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[*\(Her\)men·you·tics*](#) is a podcast at the nexus of rhetoric and theology. Professor Johanna Hartelius (University of Texas at Austin) co-hosts along with Rev. Jason Micheli (Annandale United Methodist Church) and Rev. Teer Hardy (Walker Chapel United Methodist Church). Taking on one concept per episode and letter of the alphabet, they explore and disagree on the language of faith and the prospect of “speaking Christian” without stained-glass language. That they are life-long friends brings some levity and plenty of profanity to the mix.

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As noted in the description, Dr. Hartelius’s work with the podcast is a prime example of the kind of engaged research wherein a rhetorical scholar partners with community members. Our pod team collaborates with [Mockingbird Ministries](#) and other communities of faith. Our [book](#) publications are accessible to general readers.