

# Announcements

*Call For Papers:* Papers are being accepted for consideration for the Penn State Press volume, *Feminist Interpretations Of Merleau-Ponty*, in the Re-Reading the Canon series (Nancy Tuana, General Editor). Papers should be sent to Dorothea Olkowski, Co-Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO 80933, no later than November 1, 1999.

*Call For Papers: Overcoming Boundaries: Ethnicity, Gender and Sexuality.* The special spring 2000 issue of *Thamyris* wants to focus on the similarities and differences of ethnic, gendered and sexual identities, communities, movements. We look for articles that discuss these groups, their interrelations and oppositions, possibilities for coalition and strife. Articles may be both theoretical and more practical. Case studies of cooperation and conflict are welcome. *Thamyris* is an interdisciplinary journal that pays special attention to ethnic, gendered and queer themes. Articles, requests, proposals, or abstracts should be sent in duplicate before December 21, 1999 to the issue editors, c/o Gert Hekma, Department of Sociology, Amsterdam University, Oude Hoogstraat 24, 1012 CE Amsterdam, The Netherlands, or by email: [hekma@pscw.uva.nl](mailto:hekma@pscw.uva.nl) and [ihoving@hovi.demon.nl](mailto:ihoving@hovi.demon.nl). For an Instruction to Contributors and further information you may also contact Najade Press by fax: +31-20-679 8874; or by email: [thamyris@wxs.nl](mailto:thamyris@wxs.nl) or [najade@wxs.nl](mailto:najade@wxs.nl)

*Conference Announcement and Call For Papers: The Female Principle: Eclipses and Re-Emergences*, UTA Conference on the Suppressions and Reassertions of The Female Principle in Human Cultures.

This conference recognizes the suppression of femaleness as a primary meaning of Western and other cultures over a long period. It seeks to identify, document, account for, and interpret this suppression via the specific forms it takes from early periods to the present, and to identify and describe newly developing practices that counter it.

Proposals from all fields of the humanities and social sciences are welcome. Papers may deal with suppressions exclusively (and the concealments of suppression), or with re-emergences, or both, and may draw on the following as a possible framework:

Bearing a positive social value in an advanced Asian society as the seventh century, the female principle sinks into general anathema in the West by the time of classical civilization, and into near oblivion by the time of the early church. There it remains, under powerful forms of social repression, into the twentieth century. Then, via numerous separate discourses, pluralist thought

creates a climate of opinion in which femaleness can re-emerge in literary, philosophical, religious, and other languages under a positive sign.

Papers may be historical and/or interpretive accounts of specific forms of suppression, such as the sexual—and of concealments of suppression—in discourses and social practices worldwide.

Submission Information: one-page proposals for 20-minute papers, or papers themselves, by September 20, 1999 to: Conference on the Female Principle, Department of English 19035, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX 76019, (Fax #: 817-272-2718) or to Luanne Frank: LFrank@uta.edu; see also <http://www.uta.edu/english/hermann/2000>

*Fellowship Announcement: A Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellowship Program.*

Ecological Conversations: Gender, Science and the Sacred at the Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon.

More than three decades after Rachel Carson first raised a passionate voice of conscience in protest against the pollution and degradation of nature, the gendered dimensions of the global environmental predicament are increasingly visible. Key elements of Western science and environmental management have been challenged by postcolonial, feminist, antiracist, and indigenous peoples' struggles. This program invites fellows to participate in a forum for critical reflection and scholarly interchange on the fundamental philosophical, evolutionary, political, and spiritual questions raised by the nexus of the women's and ecological movements around the globe. Our goal is a series of dynamic conversations where scholars, writers, scientists, theologians and grass-roots activists from different cultural and national contexts can move beyond environmental crisis rhetoric and explore conceptual and ethical vocabularies that meet the challenges of a new millennium. The second year's conversation will focus on the cultural analysis of scientific concepts, practices and policies. We will consider how scientific concepts and findings are translated into public environmental discourse, the role of the emerging ecofeminist vision of science and technology in this discourse, and the expansion of environmental politics to a holistic politics of place.

Application deadline: January 17, 2000. Contact: Lynne Fessenden, Center for the Study of Women in Society, 1201 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1201, (541) 346-5399, Fax (541) 346-5096. E-mail: [lfessend@uoregon.uoregon.edu](mailto:lfessend@uoregon.uoregon.edu); web site: <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~csws/>

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