

CRRAR

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Background to the Centre

CRRAR is the acronym for the *Centre for Research in Reasoning, Argumentation and Rhetoric* (*Centre de Recherches sur Raisonnement, Argumentation et Rhétorique*) at the University of Windsor. The idea for such a research centre grew out of earlier initiatives, a short-lived national Network for the Study of Reasoning (NSR, 2005-2006), and an informal group of researchers at the University Windsor called the Windsor Group for Research in Argumentation and Informal Logic (W-GRAIL, 2000-2005). At the initiative of Professors Blair and Johnson, in 2006 the University decided to create a university-wide research centre to take advantage of the prominence both in numbers and reputation of the scholars engaged in research in reasoning, argumentation and rhetoric. In particular, there was a desire to build on Windsor's international reputation as the place where informal logic was conceived and developed.

The purpose of the Centre is to (a) encourage the collaboration and mutual support of its members in their research, (b) attract visiting scholars to enhance the research profile of the University, (c) encourage student research and courses, (d) organize conferences, (e) publish a journal (*Informal Logic*), (f) encourage in the University research and collaboration related to argumentation across fields (e.g., law, psychology, computer science, communications), and (g) investigate the feasibility of graduate programs. The CRRAR web site (<http://www1.uwindsor.ca/crrar/>) now displays the following mission statement:

The mission of the *Centre for Research in Reasoning, Argumentation and Rhetoric* is to become a national and international leader in individual and collaborative research into the theory and practice of reasoning, argument and argumentation, and rhetoric from the perspective of all related academic disciplines, and a leader in the application and dissemination of this research. CRRAR will collaborate with regional, national and international groups, such as the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation (OSSA), the national Network for the Study of Reasoning (NSR) (Canada), the American Forensic Association (AFA) (USA), Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking (AILACT)(USA and Canada) and the International Society for the Study of Argumentation (ISSA) (The Netherlands), as well as with the national organizations representing the various scholarly disciplines to which its members belong.

In August 2006 CRRAR began operating with a budget supplied by the Office of the Vice-President, Academic. Professors J. Anthony Blair and Ralph H. Johnson were Co-Directors. Since then the Centre has been building its membership, structure and

identity. Dr. Hans V. Hansen served as Director from 2009- 2011. The current Director is Dr. Christopher Tindale (2011-2014).

CRRAR's initial home was in Parker House, but was moved to Essex Hall in the fall of 2012. In the main suite of offices on the third floor is space for the Director, the Administrative Assistant, Visiting Fellows, Senior Fellow, Dr. Douglas Walton, and a small seminar room. We also share the conference room (which we have jointly furnished) on the second floor with the Cross-Border Transportation Studies Institute. The journal office continues to be in Chrysler Hall North.

Current Staff include the half-time administrative assistant (also half-time with Physics); a web site manager (contract); and the *Informal Logic* intern (covered under the SSHRC grant). The Director receives a one-course release annually.

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Fellows and PhD Faculty

Director

Christopher W. Tindale

Distinguished Research Fellow and Assumption Chair in Argumentation

Douglas Walton

Senior Research Fellows

J. Anthony Blair
Ralph H. Johnson (FRSC)
Robert Pinto

Research Fellows:

Pierre Boulos
Marcello Guarini
Leo A. Groake
Hans V. Hansen
Catherine Hundleby
Dale Jacobs
Stephen Pender

Visiting Research Fellows:

Marc Angenot, James McGill Chair in Social Discourse, McGill University, Quebec (November 2013).

Wei Chen, Associate Professor, School of Philosophy, Fudan University, Shanghai, China (September to October, 2103)

Qiao Guo, Deputy Director, School of Public Administration, Henan University, China (October 2013 to August, 2014)

Daniel Fasko, Jr. Professor of Educational Psychology, Educational Foundations & Inquiry Program, Bowling Green University (Sabbatical, September to December, 2013).

Bruno Leclerq, Professeur de "Philosophie analytique et logique" Université de Liège. (Sabbatical, March to June, 2014).

