

*The
French
Feminism
Circle*

*The Inaugural Meeting
May 17-20, 2007
Monteagle, Tennessee*

Hosted by Vanderbilt University

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The Adams Edgeworth Inn Bed and Breakfast is located in Monteagle, Tennessee, home to Sewanee College, 'The University of the South.' The Inn is located in the Monteagle Assembly, a historic Chautauqua, forty-five miles northwest of Chattanooga and eighty-five miles southeast of Nashville.

URL: <http://www.edgeworthinn.com/>
Phone: 931-924-4000

Travel to the Inn

By Car

From Nashville (approximately 1 hour), take I-24 East to Exit 134. Turn right 4/10 of a mile, look for the green ATM sign on the left, then turn left on assembly Avenue. Go under the "Monteagle Assembly" archway and through the gatehouse. Follow one-way sign 1/10 mile to the bottom of the hill. Turn a hard right up Chestnut Hill for 1/10 of a mile. Turn left at dead-end and part in check-in area.

From Chattanooga (approximately 40 minutes), take I-24 West to Exit 134. Turn right 4/10 of a mile, look for the green ATM sign on the left, then turn left on assembly Avenue. Go under the "Monteagle Assembly" archway and through the gatehouse. Follow one-way sign 1/10 mile to the bottom of the hill. Turn a hard right up Chestnut Hill for 1/10 of a mile. Turn left at dead-end and part in check-in area.

By Air

If you are flying into the Nashville airport (BNA), travel to the Inn has been arranged by the conference organizers as follows. Drivers and participants will arrange more detailed plans.

Driver: Kelly Oliver (home: 615-383-8964; Email:

Kelly.Oliver@vanderbilt.edu)

Participants, air travel, and contact information:

Alia Al-Saji, arrives at 3:00 pm, Delta 5245 (Cell: 514-208-2022; Email: alia.al-saji@mcgill.ca)

Tina Chanter, arrives at 2:45 pm, AA 2700 (Email: tchanter@depaul.edu)

Noelle McAfee, arrives at 2:49 pm, US Airways (Cell: 202.531.1185; Email: noelle_mcafee@mac.com)

Shannon Hoff, arrives at 3:20 pm, Delta 3433 (Cell: 740-630-8202; Email: Shoff@Muskingum.Edu)

Parties should meet at Baggage Carousels 8/9 by 3:30 pm

Driver: Sarah Hanson (Cell: 615.479.5728; Email:

sarah.k.hansen@Vanderbilt.Edu)

Participants, air travel, and contact information:

Robyn Ferrell, arriving early, pick up from hotel (Email: rferrell@unimelb.edu.au)

Lisa Guenther, arriving early, pick up from hotel (Email: l.guenther@auckland.ac.nz)

Kathryn Gines, pick up from home (Cell: 615-243-6827; Email: kathryn.t.gines@vanderbilt.edu)

Driver: Ellen Armour (Cell: 615.739.4431; Email: ellen.t.armour@vanderbilt.edu)

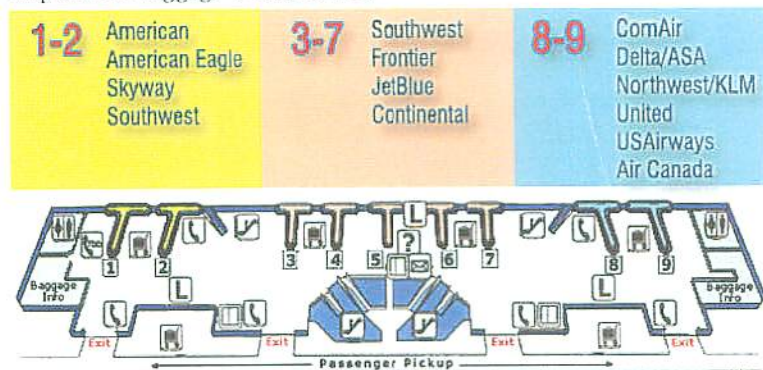
Participants, air travel, and contact information:

Donna Marcano, arrives at 12:04 pm, U.S. Airways 1814 (Cell: 860-371-6378; Email: Donna.Marcano@trincoll.edu)

Ann Murphy, arrives at 11:10 am, Delta 5574 (Cell: 646-919-6911; Email: anmurphy@fordham.edu)

Parties should meet at Baggage Carousels 8/9 by 12:15 pm

Map of BNA Baggage Claim, Level 2:



Research Sessions

Research sessions are organized as workshops for work in progress. Each participant will have approximately 45 minutes total for a brief presentation and an answer/question session. We suggest that you plan to speak for no more than 25 minutes to allow for questions, and we welcome you to speak extemporaneously rather than read should you like to.

