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Rhetoric and technology may seem to be strange bedfellows. Rhetoric calls to mind scholars in tweed jackets who study the speeches of those long dead. But rhetoric is a practical art; Kenneth Burke suggests that one function of rhetoric is to build communities. Thus, it seems fitting that the individual who created a listserv in the late 1980s to drive discussion among Communication scholars holds the title of Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of Rhetoric at the Pennsylvania State University. Thomas Benson has served as editor of the Communication, Research, and Theory Network (CRTNET) listserv for almost three decades. CRTNET has been an important space for scholars and practitioners alike to discuss ideas and ask questions. The CRTNET listserv is currently managed by the National Communication Association and is open to anyone who wishes to discuss Communication research and theory.