

PHIL 442: Topics in Feminist Theory
Topic 2011: Early Modern Feminist Philosophy
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LIST OF READINGS

Readings in sequence (if no parts or page numbers are indicated, you should read the work in its entirety):

1. Christine de **Pizan**, *The Book of the City of Ladies*, trans. E. J. Richards. New York: Persea Books, 1982. Read Part One, with particular attention paid to sections 1-11, 27-34, 43. The Introduction, by Richards, is also helpful.
2. Henricus Cornelius **Agrippa**, *Declamation on the Nobility and Preeminence of the Female Sex*, ed. A. Rabil, Jr. Chicago: U of Chicago Press, 1996. Read the *Declamation*.
3. Étienne de la **Boétie** and Paul Bonnefon, *The Politics of Obedience and Étienne de la Boétie*. Montreal: Black Rose Books, 2007. Read Part III: *The Discourse of Voluntary Servitude*.
4. Baldesar **Castiglione**. *The Book of the Courtier*, trans. G. Bull. London: Penguin Books, 1976/2003. Read pp. 199-255 (from "I do not deny..." on p. 199 to "...against the waves of the sea," on p. 255).
5. Lucrezia **Marinella**, *The Nobility and Excellency of Women and the Defects and Vices of Men*, ed. Anne Dunhill. Chicago: U of Chicago Press, 1999. Read all of Part One.
6. Marie le Jars de **Gournay**, *Apology for the Woman Writing and Other Works*, ed. R. Hillman and C. Quesnel. Chicago: U of Chicago Press, 2002. Read *The Equality of Men and Women* and *The Ladies' Complaint*.
7. Anna Maria van Schurman, *Whether a Christian Woman Should Be Educated and Other Writings*, trans. J. L. Irwin. Chicago: U of Chicago Press, 1998. Read *A Practical Problem: Whether the Study of Letters is Fitting for a Christian Woman*.
8. Margaret **Cavendish**, *The Blazing World and Other Writings*, ed. Kate Lilley. Penguin Books, 2004. Read *The Description of a New World, Called the Blazing World*.
9. François Poullain de la **Barre**, *Three Cartesian Feminist Treatises*, trans. V. Bosley. Chicago: U of Chicago Press, 2002. Read *On the Equality of the Two Sexes*.
10. Olympe de **Gouges**, *The Rights of Woman*, 1791. (Available from the Professor)
11. Mary **Wollstonecraft**. Both these works are available as e-books from McGill McLennan library.
 - (a) *A Vindication of the Rights of Men*, Read Introduction.
 - (b) *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*, Read Chapters 1-4.