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President's Column

I hope you will set aside April 19-21 to attend the annual WAWH conference at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California. The program promises to be exceptionally engaging, with an array of distinguished historians presenting papers as well as commentary. This year's conference also features a session devoted exclusively to the work of graduate students. The program committee has striven to achieve a balance of younger historians, independent scholars, graduate students, and senior scholars, presenting research that we hope will interest a broad spectrum of our membership.

The conference will begin on Friday night, April 19, when we will gather for the first time at the historic U.S. District Court Building in Pasadena. Come to the buffet supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by a timely panel discussion on "Teaching History After September 11th" at 7:00 p.m.

The next day, Saturday April 20, is full of intellectual excitement, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a Keynote Address by Professor Linda Gordon. She will talk on "Gender, Race, and Citizenship on the Southwestern Frontier," drawing on research from her recent book, The Great Arizona Orphan Abduction, which received the 1999 Bancroft Prize in American History and the 2000 Albert J. Beveridge Award in American History. Gordon is Professor of History at New York University.

We have eight sessions scheduled for Saturday afternoon, and I guarantee that it will be difficult to choose among them, so please consult your program. We then convene to another historic location, The Women's City Club of Pasadena, for our Business Meeting, Graduate Student Reception and Fundraiser, and our annual Awards Banquet. We trust that many of you will enjoy the opportunity to socialize with acquaintances and friends as well as to meet new members. As is our usual custom, we will honor our award recipients after dinner.

Sunday, April 21, we have another group of sessions that will get locals back on the freeways and keep out-of-towners away from the airports. The morning features a session on gender and law in Early Modern France, another on women's participation in Latin American regional economies, and finally a retrospective, and perhaps prospective, look at the work of Mary Ryan. After lunch we have papers on international feminism, race, culture and law in the U.S.- Mexican borderlands, gender constructs in twentieth-century popular culture, and religion and social change.

We need your support to make the 2002 conference a success, so please join us this year at the Huntington Library. If you can't attend, would you take a minute to **renew your membership**, which runs from conference to conference, by using the enclosed form to update your information. We want to update and correct the information before the printing of the 2002 Directory. Fully employed historians pay \$20, part-time/retired cost \$15, while our graduate student and independent scholar rate is \$8. Your form and check should be sent before March 29, 2002, to Amy Essington/7043 E. Hanbury Street/Long Beach, CA 90808-2321. Thank you for your continued support.

Karen Lystra
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Announcements

****Member Information Update Sheets****

Enclosed with this newsletter are Member Information Update Sheets. The sheets are from the new database. We are trying to update the database and check for accuracy of information in preparation for the printing of the 2002 Directory. Please check the information, update or correct any information, and return either with your conference registration or as your membership renewal form before **March 29, 2002**, to Amy Essington, 7043 E. Hanbury Street, Long Beach, CA 90808-2321. If you have any questions, email Amy Essington at aessington@al.com.

WAWH 2003 Conference

The 2003 WAWH conference will be held June 6-8, 2002, at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, CA.

Conference

Claremont Graduate University will be hosting an Interdisciplinary Children's History Conference in conjunction with the Marian Minor Cook Athenaeum at Claremont McKenna College on February 21 and 22, 2002. We envision a conference that enhances the study of history by drawing upon a wide variety of disciplines such as cultural studies, psychology, and education. Our keynote speaker, William Tuttle of the University of Kansas, will speak Thursday night at the Athenaeum followed by five panels on Friday at the Claremont Graduate University.

Please see our website for program information and to register www.cgu.edu/hum/eng/childhood/Children_history.htm or contact Jennifer Hillman Helgren at jennifer.hillman@cgu.edu or leave a message on our conference voice mail at (909) 607-9673.

Call for Papers

The Presence of the Past
34th Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain
Medieval and Renaissance Association
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
May 23-25, 2002

Plenary speakers:

Wole Soyinka, Nobel Laureate and Director,
International Institute of Modern Letters,
University of Nevada, Las Vegas;
Terence Hawkes, English, Cardiff University, Wales;
Diane Wolfthal, Art History, Arizona State University

>>Topic Open<<

You are cordially invited to submit one-page abstracts for twenty-minute papers and for session proposals either on the conference theme or on any topic in medieval, Renaissance, or early modern studies. The Presence of the Past concerns questions such as these: in what ways are images, artifacts, and institutions of the medieval and early modern periods part of the contemporary world? What valid parallels or narratives connect these periods to the world today? How can we address our own historical and cultural situatedness? How did medieval and early modern cultures themselves apprehend and address the presence of the past?

Deadline: March 1, 2002

Seminar

Marilyn Boxer and Karen Offen will be co-directing a NEH-funded research seminar this summer at Stanford, on "Motherhood and the Nation-State in Western Societies"?

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2002.

Thank you Donors

Thank you to the people who have made donations to the WAWH between October 1, 2001 and February 1, 2002.

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Welcome New Members

Welcome to the members who have joined between October 1, 2001 and February 1, 2002.

