



WOMEN PHILOSOPHY & HISTORY

A Conference in Celebration of
Eileen O'Neill '75 & Her Work

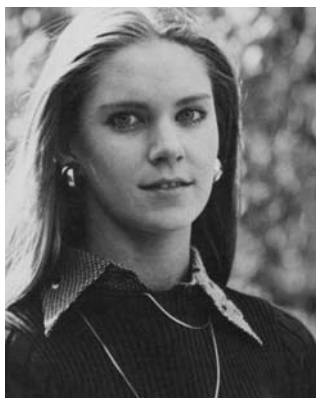
Friday, October 2 and
Saturday October 3, 2009
Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd Floor Barnard Hall
Barnard College
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We continue the groundbreaking work of Eileen O'Neill '75 by examining the standard narrative of the history of philosophy from a feminist perspective. O'Neill's pioneering scholarship has brought to light the texts and ideas of women in the early modern period, and demonstrated the substantial contributions they made to philosophy. Her work has encouraged the analysis of thinkers as diverse as Marie de Gournay, Margaret Cavendish, Anne Conway, Elisabeth of Bohemia, Anna Maria van Schurman, Mary Astell, Émilie du Châtelet, and Damaris Masham. It has also challenged philosophers to reconsider methodological assumptions that have hidden these women and their works from view. The eminent international scholars gathered for this conference will continue this exploration and discuss the methodological, pedagogical, and philosophical implications of O'Neill's work. The conference also celebrates the impact of O'Neill's commitment to women in philosophy more generally.



Eileen O'Neill '75, circa 1975
Courtesy of the Barnard College Archives

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Sulzberger Parlor

12:30 – 1:00 pm

REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

1:00 – 1:30 pm

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Janet Jakobsen, Director, Barnard Center for Research on Women

Elizabeth Boylan, Provost, Barnard College

1:30 – 3:45 pm

SESSION 1: MARY ASTELL

Alice Sowaal, “Mary Astell and John Locke on Knowledge and Belief”

Marcy Lascano, “Mary Astell on the Existence and Nature of God”

Chair: **Gary Hatfield**

3:45 – 4:15 pm

COFFEE BREAK

4:15 – 6:30 pm

SESSION 2: EARLY MODERN WOMEN: APPROPRIATIONS OF ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY

Marguerite Deslauriers, “Lucrezia Marinella: Feminist Uses of Aristotle and Plato”

Sarah Hutton, “Platonism and Damaris Masham”

Chair: **Stephen Menn**

6:30 pm

OPEN RECEPTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Sulzberger Parlor

9:30 – 10:00 am

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

10:00 am – 12:15 pm

SESSION 3: EARLY MODERN WOMEN, GENRE, AND PHILOSOPHY

Karen Detlefsen, “The Plays and Poems of Margaret Cavendish: Genre and the Making of the Philosophical Canon”

Lisa Shapiro, “The Outer and Inner Beauty of Early Modern Women”

Chair: **Alan Gabbey**

12:15 – 1:00 pm

LUNCH BREAK

1:00 – 3:15 pm

SESSION 4: WOMEN AND ENLIGHTENMENT PHILOSOPHY

Desmond Clarke, “Cartesian Feminism: Poulain de la Barre”

Karen Green, “Catharine Macaulay: Philosopher of the Enlightenment”

Chair: **Jim Ross**

3:15 – 3:45 pm

COFFEE BREAK

3:45 – 5:15 pm

**PANEL DISCUSSION: WOMEN
PHILOSOPHERS IN THE
CURRICULUM, TEACHING
NON-CANONICAL TEXTS**

Ann Ferguson, Dan Kaufman, Andrew
Platt, Marleen Rozemond, Tad Schmaltz,
Jacqueline Taylor, Connie Titone, Sue
Weinberg

Chair: **Anne Marie Keyes**

5:15 – 6:45 pm

**PANEL DISCUSSION:
METHODOLOGY AND THE
HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY**

Lanier Anderson, John Conley, Dan Garber,
Don Garrett, Ernan McMullin, Alison
Simmons, Cathy Wilson

Chair: **Martha Bolton**

6:45 – 7:15 pm

CLOSING REMARKS

Christia Mercer, Brief Introduction of Eileen
O'Neill

Eileen O'Neill, "The City of Women"

7:15 – 9:00 pm

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North Tower, Sulzberger Hall

PARTICIPANTS

Lanier Anderson, Stanford University

Martha Bolton, Rutgers University

Desmond Clarke, University College Cork

John Conley, Loyola College, Maryland

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