



## **Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy** **Editors' Annual Report: 2010**

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### **Hypatia Editors**

Co-editors: Alison Wylie, University of Washington (host institution, 2008-2013)

Lori Gruen, Wesleyan University (2008-2010)

Area co-editors: Linda Martin Alcoff, Hunter College CUNY (2010-2013)

Ann Cudd, University of Kansas (2010-2013)

Book review editor: Sharyn Clough, Oregon State University (2008-2013)

### **Overview of editorial team activities**

- **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The anniversary special issue, *Feminist Legacies / Feminist Futures* (25.4), and a companion *Retrospective Virtual Issue*, appeared in December 2010, edited by Lori Gruen and Alison Wylie.
- **Special issue highlights:** Six additional special issues were in progress this year.
  - FEAST I appeared in Winter 2010: *Feminist Ethics and Social Theory* edited by Diana Tietjens Meyers (25.1). A second FEAST issue closed its submissions in March 2010: *Responsibility and Identity in Global Justice*, to appear in Fall 2011 (26.4).
  - *Feminist Biotechnologies*, co-edited by Marin Gillis and Inmaculada de Melo-Martin appeared as a thematic cluster in Summer 2010 (25.3).
  - *Ethics of Embodiment*, edited by Debra Bergoffen and Gail Weiss, drew a rich set of submissions by its submission deadline in March 2010; it will appear in Summer 2011 (26.3).
  - *Animal Others*, guest edited by Lori Gruen and Kari Weil, began to receive submissions in 2010; it is slated for Summer 2012 (27.3).
  - *Crossing Borders*, to be guest edited by Sally Scholtz, was accepted for Spring 2013 (28.2).
- **Manuscript Central:** We completed the transition to a fully electronic submission and review system, designed and supported by our publisher, Wiley-Blackwell.
- **EarlyView online publication:** *Hypatia* manuscripts now move directly into production as soon as they are accepted, and appear online in final, citable form within two to four months.
- **Found clusters:** This new production system gives us the flexibility to assemble topical clusters when we receive manuscripts that converge thematically. In 2010 we identified four such clusters that will appear in 2011 and 2012: "Sexual Expressions," edited by Lori Gruen (26.1); "Epistemic Justice, Ignorance, and Procedural Objectivity" and "Women in Philosophy," edited by Alison Wylie (26.2); and "Myths of Maternity," edited by Linda Alcoff (27.1).
- **Journal design:** Wiley-Blackwell commissioned a stunning new cover design inspired by the Hypatia place setting in Judy Chicago's *Dinner Party*.

### **Editorial team transition**

- **Co-editors:** We successfully navigated a reconfiguration of the editorial team in 2010. Lori Gruen stepped down as Co-editor, joining the Board of Associate Editors, and Linda Martin Alcoff and Ann E. Cudd joined the editorial team for three-year terms as Area Co-editors for Continental Philosophy and Value Theory, respectively.
- **Editorial office staff:** *Hypatia* was extremely well served by four editorial staff members in 2010, all graduate students in Philosophy at the University of Washington. Gwynne Taraska, our first Managing Editor at UW, completed her term in January 2010. She was succeeded by Janice Moskalik and then, in September, by Karen Emmerman, who had been our Editorial Assistant in 2009-2010. Asia Ferrin joined the team as Editorial Assistant.

### Submission and review activity

- **Submissions:** We received 171 new and 94 revised manuscripts for external review in 2010, as well as 36 invited manuscripts (book reviews, Musings, and three invited articles). Of new submissions, 61% were open submissions and 39% were directed to special issues.
- **Area distribution:** Just over two-thirds of new submissions were on topics in Value Theory; just under a third were in Continental philosophy; and a quarter were divided between History of Philosophy, and Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Science. These categories overlap; just under 15% of manuscripts were counted in more than one area.
- **Referees:** We relied on 262 referees to review *Hypatia* manuscripts in 2010. A complete list will appear in the final issue of Volume 26 and is posted on the editorial office website.
- **Decisions:** The *Hypatia* co-editors and guest editors made close to 300 decisions on submitted manuscripts. Acceptance and rejection rates are comparable to those reported for 2008-2009.
  - *Desk rejections* stand at 10.5% of manuscripts submitted for review.
  - *Acceptance* rates were 12% for open submissions, and between 38% and 44% for special issue submissions.
  - *Revisions* (minor or major) were required of virtually all manuscripts accepted for publication, and the initial decision for 43% of externally reviewed manuscripts was to reject.
- **Time to decision:** Our turn-around time for decisions was 10-14 weeks for initial decisions, and 6-8 weeks for decisions on revised manuscripts. For open submissions, our decision time was 8 weeks for revised manuscripts and 14 weeks for initial submissions.

### Distribution highlights

- **Subscriptions:** By the end of 2010, Wiley-Blackwell had rebuilt our institutional subscriptions and substantially expanded the distribution of our content through licensed subscriptions and electronic downloads, even as individual subscriptions declined sharply. *Hypatia* enjoys an institutional renewal rate of 95%. Altogether 1,200 libraries now provide access to *Hypatia* articles (compared to 70 libraries in 2009), two-thirds of them outside North America. Our back-issue content is also available to another 20,000 small or specialty libraries, and we maintain a distribution agreement with JSTOR.
- **Article downloads:** Wiley-Blackwell reports close to **250,000 downloads of *Hypatia* articles** in 2010 (from WB Online Library and JSTOR), 57% of them outside North America. For comparison, 15 other philosophy journals published by Wiley-Blackwell report an average of just over 66,000 downloads in this period.
- **Impact Factor Rating:** Based on *Hypatia*'s 2010 readership profile, we are one of a handful of philosophy journals selected by Thompson Reuters for inclusion in their *Journal Citation Report*; *Hypatia* will be assigned a citation-based impact factor rating beginning in 2012.

### Special initiatives

- **Diversity Initiatives:** Our priority in 2010 was to develop a coordinated set of projects and initiatives designed to ensure that *Hypatia* is robustly and proactively inclusive, so that it serves the whole community of feminist philosophers.
  - Linda Alcoff developed an agenda for diversity initiatives in Summer 2010 and began the process of convening a diversity advisory group in Fall 2010.
  - Shari Clough, working with Naomi Zack, developed a statement of purpose for the "Diversity Essay Prize" they had proposed at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference, and followed up with all those who had pledged support for this initiative in December 2009.
- ***Hypatia* Archive Project:** We began the process of developing a plan for archiving electronic files, and taking stock of the *Hypatia* archive at SIU-Edwardsville.
- ***Hypatia* Online:** Sharyn Clough assembled a task force to advise on the feasibility of developing a comprehensive *Hypatia* web portal for feminist philosophy news and resources, and a venue for online publication and discussion of feminist philosophy.

**For a more detailed 2010 annual report and financial overview, please contact the Editors.**