Stephen Patterson (Marygrove College, Detroit), September –June.

Student Research Fellows

Faizal Forester (English)
Matthew Pezzaniti (Philosophy)
Laura Nicola (Philosophy)

Visiting Student Research Fellow

Charles Sendegeya (Uganda)*
(to December 2013, from previous year)

Assistant to the Director

Anna L. Marro

Informal Logic Intern

Elisa Durante (Law)

Web Site Manager

Dean Goorden/Anna Marro

PhD Faculty (in addition to current fellows)

Lori Buchanan (Psychology)
Camille Cameron (Law)
Tanja Collet-Najem (Linguistics)
Cheryl Collier (Politics)
Michael Darroch (Visual Arts)
Karen Engle (Visual Arts)
Michael Potter (CTL)
Antonio Rossini (Languages)

*Note, Mr. Sendegeya is supported by a fellowship from the Friends of Makerere in Canada (FOMAC), transferred to CRRAR and dispensed by us on a monthly basis.

Diagramming Workshop: April 25/6, 2104

Diagramming Evidence: Visualizing Connections in Science and the Humanities,

Participants included:

Pierre Boulos

Chair of the Research Ethics Board, University of Windsor

Alan G. Gross

University of Minnesota

Joseph E. Harmon

Senior Editor/Technical Writer, Argonne National Laboratory

Michael Hoffmann

School of Public Policy, Georgia Tech

Bruno Leclercq

Department of Philosophy, Université de Liège, Belgium

Letitia Meynell

Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University

Catherine H. Palczewski

*Department of Communication Studies and the Women's and Gender Studies Program,
University of Northern Iowa*

Steven Patterson

Marygrove College, Detroit

Douglas Walton

CRRAR Distinguished Research Fellow, University of Windsor

Public Lecture:

MARC ANGENOT (FRSC), James McGill Research Chair on Social Discourse, McGill
University, Thursday, November 7, 2013

TITLE: The Conspiratorial Mind: A Dialectical and Rhetorical History?

CRRAR Seminars: (Visitors):

Charles M. Sendegeya, CRRAR Visiting Research Fellow, Thursday, September 19, 2013

TITLE: Challenges of teaching critical thinking in East Africa: A study of assessment practice in Uganda and Kenya

Chen Wei, Associate Professor, School of Philosophy, Fudan University, Shanghai, P.R. China. Thursday, October 13, 2013

TITLE: The Possibility of Visual Argumentation: A Point of View

Daniel Fasko, Jr. Professor of Educational Psychology, Bowling Green State University, Thursday, December 5, 2013

TITLE: Teaching Teachers to Teach for Critical Thinking

Steven Patterson, CRRAR Visiting Research Fellow, Wednesday, March 5, 2014

TITLE: A Question of Emphasis? Identifying Arguments in Primarily Linguistic versus Multi-Modal Settings

Bruno Leclercq, CRRAR Visiting Research Fellow, Thursday, May 22, 2014

TITLE: Reasoning about Fiction

CRRAR Seminars (Fellows):

Marcello Guarini, CRRAR Fellow and Department of Philosophy, November 21, 2013

TITLE: Order Effects, Moral Cognition and Intelligence

Douglas Walton, CRRAR Distinguished Research Fellow, February 12, 2014

TITLE: Critically Questioning Arguments from Correlation to Cause

Hans V. Hansen, CRRAR Fellow, March 26, 2014

TITLE: Lookin' Good & Being Baaadd

J. Anthony Blair, CRRAR Senior Research Fellow, April 2, 2014

TITLE: What is Informal Logic, Anyway?

Leo A. Groarke, CRRAR Fellow, June 3, 2014

TITLE: How to do Things With(out) Words

Catherine Hundleby, CRRAR Fellow, June 10, 2014

TITLE: Fallacies in Scientific Reasoning: The Fallacy of Accident and the Case of Adaptationism

Student Fellows:

Matthew Pezzaniti, CRRAR Student Fellow, Thursday, January 16, 2014.

