

Announcements

Call for papers: Linda Alcoff and Elizabeth Potter seek essays for a volume exploring connections of gender to traditional problematics of knowledge including truth, justification, belief, agency and power. We also welcome critiques of traditional epistemologies as well as new feminist epistemologies. For further information call or write to Linda Alcoff, Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244; (315)443-2068; or Elizabeth Potter, Department of Philosophy, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY 13323; (315)859-4124.

Call for papers: Papers are sought for an anthology of *Critical Feminist Essays in the History of Western Philosophy* to be published by the SUNY press in its "Feminist Philosophy" Series. The anthology will have two parts, one addressing ancient Greek philosophy and the other Modern philosophy. Papers for the first part should focus on some aspect of Plato's or Aristotle's work. Papers for the second part should focus on some aspect of Cartesian philosophy or Hobbes', Locke's, Hume's, Mill's, Rousseau's, Kant's, Hegel's, Marx's and Nietzsche's work. Critical overviews of a philosophical field or trends and their developments during the two periods are also welcome. Send proposals, drafts and inquiries to: Bat-Ami Bar On, Department of Philosophy, SUNY College at Oswego, Oswego, NY 13126

The Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) is a recently formed independent nonprofit research institute dedicated to conducting and disseminating research that informs public policy debates affecting women. IWPR seeks to bridge the communication gap between scholarly researchers, state and federal policymakers, and advocates. In its first year, IWPR has focussed on economic justice issues affecting women (welfare reform, family and medical leave, and child care). Projected areas of research include health care and international relations. In all its work, IWPR seeks to address issues of ethnicity, race, and class as well as gender by recognizing the full diversity of women's situations. For further information, contact: Institute for Women's Policy Research, 1400 20th Street, NW Suite 104, Washington, DC 20036. (202) 785-5100.

The Feminism and Philosophy Newsletter is sponsored by the APA Committee on the Status of Women in Philosophy. Its purpose is to publish information about the status of women in philosophy. The *Newsletter* will contain discussions of recent developments in feminist philosophy and related work in other disciplines. It will include literature overviews and book review, suggestions

for eliminating gender bias in the traditional philosophy curriculum, and reflections on feminist pedagogy. It will also keep the profession informed about the work of the Committee on the Status of Women in Philosophy. The *Newsletter* will provide a forum for queries and informal discussions of topics relevant to feminist philosophy and also to the status of women in the profession. The editor invites contributions to the *Newsletter*.

Schedule of Topics:

May 1, 1990; Topic: *Feminism and Moral Theory*; editors: Betty Sichel and Nancy Tuana; Deadline for submission of manuscripts: January 1, 1990.

September 1, 1990; Topic: *Feminism and the Environment*; editors: Karen J. Warren and Nancy Tuana; deadline for submission of manuscripts: May 1, 1990.

Submission Guidelines:

All submissions must be limited to ten manuscript pages and must follow the APA guidelines for gender neutral language (*APA Proceedings*). Essays should be submitted in duplicate with the author's name only on the title page for the anonymous reviewing process. Manuscripts must be typed double-space and references must follow Chicago Manual style. Please send articles, comments, suggestions and all other communications and inquires to: Nancy Tuana, Arts and Humanities, JO 3.1, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX 75082-0688.

The *Society for the Study of Women Philosophers*, founded by Veda Cobb-Stevens in 1987, is open to women and men from all disciplines and is constituted around the following purposes:

1. The first purpose of the Society for the Study of Women Philosophers is to create and sustain a "Republic of Letters," in which women are both citizens and sovereigns. To that end, we shall commemorate women philosophers of the past as well as of the present by engaging their texts, whether critically or appreciatively, in a dialogical interchange. In this way, both we and our sisters from the past can also become interlocutors for our sisters in the future.
2. The second purpose of our Society is to examine the nature of philosophy, specially in light of women's contributions to the discipline. Thus, papers are welcome which reflect on the methodology and style of women philosophers themselves, or which compare the texts of women with those of men.
3. Furthermore, since philosophical method may be distinguished from philosophical understanding, it is possible that philosophical understanding could be reached in a variety of ways. The Society, therefore, will also explore the nature of philosophy by comparing the works of women philosophers with those of women thinkers of other types, such as poets, mystics, sources of everyone who is concerned with the central and most basic questions of human life.

The following people will serve on the Executive board for 1990-91: Jane Duran, Sara Ebenreck, Helen J. John, Linda Lopez McAlister, Elizabeth Kamark Minnich, Cecile Tougas, and Mary Ellen Waithe. Anyone who would like to become a member please send name, address, and institutional affiliation (if applicable) along with a check for \$10.00 to cover dues for the calendar year to: Cecile Tougas, 53 George St., Portland, ME 04103.

