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Volume 13, Issue 2 of *Poroi: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Rhetorical Analysis and Invention* makes available three articles on topics in the rhetoric of science.

Michelle Gibbons, University of New Hampshire, writes on contemporary neuroscience as favoring “epistemologies that value the speculative, indeterminate, and contingent,” not as a new foundation for rhetoric, as is sometimes suggested.

Alan Gross, University of Minnesota- Twin Cities, *emeritus*, calls on the figures of hyperbole and irony to point out differences between the technological sublime of 18th and 19th century and “a growing sense of disempowerment and reduction in social capital and cohesion as a consequence of a digital revolution.”

David J. Depew, University of Iowa, *emeritus*, explores the evolutionary biologist Richard Lewontin’s appeal to the argument from *ethos* to support his claim that racism has no biological justification and defend himself from accusations that his politics distorts his science.

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