

**Report on APA grant:**

**Project title:** startup of *philoSOPHIA: A Journal of Continental Feminism*, and accompanying conference

Request for a grant of \$3,500 from the APA

**Received a grant of \$2,500**

**Project Steering Committee:** Elaine Miller, Associate Professor, Miami University  
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**Project description (briefly)**

*philoSOPHIA* is a new journal that addresses the intersection of continental philosophy and feminist theory. As the first co-editors of this journal, we have relied so far on institutional support to find the time and resources for putting together the first issue, which will appear, published by SUNY Press, in Fall 2010. In addition, we are planning a conference in the spring of 2012 that will highlight some of the defining themes of the journal that we have outlined in our editors' introduction. Our institution, Miami University, supports our time on the journal, but does not have resources to fund a graduate student assistant for the journal, and it is with the aim of sustaining the strong foundation we have achieved and ensuring graduate student contribution to and representation in the journal and conference that we are seeking some financial support from the APA. The conference will focus on the theme of translation, broadly conceived, a theme that includes both the most manifest idea of translation between languages (we will be publishing some previously unpublished articles from French and German philosophers), as well as the translation of ideas (from the continental to the analytic tradition, for example) from one discipline or part of a discipline to another. We are requesting funds in order to be able to solicit more graduate student inclusion in the conference and journal. In addition to a graduate student assistant we would like to fund two graduate student prizes for best papers submitted to the conference in the form of travel stipends. We feel strongly that it is an important part of the profession to support graduate student work in this way, both in order to introduce students to the professional activities of presenting papers at conferences and publishing, and in order to strengthen their capacity to participate in these activities.

**Report:** We hired Amanda Holmes, a second year graduate student, to work for the journal and the conference in Summer 2011. We were required to follow university protocol in paying student workers to determine the hourly rate. We were able to complete the second and third issues of *philoSOPHIA*. The second issue came out in November 2011 and the third issue is forthcoming in March 2012. Amanda's work as an editorial assistant was invaluable. This grant allowed us to successfully negotiate the process of starting a journal and plan a conference simultaneously.

**Money spent from APA grant:** \$1,500.00. This preparatory work was essential to the success of the journal and of the conference.

We also spent the summer and fall planning the upcoming conference (April 12-14, 2012) of *philoSOPHIA*. We received over 75 submissions from across the U.S. and beyond, and we were able to accept 40 of them. Among these, we awarded two graduate student prizes of \$500.00, which the awardees will be able to use toward travel and lodging. We are proud of the response to both the journal and the conference, and think that both have been a great success. Among the articles and book reviews published in the first two issues of *philoSOPHIA*, we accepted one article and three book reviews written by graduate students. About half of the submissions to the conference were written by graduate students, and they are well represented on the final program.

**Money spent from APA grant: \$1,000.00**

### **Plan and timeline**

November 2010: the first issue of *philoSOPHIA* appears, published by SUNY Press, in conjunction with the conference of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), the premier annual conference of continental philosophy.

**Issue appeared January 2011**

Spring 2011: the second issue of *philoSOPHIA* appears; an initial Call for Papers for the Translation conference of *philoSOPHIA* at Miami University goes out, with an envisioned deadline of September 30, 2011

**Issue appeared July 2011; the CFP for the conference with deadline of December 1, 2011 went out in Summer 2011**

Fall 2011: the third issue of *philoSOPHIA* appears. We begin to put together the program for the conference with the help of a graduate student assistant, to be finalized by the beginning of the Spring 2012 semester.

**This issue will appear in March 2012**

Spring 2012: the fourth issue of *philoSOPHIA* appears

**This issue will appear in October or November of 2012.**

April 2012: annual conference of the feminist society *philoSOPHIA* on the theme of translation meets at Miami University. This conference will bring together members of *philoSOPHIA* and the Linda Singer Memorial Lecture at Miami University, since the themes are very much in line with the late Linda Singer's research. Anticipated number of participants: 60. Length of conference: 2-3 days.

**Conference will take place from April 12-14, 2012 in Oxford, OH (Miami University)**

**Keynote Speakers: Karmen MacKendrick, Elissa Marder, Angelica Nuzzo**

**Other funding**

We sought funding from two other sources besides the APA. We applied for and received a grant from the Miami University Humanities Center, and we will use money allocated for the endowment for the Linda Singer Memorial Lecture Series, Philosophy Department of Miami University. We also solicited small contributions from cognate departments of the College of Arts and Sciences at Miami University, and from the Provost and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

**All of these sources of funding were applied to, and we received contributions from all of them.**

**Publicity**

We have publicized the conference on the *philoSOPHIA* website (see below) and with flyers at SPEP and the APA, as well as on the SPEP and SWIP websites and listservs. Locally in Oxford we will publicize the conference to the university and the community with posters and listing on the university events calendar, as well as through internal listservs.

**Website (s)**

*philoSOPHIA* the organization already has a website at <http://www.philosophiafeministsociety.org/>

In addition we have set up a website at [www.muohio.edu/philosophy/philosophia](http://www.muohio.edu/philosophy/philosophia)

Also see SUNY Press's *philosophia* page at: <http://www.sunypress.edu/p-5224-philosophia-biannual.aspx>

**In all, the grant money was a great help to us, and we would be very happy to see other comparable startup projects aided by such grants in the future.**