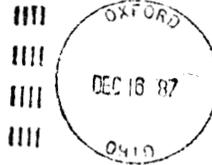




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SCE NEWS AND NOTICES
FALL, 1987

NEWS FROM SCE HEADQUARTERS

This year at the Modern Language Association Convention in San Francisco, Barbara Herrnstein Smith, the Braxton Craven Professor of Comparative Literature and English of Duke University, who was elected President of the Society for Critical Exchange last year, will address the membership at the SCE cash bar and President's Reception (Monday, December 28, 5:15 p.m. in the Continental 3 of the Hilton). If you are attending the convention, please mark this event on your calendar.

I am pleased to announce the election of three new members to SCE's Board of Directors: David Downing of Eastern Illinois University, Mary Layoun of the University of Wisconsin, and Heather Murray of the University of Toronto. We owe a debt of thanks to the members of the Board whom they will replace: to David Bleich, who, while at Indiana University, directed several SCE conferences; to Paul Bove, who played a key role in getting the GRIP project off the ground; to Jeffrey Peck, who was also instrumental in the success of the GRIP project and who directed the SCE NLH bibliography.

This year's MLA sessions will be devoted to PRISM, an SCE project dealing with the inter-relations among writing, reading, rhetoric and literary theory, headed by Patricia Harkin of Akron University. (See below for details.)

The GRIP project, directed by David Shumway of Carnegie-Mellon University, will sponsor a conference on "Disciplinary: Formations, Rhetorics, Histories" at the University of Minnesota in April of 1989. Ellen Messer-Davidow (University of Minnesota) and David Shumway are the co-conveners. (See "Call for Papers" below.)

Dale Bauer and Kristina Straub are directing an SCE project examining feminist political strategies in the academy. This Fall they organized several sessions on the topic at MMLA. The papers from those sessions will be published in a forthcoming volume of *CEx*. They are now organizing sessions for the SCE MLA program in 1988. Their provisional title is: *Feminist Political Strategies or Feminism & its Discontents*. (See "Call for Papers" below.)

My hope is that every member of SCE will take an active part in the organization. Please write or call me about projects in which you are interested.

James J. Sosnoski
Executive Director, SCE

NEW SCE ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS

In order to facilitate correspondence we are changing our main mailing address from the post office box number we have been using to a university address. Our new address is:

The Society for Critical Exchange
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The SCE phone numbers are 513-523-8574 or 513-529-5263. You may also leave a message at the Department--513-529-5221.

UPCOMING SCE EVENTS

MLA Meetings in San Francisco

Sunday, December 27, 1987

7:00 p.m. Continental 9 Hilton (#28)

**The PRISM Project:
Toward a Postdisciplinary Inquiry
into Writing and Reading I**

"The PRISM Project"
Susan Jarratt, Miami University
Patricia Harkin, Akron University

"Skeptical Radicalism"
Edward Davenport, John Jay College of CUNY

Respondent: Bruce Herzberg, Bentley College

Sunday, December 27, 1987

9:00 p.m. Continental 9, Hilton (#65)

**The PRISM Project:
Toward a Postdisciplinary Inquiry
into Writing and Reading II**

"Smoldering at Spring Hill"
Gary Lee Stonum, Case Western Reserve Univ.

Respondents:
Patricia Bizzell, College of the Holy Cross
Victor Vitanza, Univ. of Texas, Arlington

Monday, December 28, 1987

5:15 p.m. Continental 3, Hilton (cash bar)

**PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION
to honor**

Barbara Herrnstein Smith

Tuesday, December 29, 1987
5:15 p.m. Continental 9, Hilton

SCE's business meeting

RECENT & FORTHCOMING ISSUES OF *Critical Exchange*

Available to 1987 members

CEx 22
Spring, 1987
Edited by Barbara Harlow
Third World Theorizing II
(papers from SCE's 86 MLA sessions)