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Member News

Lynn A. Bonfield's "Quilts for Civil War Soldiers from Peacham, Vermont," is appearing in UNCOVERINGS 2001, Vol. 22 of the Research Papers of the American Quilt Study Group, Lincoln, Nebraska, 2001. Presented at Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, October 14, 2001.

Estelle Freedman, Stanford University, is pleased to announce the publication of her new book, *No Turning Back: The History of Feminism and the Future of Women* (Ballantine Books, 2002), which will be available in March, 2002. The book synthesizes interdisciplinary feminist scholarship on women and feminism within an historical framework and places western feminism within the larger context of women's movements across time and cultures.

Recently named chair of the Nominating Committee of the Sixteenth Century Studies, **Susan Karant-Nunn**, has recently published three articles:

- (1) "Weibliche Kommunikation in der deutschen Stadt am Ende des Mittelalters" [Female Communication in the German City at the End of the Middle Ages], in DIE STADT ALS KOMMUNIKATIONSRAUM, FESTSCHRIFT FOR KARL CZOK, ed. by Helmut Braeuer and Elke Schlenkrich (Leipzig: Leipziger Universitaetsverlag, 2001).
- (2) "Preaching the Word in Early Modern Germany," in Larissa Juliet Taylor, ed., PREACHING AND THE SOCIAL ORDER IN REFORMATION AND POST-REFORMATION EUROPE (Leiden: Brill, 2001).
- (3) "Patterns of Religious Practice: Nontheological Features," in Thomas A. Brady, Jr., ed., DIE DEUTSCHE REFORMATION ZWISCHEN SPAETMITTELALTER UND FRUEHER NEUZEIT, Schriften des Historischen Kollegs Kolloquien 50 (Munich: Oldenbourg, 2001).

She has also produced a paper given once in the U.S. in English and once in Germany, in German: "It has left my

spirit almost womanish': The Masculinity of Martin Luther," conference on medieval and early modern European masculinity, UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Los Angeles, February 2001. "'Mihi reliquerit animum paene muliebrem': Die Maskulinitaet von Martin Luther," conference at the University of Erfurt on "Luther between Cultures," November 2001.

Regina Lark has been hired to manage the UCLA Center for the Study of Women and the UCLA Women's Studies Program.

Jeanne Farr McDonnell is working on a biography of Juana Briones. The Juana Briones Heritage Foundation is sponsoring in Palo Alto on March 12, 2002, a celebration of the 200th anniversary of her birth in Branciforte, California. Juana Briones is also one of the featured women in an exhibit sponsored by the Schlesinger Library, which is organizing "Enterprising Women: 250 Years of American Business" with the Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, Massachusetts. It will be at Lexington from October 5 to February 23, 2003, before a national tour.

Karen Offen's recent book *European Feminisms, 1700-1950*, was chosen by a Portuguese feminist group as one of 101 important books by women published in the 20th century. The books were exhibited in Lisbon during late 2001, and the exhibition catalog and poster featuring the books and their authors has been widely distributed.

Monica Rico (Lawrence University) contributed two articles, on the expeditions of Stephen Long and John Charles Fremont, to the forthcoming revised edition of the Dictionary of American History.

2002 Conference Information

Conference Hotel

Hotel rooms may be reserved at the Marriott's Courtyard Hotel in Old Pasadena. It is located at 180 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA, 91103. Room charges are \$74.00 for either singles or doubles per night. Hotel Reservations **must** be made by **Friday, March 29th, 2002**, for the special conference rate. To make reservations please call 626-403-7600, ask for reservations, and indicate that you are attending the Western Association of Women Historians' conference. Hotel accommodations must be made separately from conference registration.

Conference Airlines

United Airlines is the official airline for the 2002 conference. To receive a 5-10% discount on your airfare to either Los Angeles, Ontario, or Burbank airports please call United Airlines at 800-521-4041 (a special line for meetings and not the regular reservation line) and mention code #593XW, Monday through Sunday, 7:00 am to 12:00 midnight (ET). Discounts apply to travel between April 16 and April 24. Mileage Plus members will receive full credit for all miles flown. For every 40 people that make reservations through the meeting line, WAWH will receive a free round-trip ticket.

Please return completed registration form and check to:

2002 WAWH Conference Registration
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Also check www.wawh.org for updated conference information, program, and registration forms.

Graduate Student Rep. Column

Graduate To Do List: Just the Dissertation, That's All
by Kim Warren, ABD, Stanford University

If you are a graduate student who has finished courses, taken exams, and written a thought-provoking dissertation proposal, you have been promoted to a new stage in your academic career called ABD (All But Dissertation). This is the phase of your doctoral work during which you can conduct your research, write your dissertation, and eventually trade in your ABD for a more prestigious set of initials—Ph.D. Another thing that can happen in this phase is that you can find yourself moving into an eternal state of being “almost finished.”

