

University of South Carolina Women's and Gender Studies Conference
March 19-21, 2009

The Politics of Knowledge

In conjunction with the Association for
Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics, and Science Studies
□(FEMMSS)

All Sessions will be held in the 8th floor Darla Moore School of Business Daniel Management Center

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Registration: 3:00 – 3:30

Concurrent Sessions A: 3:30 – 4:45

A1. Self-Perception and Sexuality: Scientific Inheritance and the 'Hottentot Venus'

Chair: Chayah Stoneberg-Cooper, University of South Carolina

Adrian Laseter, University of South Carolina
The Legacy of Sara Baartman

Chayah Stoneberg-Cooper, University of South Carolina
Racialist Popular Science and Representations of Desire in the U.S. Public Sphere

Margarita Franco, University of South Carolina
Epistemological Migration among Latinas: A Feminist Psychological Perspective

A2. Queer Epistemologies

Chair: Lisa Johnson, University of South Carolina Upstate

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S(e)xpistemology: A Queer Feminist Epistemology of Sexuality

Lindsay Harris, University of South Carolina Upstate
The Absence of Girlsex in Look Both Ways: Bisexual Epistemology and Lesbian Speech Acts

Andrea Miller, University of South Carolina Upstate
Epistemological Clots: Sula, True Blood, and the Queer Problem of Black Lesbian Invisibility

A3. Overcoming Oppression: Heteronormativity, Masculinity, and Postcoloniality

Chair: Nancy Lane, University of South Carolina

Laura Kotti, University of South Carolina
"A Failure in Intelligence": Control and Knowledge in Doris Lessing's "To Room 19"

Jana Fedtke, University of South Carolina
A Spice of One's Own: The Construction of Knowledge in Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's The Mistress of Spices

Chad Kleist, Marquette University
Can Empathic Men Adopt a Feminist Standpoint?

A4. The Practice of Change: An Emerging Model in Women's and Gender Studies and Service-Learning at the University of South Carolina

Chair: Mary Baskin-Waters, University of South Carolina

Erin Auten, University of South Carolina
Site Experience: The Free Medical Clinic

Alexandra Ingram, University of South Carolina
Site Experience: Planned Parenthood

Maria Pedzimaz, University of South Carolina
Site Experience: The Women's Shelter

Kelly Olnier, The New Morning Foundation
Site Experience: View from the Organization

Opening Reception: 5:00 – 6:00

Opening Plenary: 6:00 – 7:30

Gender and Technology: Changing Practices

Chair: Lynn Weber, University of South Carolina

Sue Rosser, Georgia Institute of Technology
The Gender Gap in Patenting: Is Technology Transfer a Feminist Issue?

Carla Fehr, Iowa State University
How to talk to scientists about gender diversity: Lessons from the trenches.

Patricia Miller, University of Georgia
Cognitive Science in the Context of Public Institutions and Agencies

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Registration and Continental Breakfast: 8:30 – 9:00

Concurrent Sessions B: 9:00 – 10:15

B1. Microbes and Multitudes: Knowing Empire

Chair: Pearl Ramola Fernandes, University of South Carolina, Sumter

Sharyn Clough, Oregon State University
Gender, Germs, and Dirt: A Case Study of Feminist Knowledge as Objective Knowledge

SoYeon Park, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
School Uniforms, High Heels, and Strollers: The Construction of BAE WOON NYEO JA in the Mangle of Candle Light Democracy, Korea 2008

B2. Engaging (Social) Science: Feminist (Post) Critical Policy Analysis

Chair: Patti Lather, Ohio State University

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Policy from the Side of the Messy

