Author + Talk
Dr. Jana Rivers Norton

Edith Wharton: When Words First Spoke

Explore the life of renowned Pulitzer Prize-winning American novelist Edith Wharton. Dr. Rivers-Norton will discuss excerpts from “Edith Wharton: When Words First Spoke,” the fourth chapter of her latest book *The Demeter-Persephone Myth as Writing Ritual in the Lives of Literary Women*. The talk will focus on the novelist Edith Wharton, who experiences loss, illness and confusion as a child and is mystified by the aloofness of her mother. Consequently, she feels insecure and inferior. Although destined to be a writer, Wharton is profoundly shaped by family discord and a war-torn world, and often courts humiliation and consequent exile by voicing what others in her family do not want to acknowledge. Despite these restrictions, Wharton continuously recasts painful experience as fodder for the imagination to forge a lasting literary career. Dr. Jana Rivers Norton is a fulltime faculty of English at Cochise College, Santa Cruz Center, Nogales, Arizona.

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6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Presentation and Q&A

Location: Arizona Humanities
1242 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85004
Central Ave. & Culver, just south of McDowell, across from Burton Barr Library

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