



## ***Hypatia, A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*** **Editors' Annual Report: 2012**

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### **HYPATIA EDITORS**

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

Linda Martín Alcoff, Hunter College CUNY (2011-2013)

Ann Cudd, University of Kansas (2011-2013)

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

*Hypatia* published Volume 27 in 2012; this marks 30 years of continuous publication since *Hypatia* first appeared as a series of three special issues of *International Women's Studies Quarterly*. Volume 27 was enlivened by a number of special features: a special issue and online symposium on *Animal Others* (edited by Lori Gruen and Kari Weil); a symposium on Falguni Sheth's 2011 book, *Toward a Political Philosophy of Race*; a thematic cluster on the philosophy of Luce Irigaray, and a cluster and accompanying virtual issue on *Embodiment* edited by Linda Alcoff; and a virtual issue on *The Place of Women in the Profession of Philosophy* edited by Ann Cudd.

Other highlights of 2012 include the design and development of *Hypatia Reviews Online* (HRO), with a launch date of January 2013; announcement of the first biennial *Hypatia* Diversity Essay Prize, to be awarded in Spring 2013; a reconfiguration of the *Hypatia* editorial and advisory boards; and the successful search for new editors – Sally Scholz (Villanova University) and Shelley Wilcox (San Francisco State University) – who will begin their five-year term in July 2013.

*Hypatia* continues to be ranked in the top tier of Philosophy journals by the major humanities journal indices, and was assigned a Thompson-Reuters' impact factor rating of .338. Wiley-Blackwell reports impressive distribution and download statistics for the journal; although individual subscriptions continue to decline, distribution to libraries is strong and the volume of *Hypatia*-content downloads is growing by an average of 20% a year; Wiley-Blackwell reports 358,320 full-text downloads for *Hypatia* in 2012. The single most frequently downloaded article in 2012 was Paxton, Figdor, and Tiberius' Musing, "Quantifying the Gender Gap" (27.4).

*Hypatia*'s growing visibility and success has brought with it some significant challenges. Despite a highly selective review process – *Hypatia* maintains an acceptance rate of under 15% – submissions had increased by 30% in the previous three years and by Fall 2012 it became clear that the pipeline of accepted papers was threatening to overwhelm available page-space. To address the looming space crunch, the editorial team and Associate Editors took the difficult decision of declaring a six-month moratorium on all new manuscript submissions, to run from mid-January to mid-July 2013. Other longer-term solutions under discussion or implemented in 2012 include space-saving changes in journal layout, reducing the number of special issues, moving book reviews to *Hypatia Reviews Online*, and expanding the page budget.

Finally, *Hypatia*'s finances continue to be robust. Total income from royalties in 2012 came to \$62,534, a 16% increase since 2008-2009. The costs of operating the editorial office were split between the University of Washington and *Hypatia*-source funds (~\$33,000 each) and have been stable since 2008. The administrative expenses incurred by *Hypatia* WA Inc., the non-profit entity that handles *Hypatia*'s financial and legal business, now stand at \$4,500 annually. Federal recognition as a non-profit and the adoption of formal bylaws in 2011 made it possible to take the final steps in establishing *Hypatia* WA as a fully functioning non-profit entity; a full board of directors was confirmed in Fall 2012.

A summary of the details follow, and a full report is available from the editors on request.

## Overview of editorial activities

### Regular issue content

Volume 27 featured 31 articles (13 in thematic clusters); five review essays, three Musings, 11 contributions to symposia, and 12 book reviews.

#### Thematic clusters:

- “Feminist Critiques of Evolutionary Psychology” (27.1): edited by Diana Tietjens Meyers, builds upon the FEAST II special issue, “Responsibility and Identity in Global Justice” (26.4).
- “The Myths of Maternity” (27.1): a found cluster edited by Linda Martín Alcoff.
- “Contesting Norms of Embodiment” (27.2): edited by Debra Bergoffen and Gail Weiss, builds upon their 2011 special issue, “Ethics of Embodiment” (26.3).