Wanda Pillow, University of Illinois, Champaign

Bodies are Dangerous: Reflections on Embodying Educational Policy and Practice

Elizabeth St. Pierre, University of Georgia

Feminists Keep on Deconstructing Science in Educational Research

B3. Cultures of Trust and Distrust: Activism, Inclusion, and Moral Objectivity

Chair: Darcy Freedman, University of South Carolina

Heidi Grasswick, Middlebury College

Feminist Philosophy of Science and Community Relations

Stephanie Solomon, University of Michigan

Epistemic Injustice and Medical Activism: The Mixed Blessing of Lay Experts

Theresa Tobin, Marquette University

Moral Objectivity as Trustworthiness

B4. Survival Knowledge: Resisting Trauma

Chair: Kathryn Luchok, University of South Carolina

Nicole Garner, Cleveland State University

From Epistemologies of Ignorance and Segregation to Epistemologies of Survival and Liberation

Amanda Lawson Lambert, University of South Carolina

Discover Liberation from the War Path of Domestic Violence: Force Family Abuse out of the Closet and Act Towards Survivorhood

Barrett Emerick, University of Colorado at Boulder

Privileging the Experience of Victims: A New Feminist Critique of Traditional and Poststructuralist Epistemology

Break: 10:15 – 10:30

Friday Morning Plenary: 10:30 – 12:00

Gendering Addiction

Chair: Elizabeth Ettore, University of Liverpool

Nancy D. Campbell, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Elizabeth Ettore, University of Liverpool

Making Gender Matter: Drug-using Women, Embodiment, and the Epistemologies of Ignorance

Kate McCoy, SUNY New Paltz

Courting Dis-Ease: Can the Disease Model of Addiction Lead to Better Drug Policy for Women?

Nicole Vitellone, University of Liverpool

Contesting Compassion: Drug Use and Distant Suffering

USC Women's and Gender Studies Awards Luncheon: 12:00 – 2:00

Keynote Speaker: Jeanne Garane, University of South Carolina

Autoethnography and/as Translation: Pelandrova Dréo's *Pélandrova*

Concurrent Sessions C: 2:00 – 3:15

C1. Speaking from Vulnerability: Incredulity, Willful Ignorance, and Epistemology

Chair: Shari Stone-Mediatore, Ohio Wesleyan University

Lorraine Code, York University

Particularity and Uniqueness: The Politics of Testimony

Erinn Gilson, Wittenberg University
Vulnerability and the Epistemology of Ignorance

Huey-li Li, The University of Akron
When the Will to Truth Tangles with the Will to Ignorance

C2. Producing the Women's Studies PhD: From Characteristics to Possibilities

Chair: Mary Margare Fonow, Arizona State University

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Sally Kitch, Arizona State University
Lynne Huffer, Emory University
Angie Willey, Emory University

C3. Minding Disability: Feminist Theories of Disability and Mental Illness

Chair: Pansy Gray, Benedict College

Kacey Warren, University of Colorado at Boulder
How far have we come? Theorizing Disability from a Feminist Perspective

Abigail Gosselin, Regis University
Contextualizing 'Crazy': Mental Illness of the Construction of Moral Agency

Maeve O'Donovan, College of Notre Dame of Maryland
Philosophy of Mind and Intellectual Disabilities

C4. Transforming Economics: The Limits of Sex, Work, and Family

Chair: Kim Simmons, University of South Carolina

Audra King, Central Connecticut State University
Development for Whom? Development by Whom? Gender injustice and the problem of structural exclusion in global development

Colin Danby, University of Washington, Bothell
How the World Economy was Invented

S. Charusheela, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Sexing Economy

Break: 3:15 – 3:30

Concurrent Sessions D: 3:30 – 4:45

D1. Community Engagement as Feminist Knowledge Generation: A Critical Examination of the Women's Well-Being Initiative

Chair: DeAnne Messias, University of South Carolina

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Sheri Hardee, University of South Carolina
Beth Fadeley and Margarita Franco, University of South Carolina
Lynn Weber, University of South Carolina

D2. Through Arrogant Eyes: Contextualizing the Epistemology of Ignorance

Chair: Lorraine Code, York University

Nancy Holland, Hamline University
If I Know I Can Be Wrong: The Hidden History of Epistemologies of Ignorance

Alfred Frankowski, University of Oregon
The Reductive Crisis of Method and Meaning in the Sex/Gender Politics of Science: Interactions Between Feminist Biology, Phenomenology and the Reworking of the Sex/Gender Distinction

