



Rhetoric and Community: Studies in Unity and Fragmentation

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University of South Carolina Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Rhetoric and Community: Studies in Unity and Fragmentation, J. Michael Hogan, This is a collection of rhetorical case studies that fathom the construction and destruction of communities. In "Rhetoric and Community", seventeen contributors explore an area of growing scholarly interest - how rhetoric defines, rallies, polarizes, and marginalizes specific communities. The contributors consider such contentious issues as how individuals are forged into communities, what sustains constructive communities, how communities become fragmented, and what leads to divisions of race, class, and gender, the rhetoric of hatred and violence, or failures of public discussion to resolve common problems. The volume creates its own dialogue through seven case studies, each including an interpretive essay and response. The studies range from historical investigations of feminist and African American communities, to commentaries on military decision making and the rhetoric of war, to reflections on contemporary artistic and scientific communities. Unified by their common interest in discourse and community, the essays contribute new understandings of how rhetoric not only reflects but also shapes the character of specific communities and their place in society.



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