

**The Department of English  
University of Washington**

Invites you to a talk by

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**“Rhetorical Accessibility within/without  
Institutions: Legitimation, Social Justice, and  
Communication Pedagogies”**

Thursday, February 9, 2023

3:30 p.m.

Via Zoom (link below)

In this talk, I will describe how the concept of *rhetorical accessibility* guides my work in technical and professional communication (TPC) research, public scholarship, and pedagogy. I'll discuss my past research on institutional legitimation and surveillance policy (Pollak, 2022; Pollak, 2021) and my works-in-progress on social justice activism in higher ed (Pollak & Bhardwaj, in progress), explaining how these projects are relevant to my own pedagogical praxis. I'll go on to share ways that I've been using my podcast project, *re:verb*, as a venue for accessible academic knowledge-making across institutions and publics. Overall, I'll sketch out a vision for future communication pedagogies and program development oriented towards both status quo critique and social transformation.

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