

23 October 2012

WATER's Feminist Conversations in Religion Series Presents "Imagining the Intelligent Body"

An hour-long teleconference with
Margaret R. Miles

November 14, 2012
1 pm - 2 pm EST

Join us for an exciting conversation with Margaret Miles about her forthcoming work on imagining the intelligent body. She takes off from her highly praised book *Augustine and the Fundamentalist's Daughter* to explore how the intelligent body differs from the usual Western formulation of the rational mind. She will offer a feminist approach to moving beyond the body/soul dualism to a more wholistic way of living.

Margaret R. Miles, professor emerita at the Graduate Theological Union (GTU), served as Dean of the GTU from 1996 to 2001. She was the first woman tenured at Harvard Divinity School where she taught for eighteen years. Dr. Miles chaired the HDS Theology Department and the Committee on Religion, Gender, and Culture.

Margaret received her B.A. and M.A. from San Francisco State University, and her Ph.D. from the Graduate Theological Union (GTU). She has lectured widely in the United States and Europe on patristic theology, asceticism, religion and art, gender theory, as well as film and literary criticism. She served on the editorial boards of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* and the *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*.

Among her many publications are: *Augustine and the Fundamentalist's Daughter* (Cascade Books, 2011); *Augustine on the Body* (Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2009); *A Complex Delight: The Secularization of the Breast, 1350-1750* (University of California Press, 2008); *Bodies in Society: Essays on Christianity in Contemporary Culture* (Cascade Books, 2008); *Carnal Knowing: Female Nakedness and Religious Meaning in the Christian West* (Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2006); and *The Word Made Flesh: A History of Christian Thought* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2004).

Join us on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at 1 PM (EST) to talk with Margaret about "Imagining the Intelligent Body."

HOW TO REGISTER

Email "Register Me Teleconference" to waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org by Nov. 13th in order to receive dial-in



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Save the Dates!

Upcoming Programs:

October 25th: A Ritual to Honor Hildegard of Bingen with Diann L. Neu, 7:30 PM (EDT)

- Come to the WATER office or join us by phone.
- RSVP with "Register Me Hildegard" by Tuesday, October 23rd to waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org and let us know if you will be joining by phone or in person. [Read more.](#)

November 5th: Contemplative Prayer with Mary E. Hunt, 7:30 PM (EST)

- Come to the WATER office or join us by phone.
- RSVP with "Register Me Contemplative" by Friday, November 2nd to waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org or

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and to www.waterwomensalliance.org or call 301.589.2509 if you would like to participate. [Read more.](#)

December 12th: Teleconference with Katie Cannon, "Teaching Religion," 1 PM (EST)

Contemplative Prayer at WATER Monday, November 5, 2012

WATER offers a regular contemplative prayer opportunity each month. This will be a communal meditation, a time of silence and reflection followed by a short discussion. Mary E. Hunt will lead the meditation on Peace.

RSVP by sending an email with the words "Register Me Contemplative" by Friday (November 2, 2012) to waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org or call 301.589.2509 so that we can expect you. If you wish to join by phone, please indicate that so we can send you the phone-in number. The office will be open at 7 PM for a cup of tea and conversation. Silence will commence promptly at 7:30 PM, so please be here by then. We will finish and be on our way by 8:30 PM. [Read more.](#)

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