#### Musings:

- “The Politics of Feminism and the Feminism of Politics” (27.1), by Anya Topolski.
- “The Mentoring Project” (27.2), by Louise Antony and Ann Cudd.
- “Quantifying the Gender Gap: An Empirical Study of the Underrepresentation of Women in Philosophy” (27.4), by Molly Paxton, Carie Figdor, and Valerie Tiberius

### Special issues

- **Animal Others** (27.3), edited by Lori Gruen and Kari Weil: this issue included a symposium, “Feminists Encountering Animals,” that was featured in online forum hosted by Wiley-Blackwell’s [Philosophy Compass](#).
- **In process**: four forthcoming special issues scheduled for 2013-2015 received submissions in 2012:
  - **Crossing Borders**, guest edited by Sally Scholtz: (Spring 2013, 28.2);
  - **Interstices: Women of Color Philosophy**, guest edited by Kristie Dotson (Winter 2014, 29.1);
  - **Climate Change**, guest edited by Chris Cuomo and Nancy Tuana (Summer 2014, 29.3);
  - **New Conversations in Feminist Disability Studies**, guest edited by Kim Hall (Winter 2015, 30.1).
- **Reviewed**: special issue proposals were suspended in Fall 2012; no new special issues were accepted.

### Virtual Issues

- “**The Place of Women in the Profession of Philosophy**”: 17 previously published *Hypatia* articles selected by Ann Cudd to complement the 2011 cluster, “Women in Philosophy: The Costs of Exclusion,” and the Fall 2012 Musing, “Gender Gap.”
- “**Embodiment**”: 15 articles assembled by Linda Alcoff, to appear as a virtual issue in Winter 2013; a complement to Bergmann and Weiss’s 2011 special issue, *The Ethics of Embodiment*.

### Hypatia Reviews Online

In Spring 2012 the Associate Editors approved a proposal from the editorial team to create an online venue for publishing *Hypatia* reviews, and by Fall 2012 the new site, [HRO](#), had been designed and built. HRO will launch in Winter 2013 with a robust pipeline of digital reviews and the goal of publishing 25-30 single-book reviews a year, half again as many reviews as have typically appeared in the journal.

## Submission and review activity

### Manuscript submissions

- *Hypatia* received **190 new manuscripts** and **60 revised manuscripts** in 2012.
- Well over **90% of submissions** were subject to external review, including invited review essays, symposia, and Musings; only book reviews are reviewed internally.
- **Area distribution** of new submissions: 50% value theory; 37% Continental philosophy; 21% on topics in Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Science; and 7% History of Philosophy. (Note that 16% of these submissions are counted in more than one area).
- **285 referees** reviewed *Hypatia* manuscripts in 2012; a complete list is posted on the editorial office website and will appear in print in Spring 2013 (28.2).

### Editorial decisions

The editorial team and guest editors made **343 decisions on 250 submitted manuscripts** (initial and revised). They accepted 40 articles and 15 reviews or review essays in 2012, evenly split between open and special issues.

- **Desk rejections**: 15% of initial submissions, an increase from 10% in 2011.
- **Rejection with external review**: the initial decision on 70% of reviewed manuscripts was to reject.
- **Revision decisions**: a third of initial decisions were to accept with major or minor revisions; just over a quarter of decisions on revised manuscripts were to accept for publication.
- **Acceptances**:
  - Decisions to accept as a percentage of all decisions: **12% for open issue submissions**; **27% for special issue submissions**;
  - Manuscripts accepted as a proportion of submissions: **17% for open issues**; **35% for special issues**.

**Time to decision**: the average time to decision in 2012 was **10 weeks** for initial decisions on open issue and special issue submissions. For revised submissions it was **8 weeks** for open issues and **10 weeks** for special issues.

## Distribution highlights

### Subscriptions:

- *Hypatia* is available in 1,970 libraries worldwide: 49% are in the UK and Europe, and 24% North America.
- Wiley-Blackwell's supplies *Hypatia* content to another 5,116 institutions in the developing world through their philanthropic program, and to 4,008 small or specialty libraries through a secondary distributor.
- *Hypatia* back-content is also accessible through JSTOR, with a five year moving wall.

### Article downloads:

- Wiley-Blackwell reports **358,320 article downloads for *Hypatia*** in 2012: a 22% increase over 2011, which was a 19% increase over 2010. Over 80% of downloads were by readers in North America (53%) and in Europe or the UK (~30%).
- The ten most frequently downloaded articles in 2012 were:
  - Paxton, Figdor, Tiberius, "Quantifying the Gender Gap" (27.4)
  - Taylor and Wallace, "For Shame: Feminism, Breastfeeding Advocacy, and Maternal Guilt" (27.1)
  - Taylor, "Foucault and Familiar Power" (27.1)
  - Card, "Rape as a Weapon of War" (11.4)
  - Meynell, "Evolutionary Psychology, Ethology, and Essentialism" (27.1)
  - Collins, "It's All in the Family: Intersections of Gender, Race and Nation" (13.3)
  - Gruen, Weil, Oliver, Warkentin, Jenkins, Rohman, Clark, Gaard, "*Animal Others*" symposium (27.3)
  - Bailey, "Reconceiving Surrogacy" (26.4)
  - Hall, "Not Much to Praise in Such Seeing and Finding: Evolutionary Psychology" (27.1)
  - Okin, "Feminism, Women's Human Rights, and cultural Differences" (13.2)
- It is noteworthy that five of the ten articles with the highest cumulative download rates in the last four years are classics that appeared in early issues of the journal, many of which are featured in the 25<sup>th</sup> *Anniversary Retrospective Virtual Issue*. In addition to the articles by Card, Collins, and Okin listed above these include Wendell, "Toward a Feminist Theory of Disability" (4.2), and Plumwood, "Nature Self, and Gender" (6.1).

