Emilie du Chatelet lived in France between 1706 and 1749. She is famous for being the long time mistress of Voltaire and also for her work in mathematics and physics. Her translation to French, with detailed commentary, of Newton’s Principia is still the standard for this text in French. She was a vivid and strong personality who defied the female norms of her time and became the first woman to have a scientific article published by the French Academy.