TITLE: Justifying and Evaluating Inferences

Faizal Forrester, CRRAR Student Fellow, Thursday, January 28, 2014
TITLE: Refused Identifications/Refused Diasporas

Informal Logic:

Published Volumes 33 # 3&4; 34 1&2

[The journal *Informal Logic* began as a quarterly newsletter at the University of Windsor in 1978. It became a refereed journal with an editorial board in 1984. The founding editors, Blair and Johnson, were joined by Hansen and Tindale as co-editors in 2000. Since 1996, *Informal Logic* has been funded under SSHRC's aid to scholarly journals program. In 2008, it became an open access electronic journal. The journal operates with a 30-member international editorial board of distinguished researchers and has a significant rejection rate. CRRAR's administrative assistant works as managing editor, assisted by the student intern.]

Additional Projects:

1. Windsor Studies in Argumentation (WSIA), Open Source Electronic book series. General Editors: Leo A. Groarke and Christopher W. Tindale (with support from Leddy Library). First Volume published (Fall, 2013): *What do We Know about the World?* Edited by Gabrijela Kišiček. Second volume in process (for Fall 2014 publication): *The Rise of Informal Logic*, Ralph H. Johnson.

2. Dr. Hansen lectured at Fudan University in Shanghai in December 2013, and at one of our partner institutes, the Institute of Logic and Cognition at Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, P.R. China, in the same month.

3. This past year saw six book publications by CRRAR fellows, representing the fruits of a number of years researching and editing. :

Hans Hansen: *Riel's Defense: (A Collection of Essays from the 2010 CRRAR conference on the Speeches of Louis Riel.)* Compiled for McGill/Queen's Press;

Dale Jacobs: *Graphic Encounters: Comics and the Sponsorship of Multimodal Literature*, Bloomsbury Academic;

Christopher Tindale: *Grundkurs Informelle Logik: Begründen und Argumentieren im Alltag und in den Wissenschaften* übersetzt von Thomas Keutner, Mentis Verlag;

Douglas Walton:

Methods of Argumentation, Cambridge University Press;

Emotive Language in Argumentation, (with Fabrizio Macagno), Cambridge University Press;

Burden of Proof, Presumption and Argumentation, by Douglas Walton, Cambridge University Press.

4. Grant application preparation:

Early application to Templeton Foundation, "Varieties of Understanding," CRRAR team with Daniel Fasko and Mark Earley, School of Education Foundations, Leadership and Policy, Bowling Green.

Ontario Online Institute course in Informal Logic (submitted through Dr. Nick Baker, Office of Open Learning).

SSHRC Development grant, 'Argumentation and Intellectual Property Rights', (Tindale, Walton, & Guarini).

SSHRC Journal grant, *Informal Logic* (2015-2018), (Tindale, Hansen, Blair, Johnson).

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Grants received 2013-14

Dr. Douglas Walton is the recipient of a \$315,246 five-year research grant (2012-2017) from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Title of Grant: The Carneades Argumentation System

Journal Grant: Christopher Tindale: SSHRC \$62,000 (3 years, 2011-2014)

Title: *Informal Logic*

Student Fellows:

Fall term: Faizal Forester, English; Matthew Pezzaniti, Philosophy.

As part of his involvement with CRRAR, Mr. Forester developed a project “Refused Identifications/Refused Diasporas” which he presented to the research group in January. As part of his involvement with CRRAR, Mr. Pezzaniti developed his project, “Justifying and Evaluating Inferences,” which he read to the group in January, and then took to the Wake Forest Argumentation Conference in North Carolina in April.

Winter term: Laura Nicola, Philosophy; Matthew Pexzzaniti, Philosophy.

Journal Intern: Ms. Elisa Durante worked as the intern for *Informal Logic*, assisting in preparing and proof-reading the issues. She also helped prepare the next journal grant application to SHHRC.

Ms. Durante is working on a law degree at the Law School.

Web Site Manager: Mr. Dean Goorden provided assistance as our web site manager on a contractual basis until the fall.

