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Essays on the Occupy Movement by Stathis Gourgouris, Celeste Langan, and Walter Benn Michaels

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Special Topics

Articles on the general topics are invited; the subtopics listed are provided by way of example and suggestion only. Submissions to *PMLA* must meet the requirements given in the statement of editorial policy.

Tragedy

Deadline for submissions: 5 November 2012

Coordinators: Jean E. Howard (Columbia Univ.) and Helene Foley (Barnard Coll.)

How does tragedy speak to the critical and the creative imagination today? As a dramatic genre, tragedy has an ancient lineage in the West, connected to some of the most moving documents of the Greek theater; yet its persisting theatrical forms diverge from practices developed by the classical Greek dramatists. New forms of tragedy often coalesce at particular historical moments: Elizabethan England, late-seventeenth-century France, mid-twentieth-century America. But each incarnation of the tragic form has concerned itself with questions of limits (of expression, endurance, and capacity); of human transcendence, sacrifice, and annihilation; or of ethical responsibility to self, others, and the universe.

In the face of the present precariousness of life and new forms of hubristic self-assertion over and against the common good, what resources does tragedy provide for meaningful analysis, critique, and change? Does a traditional focus on the tragic protagonist preclude ideas of collective tragedy? Can the genre encompass experiences of ecological disaster, genocide, and poverty?

The *PMLA* Editorial Board invites essays that reflect on tragedy's critical capacity to address urgent political, philosophical, and aesthetic questions. Potential contributors are encouraged to think about tragedy expansively, not only as a dramatic form or a Western invention but also as a mode that exceeds the stage and that might be challenged, paralleled, or rewritten by other literary traditions. Submissions may, for example, consider the contemporary restaging and rewriting of early tragedies, explore tragedy in the context of current political crises and postcolonial politics, and examine the relation between scholarly understandings of tragedy and colloquial, everyday uses of the notion in domains such as news reporting and talk TV.

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Emotions

Deadline for submissions: 4 November 2013

Coordinators: Katharine Ann Jensen (Louisiana State Univ.) and Miriam L. Wallace (New Coll. of Florida)

How do human beings experience or recognize emotions—our own and those of others? What distinguishes an emotion from other faculties and sensations, and how do different fields engage these complex concepts? These questions have recently been the focus of affect studies, which elucidates how visceral forces beyond consciousness impel us toward movement, thought, and relation and explores affect's ethical, aesthetic, and political implications.

The nature and significance of emotion have engaged thinkers since ancient times. In fifth-century Greece, for example, Hippocrates developed the theory of the humors to posit an intrinsic relation between the body and the emotions. Indeed, discerning connections or disjunctions among body, mind, and emotion has preoccupied philosophers, political theorists, religious thinkers, and literary writers, among others, for millennia. The classification of kinds of emotion—love, joy, hatred, sadness, fear, shame, and so on—an emotion's positive or negative quality, and the ability to control one's emotions have also been enduring subjects of theory and debate. Visual and theatrical artists since the eighteenth century studied the facial and bodily manifestations of emotions to depict them persuasively, while Freud famously elaborated the deleterious effects of repressed emotions and conceived of human existence in terms of a persistent conflict between aggressive and erotic instincts.

The *PMLA* Editorial Board invites essays that reflect on theories or representations of emotions in any period or cultural tradition. Potential contributors are encouraged to consider such questions as these: In what ways have emotions been valued as a form of knowledge or refinement; in what ways have they been rejected or associated with the uneducated? How and why have emotions been gendered or racially defined? How have emotions been understood to affect the imagination? How has emotion been conceptualized as disembodied or as excessively embodied, and what are the implications of these competing notions? What have been the psychological aspects of emotions, whether repressed or unbridled? What are the affective dimensions of reading or viewing (sympathy, identification, alienation, subjective transformation)? What have been the epistemological, aesthetic, political, or moral dimensions of emotion?

Criticism in Translation

MLA members are invited to submit to the *PMLA* Editorial Board proposals for translations. Articles, as well as chapters or sections of books that can function as independent units, will be considered. The originals may be in any language. Two types of proposals are welcome: (1) significant scholarship from earlier periods that has not lost its forcefulness and whose retrieval in English in *PMLA* would be a noteworthy event for a broad body of readers

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Peter Coviello. "Whitman's Children"

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Sarah Gleeson-White. "Auditory Exposures: Faulkner, Eisenstein, and Film Sound"

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Elda Tsou. "'This Doesn't Mean What You'll Think': *Native Speaker* and Allegory"

Elizabeth Marie Young. "Homer in a Nutshell: Vergilian Miniaturization and the Sublime"

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Gwendolyn Bennett. "The Ebony Flute." Introduction by Belinda Wheeler

"Excerpts from *Correspondance* (1924–25)." Introduction and commentary by Jan Baetens and Michael Kasper

"Middlebrow Culture in the Cold War: Books USA Advertisements, 1967." Introduction by Trysh Travis

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A. N. VESELOVSKY. "Envisioning World Literature in 1863: From the Reports on a Mission Abroad." Introduction by Boris Maslov. Translation by Jennifer Flaherty

The Changing Profession

Reading in the Digital Age: essays by Naomi S. Baron, Michael Cobb, Jim Collins, Johanna Drucker, Elaine Freedgood, N. Katherine Hayles, Lutz Koepnick, and Lisa Nakamura

Correction

In the March 2012 issue, Deborah Nelson's "Introduction—Twentieth-Century Poetry: Expanding Archives and Methods" (127.2 [2012]: 212–14) refers to a contributor in the issue as "Susan Mintz" (214, left col.). The correct name is Susannah B. Mintz. *PMLA* apologizes to both authors for not catching the error before publication.

and (2) contemporary work of sufficient weight and potential influence to merit the attention of the field as a whole.

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Little-Known Documents

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Solicited Contributions

The editor and the Editorial Board periodically invite studies and commentaries by specific authors on topics of wide interest. These contributions appear in the following series: Theories and Methodologies, The Changing Profession, The Book Market, The Journal World, Letters from Librarians, and Correspondents at Large. MLA members are welcome to suggest topics that might be addressed under these rubrics.

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