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Senator Claiborne Pell
418 Federal Court House Building
Providence, R.I. 02903

Dear Senator Pell,

I am writing to oppose the nomination of Carol Iannone to the NEH National Council on the Humanities. I urge you to do the same.

Ms. Iannone's academic record lacks any distinction whatsoever. She has never held a tenure-track, full time teaching position, or an administrative one; thus she has no experience in decision-making in an academic institution. She has never published a full-length article in any scholarly journal--let alone a book. In the ten years since she received her Ph.D., she has produced only short, polemical review-length articles published mainly in magazines rather than scholarly journals.

Nothing else in her record suggests any achievement or promise in the academic world, as either scholar or administrator, that would qualify her to hold such an important and influential position as membership on the Council.

Frankly, I find this nomination insulting to the scholarly community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Coppélia Kahn
Professor of English