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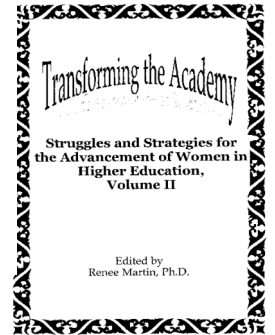
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In 1980 when Marguerite Youcenar became the first female member of the prestigious French Academy since 1635, Jean Guilton commented "A woman, as a woman, simply has no place in the academy. Of course I have a great deal of admiration for her work. But it is like putting a dove in the rabbit hutch. Adding one inhabitant like that makes the place over-populated." While some may consider such sentiments passé, there is evidence to suggest that little has changed in the academy and that institutions of higher education remain inhospitable, sometimes hostile domains for women who choose to enter the professoriate...

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