

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.

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¹By “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.

²This is especially the case for high and/or full-time positions.

³This 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).

⁴Quoting a high-ranking secretary of a large public university.

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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 rumped
after a long day, intrudes
dismissing the man
of her fantasies with a curt,
“Nothing else for us, thanks,
just the cheque.”

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