have developed their self-esteem, and have established themselves in academia. In this way there is little risk of them being threatened by a more competitive environment. It is only when women flourish and are allowed to demonstrate their full potential and capabilities in a highly challenging and innovative research atmosphere, that gender-equality in higher education will be a more tangible reality.

By “public” universities we mean state-controlled universities. Although they enjoy a high degree of autonomy, public universities are financed by the federal state, which also sets uniform wages for different types of jobs, and issues general regulations on administrative matters.

This is especially the case for high and/or full-time positions.

This phenomenon has been acknowledged explicitly by the Academic Secretary of the National University of Tucuman, in a recent article published by the Argentinean University Network (UNIVERSIA 2008).

Quoting a high-ranking secretary of a large public university.

Referentes


RONNIE R. BROWN

Free Associations on RUMPELSTILTSKIN

Part I (Rumpel [sic])

He is smiling, his green eyes looking into hers. Is there’s anything else she wants from him, he asks, and, suddenly, she is speechless.

Yes, the word resonates within her brain yes, yes! I want to take you home, rumple my bed with you, ride your body from crest to crest. Experience the wave as it overtakes us, sweeps us to shore and leaves us there damp and weak, but…

before her words make their way from mind to mouth her husband, tired and rumpled after a long day, intrudes dismissing the man of her fantasies with a curt, “Nothing else for us, thanks, just the cheque.”

Ronnie R Brown’s poetry appears earlier in this volume.