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WATER's Feminist Conversations in Religion Series Presents

"Beyond Slavery: Overcoming Its Religious and Sexual Legacies"

An hour-long teleconference with **Dr. Bernadette Brooten**

Wednesday, November 9th, 2011 1 pm - 2 pm EST

WATER is thrilled to present <u>Professor Bernadette</u> <u>Brooten</u>! She is a Professor of Christian Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, Classical Studies, and Religious Studies at Brandeis University, and is founder and director of the Brandeis <u>Feminist</u> <u>Sexual Ethics Project</u>. The team of scholars, activists, artists, and policy analysts involved in this project are disentangling the nexus of slavery, religion, women, and sexuality. Bernadette has also authored numerous books and articles, including the well-known book *Love Between Women: Early Christian Responses to Female Homoeroticism.* Along with various other awards, she has been honored with a MacArthur Fellowship.

Bernadette will be speaking with us about the most recent book that she edited with the assistance of Jacqueline L. Hazelton, <u>Beyond Slavery:</u> <u>Overcoming Its Religious and Sexual</u> <u>Legacies.</u> The book grew out of the <u>Feminist</u> <u>Sexual Ethics Project</u> and is a product of the joint efforts (initiated by Bernadette) of a multiracial group of scholars, activists, and artists. The discussion will encompass an historical analysis of slavery; the joining of religion, sexuality, and slavery; and the role that slavery continues to play in shaping our social institutions.

If you wish to do some preparatory reading, you can find the introduction of *Beyond Slavery* <u>here.</u>

Gather your friends and colleagues for lunch and join or listen in to the conversation. This is a great opportunity for students as well as for scholars, ministers, and others interested in new insights in the field of women and religion. It is sure to be an engrossing session. This teleconference, accompanied by notes, will be available on WATER's website soon after it concludes. To download past teleconferences, please <u>visit our</u> <u>website</u>.

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Please save the date for our next teleconference:

Maureen Fiedler will be with us on Wednesday, December 7th, 2011, to discuss her book entitled *Breaking Through the Stained Glass Ceiling: Women Religious Leaders in Their Own Words.*

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