Project: *Busted!! A Pictorial History of Women Philosophers in 4 DVD Volumes*

- Volume 1: Antiquity, the Middle Ages and the Early Renaissance (2300 BCE-1499)
- Volume 2: The Early Modern Period: (1500-1799)
- Volume 3: The Nineteenth Century: (1800-1899)
- Volume 4: The 20th century (1900-2012)

(Support is sought for production costs to complete Volumes 2 & 3)

1. **Steering Committee:** The Society for the Study of Women Philosophers (SSWP), founded in 1987, is an APA constituent society dedicated to the restoration of women’s works to the canon of philosophy and to the promotion of women’s participation in the discipline. SSWP was incorporated in 2013 as a non-profit, tax exempt association. Mary Ellen Waithe, Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Comparative Religion, and Director of the Women’s Studies Program at Cleveland State University is the present Chair of the SSWP Board of Directors. Dorothy G. Rogers, Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Montclair State University, is a SSWP Board member. Waithe and Rogers are collaborating on this expansion of Waithe’s original project, described below, and serve as the project’s “steering committee.” The project is undertaken by them on behalf of SSWP.

2. **Abstract:** At the APA conference on Diversity

Mary Ellen Waithe¹ hypothesized that Philosophy loses women because Intro courses do not teach women’s writings. The Society for Philosophy and Psychology recently provided confirmatory data, concluding that:

> ...it makes a difference when these students get the impression that men do philosophy and women don’t, because, for instance, they only read one woman author and 20 men over the semester. ²

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This project aims to change the typical student experience in a way that encourages women to enter the profession. The Society for the Study of Women Philosophers is creating an 8-hour, 4-Volume DVD project with segments on 175 women philosophers. Support is sought for Volumes 2 & 3 only.

3. **Purpose:** Over the past quarter-century, the authors and other scholars who are members of SSWP have contributed to the re-discovery of works by women philosophers. In addition to so-called “recovery projects” (writing histories, encyclopedia and journal articles) we have engaged in “restoration projects” (creating modern translations of works by women philosophers of the past two millennia). However, typical undergraduate students in an Introduction to Philosophy course are unlikely to become familiar with such research projects. They complete an introductory course in Philosophy unaware that women have always been practitioners of the discipline. Students who major in Philosophy, or who pursue graduate studies in Philosophy may eventually become acquainted with the recovery and restoration projects. But a woman taking an introductory course in Philosophy may well never take another Philosophy course because she does not see herself as a philosopher. This project aims to change that undergraduate introductory experience so that even if the works of women philosophers are not taught in that course, students (a) learn that women in every historical period were philosophers, and (b) undergraduates receive tools—biographical and bibliographical—with which to pursue research on and study works by women philosophers.

**Margaret Cavendish (1623-1673)**

Her *Observations Upon Experimental Philosophy* criticized the metaphysics of Descartes, Hobbes & Spinoza

As depicted in

*Busted!! A Pictorial History of Women Philosophers*

*Volume 2: The Early Modern Period*

*1500 – 1799*

The benefits to the profession are multiple:

(a) The early history of the discipline can be taught without leaving undergraduates with the impression that only men contributed to it. The DVDs can be used in Introduction to Philosophy courses, or individual volumes can be incorporated into the standard lower-level history of Philosophy course sequence: Ancient, Medieval, Early Modern, 19th & 20th centuries. Undergraduates introduced to women’s contributions to the discipline can utilize the searchable, printable bibliography as research tools for term papers.

(b) Individual professors learn that women have always been contributors to the profession. The DVDs are the perfect supplement to courses that otherwise are gender-segregated. They do not require the instructor to have background knowledge of women philosophers, and can be shown by a Teaching Assistant when the instructor is unavailable.

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2 Eddy Nahmias, quoted in National Public Radio 13.7 cosmos & culture

(c) Women are currently 20% of the profession. Therefore it is unsurprising that undergraduate women who do not study works by women philosophers tend not to major in Philosophy. This series of DVDs will enable undergraduate women to see themselves as having “philosophical foremothers.” They may therefore consider majoring in the discipline and eventually becoming part of it.