Phyllis Rooney, Oakland University
What is Distinctive about Feminist Epistemology (at 25)

D3. Masculinity, Mathematics, and Technology

Chair: Wenda Bauchspies, Georgia Institute of Technology

Ann Johnson, University of South Carolina
Making Engineering Masculine: Professionalization and Growing Invisibility of Engineers in 19th Century America

Sara Hottinger, Keene State University
Women's Ways of Knowing Mathematics? Or, How to Learn Mathematics Without Breaking a Nail

D4. Movements for Social Change: Pressuring Institutionalized Expertise

Chair: Cynthia Boiter, University of South Carolina

Naomi Scheman, University of Minnesota
Relational Ontology and Epistemic Democracy

Shari Stone-Mediatore, Ohio Wesleyan University
Epistemologies of Discomfort: What Military Family Anti-War Activists Can Tell Us about Knowledge of Violence

J. Kasi Jackson, West Virginia University
Nanotechnology and Ethics: Using Feminist Science Fiction to Promote Justice

Friday Evening Plenary: 7:00 – 8:30

Gender, Knowledges, and Coloniality

Chair: S. Charusheela, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Wenda Bauchspies, Georgia Institute of Technology
Sources of Light: Technology, Knowledge, Gender, and Practice in Guinée, West Africa

Sandra Harding, University of California Los Angeles
What Could "Intersectionality" Mean to FEMMSS? The Case of Indigenous Knowledge

Sarah Lucia Hoagland, Northeastern Illinois University
Commensurability, the Coloniality of Knowledge, and Feminist Deployment of Gender

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Concurrent Sessions E: 9:00 – 10:15

E1. Practicing Science: Conflicting Values and Cultures

Chair: Ann Johnson, University of South Carolina

Deborah Billings, Independent Consultant
Legalizing abortion in Mexico City: Movements using science and knowledge toward social change

Kevin Elliott, University of South Carolina
Scientific Judgment and the Limits of Conflict-of-Interest Policies

Kristen Intemann, Montana State University
 Inmaculada de Melo-Martin, Montana State University
Social Values in Drug Development and Testing: The Case of the HPV Vaccine

E2. Philosophical Interventions: The Ethics of Sense and Aesthetics of Existence

Chair: Jennifer Scuro, The College of New Rochelle

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The Consequences of a Heliocentric Epistemology

Devonya N. Havis, Canisius College
Arts of Resistance and the Insurrection of Subjugated Knowledges

Maeve O'Donovan, College of Notre Dame of Maryland
Questioning the Philosophical Intervention

E3. Constituting Social Selves: Girls and the Development of Moral Personhood

Chair: Suzanne Swan, University of South Carolina

Olga Ivashkevich, University of South Carolina
Visual Culture of Girlhood as Resistance

Marlisa Moschella, Binghamton University (SUNY)
Narrative Self-Constitution: Connecting the Phenomenological and the Metaphysical

E4. Imaging Technologies: Embodying Knowledge, Constructing Ignorance, Reconstructing Relationships

Chair: Nancy Campbell, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Deboleena Roy, Emory University
BrainTease: Neuroimaging Technologies and the need for Feminist Neuroethics

Letitia Meynell, Dalhousie University
The Construction of Ignorance through Biomedical Imaging

Sarah Clark Miller, University of Memphis
Visual Intimacies: Ultrasound, Reproductive Autonomy, and the Maternal-Fetal Relationship

Break: 10:15 – 10:30

Saturday Morning Plenary: 10:30 – 12:00

Genealogies, Development and Empowerment

Chair: Drucilla Barker, University of South Carolina

Dr. Laura Parisi, University of Victoria
 Dr. Eudine Barriteau, University of the West Indies
Whose Rights? Whose Development? Bridging North/South Perspectives on Global Restructuring, Gender, and the Human Rights Approach to Development

Carole Biewener, Simmons College
 Marie-Hélène Bacqué, Université d'Évry
Empowerment, Development and Feminism: From the Grassroots to the Mainstream

Suzanne Bergeron, University of Michigan, Dearborn

The Modern/Tradition Binary in Development as an Obstacle to Household Flourishing

Lunch: 12:00 – 1:30

Concurrent Sessions F: 1:30 – 2:45

F1. Decolonizing Education: Knowing, Not Knowing, and Knowing through Fallacy

Chair: Maeve O'Donovan, College of Notre Dame of Maryland

James Lang, University of Toronto

Education and/or/is Indoctrination: Whose Knowledge Counts?

