

Theory on the Move: Three Decades of Critical Feminist Thinking

A Scholarly Conference in Celebration of the Pembroke Center's 30th Anniversary

Saturday, November 5, 2011
Pembroke Hall 305

9 am

WELCOME

9:15 am - 10: 45 am

QUESTIONING BORDERS

- **Anne Norton**, Political Science, University of Pennsylvania
"The Edges of Power"
- **Jenny Sharpe**, English and Women's Studies, University of California – Los Angeles
"The Creative Function of Difference in Postcolonial Feminist Theory"
- **Afsaneh Najmabadi**, History and Studies of Women, Gender and Sexuality, Harvard University
"Histories of Our Presents? Or: Without a Place to Rest the Sole of My Foot – II"

Moderator: Thangam Ravindranathan, French Studies, Brown University

11 am - 12:30 pm

THEORETICAL TURNS ACROSS THE DISCIPLINES

- **Lisa Cartwright**, Communication and Science Studies, University of California – San Diego
"Feminist Theory in the Science and Technology Studies (STS)-Visual Culture Matrix"
- **Sylvia Schafer**, History, University of Connecticut
"Still Turning: Language, 'Theory' and History's Fascination with the New"
- **Charles Shepherdson**, English, State University of New York – Albany
"Esthetics and Emotion: A Genealogy"

Moderator: Debbie Weinstein, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Assistant Director of the Pembroke Center, Brown University

12:45 pm - 2:45 pm

LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WITH FORMER DIRECTORS

- **Joan Wallach Scott**, Institute for Advanced Study
- **Ellen Rooney**, Brown University
- **Karen Newman**, Brown University
- **Elizabeth Weed**, Brown University

Moderator: Kay Warren, Anthropology, Director of the Pembroke Center, Brown University

3:00 pm- 4:30 pm

LOGICS OF PERCEPTION

- **Margherita Long**, Comparative Literature, University of California – Riverside
“Freud, Fukushima, Fiction, Fantasy, Fatigue”
- **Sharika Thiranagama**, Anthropology, The New School for Social Research
“Tropes and the Tropics: Female Militancy and Gender Transformation”
- **Sandy Alexandre**, Literature, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
“Can Scholarship Grow on Trees?: Thinking Ecologically through Black Culture’s Eco-Logics”

Moderator: Timothy Bewes, English, Brown University

4:45 pm – 5:45 pm

OPEN DISCUSSION: ENGAGING THEORY ON THE MOVE

- **Suzanne Stewart-Steinberg**, Chesler-Mallow Senior Faculty Fellow and Leader of the 2011-12 Pembroke Seminar, “The Question of Consent,” Associate Professor of Italian Studies and Comparative Literature
- **Crystal Biruk**, Nancy L. Buc Postdoctoral Fellow
- **Joseph Fischel**, Carol G. Lederer Postdoctoral Fellow
- **Poulomi Saha**, Artemis A.W. and Martha Joukowsky Postdoctoral Fellow

A conversation about how scholars engage with theory today.

5:45 pm

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