

The Future of Progressivism: Applying Follettian Thinking to Contemporary Issues

Call for Chapters/Conference Papers

2018 marks a century since Mary Follett first published *The New State: Group Organization, the Solution of Popular Government*. In her opus on Progressive Era political theory and group dynamics, she introduced innovative and timeless concepts of integrative process as applied to governance, from neighborhood to global levels, as well as application to occupational groups.

In this edited volume, rather than a retrospective of Follett's work or a collection of subsequent decades of application in a vast array of scholarship, including governance, management, community development, and social work, we propose a *prospective* of how her theories hold promise in application to contemporary practice in the face of global crises spanning climate change, social and economic transformation, and collaborative governance of organizations across the sectors of society. As a scholar and/or practitioner who has been using Follettian ideas, we invite you to contribute a chapter of up to 8,000 words in length.

Please limit your proposal to 1,000 words and include the following information:

1. Contact information and institutional affiliation(s)
2. Field of study/practice
3. Contemporary challenge(s) to be addressed
4. Key concept(s) being drawn from Follett in application
5. Example literature (with citations) to which the chapter contributes or responds

The book chapters will be unveiled June 14-16, 2018 at a gathering of the Mary Parker Follett Network, hosted by the John D. Rockefeller IV School of Policy and Politics at West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV. The conference will be designed in a seminar fashion by field of study and practice to unpack each chapter's contribution to the literature. We will then convene transdisciplinary dialogues to explore how Follett's thinking provides a platform for discourse across practices. We believe these deliberations will identify the contours of a unique approach to democracy as a way of life in these times of dramatic change and transformation. Following these discussions, book chapter authors will convene in a participatory dialogue and deliberation exercise to craft a synthesis chapter—an Epilogue of sorts to the book.

The book will be published by Process Century Press, a publisher conceived and incubated by the Center for Process Studies at Claremont School of Theology. It follows the 2015 publication of *Integrative Process: Follettian Thinking from Ontology to Administration* (Stout and Love) in a series on Ecological Civilization. In short, the publisher promotes thinking from philosophers such as Alfred North Whitehead and Mary Follett, along with the many contemporary thinkers that carry forward their understanding of reality as a dynamic, relational process. In solidarity with advocacy purposes, unlike many academic presses, their books are priced affordably to be most widely accessible to audiences around the world. Furthermore, the press is more flexible in terms of page length of the volume and a late-date addition of the Epilogue after the conference gathering.

Given the conference deadline of mid-June 2018, the publication schedule is relatively demanding and rigid:

February 15, 2017	LAST CALL chapter proposals due!
May 1, 2017	Chapters due for peer review
July 1, 2017	Peer review returned
September 1, 2017	Chapters due for editorial review
November 1, 2017	Final draft chapters due
February 1, 2018	Proofs returned for review
April 1, 2018	Manuscript to press
July 15, 2018	Epilogue to press
October 1, 2018	Printing complete

Please submit your chapter proposals before February 15, 2017 to:

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