(d) One DVD will be available annually to SSWP members upon payment of dues. **Proceeds will fund a travel stipend award to help Graduate Students defray the cost of presenting a blind peer-reviewed paper about a woman philosopher at APA/SSWP meetings.** Although award of the travel stipend will not be limited to women graduate students, historically, approximately 80% of papers accepted by SSWP were authored by women, so we do expect this award to primarily benefit women graduate students.

![Image of Victoria, Lady Welby](image)

**Victoria, Lady Welby (1837-1912)**
Originator of semiotics.

As depicted in

*Busted!! A Pictorial History of Women Philosophers*  
Volume 3: The Nineteenth Century 1800-1899

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**Features of each DVD:**
- Historical introduction to each era
- Two to five-minute first-person narratives recorded by a woman with the same natural accent as the philosopher, e.g., an Egyptian woman narrates the segment on Hypatia of Alexandria.
- Multiple portraits of each woman philosopher, where available.
- Lists philosopher’s area(s) of expertise, e.g., metaphysics, aesthetics.
- Titles and/or photos of her publications.
- Names and portraits of the woman philosopher’s male associates: her teachers, mentors, students, predecessors/successors (where women headed schools of philosophy), philosophers whose works she commented on and philosophers who commented on her work.
- Background music by women composers of the period (except that medieval music is used during the segment on ancient women philosophers as well as during the segment on medieval women philosophers.) Composers’ work is credited, their portrait and dates are given.
- Downloadable, searchable, printable bibliography of primary and secondary sources.
- Audiovisual segments are searchable by philosopher’s name, nationality, title of works, and focus area of philosophy.
- Downloadable PDF of narratives (for hearing-impaired).
- Downloadable Brailled narratives and Bibliography (using Robo-Braille).
4. **Groundwork:**

(a) **The original DVD:** In 2008 Mary Ellen Waithe (editor of the 4-volume series *A History of Women Philosophers* and translator of the 1587 Spanish work *New Philosophy of Human Nature* by Oliva Sabuco de Nantes Barrera) created an instructional DVD, *Busted!! A Pictorial History of Women Philosophers.* It described the lives and works of 40 women philosophers. This DVD was shown to an enthusiastic audience at the December 2008 meeting of the APA constituent society, The Society for the Study of Women Philosophers. About half the audience was members of SSWP, the remainder were APA members. Audience comments and suggestions for revision led to the substantial expansion of material in the original DVD from to the present 4-volumes describing the contributions of 175 women. The narratives were recorded at Cleveland State University. Due to mispronunciations and some technical recording difficulties, narratives about 10 philosophers must be re-recorded for the new series.

Marie Olympe de Gouges (1748-1793)

Guillotined by the French government for publishing her “Defense of the Rights of Black Men”

As depicted in

*Busted!! A Pictorial History of Women Philosophers*  
*Volume 2: The Early Modern Period 1500 - 1799*

(b) **The 4-volume DVD series:** A good deal of progress has already been made. We have:

- Identified 175 women philosophers who are the subjects of the DVD series.
- Located sculpted, engraved or painted busts of 169 subjects.
- Incorporated narratives for 30 philosophers (originally recorded at CSU) into the new series.
- Re-recorded 4 original narratives (mispronunciations, technical issues).
- Written 2-5 minute narratives for 145 subjects.
- Created 4-6 PowerPoint slides for 150 subjects, containing multiple portraits, biographical information, specialty area in philosophy and photographs of their works.
- Written 3-minute historical introductions for each 45-minute (“class time”) segment of each DVD. (Total: 8 introductions).
- Recorded 4 of the 3-minute historical Introductions.
- Written 45-second “wrap-up” narratives for each segment of each DVD. (Total: 8 “wraps”)
- Recorded 4 of the “wraps.”
- Volume 1: 18 narratives recorded
- Volume 2: 20 Narratives recorded
- Volume 3: 20 Narratives recorded
- Volume 4: 20 Narratives recorded
- Organized dozens of volunteer narrators at MSU (according to their accent).
- Scheduled and supervised studio recording of narrations at MSU.
Located dozens of recordings of musical compositions by women composers. Created a table of works and their performance time length.
Located composer’s portraits and dates.
Presented a description of the project at the APA conference on Diversity in the Profession, Dayton, OH.

