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The Gender Politics of Plants in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World

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Wednesday February 18, 2009, 7:30 pm
John P. Schaefer Center for Creative Photography
The University of Arizona
Reception to follow lecture

*Lecture and reception are free of charge
and open to the public*

Prof. Schiebinger will discuss European bioprospecting in the Caribbean in the eighteenth century and address how gender relations in Europe and the colonies honed selective collecting practices among naturalists. While much literature on colonial science has focused on how knowledge is made and moved between continents and heterodox traditions, Prof. Schiebinger explores instances of the nontransfer of important bodies of knowledge from the New World into Europe. In doing so, she develops a new methodological tool, "agnotology," or the study of culturally-induced ignorances. Agnotology refocuses questions about "how we know" to include questions about what we do not know, and why not.

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