

# Theorizing the Body, Embodiment, and Body-Practices

The **Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy** invites papers from all areas of philosophy related to the theme of the conference, including the history of philosophy, analytic and continental philosophy. We also welcome submissions of panel proposals that focus on specific questions, problems and concepts at work within analyses of the body, embodiment, and body-practices.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Cressida J. Heyes, Canada Research Chair in Philosophy of Gender and Sexuality, University of Alberta**

Topics might include, but are not limited to:

- The metaphysics of the body itself and the materiality of somatic practices like dance, sports, and yoga
- The aesthetic, ethical, or moral dimensions, real or imagined, of body-practices
- The role of bodies as the subjects of research science, in scientific testing, and in scientific practice more generally
- The integrity of the body in medical practice and intervention
- The taxonomies of bodies, like identity-categories of sex, gender, sexuality, race, disability and fatness, as well as the social, political, biomedical and epistemological processes by which such categories are mobilized, reinforced, and undermined
- How technologies of the body intersect with conceptions of health, bodily capacity, and life, and, conversely, with norms that give rise to judgments of deviance, incarceration, and other forms of social exclusion
- Personhood, language and agency in human and non-human animal bodies
- Methodological debates about the study of embodiment, including somatocentric and phenomenological explanations of behaviour, the study of embodied consciousness and situated cognition, and the relations between cognitive and corporeal processes
- Theoretical accounts about the embodiment of pedagogy and the complex interplay between desire, affects, and bodies in the classroom

This conference will be an accessible conference, and if you have any questions about accessibility, please do not hesitate to contact the conference organizer, Ada Jaarsma, at [ajaarsma@mtroyal.ca](mailto:ajaarsma@mtroyal.ca)

## SUBMISSIONS:

**Standard submissions:** Submissions of long abstracts (1000 words) are invited (for eventual presentation of papers not exceeding 3000 words). Please email the abstract as both a double-spaced Word.doc and also as a RTF attachment, prepared for anonymous review. Please note: this requires that you remove all identifying-author tags from your document content and file properties. Please include your full contact information in the email only (not with the abstract). Along with your contact information, we are asking for the brief biographical material that will be required for our SSHRC conference grant application: your institutional affiliation and degrees (starting with the most recent and specifying the discipline); recent positions, especially those relevant to the event; recent publications, especially those relevant to the event.

We welcome submissions of panel proposals, and so if you are submitting a panel, please send all of the longabstracts and the biographical information in one email, indicating clearly that this is a panel submission.

**Submission deadline: midnight Mountain time, Wednesday Feb 15, 2012.**

**Submissions from graduate students wishing to be considered for the CSWIP Graduate Award:** This recently instigated award gives special recognition to an outstanding paper to be read by a graduate student at the CSWIP annual conference. The Award will be announced at the conference. To be eligible the student must be registered in a graduate degree programme and not yet have been awarded a PhD by the time of the CSWIP submission deadline for the conference. **Submission deadline:** When you submit your 1,000 word abstract by midnight Mountain time, Wednesday Feb 15, 2012, please include your full contact information in the email only and indicate in the email that you wish to be considered for the CSWIP Graduate Award. The completed paper—not exceeding 3,000 words—must be prepared for anonymous review (which requires that you remove all identifying-author tags from your document content and file properties). The completed paper must be submitted by midnight Mountain time, Monday July 2, 2012. Please email as both a double-spaced Word and also as a RTF attachment.

All submissions to be sent electronically to the Review Coordinator:

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