

"Collaboration", Critical Matrix: Journal of Women, Gender + Culture

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Critical Matrix: The Princeton Journal of Women, Gender, and Culture invites original submissions for its forthcoming issue dedicated to collaboration. As the rhetoric of collaboration permeates contemporary discourse from political and economic globalization to "relational aesthetics" what are the historical lessons of feminism about the limits and possibilities of collaborative practices and what are the possibilities of collaboration as a figure of new feminist practices?

To collaborate means to work together, usually in order to create and/or to change something. Implying more than one author, artist, and/or producer, collaboration denotes activity shared between individuals. Much work that has been historically gendered female falls into the realm of collaborative and/or collective effort often effacing or transforming questions of authorship. A crucial strategy for the feminist movement, collaboration has also been one of its greatest myths, most profoundly in struggles within the feminism to recognize divisions along the lines of race, economics, and sexuality. Collaboration can also be understood as an abiding ethos of Women's and Gender Studies, an interdisciplinary field in which collaboration between disciplines is an ideal as well as a practical reality. Women's and Gender Studies has developed one model of feminist collaboration where scholars and students work across and between disciplines as well as both within and outside of the academy.

How does collaboration embody and shape both the history of and the future for feminist politics and cultural practices? How might collaboration work as a figure for imagining new kinds of feminist criticism? Possible modes of collaboration include, but are not limited to: translation, (re)interpretation, and rewriting; participation; social, political, and creative collectives; copyrights and digital information; games and play; utopias; collaborations between/across disciplines, languages, genres, generations.

We welcome submissions from all disciplines including creative work, as well as collaboratively produced projects addressing this topic. Submissions of

15-25 pages in length and according to the Chicago Manual of Style, as well as inquiries, are to be sent to matrix@princeton.edu by November 30, 2008.

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