
U.S. MIDWEST SWIP 2018 CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 2-4 AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TN

Call for Abstracts:

The Midwest U.S. Division of the Society for Women in Philosophy invites papers in all areas of feminist philosophy, theory, and praxis, including but not limited to ethics, social/political philosophy, phenomenology, existentialism, epistemology, and metaphysics. U.S. Midwest SWIP is interested in enriching discussions about contemporary social and political issues, and we welcome work that interrogates how such issues intersect with race, gender, ability, and class.

In light of recent events, we are particularly interested in submissions that engage with the lives and experiences of queer, trans*, lesbian, gay, and bisexual people of color, and will give preference to submissions that address this topic. For the 2018 conference we especially invite papers that engage the theory and themes of Maria Lugones' work.

Other potential themes include:

- Mass Incarceration, Cradle-to-prison Pipeline, and Carceral Feminisms
- Sexual Assault and Gender-based Violence
- Police and State Violence against People of Color and Trans* People
- Coloniality and Decolonial Methodologies
- Queer/Crip Theory and Disability Studies
- Insurrectional Political Action and Uprisings
- Reproductive Justice
- Climate Change, the Anthropocene, and Muzzling/Silencing of Climate Research
- Indigeneity and Indigenous Rights
- Immigration, Assimilation, and Statelessness
- Austerity Measures and Neoliberalism
- Food Justice and Food Politics
- Social Epistemology, esp. investigations into and critical readings of epistemology of ignorance and epistemology of resistance literature
- Pluralist and/or Multiplicitous theories of Identity

The program committee gives preference to women and members of other marginalized groups who are working on feminist projects that engage multiple axes of oppression. We also welcome the work of scholars at any stage in their careers.

Submission Guidelines:

Please submit an extended abstract of 800-1000 words with a preliminary bibliography (We will also accept full paper submissions of no more than 3000 words). Please send all submissions as MS word documents, and include as a separate attachment, a cover page with the title, institutional

affiliation, rank or occupation, and email address of the presenters to: midwestusswip@gmail.com by **August 15th, 2018**.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Host Institution

Vanderbilt University
2201 West End Ave
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Local Arrangement Organizer

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Keeping U.S. Midwest SWIP Affordable

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Accessibility

The conference location is an accessible space. However, if anyone desires a specific accommodation, please contact the local host in order to secure needed resources.