CEx 23
Summer, 1987
Edited by Patricia Harkin
The Work of Gerald Graff
(featuring an interview with Graff)

CEx 24
Fall, 1987
Edited by Arthur Casciato & James Sosnoski
Literary Theory & Textual Scholarship
(papers from SCE's Spring Symposium
at Miami University)

Available to 1988 members

CEx 25
Winter, 1988
Edited by Dale Bauer & Kristina Straub
Feminism, Politics, Literary Study
(papers from SCE's 1987 MMLA sessions)

CEx 26
Fall, 1988
Edited by Patricia Harkin & Susan Jarratt
The PRISM Project
(papers from SCE's 1986 MMLA &
1987 MLA sessions)

IN THE SPIRIT OF EXCHANGE:

SCE should develop through EXCHANGES among its members. I would like to publish regularly in these pages "letters to the editor" on the question of what SCE should be. What is the nature of "exchange"? How do groups wishing to be "critical" exchange views given differences in their critical languages? What programs should SCE pursue? These are questions we should address communally.

(Write to James J. Sosnoski, English, Miami Univ., Oxford, OH 45056)

CALL FOR PAPERS:

FEMINIST STRATEGIES OR
FEMINISM & ITS DISCONTENTS

Papers on feminism in the academy, on the directions for feminist political strategies and on feminism in cultural and literary studies are invited for the SCE 1988 MLA sessions. Contact Dale Bauer, English, Miami University, Oxford OH 45056 or call 513-529-7340.

THE GRIP PROJECT

The GRIP project will sponsor a conference at the University of Minnesota. The Co-conveners are Ellen Messer-Davidow of the University of Minnesota and David Shumway, the GRIP project director, of Carnegie-Mellon University.

Disciplinary:

Formations, Rhetorics, Histories

April 20-23, 1989

Proposals for papers should be sent to David Shumway, English, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Of Note:

Oxford University Press has recently taken over the publication of *Paragraph*, the journal of the Modern Critical Theory Group. Write to Oxford Journals, Oxford University Press, Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6DP, England.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Works and Days: Essays in the Socio-Historical Dimensions of Literature and the Arts is planning a special double-issue on "Image and Ideology in Modernist Literature." They welcome papers exploring the relationship between dominant images informing modernist works and the social, cultural, or political values relayed through the use of that imagery. Send submissions and inquiries to David Downing, Editor, *Works and Days*, English Department, Coleman Hall, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL 61920.

Topics for forthcoming issues of *Reader: Essays in Reader-Oriented Theory, Criticism, and Pedagogy* will include the following: the work of Louise Rosenblatt; relationships between reading and rhetoric; and reading and the theory of Roland Barthes. *Reader* is a semiannual publication aiming to generate discussion on reader-response theory, criticism, and teaching. For further information, contact Elizabeth A. Flynn, Editor, Department of Humanities, Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI 49931.

THE PRISM PROJECT

"PRISM" is a metaphor for a spectrum of interrelated concerns reflecting relationships between writing, reading, rhetoric and literary theory. For further information write Patricia Harkin, English, Akron University, Akron, OH 44325

GIVE AN SCE MEMBERSHIP FORM TO A FRIEND

Any correspondence concerning *SCE News & Notices* should be sent to The Society for Critical Exchange, Department of English, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio 45056. We will be happy to announce events, sessions, projects and information of interest to SCE members in this newsletter. *SCE N&N* is published by The Society for Critical Exchange.

MEMBERSHIPS

You will find enclosed an SCE membership form. Memberships coincide with the calendar year and entitle members to the issues of *CEx* published during that calendar year, *SCE News and Notices*, and other communications concerning research in progress, conferences, etc. If you are not an 1987 SCE member but wish to receive the *CEx* issues on "Third World Theorizing," "Gerald Graff," and "Literary Theory & Textual Scholarship," indicate that you wish to have an 1987 membership on the form. Of course, we hope that, if you do so, you will also join for 1988.

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