

Greetings FEMSSists!

For those of you who were unable to attend the conference, and just as a reminder to the rest, here's a brief report on the fantastic "Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics and Science Studies: The First Conference" hosted by Lynn Hankinson Nelson at the University of Washington in November.

This organization having been initiated mostly by philosophers, it was really thrilling that already we were able to begin extensive conversation with feminist scientists. We can expect that dialogue to continue to build as feminist scientists will be holding central positions in the growth of FEMSS over the next few years. Sociologist Mary Margaret Fonow plans to hold our second conference in the Fall of 2006 at Arizona State in Tempeh, and the first co-chairs of the Association are physicist Barbara Whitten (at Colorado College: <http://www.coloradocollege.edu/Dept/PC/Faculty/Whitten.html>) and cultural historian of public policy and public science Nancy Campbell (at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: <http://www.rpi.edu/dept/sts/>). In addition, about 20 people have volunteered for the steering committee.

Here's a photo of Mary Margaret, with philosophers Phyllis Rooney (Oakland University) and Ann Garry (Cal State Los Angeles) from the final session on "'Feminism' in Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics and Science Studies".

There is still a lot of outreach to be done. In particular, we are only barely reaching the broader science studies community. (I left out some flyers at the meeting of the History of Science Association, and talked things up as much as I could, but I don't expect that reached very far.) However, a central basis of information and identity will be available once the webpage is up, which should be shortly.

So, we have a skeletal organization. For the moment, we have no dues, and so no budget, but we will take things one step at a time.

Cheers,
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