Other Notes

We suggest comfortable clothing for the conference and tennis shoes for exploring the grounds and the optional hike on Friday. There are tennis and basketball courts. If you would like to play, we suggest bringing appropriate clothing and gear.

The monthly average temperatures for Monteagle, TN are a little cooler than Nashville's. The average high is 73 degrees, and the average low is 54 degrees. You may also prepare for a possible May shower and possibly the first mosquitoes of the year on the front porch.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 17, 2007

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm on The Porch
Meet and Greet Mint Julep Hour

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm on The Porch
Welcome and Informal Workshop Session:
“The French Feminism Circle”

7:30 pm: Dinner at the Adams Edgeworth Inn

Friday, May 18, 2007

7:30 am – 9 am: Breakfast at the Inn

9:00 am – 10:30 am: **Research Workshop: Narratives of Kinship and Birth, I**
Sara Beardsworth, “Genealogy in Motion/Genealogy in Question:
Subjectivity in French Feminism”
Mary Beth Mader, “Luce Irigaray and Anthropological Thought”

Coffee and Snack Break

11:00 am – 1:15 pm: **Research Workshop: Narratives of Kinship and Birth, II**
Tina Chanter, “The Performative Politics and Rebirth of Antigone in
ancient Greece and modern South Africa”
Shannon Hoff, “Toward a Democracy Between Two: Irigaray and Hegel
on Rights, Recognition, and Sexual Difference”
Jena Jolissaint, “Languages of the Body, or: All About My Mothers”

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm: Lunch provided by The Blue Chair

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: **Research Workshop: Black French Feminist Philosophy?
Tensions, Reappraisals, and the Future**
Donna Marciano, “French Feminism and Black Feminist Philosophy”
Kathryn Gines, “French Feminism and the Problem of Race”

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm: **Optional Hike**
An easy to moderate hike along the beautiful Firey Gizzard Creek. This
leisurely hike will take about 1.5 hour roundtrip with a 30 minute rest half
way. The trailhead is a 10 minute drive from the conference. Interested
parties should meet on the front porch of the Inn at 4:00 pm.

7:30 pm: Cocktails, Dinner, and a Movie in the Dining Hall

Saturday, May 19, 2007

7:30 am – 9:00 am: Breakfast at the Inn

9:00 am – 10:30 pm: Research Workshop: Reflecting Self and Other(s), I

Kyoo Lee, "*Larvatus Prodeo Effeminatus*: Descartes's Theoretical Transvestitism and the Allegory of the Woman Machine"

Ann Murphy, "Michelle Le Doeuff, Violence and the Philosophical Imaginary "

Coffee and Snack Break

11:00 am – 1:15 pm: Research Workshop: Reflecting Self and Other(s), II

Robyn Ferrell, "Affects and Images in the 'Real World'" and "Technology of Genre"

Alia Al-Saji, "Seeing Differently? Perspectives for Ethical and Critical Vision in Bergson, Irigaray and Merleau-Ponty"

Ellen T. Armour, "French Feminism and its Discontents"

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm: Lunch provided by Shenanigans

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm: Research Workshop: The Writing of Mourning/ Melancholia

Elaine P. Miller, "Spiritual Inoculations: Melancholia and Allegory in Kristeva and Benjamin"

Emily Zakin, "Sarah Kofman and the Play of Mourning"

Coffee and Snack Break

4:30 pm – 6:45 pm: Research Workshop: Singular, Sexual, and Ethical Borders

Lisa Guenther, "The Ontology of Sexual Difference"

Noelle McAfee, "Feminist Performative Ethics"

Pleshette DeArmitt, "Between Self-Love and Singularity"

7:30 pm: Cocktails and Dinner provided by Pearl's at the Second House

Sunday, May 20, 2007

8:00 am – 10:00 am: Breakfast Workshop Session: The French Feminism Circle

10:30 am: Depart for Nashville Airport

All Research Workshops will be held in the Dining Hall

The French Feminism Circle