In order to reach the reach the ultimate goal of exchanging the ABD for a PhD the first step is to recognize that the phrase “All But Dissertation” can be misleading. ABD implies that the hard work is over and the only thing left on the Graduate To Do List is *simply* to write a dissertation. This seems to overlook the fact that for most mere mortals, re-searching and writing a dissertation is the most difficult part of the process. We would never suggest to a woman in her ninth month of pregnancy that she is ABD (All But Delivered), so why do graduate students receive this somewhat peculiar distinction? In both cases, the “D” is the critical, final, and most laborious part of the process. The “D” is the emergence of your project into the world. To say that one is ABD somehow misses the intensity of the last phase of doctoral work.

Perhaps we should create a more authentic name for this stage of graduate school. How about ABMCPYGCDWYMMNFEDST (All But the Most Complicated Part of Your Graduate Career During Which You May or May Not Find Evidence to Develop a Solid Thesis)? It is clumsy, hard to remember, and would never fit on a t-shirt, but at least it's more accurate!

I realize that this ABD issue might just be my own pet peeve, but I'm sure that graduate students have serious concerns that you would like to discuss. Your graduate student representatives, Lara Bickell and I, will be at the WAWH Conference at the Huntington Library, San Marino, California, April 19-21, 2002, and would like to hear your gripes, anxieties, tips, and strategies. Look for an announcement at the conference for a graduate student open forum.

In addition, because WAWH is committed to increasing its graduate student membership and conference participation, the Dissertation Roundtable has been reinstated. Four students are slated to present their research and get feedback from the panel's chair and the audience. I would like to encourage graduate students to attend this Dissertation Roundtable (Saturday, April 20th, 3:00pm-4:45pm), to share their own research topics, and thus, enlarge the conversation. If you have questions, please contact Kim Warren <kim.warren@stanford.edu> before the conference.

Guest Column: The IFRWH

The International Federation for Research in Women's History/
Federation Internationale Pour la Recherche en Histoire des Femmes

Transnational feminism, globalization, international movements—these terms have become part of the vocabulary of even those who study national histories since 9/11. But international exchange is hardly a new activity among women historians. For this generation, organized women's history went global in 1987 with the formation of The International Federation for Research in Women's History/Federation Internationale Pour la Recherche en Histoire des Femmes, an affiliate of the International Committee for the Historical Sciences/ Comité Internationale des Sciences Historiques, in much the same way that the Coordinating Council for Women in History is an affiliate of the AHA. The CCWH, in fact, serves as the national committee from the United States to the IFRWH/FIRHF.

There are thirty national committees, eleven corresponding members, and an elected board. Current board members are President: Mary O'Dowd; Vice-President: Pirjo Markkola; Secretary-Treasurer: Karen Hunt; Newsletter Editor: Eileen Boris; Shirin Akhtar, Noriyo Hayakawa, Alison Mackinnon, Mrinalini Sinha and Sylvia Van Kirk. As the newsletter editor, I print national reports, calls for papers and conferences, and other information. Karen Offen regularly compiles a bibliography of recent work. The last issue (Fall 2001) included a supplement from the Association for Middle Eastern Women's Studies. National committees distribute the newsletter (which comes as an e-mail attachment) to their members. The newsletter then goes up on the web page.

The group aims "to encourage and coordinate research in all aspects of women's history at the international level, by promoting exchange of information and publication and by arranging and assisting in arranging large-scale international conferences as well as more restricted and specialized meetings." *Writing Women's History: International Perspectives* (edited by Karen Offen, Ruth Roach Pierson and Jane Rendall) came out of papers presented at the 1989 first meeting of national committees in Bellagio, Italy. Since then, it has held one conference in tandem with the ICHS/CISH, which meets every five years, and another conference in between those larger gatherings. These meetings have covered central topics

within Women's History: "Changes in Women's Life Cycles in a Socio-Economic and Political Perspective" (1990, Madrid); "Women and the State" (1993, Bielefeld); "Women, Colonialisms, Imperialisms and Nationalisms Through the Ages/Femmes, colonialismes, imperialismes et nationalismes a travers les ages" (1995, Montreal); "Women and Human Rights, Social Justice and Citizenship: International Historical Perspectives" (1998, Melbourne); "Conflict and Co-operation in Sites of Cultural Co-Existence: Perspectives from Women's History" (2000, Oslo).

"WOMEN, FAMILY, PRIVATE LIFE AND SEXUALITY" is the topic for the next meeting, to be held in Belfast, Ireland, in August 2003. (See the Call for Papers on page 2 of this newsletter.) The 2005 conference to be held with the ICHS/CISH in Sydney, Australia, will address the historiography of women's history. IFRWH/FIRHF conferences are among the most exciting events, where real cutting-edge women's history gets presented from scholars from all over the globe. Join us.

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WAWH Calendar

March 29, 2002	Deadline for 2002 Conference pre-registration
April 19-21, 2002	WAWH 33rd Annual Meeting at The Huntington Library, San Marino, CA
June 1, 2002	Deadline for submissions for Summer 2002 <i>Networker</i>
July 1, 2002	Mailing of Summer 2002 <i>Networker</i>
June 6-8, 2003	WAWH 34th Annual Conference Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, CA

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