5. **Plan for Completion:**

(a) Work to be accomplished **prior to September 2014:**

**Volume 1: 2300 BCE – 1500 Antiquity, the Medieval Period & Early Renaissance**

- Record narrations of 18 philosophers, including 6 re-recordings. (18 additional narratives already recorded)
- Convert narratives to PDFs.
- Convert narratives and bibliography to Braille.
- Create downloadable, printable bibliography.
- Design labels, jewel case insert/liner notes.
- Pay recording engineer to record narrations, introductions and wraps.
- Pay Recording Studio time.
- Pay video engineer to copy and sound-edit music background, mesh audio and video, load bibliography, create searchable index, convert text to closed captioning, master and burn copies of DVD.
- Pay video studio time.
- Purchase/pay royalties for use of background music.
- Pay copyright fee, obtain permission for reproducing portraits.
- Purchase labels, cases, jewel case liner paper.
- Pay printing of labels and liners.
(b) Work to be completed during the grant period 1 September 2014 – 31 August 2015:

**Volume 2: The Late Renaissance through the Early Modern Period: 1500 – 1699**

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<td>Record narrations of 17 additional philosophers (includes re-recordings). (20 narratives already recorded). Record intros + wraps to two 45-minute segments.</td>
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<td>Work with engineers to copy and sound-edit music background to video, mesh audio and video, load bibliography, create searchable index, burn Master DVD, burn copies.</td>
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<td>Record narrations of 28 additional philosophers (includes re-recordings). (20 narratives already recorded). Record 2 Introductions and 2 wraps for the 2 segments of the DVD.</td>
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| Editing & Production (June 2015)
| • Student Engineer: 40 hours @$15                           | 600.00                     | 6/15             |              |
| • Editing Studio facility charge: 40 hours @$20             | 800.00                     | 6/15             |              |
| Travel Cleveland State University to Montclair State University\(^3\)
| • Mileage: 880 miles (r/t) @$0.565 = 497.20                  |                            |                   |              |
| • Accommodations: 6 nights @ $143/night = $858               | 858.00                     |                   |              |
| • Tolls, per deim, local commuting, parking                  | 200.00                     |                   |              |
| Supplies: DVDs, Jewel cases, labels, inserts                 | 50.00                      | 6/15             |              |
| Permissions: music, portraiture                             | 200.00                     | 10/14             |              |
| **Volume 3: The Nineteenth Century: 1800-1899**             |                            |                   |              |
| Record 28 Narratives                                        |                            |                   |              |
| • Student Recording Engineer: 14 hours @$15                 | 210.00                     | 12/14             |              |
| • Recording Studio facility charge: 14 hours @$20           | 280.00                     | 12/14             |              |
| Editing & Production \(^3\)
| • Studio Student Engineer: 40 hours @$15                    | 600.00                     | 6/15             |              |
| • Editing Studio facility charge: 40 hours @$20             | 800.00                     | 6/15             |              |
| Supplies: DVDs, jewel cases, labels, inserts:                | 50.00                      | 6/15             |              |
| Permissions: music, portraiture                             | 200.00                     | 10/14             |              |
| **Totals:**                                                 | $1555.20                   | $4175.00         |              |

\(^3\) Needed to match PPT slides to specific portions of recorded narratives, adjust color, volume, speed; add and edit music track, add Bibliography (searchable, printable, downloadable, Brailled), create indices, burn materials to Master DVD, create labels and DVD insert/liner notes.

\(^4\) We must personally participate in this editing process so that mispronunciations of foreign names, philosophical terminology, etc., can be re-recorded; to assure appearance of credits & permissions; and make other editorial decisions. (Waithe’s University-paid faculty development funds will be exhausted by travel to Athens, Greece in August 2013 to present a paper about Diotima of Mantinea at the World Congress of Philosophy.)
7. Fiscal Agent:
Mary Ellen Waithe, Ph.D., Chair, Board of Directors,
Society for the Study of Women Philosophers, Inc.,
c/o Department of Philosophy and Comparative Religion
Rhodes Tower 1344 – Cleveland State University
Cleveland, OH 44115

Bank: PNC Bank, North Randall, OH
Account Name: Society for the Study of Women Philosophers, Inc.
Account # 04100124 4244240367

