

Apology from Joshua Gunn

In a 2003 *Communication Studies* forum on the question, “what constitutes publishable rhetorical scholarship?” I wrote about my publication experiences as a junior scholar (“Publishing Peccadilloes and the Idioms of Disposition: Views from the Habitus of Scholarly Adolescence”). I shared parts of rather harsh rejection letters that I had received to illustrate the deep-seated political and ideological dimensions of blind review. One such letter from the journal *TELOS* was insulting and mean, and it was signed by Lauren Alleyne. Recently Ms. Alleyne contacted me to say that, although she had worked at *TELOS*, she had not written the rejection letter; someone else had falsely signed her name as the author. I believe Ms. Alleyne is truthful and that she should be exempt from censure based on my essay. I apologize to readers and to Lauren for unwittingly promoting an unfortunate deceit—a lie that is neither small nor relatively unimportant.

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