Call for Papers. The next conference of the Society for the Study of Women Philosophers will be held in conjunction with the meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, December 1990. Papers are welcome on the following topics: 1) any aspect of the thought of a woman philosopher (where "philosophy" is traditionally defined); 2) other women thinkers (e.g. poets, novelists, diarists, mystics); 3) the nature of philosophy specifically in light of women's contribution to the history of thought.

Papers should be no longer than 15 pages, doubled spaced. Since they will be anonymously reviewed, please attach two cover sheets. On the first, put the title and your name, address and social security number. On the second, put the title and your social security number only. Send six copies of the paper to: Helen J. Johns, Philosophy Department, Trinity College, Washington D.C. 20017.

Society for Women in Philosophy. For information on membership in regional divisions which include program announcement and a subscription to the national SWIP Newsletter, as well as a subscription to *Hypatia*, contact:

Pacific SWIP: Executive Secretary Rita Manning, Dept. of Philosophy, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA 95192. Treasurer Ruth Doell, Dept. of Biological Science, 1600 Halloway Ave., San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA 94132.

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Eastern SWIP: Executive Secretary Jana Sawicki, Philosophy Dept., University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469. Treasurer Peggy Walsh, Humanities Division, Bradford College, Bradford, MA 01830.

The *North American Society for Social Philosophy International Conference Series* including: *Sixth International Conference on Social Philosophy*, August 9-12, 1990 at University of Vermont. Registration fee: \$35 by December 1, 1989; \$50 thereafter with program closed on March 1, 1990. Program Chair: James Sterba, Philosophy Department, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. *Seventh International Conference on Social Philosophy in Celebration of the Bi-Centennial of the Bill of Rights*, August 8-11, 1991 at Colorado College, Colorado springs, Colorado. Registration fee: \$35 by

December 1, 1990; \$50 thereafter with conference program closing March 1, 1991. Program Chair: Iris Young, 330 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. *Eighth International Conference on Social Philosophy*, December 28-31, 1991 at Gujarat, University, India. "Freedom, Obligations (Dharma) and Rights". Conference participants limited to twenty from North America. Registration fee: \$75 by December 1, 1990; \$125 thereafter. Paper topics proposals required by May 1, 1990. Program Chair: Creighton Peden, Augusta College, Augusta, GA 30910.

The *Journal of Social Philosophy* announces the first issue under the new editorship of Peter A. French. This volume marks the beginning of a new format and editorial approach for the *Journal of Social Philosophy*. The first issue of Professor French's editorship is a double issue: "The Agenda in Social Philosophy for the Nineties." For more information, contact Peter A. French, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX 78284.

The 1990 *Conference of the National Women's Studies Association*, entitled "Feminist Education: Calling the Question", will be held June 20-24, 1990 at The University of Akron, Akron, Ohio. After nearly a quarter of a century of the second wave of the women's movement, more than two decades of formal Women's Studies Programs, and five years since the end of the United Nations Decade of Women, it is time to call the question. The need for feminist education is no longer subject to debate. What is under discussion are the strategies, theories, and structure of feminist education and how to use its potential to alter existing inequitable arrangements of power. For more information contact NWSA '90, National Women's Studies Association, College Park, MD 20742-1325 or call NWSA at (301)454-3757.

Garland Publishing announces a new book series: *Gender and Genre in Literature*. The series promotes the study of the effect of gender on the broad range of literary types. We invite submissions exploring such topics as sexuality and textual inheritance, the influence of female authorships on the evolution of a genre or the creation of new genres, the roles of women characters in patriarchal literary forms, and challenges to genre theory from a gender perspective. Book manuscripts and proposals for edited collections of essays will be considered. Submissions should be sent to the Series Editor, Dr. Carol Snyder, Box 508, University of Houston—Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., Houston, TX 77058.

National Working Conference: The Dynamics of Health Care Policy: Impact on Women, a continuing education conference presented by The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing and Institute for Health Policy Education and Research, will be held February 22-23, 1990 at Stouffer Presidente Hotel in Houston, TX. Participants at this interdisciplinary

national conference will examine the current issues regarding women in the health care system as they relate to health policy. Effective strategies to influence the direction of health policy will be explored. Emphasis will be placed on appraisal of the policy process and evaluation of the impact of a selected range of policies on women's health and health care. Open forums and interactive methodologies will be utilized to promote collaboration and intensive group work. For information on registration: Women's Health Care Policy Conference, UTHSC-Houston School of Nursing, 1100 Holcombe Blvd., 5th Floor, Houston, TX 77030. Phone: (713)792-7822.

