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# Paul and Rhetoric

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## Preface

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For seven years, from 2002 to 2008, we had the privilege and pleasure to chair the *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas* (S.N.T.S.) Seminar “Paul and Rhetoric.” A selection of the papers offered at the conferences of Durham, Bonn, Barcelona, Halle, Aberdeen, Sibiu, and Lund is presented in this volume. Others have been already published in languages other than English, or the authors integrated them or will include them as chapters in one of their own books.

The first essay in this volume, by Peter Lampe, sets the stage for our work, discussing, among other problems, the relationships between “New” and “Old” Rhetoric or between rhetorical and epistolographical analyses. The three following contributions, by Duane F. Watson and Troy W. Martin, continue critically describing where our discipline is by focussing on the problems and potentials of the classical rhetoric categories of the three speech *genera*, of “invention and arrangement,” and of the figures and tropes. The following three studies, by Christopher Forbes, Johannes Vos, and Peter Lampe, deepen the broad relational questions of rhetoric and epistolography, rhetoric and theology, and rhetoric and psychology. The last two contributions, by Michael Winger and Peter Lampe, focus on specific issues within letters: the rhetorical metaphor of life and death and the aggressive language of 2 Corinthians 10–13.

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