Hanna / Myers Presentation & Woolf Seminar

Absent: Bonn

Henry started with a VW biography. Henry spoke about her as a woman who is successful for writing—she explains the women who came before her.

Paul Hanna: One of the first women to write without concern of masculinity.

Henry: She’s trying to be modest at the start—she uses understatement at the start. At the beginning… written in the form of an inner monologue; no filter… an audience full of women.

Paul spoke about anaphora in the text (Said anaphora, meant apostrophe… Eble clarified).

* Angel of the House… uses apostrophe? Personification… Woolf speaks about this person in a real way, giving life to something that doesn’t exist.

Henry: Examples of anaphora. Angel in the House, simple explanation. Explains what is “she” with past tense. This lulls the audience into a sense of understanding of the Angel in the House. Then, she enters into a discussion of “What is a woman?”

Paul spoke about Woolf’s use of rhetorical questions and her humility with the “Persian cat”

Henry spoke about understatement…

Paul spoke about Patmore’s poem “The Angel in the House”; Henry made the connection to *Macbeth* to make her “unsex’d” like Lady Macbeth. She wants to take the persona of a man. Female writers of the time had to kill the Angel… well-read series by women. So… is there as much of a social stigma?

Paul: Seminar—discussion…

Henry: Theme—women moving forward. This is another obstacle. Spoke about the room metaphor.

Paul: Writing, trance-like state. The Angel can knock her out.

**Seminar**

Andrew Carmichael: Paragraph, mental disorder. Is this something that only Woolf experiences? When I was reading, I thought that this was a personal issue…

* Paul: She did… but the Angel in the House = societal pressures…
* Carmichael: Isn’t that the second thing?
* Paz: Gender problem…
* Asgian: Role of the women in the household… stay-at-home dads… my household is like that… shared an anecdote.
* Chandler: Spoke to the idea of men being providers… you don’t take your girlfriend out and have her pay for dinner. Men are supposed to provide so that women don’t have to work.
* Carmichael: Says who? Bolstered ethos…
* Schumacher: From a young age… children are brought up… shared an anecdote of nephews, nieces… bro / sister-in-law treat them differently.
* Henry: Stigma of being the “man of the house”
* Reed: As far as writing goes… the Angel of the House is different today than it was. Not necessarily a writing problem, but maybe more of a wage problem.
* Pappalardo: Men have to ask out women…
* Kunkel: Depends…
* Carmichael: Blog = our generation is getting worse. Most people look down at the younger society. I think that society today is better as far as gender issues than it was 50 years ago. Equal wages… things aren’t as sever today as they where…
* Schumacher: One modern manifestation with writing—many women who are famous writers go by a different name… S.E. Hinton…
* Strotman: George Elio… she had to be a guy to get her works published or respected. I would be more hesitant to read a book by a woman. Quality—perceived?
* Carmichael: Questioned it… still a stigma?
* Paul Hanna: We can bring this towards whether or not women face these in other professions.
* Shaffer: First quarter project on *Branded*, which talked about professional female athletes and how much money they make. Endorsements… Angel exists in that way… documentary slap in the face… ugly male athletes can make money… professional sports, revenues. Still a huge disparity between the two.
* Asgian: Read an article about female athletes being “human billboards.” People joke about the WNBA… WNBA salary?
* Shaffer / Schumacher: Salary…
* Nick Reed: Off Michael’s point… Cincinnati Ben-Gals are paid $2.83 an hour. Shared a joke about WNBA… I seriously doubt that people watch the women’s tournament.
* Strotman (many talked): Connection to a census bureau on full-time earning. Median earnings from 1960 to 2009. Median difference = $11K…
* Schumacher: Numbers aren’t entirely fair… many people will use those numbers to claim that women are paid less in general. But women tend to choose less lucrative careers.
* Strotman: Pulled up another graph, discussed more women gaining college degrees.
* **Henry Myers (excellent work redirecting)**: Angel of the House = internal… do women think that they are lesser than men?
* Paz: Angel of the House = not negative towards women?
* Orkwis: Society creates the angel… women must intrinsically remove it. Spoke about Brown v Board of Education case. Spoke of the race bias in even African Americans…
* Eble: Talked about Toni Morrison…
* Andrew: Society is turning down the Angel… Hilary Clinton, Sarah Palin
* Kunkel: Education is different today… women aren’t home economists.
* Paz: Image of women on magazine covers…

