



## **Hypatia, A Journal of Feminist Philosophy** **Editors' Annual Report: 2011**

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### **Hypatia editors**

Co-editors: Alison Wylie, University of Washington (host institution, 2008-2013)  
Linda Martin Alcoff, Hunter College CUNY (2011-2013)  
Ann Cudd, University of Kansas (2011-2013)  
Book review editor: Sharyn Clough, Oregon State University (2008-2013)

### **Overview of Editorial Activities**

- **Special issues:** Volume 26 included two special issues, both of which drew such strong submission pools that their guest editors assembled clusters on related themes, to appear in Volume 27. Two other special issues, scheduled for Volume 27 and 28, received submissions in 2011; and we accepted proposals for two future special issues.
  - *Ethics of Embodiment*, co-edited by Debra Bergoffen and Gail Weiss appeared in Summer 2011 (26.3); a related cluster, "Contesting Norms of Embodiment," is scheduled for Spring 2012 (27.2).
  - *FEAST II: Responsibility and Identity in Global Justice*, edited by Diana Tietjens Meyers, appeared in Fall 2011 (26.4); a FEAST cluster on "Feminist Critiques of Evolutionary Psychology" is scheduled for Winter 2012 (27.1)
  - *Special issues in prospect:* Co-editors Lori Gruen and Kari Weil finalized the review process for *Animal Others* in 2011; their special issue is slated to appear in Summer 2012 (27.2). Sally Scholz, editor for *Crossing Borders*, received submissions through November 2011; this special issue will appear in Spring 2013 (28.2).
  - *Special issue proposals:* of four proposals reviewed in 2011, the Associate Editors voted to accept two: *Climate Change*, to be edited by Chris Cuomo and Nancy Tuana (28.3, Summer 2013); and *Interstices: Women of Color Feminist Philosophy*, to be edited by Kristie Dotson and Donna-Dale Marcano (to appear as 29.1, Winter 2014).
- **Thematic clusters:** The first of three "found clusters" published in Volume 26 was "Sexual Expressions"; it appeared in 26.1 and was edited by Lori Gruen. The second two, on "Epistemic Justice, Ignorance, and Procedural Objectivity" and on "Women in Philosophy," appeared in 26.2, edited by Alison Wylie. An additional found cluster is in process: "Myths of Maternity," edited by Linda Alcoff. It will appear in Winter 2012 (27.1).
- **Virtual issue:** Inspired by the enthusiastic response to the "Women in Philosophy" cluster, the co-editors initiated a plan to assemble a retrospective virtual issue on "The Place of Women in Philosophy." It will bring together articles on the status and experience of women that have appeared in *Hypatia* since the journal's inception. Ann Cudd will edit this Virtual Issue (modeled on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Virtual Issue). We expect to publish it online in Fall 2012, in conjunction with a Musing by Molly Paxton, Carrie Figdor, and Valerie Tiberius, "Quantifying the Gender Gap" (27.4).

### **Submission and review activity**

- **Manuscript submissions:** In 2011 we received a total of 189 new manuscripts and 60 revised manuscripts for review; this is a 10% increase over 2010. Of new submissions, two thirds (67%) were directed to open issues, one third to special issues, and 10% were invited manuscripts (12 book reviews, and 7 review essays and Musings). Over 90% of submissions received in 2011 were subject to external review, including Musings and review essays as well as articles submitted for symposia and thematic clusters.
- **Area distribution:** Close to 40% of open submission manuscripts were in Value Theory; a third were in Continental philosophy; 27% were on topics in Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Science; and 11% were in History of Philosophy. (Note that these categories overlap; 11% of these submissions were counted in more than one area.)
- **Referees:** We relied on 240 referees to review *Hypatia* manuscripts in 2011. A complete list is posted on the editorial office website (see *Hypatia* OnLine) and will appear in print in the second issue of Volume 27 (Spring 2012).
- **Decisions:** The *Hypatia* co-editors and guest editors made altogether 253 decisions on submitted manuscripts in 2011. Acceptance rates are slightly higher and desk rejection rates slightly lower than those reported in past years.
  - *Desk rejections* stand at 10% of manuscripts submitted for review, compared to 10.5% in 2010. (Note that these decisions are based on internal review by at least two *Hypatia* co-editors.)
  - *Acceptance rates* were 15.7% for open issue submissions, compared to 12% in 2010 and 14% in 2008-2009. Acceptance rates for the three special issues whose content was finalized in 2011 was between 21% and 38%, compared to 33% and 44% for special issues in 2010.

