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All interested students, scientists, and scholars are cordially invited to the following talk of the research colloquium:

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How to communicate with Centered Contents

In this paper, I outline a proposal as to how communication with centered contents can proceed. The problem posed by centered contents is that they are not what I call "portable": It might be correct to believe (assert) such a content for some thinker at some time, but not be correct to believe (assert) the same content for another thinker or at another time. As a consequence, successful assertoric communication cannot simply always consist in someone coming to believe the content that someone else, who already believes it, asserts. I outline two ways in which, in principle, centered contents could figure in communication: the Surrogate Content Model and the Local Portability Model. I then consider which model is at work in which of the problematic cases that have been discussed.