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Christine Braunberger on the Inscription of Other Women

Kevin Petty on Siouxsie Sioux, Punk, and the Politics of Gender

Martin Scherzinger on Musicology and Ethnographic Surrealism

Alan Wright on Benjamin, the Border, and History

Gary Scott on Limits and Liberation in Plato's Lysis

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**Doreen Massey** on Gender, Space, and the Academy

Gloria Anzaldúa on the Border and Identity

Poetry by Don Bogen

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It is with great pleasure that we present to you this, our Fourth issue of *disClosure*. Our theme this year, entitled "Making Boundaries" is meant to call into question the familiar categories within which we make intelligible the social world. As much contemporary social theory has been concerned to point out, the process of creating 'boundaries' is a violent one. This is true not only in the more obvious sense of colonial history, but more subtly in the process of identity formation itself—in the separation of self from other, male from female, West from Non-West and so on.

Our selections in this issue explore this theme in different ways. We begin with a piece by Kevin Petty, who examines the various images projected by punk musician Siouxsie Sioux (of Siouxsie and the Banshees). Petty shows how Siouxsie's ambivalent identity serves to disrupt stable gender categories and to question modes of representation commonly used to describe women in rock music. Gary Scott's article provides a reading of Plato's *Lysis* which explores the relationship between the limits imposed by any system of knowledge, and the 'setting-free' effected by the Socratic method of erotic exchange. This dialectic of limit and liberation produces in the *Lysis* a particular discourse of identity.

Since the founding of *disClosure*, we have attempted to publish work that experiments with novel styles of narrative and representation. Toward this end, we offer an article by Martin Scherzinger. Ostensibly an illumination of the harmonic structure in a piece of Shona music, Scherzinger uses the music analysis as a point of entry into a discussion of power/knowledge in the constitution of the 'other' within the discourse of musicology. In doing so, he attempts to do for African music what postcolonial critics such as Spivak and Bhabha have done for colonized literatures. Next, Christine Braunberger presents an interrogation of the gendered nature of self and identity. She examines the possibility of 'masquerade' as a strategy for walking a line between an essentialist politics of gender identity and a fractured subject constituted through the male gaze as absence, or lack.

For the second year, our theme has been loosely tied to the annual Public Lecture Series of the Committee on Social Theory at Kentucky. This provides us the opportunity to include interviews with prominent social theorists who visit the UK campus. This year, we include insightful interviews with Gloria Anzaldúa and Doreen Massey, both of whom have examined boundaries in their work. For Anzaldúa, the concept of the 'borderlands' figures heavily in her work, which focuses on the multiple and fractured identities of those living in the U.S. Southwest. Massey's work has explored the relationship between spatial boundaries and progressive politics, and in this interview, she also pays particular attention to

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the 'border', or division, between the academy and society.

We're especially pleased to publish "The Known World" by Don Bogen. This is reprinted from Shenandoah: The Washington and Lee University Review, with kind permission of the Editor. We end with a piece by Alan Wright, who skillfully interweaves discussions of such diverse boundaries as the Franco/Spanish border, the Berlin Wall, and his own experiences of a divided city (Belfast).

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