**Paul Hanna (excellent work redirecting):** So… are there no limitations for women now?

* Kellis: Military… shared the physical tests…
* Carmichael: Questioned…
* Kellis: Should the standard be changed for women?
* Carmichael: Is there specific doctrine?
* Schumacher: Ann Rondo, a woman who achieved a high position in the Navy. People in the Navy who do the same work earn the same pay. She doesn’t want the standards changed. Biology could limit that…
* Asgian: Shared an anecdote about discussion with a brother… primal instinct to save a woman? Does that make sense?
* Nick Reed: Perhaps initially… but if you fought in a few battles, she was fine…you might switch…
* Pappalardo: Like the girl in *Avengers*…
* **Paul: attempt at redirecting*…***
* Asgian: Would women, though, hurt the operation.
* Nick Reed: Allusion to *Fly*…
* Eble: The Angel is there until someone kills it.
* Kunkel: Still a stigma, even though people prove themselves.
* Chandler: Danica Patrick… has crashed…in the most redneck-type stigma, a woman who has won races, crashes all the time…
* Eble: Asked for clarification…
* Chandler: Not changing the situation…
* Pappalardo: People try to sound alarms like in *Anchorman*…
* Nick Reed: No business being in the top level… before the Sprint Cup, she finished twelfth in the standings. This is because she was a woman…
* Asgian: What Nick said… I respect the sport. NASCAR is a business… Made a Richard Sherman connection…
* Eble / Nick Reed: Good for the sport… diversity…
* Rumsey: In NASCAR, you can’t change the standards that much. Indy cars and power steering and women not being able to handle the steering wheel as much … Nothing much has happened…
* Asgian: Standards are lowered…
* Nick Reed: Performance = getting paid. I don’t know if there would be a quota system…
* MANY CHALLENGED… I’m going to put whoever is best… (Nick Reed said that)
* Orkwis: UC has to consider diversity.
* Henry: A rule—they have to interview coaches…
* Schumacher: This is more of an image question…
* Asgian: Female coach in the NFL?
* Paul Hanna: Angel of the House…

Henry: Spoke a paragraph from paragraph 5, went to another question. Did Woolf ever actually rid herself of this stigma? There’s still some sort of stigma.

* Paz: Went to paragraph #6… fisherman metaphor… trance is thrown off (Zac read from the text), connected this to Gould. Women can’t dream… they have a conceived thought of what a man would say…
* Paul: Can we rid these preconceived notions?
* Eble: Tried to clarify, get to the root of this (SEX VERSUS GENDER)
* Schumacher: From a young age… blue and pink stuff. This does matter!
* Paz: Connected this to what Woolf says about men … men unconsciously limit a woman.
* Eble: Mad e a connection… women leaders, Palin, Bachmann, Warren, Clinton…
* Strotman: Discussed Sarah Palin and people’s conceptions of her. She was attacked. Just like Hilary Clinton wasn’t able to win, we’re not ready for a female president. VP / Pres have been mythologized…
* Henry: Was she attached because she’s a woman, or because she’s a member of the other party? (opposite to the liberal media)
* Strotman: Shared a Pew media poll for liberal versus conservative depiction via media. Most interesting part of this. Democratic primary campaign… numbers were the same for Hilary and Barack (negative and positive, respectively), even though Clinton’s resume was vastly different.
* Eble: Blind resume, looking at things objectively?
* Strotman: Yes.
* Carmichael: How would other countries see this? Equality isn’t the same…
* Strotman: Angela Merkel. Germany is one country in the EU that’s actually solvent…
* Eble: Germany Polandball?
* Strotman: They’re led by a woman… many don’t like her because of her politics.
* Carmichael: Middle East, conflict…
* Eble: Careful! Indira Ghandi, Benazir Bhutto…
* Carmichael: Dad’s business experience with Saudis… male president solves more problems.
* Kunkel: Colbert… quote from Bill O’Reilly. I don’t think other countries respect us based on who is in power. People respect the power and prestige of our country.
* Carmichael: Machiavelli quote…
* Strotman: But the leader does have a huge effect on how a country views us. Example: Political musing in the Ukraine, Russia… Soviets dealing with Reagan, other countries dealing with him.
* Eble: Tried to focus…
* Strotman: Carmichael makes an interesting point… gave a hypothetical of Uganda…
* Schumacher: As far as a female leader: Who cares what others think? This is like the U.S. acts as an example. American cannot be ignored. With a female leader, we’d be making a huge step.
* Wheat: Extremely powerful woman or passive, non-aggressive man?
* Strotman: No difference in response… offered an analogy. Blind, deaf, mute guy…
* Eble: Like DeLacey in *Frankenstein*?
* Strotman: View would be different.
* Eble: Male versus female boss?
* Strotman: Coney Island…treatment of male versus female.
* Henry: Personality, not gender.
* Kunkel: We’re discussing different topics… each time: On a strictly blind test… stigma?
* Schumacher: We’ve been talking about things on a high level… this makes me though of Gould’s comment about Eliot and women with great talent, high positions…
* Shaffer: Connie Ring can strike fear into you at no moment.