

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

People in Support of Women in Philosophy is a publication support group comprised of both women and men within the graduate program of the Philosophy Department at The New School for Social Research. Our overall goal is the advancement of women and minorities in philosophy via professional development. The group meets weekly to discuss a member's paper with the aim of preparing the work for either conference presentation or publication. As a group, we are committed to the maintenance of a forum within which women's voices are privileged and rigorous discussion of women's philosophical work can take place. Although Women in Philosophy has its origins in the study of explicitly feminist philosophy, the contemporary focus has shifted to include a breadth of topics as women philosophers address them. We see this forum as an important alternative to the consistent minority that women occupy within philosophy departments, philosophy classrooms, and other philosophical forums. Women in Philosophy is by no means a replacement for such forums, but rather a critical space reserved for women to develop their philosophical potential outside the standard academic environment.

The aim of the Women in Philosophy Annual Journal of Papers is to showcase the work of our members through the publication of essays that have been workshopped and presented at our meetings. Our Journal can also be found online at: www.newschool.edu/nssr/wip. We would like to thank the Department of Philosophy at the New School for their continuing support of our group.

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