8. Other Funding Sought/Obtained.
✓ Obtained from Cleveland State University:
  Paid production costs for the original Busted!! DVD: $ 900
  Paid Mary Ellen Waithe’s travel to present the DVD at the SSWP session of the APA meeting in 2008. $ 800
✓ Obtained from Montclair State University & NJ Humanities Commission: $1000
  To bring Mary Ellen Waithe to MSU to present a public lecture, “Philosophy’s First Hysterectomy: Diotima of Mantinea, which Included work from Volume 1 of the DVD.
✓ Montclair State University authorized Independent Study credit for student recording engineer the narratives for Volume 1. The student was available only for one semester, waived labor fee. $ 420
✓ Montclair State University waived studio fees for recording Volume 1. $ 560
✓ Sought from Cleveland State University:
  Mary Ellen Waithe applied for a faculty research grant to cover recording and production costs of Volumes 1 & 2. Application was declined.

9. Assessment Plan
An assessment instrument will be developed. DVDs will be presented at SSWP business meeting (APA Eastern Division Meeting, January, 2015, where the assessment instrument will be distributed to professional philosophers. Results will be collected, tabulated and analyzed and a report submitted to APA and posted to the SSWP Website.

10. Advertisement of Project:
The Project will be advertised on the SSWP website, (our old website is being replaced by new Website to be launched August, 2013) with a link to the APA website. Descriptive articles will be submitted to the Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy and the Newsletter on Feminism in Philosophy.

11. Website creation: not applicable

12: Accessibility:
To accommodate deaf/hard of hearing students/instructors, each DVD will have a password to link (on the SSWP website) from which PDFs of the narratives and Bibliography can be viewed/downloaded/printed. To accommodate blind/visually impaired students/instructors, each DVD will have a password to a link (on the SSWP website) from which Brailled copies of the Bibliography can be downloaded/pressed (by Braillewriters, using RoboBraille).
APPENDIX: Applicant CVs, Letter of Support from Professor Claudia Card

ABBREVIATED CURRICULUM VITAE

MARY ELLEN WAITHE, Ph.D., Professor
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Professor, Department of Philosophy 1995 – date
Chair, Department of Philosophy 2011- 2013
Chair, Department of Philosophy and Comparative Religion 2013-2014
Interim Director Women’s Studies 2009-date
Professor, First College 1999-2003
Director, Advanced Studies in Bioethics: 1990-2000
Associate Professor, with tenure, Fall, 1990-1995

EDUCATION:
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ph.D., 1982

I. REFEREED WORKS: Books, Anthologies Edited, Articles in Journals, Book Chapters, published, in press or accepted for publication:

- “Murasaki Shikibu,” Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism, Volume 79, 2005. This is an unrevised reprint from Volume 2 of my History of Women Philosophers.
+ 50 additional peer-reviewed articles, chapters.

II. Works Submitted for Peer Review:
  • “I Think, Therefore, I’m Sick: Oliva Sabuco’s Somatic Psyche,” an 8000 word article, submitted to History of Philosophy Quarterly.

III. Works in Progress:
  • “From Canon-Fodder to Canon-Formation: Where do Women Philosophers go from Here?” Invited, but subject to peer review at the Monist, (a top-tier philosophy journal founded in the 19th century), for its 2015 issue.

IV. Presentations at Professional Meetings:
  • “Philosophy’s First Hysterectomy: Diotima of Mantinea,” World Congress of Philosophy, Athens, Greece, August, 2013.

IV. Service to the Profession:
  • Society for the Study of Women Philosophers:
    • 1987 Member.
    • 1991 Member, Executive Board. Refereed papers submitted for presentation at annual meetings.
    • 2008 Created and presented 1-hour DVD on women philosophers, “Busted, A Pictorial History of Women Philosophers.”
    • 2011 Co-Chair, Executive Board. Created new dues structure, created Busted!! A Pictorial History of Women Philosophers photo album hard cover book.
    • 2013 Chair, Board of Directors. Incorporated the Society, applied for IRS non-profit, tax-exempt status, created bank account for Society, redesigned Society website (completion date August 1).
Dorothy G. Rogers  
Montclair State University  
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Education:  
Ph.D., Philosophy and Jurisprudence, Boston University.  
M.T.S., Philosophic Theology, Boston University.  
B.A., Philosophy, Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts.

