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At **Woodhull Institute for Ethical Leadership** we understand that all issues are "women's" issues: from social justice to education, from the constitution to the economy, science, politics, mathematics, Woodhull has reached out to women experts in all fields. Woodhull Fellows, Associates and Scholars do not share a single partisan or political position; they stand across the political spectrum. What they do share is the commitment to raise issues in a conscientious way, to encourage open debate, to challenge and enlighten public discussion in America. Our goals are to bring the voices of extraordinary women, whose accomplishments reflect ethical thinking, into the mainstream of public discussion, as well as to bring those leaders so inclined into productive contact with one another and with our young trainees. We want to ensure that great ideas are not kept exclusively in academia, policy journals or the nonprofit world, but to bring these ideas into the public forum in a way that both serves the needs of producers and editors and informs listeners and viewers. We want to break the glass ceiling that currently exists for women in the press and on TV, where only 14% of the voices Americans hear in their media is female. For more information about our Fellows Program please visit: www.woodhull.org/fellows.php.

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present

FATAL ATTRACTION Women and Suicidal Behavior: Obsession and the Use of the Body

MOTIVES, METAPHORS, MYTHS, MISOGYNY
MARTYRDOM, MESSAGES AND MADNESS

Program

Tuesday, December 5, 2006
8:00 p.m.

NYU Medical Center • Smilow Conference Room
530 First Avenue, New York, NY

Background on the speakers

Joanna Lipper is a filmmaker and the author of a nationally acclaimed book on teen parenthood, *Growing Up Fast* (Picador, 2003). Her films include the documentaries “Inside Out: Portraits of Children,” “Growing Up Fast” and the feature film “Little Fugitive.” She holds an M.Sc in Psychoanalytic Developmental Psychology from The Anna Freud Centre and University College London. She is currently a fellow at the Woodhull Institute for Ethical Leadership. For more info about Ms. Lipper’s book and films please visit: www.joannalipper.com.

Dr. Benigna Gerisch is a psychoanalyst and member of the Center for Therapy and Studies of Suicidal Behavior at the University Hospital Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany. She has published numerous papers on suicidality and gender differences, and on suicidality in novels, films and theatre. She is an associate Member of the European Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*.

Dr. James Gilligan is a psychiatrist who has practiced psychoanalytic psychotherapy for more than thirty years. At Harvard Medical School he was a faculty member and Director of The Institute of Law and Psychiatry. He is former director of the Bridgewater State Hospital for the criminally insane and was director of mental health for the Massachusetts prison system. He is the President of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, a private nonprofit research and consulting firm. Currently Dr. Gilligan is teaching a freshman honors seminar at NYU on the subject of Terrorism, Nihilism and Modernity. Dr. Gilligan’s numerous publications include the landmark book *Violence: Reflections on a National Epidemic* (1997).

Dr. Donald Moss is a member of the Faculty of NYU Psychoanalytic Institute and has been a psychoanalyst in private practice for over thirty years. His publications include a book he edited, *Hating in the First Person Plural: Psychoanalytic Essays on Homophobia, Racism, Misogyny and Terror* (Other Press 2003).

PROGRAM

WELCOME ▪ SAMUEL HERSCHKOWITZ MD
Director, NYU Psychoanalytic Institute

KEYNOTE ADDRESS ▪ JOANNA LIPPER
THE DARK CORE
Film, Feminism and Psychoanalysis

Film Clips from

The Joy Luck Club ▪ Water

Lilya-4-Ever ▪ Fatal Attraction

CASE PRESENTATION ▪ BENIGNA GERISCH PhD
SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR
Obsession and the Use of the Body

Film Clip from

Mrs. Harris

RESPONSE ▪ James Gilligan MD

Film clip from

Dreamlife of Angels

RESPONSE ▪ Donald Moss MD

Audience Q & A with Panelists
