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**Objectivity and  
Subjectivity:  
Recent Debates  
in Feminism  
and Philosophy**

University of Western Ontario  
October 3-5, 2003

**CSWIP**



**plenary speaker:**

*Alison Wylie  
(Washington University)*

**abstract:**

The conference theme allows for contributions from different areas of philosophy and feminist philosophy, for subjectivity and objectivity are recurring themes throughout all philosophical areas. Actual contributions fall primarily into two broad areas: moral and political philosophy, and epistemology and philosophy of science.

Presenters will tackle such enduring and troubling issues as the value of women's subjective experience to a moral understanding of their lives and the value of one's social location for knowledge in general.

## preliminary program

### Friday, October 3

Keynote address (Conron Hall)

*Alison Wylie*, Washington University

'Why Standpoint Matters:

Epistemic Advantage on the Margins'

Banquet: Michael's Restaurant, UWO

### Saturday, October 4 9 - 10 am

1. 'The Aesthetic Arguments of Copernicus, Rhetoric, and Kepler' *Rhonda Martens*, University of Manitoba

2. 'Personalizing the Political: Attending to the Discourse Surrounding Breast Cancer' *Susan Sherwin*, Dalhousie University

10:00 - 10:15 am Refreshments

10:15-11:15 am

1. 'One for All and All for One: The Individual and the Social in Epistemology' *Cate Hundleby*

2. 'Teasing: In Our Objective Interests' *Michelle Switzer*, Whittier College

11:30 - 12:30 pm

1. 'Responsibility, Paternity and the Costs of Rearing Children' *Elizabeth Brake*, University of Calgary

2. 'Subjective Freedom and Objective Situations: Simone de Beauvoir on Women's Complicity with Patriarchy' *Lynda Lange*, University of Toronto

12:30 - 1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 pm

1. 'Folk Psychology and Borderline Personality Disorder' *Robyn Bluhm*, UWO

2. 'Feminist Interests and the Need for Objectivity' *Jane Isaacs-Doyle*, Trent/Queen's

2:30 - 2:45 pm Refreshments

2:45 - 5:00 pm

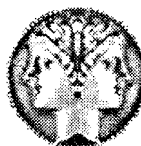
**Panel Discussion 1: The Perfect Embryo**

*Carolyn McLeod*, UWO; *Samantha Brennan*, UWO; and *Sophia Wong*, Columbia

**Panel Discussion 2: Empiricism and Emancipation**

*Kathleen Okruhlik*, UWO; *Alison Wylie*, Washington University; *Edrie Sobstyl*, University of Texas

DINNER at Mykonos Restaurant, Adelaide and Elias; followed by a **DANCE!**



### Sunday, October 5 9:00 - 11:00 pm

**Panel Book Discussion: Aging, Death, and Human Longevity: A Philosophical Inquiry by Christine Overall, Queen's University**

*Ingrid Connidis*, Sociology, UWO; *Monique Lanoix*, Concordia University; *Tracy Isaacs*, UWO; and *Sue Campbell*, Dalhousie University

2. 'An Impossible Bargain?: How Helen Longino's Social Account of Objectivity Negotiates the Relativism Problem'

*Evelyn Brister*, Rochester Institute of Technology

3. 'The "Bond" of Milk: Maternal Integrity and the Fetishization of Proximity'

*Rebecca Kukla*, Carleton University

11:00 - 11:15 am Refreshments

11:15 - 12:15 pm

1. 'Objectifying the Subjective: Consciousness Studies, First-Person Authority, and Autonomy' *Jillian McIntosh*, UWO

2. 'Global Feminism and the Question of Identity Politics' *Alison Weir*, Wilfrid Laurier University

3. 'Women's Objectification and the Norm of Assumed Objectivity' *Evangelia Papadaki*, University of Sheffield