

2008

**REASON, ACTIVISM & CHANGE:
Philosophical Considerations**

Friday, October 3

2:00-4:15

Concurrent Sessions

Session 1a: Changing Reason: Law, Judgment & Contemplation

Panel Organizer: Alexis Shotwell, Laurentian

Chair: Deborah Cook, Windsor

Sensuousness, Reason, and Action

Alexis Shotwell, Laurentian

Expectant Listening: Kierkegaard, Arendt, and Habermas

Ada Jaarsma, Sonoma State

Law, Love, and Life: Forgiveness and the Transformation of Politics

Shannon Hoff, Institute for Christian Studies

Session 1b: Situating Reasoning in This World & Our Bodies

Chair: Philip Rose, Windsor

Overcoming Fear: The Roles of Reason and Compassion

Gail Presbey, Detroit Mercy

*Rethinking Action and Ethics of Health Promotion in an Era of Social
Connection and Global Threats*

Susan Sherwin, Dalhousie

Clinical Evidence and the Absent Body in Medical Epistemology

Maya Goldenberg, Guelph

4:30-6:00

Concurrent Sessions

Session 2a: Reasoning for Change – What Works?

Chair: Christopher Tindale, Windsor

*What sort of reasoning entrenches existing views and what encourages
change?*

Joan Woolfrey, West Chester

Rationality, Social Identity and the Conditions of Intelligibility

Rebecca Mason, Dalhousie

Session 2b: Changing Social Identities

Chair: Radu Neculau, Windsor

Transforming Identities: Between Power and Connection

Allison Weir, Wilfrid Laurier

Sexual Disorientation and Imaginative Responsibility

Ami Harbin, Dalhousie

6:30-8:00

Keynote Address

Introduction of Marilyn Frye by Charlene Senn, Windsor

The Power of Labels: "I'm (Just) a Person"

Marilyn Frye

University Distinguished Professor,
Michigan State University

8:00

Dinner Banquet at the University Club (Vanier Hall)

Saturday, October 4

9:00-10:30

Plenary Session:

Thinking about Diane Enns' "Speaking of Freedom" – A Book Panel

Chair: Jeff Noonan, Windsor

Panel: Karen Engle, Windsor

Lisa Guenther, Vanderbilt

Karen L. F. Houle, Guelph

Respondent: Diane Enns, McMaster

10:45-12:15

Concurrent Sessions

Session 3a: The Obligations of Activism

Chair: Carla Fehr, Iowa State

Feminist Ethics and Everyday Inequalities

Samantha Brennan, UWO

The Character of the Closet: Revisiting the Ethics of "Out"

Alice MacLachlan, York

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Session 3b: How Politics Can Change Philosophy

Chair: Randi Warne, Mount Saint Vincent

Husserl Betrayed: His Nazi Students' Impact

Amanda Gibeault, Boston College

Participatory Action Research: A Role for Philosophers as Activists?

Christine Koggel, Carleton

12:15–1:45 Lunch provided; walk by the Detroit River recommended

1:45-3:15 Concurrent Sessions

Session 4a: The Ontology of Activism

Chair: Kate Mehuron, Eastern Michigan

Individualism and Oppression: Transforming Feminist Autonomy Theory

Lisa Schwartzman, Michigan State

Breaking the Boundaries of Activism:

(Un)Engaging Elitist Conceptions and (Re)Claiming Activist Histories of the Oppressed or Women in the Hood Act Out Too

Nicole Garner, John Carroll

Session 4b: Activist Epistemology

Chair: Heidi Grasswick, Middlebury

Modifying and Defending Critical Contextual Empiricism

Kirstin Borgerson, Dalhousie

Knowing Gender and Race Well: Expanding Epistemic Normativity

Phyllis Rooney, Oakland

3:30-5:00 Concurrent Sessions

Session 5a: Situating Activist Reasoning

Chair: Garth Rennie, Windsor

Spatial Metaphors for Oppression: Intersectionality and Hierarchy in Feminist Theory and Practice

Anna Carastathis, McGill

Public Remembering and Indigenous Activism

Sue Campbell, Dalhousie

Session 5b: Reasoning toward Better Policies

Chair: Jeff Noonan, Windsor

Evaluating a Knowledge Claim: Who Knows Why Children Die?

Gerald Cradock, Windsor

Engaging with International Justice

Margaret Denike, Carleton

5:15-7:00 CSWIP Annual General Meeting

7:15-9:00 Dinner Reception at The Escape Café (1521 Riverside

Drive West; a 15 minute walk from the University or the Radisson/downtown)

Sunday October 5

8:30-9:45 Breakfast provided

Poetry readings by Susan L. Holbrook (Windsor) and Karen L.F. Houle (Guelph)

9:45-12:00 Plenary Session: The Work of Val Plumwood

Chair: Veronika A. Mogyorody, Windsor

Greetings from University of Windsor President Alan Wildeman

Plumwood, Intensionality, and Political Solidarity

Chaone Mallory, Villanova

Val Plumwood and the Ecologically Continuous Self

Lisa Kretz, Dalhousie

Val Plumwood's Text of Proposed Plenary Address (title TBA), read by Lorraine Code

Ecological Thinking: The Influence of Val Plumwood

Lorraine Code, York