

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: The Department of Philosophy of the University of Dayton is holding a colloquium entitled "Moral Agency and the Fragmented Self: Feminism and Moral Psychology" to be held October 25-27, 1990. Papers are welcome that deal with such questions as: Are there distinctive feminist conceptions of moral motivation, choice, practical reflection, autonomy, responsibility? What does it mean to say that the self is fundamentally connected to others, embedded in relationships? What is the impact of psychological oppression on moral action? What are the psychological requirements of liberatory action under oppression? Papers are due by June 30, 1990 and should not exceed 35 minutes reading time. Send two copies and a one-page abstract to: Professor Patricia A. Johnson, Department of Philosophy, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH 45469-0001. For additional information, call (513) 229-2819.

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:

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

Winter 1991; Topic: *Feminism and the Environment*; editors: Karen J. Warren and Nancy Tuana; Deadline for submission of manuscripts: September 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 triplicate 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 University of Kentucky's Department of Philosophy is pleased to sponsor a clearing house for sample syllabi in feminist philosophy and suggestions for mainstreaming feminist perspectives into existing philosophy courses. Of particular interest are syllabi and suggestions for introductory level courses. Please (1) include name and address on all submissions, (2) limit submissions to three pages, (3) send in a form that will yield a sharp photocopy (e.g., no

dittos), and (4) send in duplicate. Please send submissions and requests for copies for Joan Callahan, Department of Philosophy, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0027. This pool will be used to find sample syllabi and mainstreaming suggestions for publications in the *Feminism and Philosophy Newsletter*.

Bold, innovative reflection in feminist theory will be featured in the SUNY Series in Feminist Philosophy. The Series will emphasize feminist ethics, social philosophy, aesthetics, and philosophy of science; the history of women philosophers and feminist readings of the history of philosophy; texts of women's language, writing and desire. American feminist philosophy and feminist philosophy in translation will be published in SUNY Series in Feminist Philosophy which seeks to promote the collective transformational powers of feminist analysis and meditation. Please send queries and manuscripts to: Jeffner Allen, Editor, Department of Philosophy, SUNY/Binghamton, Binghamton, NY 13901.

The University of Wisconsin System distributes forty-seven different free bibliographies in women's studies, many of which have been compiled by the women's studies librarian at the University of Wisconsin. Topics include women and American technology; Black women's studies and Black feminist politics; women and power; new reference works in women's studies; and Asian women in America. The University also distributes other materials on women's studies at no charge. For a listing of current materials in stock, write UW System Women's Studies Librarian, 112A Memorial Library, 728 State Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

Columbia University Press announces *Between Men - Between Women: Lesbian and Gay Studies*, a book series to begin immediately under the general editorship of Richard D. Mohr, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Illinois/Urbana. The Series will publish pathbreaking scholarship on lesbian and gay culture in the Humanities and Social Sciences. It will include both books which rest within specific traditional disciplines and are substantially about gay men or lesbians and books which are interdisciplinary in ways which reveal new insights into gay and lesbian experience, transform traditional disciplinary methods in consequence of the perspectives that experience provides, or begin to establish lesbian and gay studies as a free-standing inquiry. In method, works may be empirical, theoretical, historical, historicist, critical, interpretive, analytical or normative. Established to contribute to increased understanding of lesbians and gay men, the Series also aims to provide through that understanding a wider comprehension of culture in general. Academic writers can reach Richard Mohr at the address listed above or can address Columbia

University Press directly at 562 West 113th Street, New York, NY 10025. Letters of inquiry or prospectuses with tables of contents are suggested.

Call for papers: *Resources for Feminist Research* publishes two issues of each volume of *New Feminist Research*. They are seeking contributions from a variety of fields, addressing any of the current issues and debates within feminist scholarship and politics. They are particularly interested in receiving articles that address issues of gender, race and class in the Canadian context from the perspectives of: theory; political organizing and practice; labor studies; history; concrete analysis. Articles may be written in French or English and should not exceed 5000 words. *RFR* also publishes articles, commentaries, reports on your works-in-progress, bibliographies, and conference reports. The deadlines for *RFR*'s interdisciplinary issues are June 1 and December 1 of each year. Contributions should be sent to *RFR/DRF*, OISE, 252 Bloor Street, West, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1V6. For further information, call (416)923-6641, extension 2278 or 2732.

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.

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: *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.

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.

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, FWW Inc., P.O. Box 6583, Ithaca, NY 14851.