

# The Wolfe Institute

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*The Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities,  
in cooperation with the Shirley Chisholm Center for Research on Women, the Women's Center,  
the Women's Studies Program, the Department of Political Science, and the Department of History,  
presents*

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**A reading and discussion with Sheila Rowbotham**

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## **Edward Carpenter** *A Life of Liberty and Love*



**Sheila Rowbotham's** new biography of the gay socialist writer Edward Carpenter, narrates the life of the pioneering advocate of free love, gay rights and women's suffrage who challenged both capitalism and the values of Western civilization. Carpenter had an extraordinary impact on the cultural and political landscape of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. A mystic advocate of, among other causes, free love, recycling, nudism, women's suffrage and prison reform, Carpenter's work anticipated the sexual revolution of the 1960s and placed him at the epicenter of the literary culture of his day.

Professor of Gender and Labour History at the University of Manchester, Sheila Rowbotham, is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. Her many books include *A Century of Women: The History of Women in Britain and the United States in the Twentieth Century* and *Promise of a Dream: Remembering the Sixties*. She has written for, among other newspapers, *The Guardian*, *The Times*, *The Independent*, *New Statesman*, and *The New York Times*. Sheila Rowbotham is internationally renown as the foremother of the new women's history emerging in the second half of the 20th century

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**Tuesday, November 18, 2008**

**11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

**Woody Tanger Auditorium  
Brooklyn College Library**

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