change and to assist others in cultivating those skills

LIBRARY

The TWU library's book collection is supplemented by a vast array of online databases and an interlibrary-loan department that can obtain quickly from another library almost any book or journal article we do not own. Articles not available at TWU can be obtained and sent to patrons via e-mail by the ILL Department. TWU students also have access to the nearby UNT libraries. The TWU library's Woman's Collection is the largest depository of research material about women in the South and Southwest and one of only three major collections of its kind in the nation. Of special interest are the historical records and personal reminiscences of the Women's Airforce Service Pilots, vintage clothing and textiles from the 1860s to the 1960s, more than 10,000 catalogued cookbooks and menus dating from the 18th century, and the personal papers of prominent Texas women.

THE FEDERATION

The Federation of North Texas Area Universities is a consortium of three institutions: Texas A&M University-Commerce, Texas Woman's University, and the University of North Texas. Rotating venues each spring, the Federation Rhetoric Symposium provides the opportunity for graduate students at all three universities to share research with each other and with noted scholars in the field. Previous keynote speakers have included Edward P.J. Corbett, Kenneth Burke, Stephen Toulmin, James Kinneavy, Andrea Lunsford, Patricia Bizzell, and, more recently, Sonja K. Foss, Cynthia Selfe, Tim Crusius, Sharon Crowley, Don Bialostosky, Brenda Brueggemann, Jan Swearingen, Susan Stanford Friedman, Richard Enos, and Karlyn Kohrs Campbell.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available through scholarships, grants, loans, and student employment. At TWU a significant number of students receive some type of financial assistance. Teaching Assistants may tutor in the Write Site, teach composition, and assist faculty. Health benefits are included with the stipend for Teaching Assistants. The department offers a number of scholarships to graduate students, several of which are generous. The

largest endowment is designated for native Texans studying American literature.

ADMISSION

Applications to the PhD program in English must meet the general university requirements for admission to the Graduate School as delineated in the *Graduate Catalog*. Applicants apply by going online to applytexas.org. In conjunction with the general requirements, departmental requirements include the following:

- ▶ preferred verbal GRE score of at least 500
- ▶ preferred quantitative GRE score of at least 350
- ▶ minimum 3.0 GPA on previous upper-division and graduate work
- ▶ official transcripts
- ▶ 3 letters of recommendation
- ▶ personal interview for those seeking an Assistantship

WHAT RECENT GRADUATES SAY

"My education at TWU prepared me far better than I could ever have planned for my career path. I earned a Master's degree in English and a Doctorate in Rhetoric from TWU. . . . I got a very balanced education as well as a global understanding of my major. As a result, I feel competent to teach writing and literature (American and British). Further, the classes helped me understand the profession of teaching and the industry. For these reasons I highly recommend TWU to any students who are looking for a quality institution."

Cheryl Wiltse, PhD 2004

"Rhetoric is a significant area of study for contemporary global citizens, particularly as technology continues to change our modes of communication and media production. In the PhD program I discovered that the most important tool of persuasion that discourse communities have in contemporary culture and society is an understanding of rhetorical strategy and its impact on political, religious, and cultural life. The rhetorical training I received at Texas Woman's University coupled with my professional experiences as an educator gave me a unique research platform to investigate how rhetoric is situated at various intersections of African-American women's discourse and literature. As an online and classroom teacher I learned that the study of rhetoric is an important site to investigate and engage difficult social, ethical, and political issues in twenty-first century culture and society."

Sandra Lynn Robinson, PhD 2007