

# Celebrating 50 Henry West

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**March 6**

**4:30 p.m.**

**John B Davis Lecture Hall, Macalester College**

## **Why Does Traditional Philosophy Need Feminism?**

Throughout the past 2600 years of traditional Western Philosophy, there has been an almost invisible omission of women philosophers, philosophical writings by women, and women philosopher's perspectives or "voices." This presentation does two things: first, it offers examples of ways the exclusion of women 's philosophical contributions to ("canonical") Western philosophy continues to keep in-tact objectionable "male gender-bias" in the discipline of philosophy; second, it draws on scholarship from feminist philosophy to recommend ways to develop genuinely gender-inclusive alternatives to the male-gender bias of canonical concepts, distinctions, methodologies, values, and curricula in the conception and practice of contemporary philosophy.



**Karen J. Warren**

Karen J. Warren, Professor of Philosophy at Macalester College, has written extensively in the fields of environmental philosophy, feminist philosophy, and critical thinking. Best known for her pioneering work in ecofeminism, in 2000 she published her signature book, *Ecofeminist Philosophy: A Western Perspective on What It Is and Why It Matters*. Before then, she edited two first-of-their kind anthologies in ecofeminist philosophy (1994, 1996), one interdisciplinary book on ecofeminism (1996), and co-edited a book on ecofeminism and peace (1997). She is co-editor of the first anthology in environmental philosophy, *Environmental Philosophy: From Animal Rights to Radical Ecology*, now in its fourth edition. Warren recently completed a textbook in the history of Western philosophy, *Gendering the History of Western Philosophy: Pairs of Men and Women Philosophers from the 4th Century B.C.E. to the Present* (2008)—the first book in any language that includes women philosophers alongside their historical male contemporaries. Warren is the recipient of several teaching awards, including Macalester's "Excellence in Teaching Award" and the Gold Hugo Award in General Education for a video that documents Warren teaching critical thinking about raptors to 1st and 4th graders in St. Paul, MN. Her philosophical autobiography is included in *Singing in the Fire: Stories of Twelve Women Philosophers* (2003) and her biography is included in *Feminists Who Changed America, 1963-1975* (2006).

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