The Conference on Ethics and Health Care Policies: "Bridging the Gap Between Theory and Practice," will be held May 4-5, 1990, sponsored by Philosophy and Political Science Departments and Continuing Education of Southwest Missouri State University. The purpose of the conference is to bring together scholars and health care practitioners to discuss a variety of ethical issues in the health care field. For further information, please contact: Professor William Brown, Philosophy Department, Southwest Missouri State University, 901 S. National, Springfield, MO 65804-0094.

Call for papers: RFR/DRF - Confronting Heterosexuality: The Theory and Practice of Women's Subordination. This special issue of RFR/DRF, scheduled for December, 1990 (Vol. 19, no. 4) will problematize heterosexuality, its institutionalization, ideology and practices. We are seeking critical perspectives on heterosexuality from a feminist standpoint and from women's diverse locations in lesbianism, heterosexuality, celibacy and bisexuality. We are seeking contributions which examine the central role heterosexuality plays in the psychological, sexual, socio-economic and political dimensions of women's oppression and experience. This issue will also explore women's resistance, within and outside of heterosexual relations. RFR/DRF is seeking feminist contributions on diverse topics related to women's experiences of heterosexuality and its social meanings. Articles may be written in French or English and should not exceed 5,000 words. Deadline for submissions: May 1, 1990. Submit to: Resources for Feminist Research, 252 Bloor St. West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1V6.

The 4th International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women will be held June 3-7, 1990 at Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10021. Contact Marsha Frankel, Department of Anthropology, for more information. *A Congress of Women Philosophers* in Crakow, Poland is scheduled for March 1990. The theme of the conference is "Women and the Philosophy of Emancipation." For more information contact Slawomira Walczewska, pr. 30-681 Crakow, ul. Bialoruska 4-14 Poland.

The *Second International Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas*, is to be held at University of Leuven, Belgium, from September 3-8, 1990. The theme of the conference is "Comparative History of European Nationalism: Towards Europe 1992." There will be over forty workshops divided into four sections: Politics, Economics, Culture, and Philosophy. For more information, contact Ezra Talmore, Department of Philosophy, Haifa University, Mount Carmel, Haifa 31999 Israel.

The Sexual Victimization of Children, Youth & Adults is the theme of the Fifth Annual Conference sponsored by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape. Keynote speakers will be Bylye Avery, Executive Director of the National Black Women's Health Project, and Attorney Arlene Violet, former Attorney General of Rhode Island and author of *Convictions: My Journey from the Convent to the Courtroom*. A series of workshops will be conducted dealing specifically with the treatment, prevention and legal aspects of sexual violence. The conference will be held at the Sheraton East Hotel in Harrisburg, PA, on April 26-27, 1990. Conference fee is \$100 for PCAR members and \$125 for non-members. One-day registrations are available for \$60 for PCAR members and \$70 for non-members. Registration materials will be available in February 1990. For additional information contact PCAR at 1-800-692-7445 (in PA) or 717/232-6745 (outside PA).

The *Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World* announces its quarterly newsletter entitled *Al-Raida*. The current issue, "Women and Television" deals with the role of women in the media, and how women are portrayed in the media. Yearly contribution: Lebanon: L.L. 500 per year; other countries: \$15 per year, plus \$3 postage. For more information write: in Lebanon - Al-Raida, P.O. Box 13-5053, Beirut University College, Beirut, Lebanon; in USA - Al-Raida, Beirut University College, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1846, New York, NY 10115.

Conference: Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the International Association for Philosophy and Literature is to be held April 26-28, 1990 at the University of California, Irvine. For information about the conference and membership in the association, please contact Hugh Silverman, University of California, Irvine, Department of English and Comparative Literature, Irvine, CA 92717.

The Feminist Women's Writing Workshops, Inc., announces its 15th annual summer conference, July 15-27, 1990 in the beautiful Finger Lakes region of upstate New York. Our guest speakers this year are writer Lucille Clifton and publisher Nancy Bereano; our workshop faculty are Rachel Guido de Vries and Judith McDaniel. Share in small group discussions, with individual conferences, private writing time, feminist bookstore, and discussion with editors

included. Supportive atmosphere, honest criticism, contact with other serious writers. We welcome women writers in all genres, and with all degrees of experience. Early enrollment is encouraged. Please query about scholarship aid by April 15. For descriptive brochure, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Mary Galliland, Director, FWWW Inc., P.O. Box 6583, Ithaca, NY 14851.