PhD Program, Research Assistant: Mr. Justin Morris had been working as the assistant on the preparation of the PhD program in Argumentation Studies. His work ended in September after he entered PhD program at McMaster. No new assistant is needed until September 2014. (The PhD application is funded under an award from the Strategic Priorities Fund)

Undergraduate Researchers:

Several FASS students were involved as research assistants: Cameron Fioret on a project on Fallacies (formulating the bibliography), Project leader: Dr. Hansen; and Blake Scott worked with Dr. Tindale on the indexing for the WSIA book series.

Diagramming Workshop:

Student Assistants:

Elisa Durante and Blake Scott.

Visiting Research Fellows 2014-15:

Dr. Daniel Cohen, Colby College, Maine. (Dates to be confirmed: Sabbatical)

Professor Guo Qiao, Deputy Director, School of Philosophy and Public Administration, Henan University, Kai Feng, China. September 2013-October 2014. (Visit funded by the China Scholarship Council).

Dr. Zhang Shuxue, Professor of English, Dalian Maritime University, China (September 2014 to February, 2015). (Visit funded by the China Scholarship Council).

Visiting Student Research Fellows 2014-2015:

Kasper Nørraa Pedersen (Denmark) Spring 2015.

Sandra Clemencia Valencia Martínez, PHD student at university of Santiago de Compostela, Spain (January to May, 2015). Fully funded.

Major Event:

Conference in April, 2015: 'Argumentation and Intellectual Property Rights', in collaboration with the Law School at Windsor. Details and participants to be confirmed.

Further Collaborations

The Department of Humanities of the Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano in Bogotá is opening a new Master program in Argumentation, Rhetoric and Reasoning (ARR).

"In recognizing the leadership and experience of the Center for Research in Reasoning, Argumentation and Rhetoric (CRRAR), we would like to have CRRAR as an academic ally in this important enterprise." Dr. Tindale will give the inaugural lecture at the opening of the program, in August 2014.

Continued Activities:

Informal Logic.

CRRAR Seminar series.

Visiting Fellows 2014-15:

Currently, we have inquiries/requests from: Dr. Michel Meyer, Brussels, Dr. Christoph Lumer, University of Siena, Italy; Dr. Moira Kloster, British Columbia.

Next International Conference: May 2016. We begin preparation in the fall of 2014.

Continued Collaborations:

Lisbon: Major grant request has been submitted by the Argumentation team at the New University of Lisbon to the Portuguese Science Foundation. CRRAR is a partner in the application (which involves joint research projects and graduate student supervisions.) Six CRRAR members agreed to support the programme and are part of the official application. (There is no expectation of partnership funding.)

Guangzhou, China: We continue our collaboration with the Institute of Logic and Cognition at Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, P.R. China. The Vice-director, Professor Minghui Xiong spent one year at CRRAR as a Visiting Fellow (2010-2011) to establish the connection. Dr. Tindale is Visiting Professor there through 2015, and will next visit in October, 2014.

Santiago, Chile: We have the prospect of further exchanges with the Centre for the Study of Argumentation and Reasoning, Faculty of Psychology, Diego Portales University, along the terms agreed between Neil Gold and Professor Cristián Santibáñez Yáñez (Director). Dr. Hansen has been invited to be a keynote speaker at their next international conference in the fall of 2015.

Amsterdam: We have an ongoing formal relation (through grad studies and the Philosophy department) with the Department of Speech Communication, Argumentation theory & Rhetoric, where the International Society for the Study of Argumentation is centred. No current activities are planned, although CRRAR co-founder, J. Anthony Blair is to receive a Distinguished Research Award there in July, 2014.

Development of the PhD Program: We have moved to a new phase in the application process with the site visit of the reviewers on May 12 and 12, 2014. The external reviewers are international feminist scholar Dr. Lorraine Code, and argumentation theorist Dr. David Cratis Williams. We believe the review went very well and expect a strong report to move us to the next stage of the process.