**Feminist Philosophy Comprehensive: Reading List**

The main part of this list comprises readings that correspond to each of the five sections of the comprehensive exam. The Reference Books at the end of the list provide more background, but they are entirely optional.

1. **Core Concepts**
   
   a. **Feminism**


   b. **Sex and Gender**


c. Oppression


Cudd, A. Analyzing Oppression. Chapters 3 and 7: “Psychological Mechanisms of Oppression” and “Resistance and Responsibility” (total 60 pages)


d. Difference and Intersectionality


e. Privilege and Responsibility


2. Subjectivity and Embodiment


Bartky, S. “Feminine Masochism and the Politics of Personal Transformation,” and “Shame and Gender.” In her Femininity and Domination (see above; total ~30 pages)


3. **Feminist Moral and Political Philosophy**


Mohanty, C. T. “Under Western Eyes: Feminist Scholarship and Colonial Discourses.” In her *Feminism Without Borders*.


4. **Feminist Epistemology**


Fricker, M. Chapters 1, 2, and 7 (“Testimonial Injustice,” “Prejudice in the Credibility Economy,” and “Hermeneutical Injustice”) of her Epistemic Injustice, 2007.


Longino, H. “Subjects, Power, and Knowledge: Description and Prescription in Feminist Philosophies of Science”. In Feminist Epistemologies, Linda Alcoff and Elizabeth Potter (eds.), pp. 101-120.


5. Feminism and the History of Philosophy (Education, Equality, and the Canon)

Primary Materials

Astell, M. A Serious Proposal to the Ladies, Parts I and II, P. Springborg, ed. (Ontario: Broadview Literary Texts, 2002)


Plato, The Republic, Books V-VII


Wollstonecraft, M. A Vindication of the Rights of Woman with Strictures on Political and Moral Subjects, London: Joseph Johnson; Miriam Brody Kramnick, ed. (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1972) [available online at Liberty Fund]

Secondary Materials


Some Useful Reference Books

A Companion to Feminist Philosophy, ed. by Alison M. Jaggar and Iris Marion Young (Blackwell, 1998; 2000 pbk).

Feminist Theory: A Philosophical Anthology, ed. by A. Cudd and R. Andreasen (Blackwell, 2005).
