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Feminism and Religion to be Topic of Talk at SLO Public Library March 3

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The ways in which feminist critiques have intersected with religion will be the basis of a talk by a former Cal Poly professor at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, in the Community Room of the San Luis Obispo Public Library.

Cal Poly Philosophy Professor Emeritus Saltzman-Saveker will present "The Bitch Manifesto Revisited: Feminism, Gender & Religion," as the third lecture in the Cal Poly Women's and Gender Studies lecture series held at the library, located at 995 Palm Street in downtown San Luis Obispo.

The lecture will survey the feminist writers who proclaimed the "Witch Manifesto," objecting to male dominance and bias against women in religion. Saltzman-Saveker will also discuss the critiques of Catholic and Protestant theology made by feminist thinkers such as Mary Daly, Rosemary Radford Reuther, and the Wicca Priestess Starhawk.

Saltzman-Saveker began teaching at Cal Poly in 1975. She played a key role in founding the Women's Studies program at Cal Poly and is a member of the Women's and Gender Studies Advancement Collective. She has been a Fulbright Scholar at the Free University of Berlin and a visiting scholar at Stanford. She is the author of "Paul Natorp's Philosophy of Religion Within the Marburg Neo-Kantian Tradition."

All lectures in the series are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served courtesy of Friends of the Library.

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