### Journal ratings and rankings

- **Thompson Reuters' impact factor rating:** the first impact factor rating for *Hypatia* was reported in 2011 based on 2009 and 2010 publications; it was **.247**, and has been updated to **.338** for 2012. For comparison, the impact factor assigned to *Ethics* was .95, and to *Signs* was .55.
- **European Reference Index for the Humanities (ERIH):** *Hypatia* received two ERIH scores, one of **INT2 in Philosophy**, and a second of **INT1 in Gender Studies**, where "INT" designates "internationally recognized scholarly significance."
- **Excellence in Research for Australia:** *Hypatia* received an **A\* ranking** which indicates that it is "one of the best [journals] in its field or subfield."

## Editorial teams and boards

The Associate Editors conducted a successful search for a new editorial team in 2012, offering Sally Scholz (Villanova University) and Shelley Wilcox (San Francisco State University) the editorship in November 2012. Preparations have begun for the transition; the new editorial team begins their five year term in July 2013.

2012 also saw the successful transition to a system of staggered, limited term appointments for members of the *Hypatia* Editorial and Advisory Boards. The Editorial Board had grown by accretion over many years and stood at 35 members all but 6 of whom had served for 10 years or more; the Advisory Board had ten members some of whom had served for over 20 years. While we didn't want to lose the support and the expertise of long-time *Hypatia* Board members, we needed to recruit new members and did not want to further expand the membership of these Boards. When contacted with a proposal to shift to limited terms, members of both Boards were extremely generous in offering to step down or to renew for limited terms. The proposed renewals sorted perfectly into staggered cohorts for both Boards, and in Spring 2012 the Board of Associate Editors elected two new members to the 10-member Advisory Board and six to the 25-member Editorial Board:

- **Editorial Board:** Alia Al-Saji, Alison Bailey, Talia Mae Bettcher, Cheshire Calhoun, Johanna Oksala, and Jenny Saul
- **Advisory Board:** Diana Tietjens Meyers, and Naomi Scheman.

To recognize the service of longstanding *Hypatia* affiliates, especially those who rotated off the *Hypatia* boards in 2012, we created an online [Honor Roll](#) that lists everyone who has served on a *Hypatia* editorial team board.

**Hypatia Inc. (WA)**

*Hypatia* has been on an increasingly sound financial footing since 2010, at which point Wiley-Blackwell had rebuilt the journal's distribution and *Hypatia* generated sufficient revenue to cover its annual base income. The journal had operated at a substantial loss in 2009, the first year it was published by Wiley-Blackwell. The revenue generated by *Hypatia* in 2012 (all sources) was \$62,534; the majority of this income takes the form of royalties paid by Wiley-Blackwell, supplemented by royalties from JSTOR (for back-content access) and Indiana University Press (for *Hypatia* anthologies). This represents an increase of just over \$2000 from 2011, and is projected by Wiley-Blackwell to be stable over the next five years.

The expense of operating the editorial office in 2012 came to just under \$70,000 and was evenly split between the University of Washington and Hypatia Inc., the non-profit entity that handles the journal's financial and legal business. The administrative expenses incurred by Hypatia Inc. (reincorporation fees, tax filings, legal advice) have declined annually since 2008, when the non-profit was incorporated. In 2012 they came to \$4,300, just 12% of all expenses reported in 2012.

Hypatia Inc. was established as a non-profit entity in Washington State in 2008, and its federal nonprofit status was confirmed in 2011. Formal bylaws have since been finalized, and a full Board of Directors established in 2012. The following slate of directors and officers was confirmed at the Annual General Meeting in August 2012:

President: Ann Garry

Board Chair: Lori Gruen

Secretary: Laurie Shrage

Treasurer: Alison Wylie

Members at large: Diana Tietjens Meyers and Nancy Tuana