

Call for Contributions:

The APA Committee on the Status of Women is pleased to announce publication of the *Feminism and Philosophy Newsletter*. The purpose of the *Newsletter* is to provide information about recent work in the area of feminist philosophy, listing new publications, and providing book reviews. It will include discussions of how to integrate or "mainstream" this material into traditional philosophy courses. It will also provide a forum for discussing the status of women in the profession.

The editor invites contributions to the *Newsletter*. We are interested in literature overviews, book reviews, suggestions for curriculum revisions or transformations, discussions of feminist pedagogical methods, and so on. It is our intention that the *Newsletter* serve as a resource both for feminist philosophers and for colleagues whose main interests have not been in the area of feminist philosophy.

Manuscripts, proposals, suggestions, and all other communications and inquiries should be addressed to: Nancy Tuana, Editor, Arts and Humanities, JO 31, The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX 75083-0688.

SWIP Newsletter: Announcements or items for the *SWIP Newsletter* for 1987-88 should be sent to the Editor, Marilyn Friedman, 2550 Yeager Road, Apt. 20-11, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Ph. (317) 463-7825.

The Journal of Communication Inquiry is seeking submissions for the next special issue, "History, Historiography, and Communication." Contributions are strongly encouraged from feminist historians who examine the relationship of ideology to the means of communication, or the impact of the means of communication on political, economic, and social structures. Deadline: March 15, 1988.

Feminist scholars who study similar issues in contemporary society should consider submitting to general issues. The *JCI* is particularly interested in international, cross-cultural, third world and other perspectives not often found in mainstream academic journals. For more information, contact Georgia NeSmith, Editor, *JCI*, 205 Communication Center, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.

The Journal of Communication Inquiry announces publication of its most recent issue which is devoted to feminist inquiry in communication studies. For subscription information, contact *JCI* Subscriptions, 205 Communications Center, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.

Sustaining Institution. *Hypatia* gratefully acknowledges the support of California State University at Los Angeles as a Sustaining Institution.

A Gay and Lesbian Caucus is now being organized within the American Philosophical Association. The purpose of this caucus will be both to foster the philosophical study of gay and lesbian issues and to give a distinct voice to gay and lesbian concerns within the Association. For more information, contact: Prof. John Pugh, Department of Philosophy, John Carroll University, Union Heights, OH 44118.

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Society for the Study of Women Philosophers. An organizational meeting for the purpose of founding a Society for the Study of Women Philosophers will be held in New York at the December, 1987 meeting of the American Philosophical Association. The following is a tentative and preliminary statement of the purposes of the Society:

The first purpose of the Society 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.

The second purpose of the Society is to examine the nature of philosophy, specifically in the light of women's contributions to the discipline. Thus, papers are welcome which reflect upon the methodology and style of women philosophers themselves, or which compare the texts of women with those of men.

Furthermore, since philosophical method can be distinguished from philosophical understanding, it is possible that philosophical understanding may be reached in a variety of ways not usually considered strictly philosophical. The Society, therefore, will also explore the nature of philosophy by comparing texts that have traditionally been defined as strictly philosophical with those, especially by women, which have been considered marginal to the discipline, e.g., mystical, poetical, fictional or autobiographical texts. We thus hope to enlarge

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and enrich the resources of everyone who is concerned with the central and most basic questions of human life.

The discussion and emendation of this statement, along with the drafting of a constitution and the election of a Board of Officers, will take place at the December meeting. The Society is to be open to women and men from all disciplines. Anyone who would like to become a member please contact: Veda Cobb-Stevens, Department of Philosophy, University of Lowell, Lowell, MA 01854.

Feminism and Philosophy Newsletter. The first issue of the *Newsletter* will be published in November, 1987. All member of the American Philosophical Association will receive the *Newsletter* as part of their membership in the APA. Subscriptions are available to the general public for \$3.00/year from: Shirley Anderson, APA, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716.

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