

**FEAST**  
***The Association for Feminist Ethics and  
Social Theory***

invites submissions for the Fall 2017 conference.

**Decolonizing and Indigenizing Feminist Philosophy**

October 5-8, 2017

Sheraton Sand Key Resort, Clearwater Beach, Florida

**Submission deadline: February 28, 2017**

FEAST encourages submissions related to this year's theme. However, papers on all topics within the areas of feminist ethics and social theory are welcome.

We will also consider papers outside of traditional philosophical frameworks.

CFP with keynote speaker and invited panel information coming soon!

**Description of this year's theme:**

Feminist philosophy has had a legacy of expressing concern for diverse claims of minority groups, including indigenous people while at the same time being ignorant of philosophy's role in perpetuating colonial domination within philosophical scholarship or activist pursuits. This year's conference theme aims to cultivate and encourage more feminist theorizing related to indigenous philosophies and decolonizing methodologies. How might feminist work be transformed through indigenous thought and encounters with indigenous concerns? How are concepts of identity, gender roles, reparations, nations/national sovereignty, property, marriage, community, nature/culture, environment, and sustainability challenged or enriched by indigenous ideas and philosophies? We also invite indigenous and decolonial engagements with human rights discourses.

While feminist theorizing has been useful in bringing to light indigenous concerns, how might feminist philosophy become more of a discipline that is transformed through indigenous philosophy? How might projects of decolonization shift through an indigenous feminist philosophy? Decolonization (and colonization) projects take place in a variety of contexts/areas: geographical, psychological, epistemological, ethical, social and political, educational and pedagogical. How can feminists working in the areas of ethics and social theory engage in projects of decolonization in these areas? How can feminist philosophers contribute productively to both practical and theoretical projects of decolonization?

This year's FEAST conference invites submissions that take up feminist philosophy in relation to indigenous thought and decolonizing methods. We welcome papers that take both theoretical and practical approaches to these issues and related issues in feminist ethics, epistemology, political and social theory more broadly construed. FEAST encourages submissions related to this year's theme. However, papers on all topics within the areas of feminist ethics and social theory are welcome. We will also consider papers outside of traditional philosophical frameworks.

Topics to consider may include, but are not limited to:

- Challenges to sovereignty understood as a nation-building concept
- Reconceiving empowerment within indigenous communities
- Gender and sexual differences within indigenous communities, including the idea of gender complementarity versus gender equality
- Intersectionality within indigenous communities: race, gender, sexuality, class, post-colonial
- Indigenous trans/queer identities: two-spirit, fa'afafine, mahoo, etc.
- Indigenous feminist critiques of feminist philosophy
- Cultural appropriation and the problems of feminists "going native"
- Ecofeminism and indigenous philosophy/ecofeminist indigenous philosophy
- Women and gender in indigenous cosmological thought
- What is indigenous, indigeneity, or native?
- Reparations
- Indigenous conceptions of education and feminist pedagogy
- Indigenous intellectual sovereignty and/or intellectual exploitation (such as bio-piracy)
- Human rights and indigenous peoples and philosophies

### **Call for abstracts: Difficult Conversations**

A signature event of FEAST conferences is a lunch-time "Difficult Conversation" that focuses on an important, challenging, and under-theorized topic related to feminist ethics or social theory.

In keeping with this year's theme of Indigenizing Feminist Philosophy, this year our topic for the difficult conversation panel is **Cultural Appropriation in Feminist Scholarship**. This conversation hopes to provide an environment conducive to dialogue for and among native and non-native, women of color and white academics concerning the harms produced by practices of cultural appropriation in feminist scholarship. We hope that we can openly discuss the concerns of exclusion among native feminist scholars in philosophy and culturally appropriate practices in utilizing indigenous thought in feminist philosophy.

We are soliciting abstracts (see below) that address, in both North American and transnational contexts; the ethics of responsible scholarship, concrete experiences of the difficulties and limits of cultural appropriation of indigenous thought from both native and non-native perspectives; cross-cultural pursuits in scholarship; strategies for being a culturally competent scholar when addressing indigenous thought; well-intentioned but misplaced pedagogical and scholarly strategies; strategies in decolonizing feminist philosophy; and effective activism that does not undermine indigenous concerns.

### **Submission Guidelines**

Please send your submission, in one document (a Word file, please, so that abstracts can be posted), to [FEAST2017submissions@rollins.edu](mailto:FEAST2017submissions@rollins.edu) by February 28, 2017. In the body of the email message, please include: your paper or panel title, name, institutional affiliation, e-mail address, surface mail address, and phone number. All submissions will be anonymously reviewed.

#### Individual Papers

Please submit a completed paper of no more than 3000 words, along with an abstract of 100-250 words, for anonymous review. Your document must include: paper title, abstract of 100-250 words, and your paper, with no identifying information. The word count (max. 3000) should appear on the top of the first page of your paper.

#### Panels

Please clearly mark your submission as a panel submission both in the body of the e-mail and on the submission itself. Your submission should include the panel title and all three abstracts and papers in *one* document, along with word counts (no more than 3000 for each paper).

#### Difficult Conversations and other non-paper submissions (e.g., workshops, discussions, etc.)

Please submit an abstract with a detailed description (500-750 words).

Please clearly indicate the type of submission (Difficult Conversation, workshop, roundtable discussion, etc.) both in the body of your e-mail and on the submission itself.

For more information on FEAST or to see programs from previous conferences, go to: <http://www.afeast.org>

Questions on this conference or the submission process may be directed to the Program Chairs, Celia Bardwell-Jones ([celiab@hawaii.edu](mailto:celiab@hawaii.edu)) and/or Margaret McLaren ([mmclaren@rollins.edu](mailto:mmclaren@rollins.edu)).