Overview of Academic Experience:  
2000-present  
Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey.  
Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religion [2008-present]  
Responsible for day-to-day administration of the department, including course scheduling, enrollment management, and budget oversight. Also responsible for faculty evaluation and mentoring, curriculum review and development, oversight of major-assessment program, annual reporting, strategic planning, program and event planning, recruitment of majors, and alumni development – in conjunction with relevant units on and off-campus.

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion [2007-present]  
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion [2002-07]  
Teach Introduction to Ethics, History of Ethics, and Social/Political Philosophy; periodically teach Introduction to Women’s & Gender Studies and Feminist Jurisprudence.

Associate Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences [2003-06]  
Assistant Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences [2000-03]  
Responsible for academic administration in the college: curriculum review and approval, faculty development projects, faculty self-assessments, new faculty orientation sessions, adjunct faculty appointments, departmental visiting committees, course scheduling, and enrollment management. Responsible for coordination and oversight of general education program campus-wide.

Current Campus Committee Service [alpha order]  
American Democracy Project Coordinating Committee – Member  
Council on Faith and Spirituality  
Institute for the Humanities Steering Committee – Member  
K-5 Education Program – Liaison  
Safe Space GLBTQ Support Program – Member  
University Assessment Council – Member  
Women’s and Gender Studies Advisory Board – Member

Current Memberships and Activities in Professional Organizations [alpha order]  
American Philosophical Association – Member.  
Committee on the Status of Women of the American Philosophical Association – Member.  
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy – Member.  
Society for the Study of Women Philosophers – Program Chair: Coordinating special sessions on the life and legacy of prominent woman philosopher, Mary Whiton Calkins (1863-1930), at divisional meetings of the American Philosophical Association in 2013.  
Society of Women in Philosophy – Member.
Publications:

Books/Edited Volumes:

Articles and Book Chapters:
- “Mentor as Blessing/ Curse: Marietta Kies and the Problem of Derivative Identity,” in Proceedings of the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the St. Louis Philosophical Society, Webster University, St. Louis, MO (April 2008).

Reviews and Biographical Entries:
June 13, 2013

Dear APA colleagues:

I am writing to recommend, with enthusiasm and hope, that you approve as much as you are able to approve of the requested amount of financial support for that portion of Mary Ellen Waithe’s project, “Busted!! A Pictorial History of Women Philosophers in 4 DVD Volumes” for which she is requesting APA financial support.

I have read through Mary Ellen Waithe’s application to the APA for support, which I find very clear, appropriately detailed, and eminently reasonable. I have also read the roughly 100-page pictorial history book made available to members of SSWP (Society of Women Philosophers) on women philosophers from antiquity to the present. The project for a portion of which she is applying for support is so important to the profession of philosophy, as well as to the documented history of philosophical thought, in just the pragmatic ways that she lists. She already has an outstanding track record of putting to work, with concrete results, her research skills, organizational skills, and skills in managing funds for this work. An APA grant to continue with the portion that her application so carefully and precisely outlined would be extremely well-invested.

I have known Mary Ellen Waithe since she was a graduate student at the University of Minnesota. We met in the spring semester of 1978 when I presented my “coming out” paper there (“Feminist Ethics: A Lesbian Perspective” – never published in that form, but portions of it appear in Linda Alcoff, ed., Singing in the Fire). I had mentioned the work of the philosopher Edith Stein in that paper, and that was one of the things that spurred Mary Ellen to delve deeply into the history of women in philosophy, which she has been working on ever since. Her hope is to complete the project of the 4-volume DVD history before she retires. That is my hope, too! – and the hope of many of us who are women in philosophy. She knows more about this subject than anyone else that I know.

In case anyone raises the question: but are all these women really philosophers? let me remind the reader that this question is continually raised by philosophers about other philosophers who work in different traditions or present their reflections in different formats. In my view, from my more limited (than hers) knowledge of this subject, Mary Ellen Waithe has shown excellent judgment in identifying philosophical aspects of the thought of women from antiquity to the present.

I hope you will be as impressed as I am by both what Mary Ellen Waithe has already achieved and what she hopes yet to achieve in the interests of encouraging women to identify with philosophical thinking, even to the point of becoming philosophers themselves. And I hope that will lead you to grant her as much APA financial support as you can.

Sincerely,

Claudia Card

(Emma Goldman Professor of Philosophy, UW - Madison) cfcard@wisc.edu