

SWIP Archive Project  
Call for Contributions

The Steering Committee of the Society for Women in Philosophy Archive Project is delighted to announce that the Feminist Theory Archive (FTA) of the John Hay Library at Brown University has invited SWIP members to donate their SWIP-related conference programs, photos and other relevant materials to the SWIP Record Collection of the FTA. The officers of the three main divisions of SWIP have expressed their support for this project, as has the Commission on the Status of Women of the American Philosophical Association. We encourage you all to contribute relevant materials, and to notify others of this invitation.

Why the need for a SWIP Archive Project? From its origins SWIP has served as the “laboratory” for expanding philosophical concerns in every field to include the diverse interests of diverse groups of women. A huge and well-respected array of journal articles, books, and conferences have emerged from SWIP meetings, along with advocacy for fair treatment of women in disciplinary hiring practices, department procedures, conference activities, journals and publishing houses. The vision of professional philosophy has been greatly expanded as a result of these SWIP activities. Moreover, the conventional male-supremacist professional procedures of philosophy departments and the American Philosophical Association have been challenged and transformed as a result of discussions that began in SWIP. Additionally, SWIP members have contributed to the emergence of similar organizations in Europe, such as the International Association of Women Philosophers (IAPh), and, by now, around the globe.

Yet the records of these momentous activities reside mostly in dusty attic boxes, now abandoned e-mail accounts, and the minds of individual feminist philosophers. Furthermore, the first generation of SWIP members is already well into retiring; a few, alas, have already died. This SWIP Archive Project seeks to gather and organize whatever records of these activities exist, as well as present and future such records, and to have them preserved and presented in the FTA. The FTA is the premiere archive of feminist theory in the country and in the world. The FTA will make this significant part of the history of philosophy and, more generally, of intellectual history, available to philosophers, their students, scholars in other fields, and to the general public.

Attached are the FTA invitation and the Donor Guidelines for the Society for Women in Philosophy. Please note that the contributions are to be restricted to SWIP-related materials (vs. individual philosophers’ personal papers), and note the lists of what kinds of such materials the FTA will and will not accept. We recommend that you contact the FTA Archivist, Wendy Korwin ([pembroke.archives@brown.edu](mailto:pembroke.archives@brown.edu)) if you have questions about this process.

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