- *Initial decisions* for 76% of manuscripts submitted in 2011 was to reject, either outright or with the option of resubmission (R&R: “reject and resubmit). Major or minor revisions were required for 30% of manuscripts on initial review, and virtually all manuscripts that were ultimately accepted for publication in 2011 underwent at least one round of revision.
- **Time to decision:** Our turn-around time for decisions on submissions for open issues was 12-13 weeks for initial decisions and 6-7 weeks for revised manuscripts. For special issue submissions, initial decisions were made in an average of 12 weeks (the range was 10 to 17 weeks), and in an average of 6 weeks for revised manuscripts (the range was 2 to 9 weeks).

### Distribution highlights

- **Subscriptions:** Wiley-Blackwell’s sales and marketing efforts continue to expand the distribution of *Hypatia* content through licensed sales and downloads of unsubscribed content, even as conventional subscriptions remain stable or decline. *Hypatia* enjoys a 100% renewal rate and most subscriptions are held under multi-year licenses. Wiley-Blackwell reports that approximately 28,000 libraries worldwide provide access to *Hypatia* through subscriptions, Wiley-Blackwell collection sales, JSTOR and EBSCO database licensing, and philanthropic arrangements in developing countries.
- **Article downloads:** Wiley-Blackwell reports 293,590 article downloads for *Hypatia* in 2011, a 19% increase over the previous year and more than four times the 2011 average for a comparison group of Wiley-Blackwell philosophy journals.
- **Impact factor rating:** *Hypatia* is one of a handful of Philosophy journals selected by Thompson Reuters for inclusion in their *Journal Citation Report*. The first impact factor reported for *Hypatia* covers citations in 2011 to articles published in *Hypatia* in 2009 and 2010. *Hypatia*’s 2011 impact factor is .247: this means that 19 articles, of 77 published by the journal in 2009-2010, were cited in 2011. (For details and comparisons, see the “*Hypatia Statistics*” summary online.)
- **Journal ratings:** *Hypatia* is included in several widely cited journal rating systems. Scores assigned to *Hypatia* in 2011 include two of particular note (for details, see the “*Hypatia Statistics*” summary online):
  - *European Reference Index for the Humanities* (ERIH): *Hypatia* received an ERIH score of INT2 in Philosophy, and of INT1 in Gender Studies: <https://www2.esf.org/asp/ERIH/Foreword/search.asp>
  - *Excellence in Research for Australia*: *Hypatia* received an A\* ranking: <http://w3.unisa.edu.au/rqie/submission.asp>

### Special initiatives

- **Diversity Initiatives:** An advisory assembled by Linda Alcoff in early 2011 (Kristie Dotson, Kathryn Gines, Mariana Ortega, Uma Narayan, and Ofelia Schutte) provided the co-editors and Associate Editors with a number of recommendations for ensuring that *Hypatia* is robustly and proactively inclusive. Initiatives implemented in 2011 include:
  - *Statement of Hypatia values:* The mission statement that appears on the journal website was revised to include the following affirmation of a commitment to “inclusiveness and internationalism,” and to the development of “new broader areas of feminist philosophy”:
 

*Hypatia*’s commitment to the development of feminist philosophy entails that, in all its policies and practices, *Hypatia* actively reflect and engage the diversity within feminism itself, the diverse experiences and situations of women, and the diverse forms that gender takes across the globe. Promoting diversity within feminist philosophy and philosophy in general is thus one of *Hypatia*’s core objectives.
  - *Review process:* The guidelines provided to referees when they agree to review a *Hypatia* manuscript were redrafted so that they include an explicit direction to consider issues of diversity, and the roster of reviewers who have expertise in diversity issues relevant to a wide range of areas feminist philosophy is in process of being significantly expanded.
  - *Diversity Essay Prize:* A fund for this prize has been established and we plan to announce the first biennial call for submissions in early 2012. The prize will consist of \$500 and the winning essay will be published in *Hypatia*. The draft call for submissions specifies that the prize will be awarded to:
 

...the author (or authors) of the best essay written by a graduate student, postdoctoral fellow, or non-tenured faculty member that embodies a feminist and intersectional approach in a philosophical analysis that combines categories of identity (e.g., gender, class, disability, ethnicity, rationality, race, religion, sexuality).
- ***Hypatia Online:*** Shari Clough convened the “*Hypatia Online*” task force in mid-2011 (Susan Brison, Kate Norlock, Jenny Saul, and Gwynne Taraska) and developed priorities for developing *Hypatia*’s online presence. The upshot was a resolution to develop *Hypatia Reviews Online* (HRO), a website to host *Hypatia* book reviews on the model of *Notre Dame Philosophy Reviews*. We expect to launch HRO in Fall 2012.
- ***Hypatia Archive Project:*** Our priority in 2011 has been to establish a protocol for downloading and archiving all *Hypatia* submission and review material handled through the Manuscript Central system and prepare an editorial office archive of electronic files for deposit in *Hypatia* archives held by the library at SIU-Edwardsville.

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