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Carolyn R. Miller is SAS Institute Distinguished Professor of Rhetoric and Technical Communication at North Carolina State University, where she has taught since 1973. Her research focuses on understanding the patterns of thought, expression, and argument in science and technology and their influences and implications. Specifically, she has studied the role of community membership on argumentative premises and assumptions, the role of credibility and character in contemporary applications of Darwin and in human-computer interaction, the role of rhetorical timing and timeliness in the success of scientific claims, and the dynamics of the controversy over bioeffects of nonionizing electromagnetic fields.

Dr. Miller's professional service includes terms on the governing boards of six national professional organizations and nine editorial boards. She is a past president of the Rhetoric Society of America and was named a Fellow of the Association of Teachers of Technical Writing in 1995. At North Carolina State University, she teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in rhetoric and technical writing. She is founding director of the Ph.D. program in Communication, Rhetoric, and Digital Media established in 2005 and was founding director of the M.S. in Technical Communication established in 1988. She has been a member of the university's Academy of Outstanding Teachers since 1984 and in 1999 was named Alumni Distinguished Graduate Professor. She received her Ph.D. in Communication and Rhetoric from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1980.