Catherine Hundleby, University of Windsor

The Liberatory Potential of Fallacy Talk

Dawn Rae Davis, University of Iowa

Un-mirroring Pedagogies: Displacing the Desire of Imperialist Epistemologies

F2. Troubling Sexuality: Undoing Old Orthodoxies

Chair: Yvonne Ivory, University of South Carolina

Stacey Haney, University of South Carolina Upstate

Queer vs. Non-Normative: Towards a Social Constructivist Epistemology of Sexual Dissidence

Alexis Shotwell, Laurentian University

Finding our bearings: New normativities and collective epistemic privilege

Sarah Richardson, Stanford University

Sexing the X: How the X Became the Female Chromosome

F3. Feminist Strategies in Community-Based Research

Chair: DeAnne Messias, University of South Carolina

Karen Houle, University of Guelph

Copeh-Can: Community Practice in Ecosystem Approached Health, Canada

Darcy Freedman, University of South Carolina

Materialist praxis: A feminisms-informed methodology for understanding and changing social determinants of health

Joshua Price, Binghamton University (SUNY)/Emory University

The Mark of Incarceration: Spirit Murder, Social Death, and Natal Alienation

F4. Bringing Social Factors In: Context and Epistemology

Chair: Mary Baskin-Waters, University of South Carolina

Monica Aufrecht, University of Washington

The Context Distinction: Controversies over Feminist Philosophy of Science

Nancy McHugh, Wittenberg University

The Career Woman's Disease: Endometriosis, Pragmatism, and Race

Chris Calvert-Minor, Hamilton College

Epistemic Agency and the Shaping of Evidence

Break: 2:45 – 3:00

Concurrent Session G: 3:00 – 4:15

G1. Sciences and Feminist Science Studies: Creating Productive Dialogues:

Chair: Sandra Harding, University of Southern California

Banu Subramanian, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Conversations with Myself

Nancy Tuana, Pennsylvania State University
Notes from the Trenches

Barbara Whitten, Colorado College
Learning their Lingo

Mary Wyr, North Carolina State University
Lost in Translation?

G2. Situating Emotion: Paying for Care, Managing Loss

Chair: Naomi Farber, University of South Carolina

Michelle Maiese, Emmanuel College
Situated Knowledge and the Enactive Mind

Monique Lanoix, Appalachian State University
More Than Talk: Communicative Speech Acts and Emotional Labor

Janell Bauer, University of Colorado at Boulder
"I just want to be perceived as managing my grief well": A Feminist Poststructuralist Analysis of Bereaved Employee Narratives

G3. Implicated in Empire: Gendered and Sexualized Understandings of the Other

Chair: Alexis Shotwell, Laurentian University

Gabriella Sanchez, Arizona State University
Make no eye contact: the policing of gender, the self and the other in the National Security Critical Language Initiative

Sara Giordano, Independent Scholar
Automating difference: A feminist analysis of soft biometrics

Bronwyn Singleton, University of Toronto
Veiled Ontology: Imaginary Violence and the Muslim Headscarf Debate

Break: 4:15 – 4:30

Closing Plenary: 4:30 – 6:00

Technologies of Citizenship: The Micropolitics of Knowledge-Making

Chair: Laura Woliver, University of South Carolina

Banu Subramaniam, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Global Citizenship? Genetics, Nations and the Politics of Citizenship

Carole McCann, University of Maryland
Explosive Figures

Virginia Eubanks, SUNY Albany
How Information Technology Makes Citizens: Neoliberalism and Computerization in the Welfare Office

Closing Banquet: 7:00 – 9:00

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