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President's Column

The best part of being President of the Western Association of Women Historians is the ability to thank publicly all the people who have contributed so much to our organization. Kudos to Carole Srole, Program Chair, for the vision and leadership that helped make the 2002 Conference such a success. More kudos to Amy Essington whose organizational skills, dedication, and elbow grease took the 2002 conference from idea to reality. Not only did Amy devote countless days (and weeks) to the program layout, production, and mailing but she also single-handedly performed the time-consuming task of conference registration, including e-mails and mailings. Finally she supervised the registration table at the conference itself. She kept me from having a nervous breakdown. So did Peggy Renner, Local Arrangements Coordinator, who handled the food at all three of our venues this year. I appreciated the Friday night Roundtable held at the U.S. District Courthouse, including the terrific buffet supper. I also enjoyed the historic ambience and food at the Women's City Club of Pasadena. To the many contributors, including the other members of the program committee, Cheryl Koos and Donna Schuele, and all the hardworking members of the awards committees and their chairs, Nupur Chaudhuri, Janis Appier, Nancy Slote and Alexandra Nickliss, I thank you.

We cannot rest on our laurels, however, for next year's conference looms large. We will be meeting at the Clark Kerr Conference Center at the University of California, Berkeley, June 6-8, 2003. Veterans of conference planning know that we need to start work now. Anyone who is interested in helping with the next conference should e-mail me at kly-stra@fullerton.edu or leave a message on my voice mail: 714-773-5069. I will be contacting those of you who have already volunteered. I also hope to hear from northern California members who want to support a WAWH conference close to home.

Besides the conference, another avenue of support beckons. We are preparing to launch a fund-raising drive to strengthen our modest (shall I say meager?) endowment fund. Our emphasis next year will be on raising money for the Sierra Book Prize, which is awarded for the best monograph in the field of history published by a WAWH member. Many distinguished

historians have won the award. But we need to replenish funds for the Sierra Prize in order to continue this proud tradition. Nupur Chaudhuri has agreed to chair our fundraising drive, with the assistance of Betsy Perry. Would anyone else be willing to offer their time to this vital new committee? I know that many of you give generously to a variety of charities and probably never think of the WAWH in this light. But we are now officially tax-exempt, as designated by the IRS, and a deductible donation to the WAWH will help preserve the Sierra Prize for the next generation. Don't forget one "charity" that is close to your professional heart.

Also don't forget to attend the WAWH luncheon on Saturday, August 3, at the Pacific Coast Branch Meeting of the American Historical Association in Tucson, Arizona. Judy Raftery, who has just assumed the chair of the Sierra Prize Committee, will be speaking on Americans in the Philippines. Her talk "Teaching for Democracy: Transporting the 'Common School' to the Philippines" is based on wide-ranging research for her next book. Judy is a distinguished scholar in the history of education and her talk in Tucson promises to be both original and engaging.

Karen Lystra
California State University, Fullerton

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Announcements

Journal of Women's History is soliciting articles for a special issue on women's labors throughout the world, under diverse economic and gender systems, and in all historical periods. The journal seeks manuscripts on all forms of women's work, both paid and unpaid, including, but not limited to, family and household work. Contact jwh@osu.edu. Deadline August 1, 2002.

Rural Women's Studies Association Conference

February 20-23, 2003 in Las Cruces, NM

<http://www.uncp.edu/rwsa/>

Southern Association of Women Historians

Sixth Southern Conference on Women's History

June 6-8, 2003 in Athens, GA

<http://www.uga.edu/swch/>

Please see updated information on the **International Federation for Research in Women's History**:

<http://www.historians.ie/women/>

There is a June 1 deadline for paper proposals for the August 2003 meeting in Belfast, and a second deadline of October 1.

The Schlesinger Library of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University and the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, MA, announce a major national exhibition that reinterprets the history of American women and of American business. "**Enterprising Women: 250 Years of American Business**" tells the compelling story of American women in business from the colonial era to the present.

The exhibition premieres at the National Heritage Museum, October 5, 2002, through February 23, 2003, before a national tour. The exhibition will then travel to the Atlanta History Center; the Detroit Historical Museum; the Los Angeles Public Library, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C., co-sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History; the New-York Historical Society; and The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future, Dallas.

The Coalition of Western Women's History announces the **Irene Ledesma Prize** for 2002. The \$1000 prize is intended to support travel to collections or other research expenses related to the histories of women and gender in the American West. Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program. The prize honors the memory of Irene Ledesma whose contributions to Chicana and working-class history were ended by her untimely death in 1997. The CWWH will award the prize at the women's history breakfast during the Western Historical Association conference in Colorado Springs, October 16-19, 2002. To apply: submit three copies of the following: a vita, a brief description of the research project (not exceeding three pages, double-spaced), including an explanation of how the prize funds would support the research and a letter of support from the student's major advisor by August 24th, 2002 to: Professor Antonia Castaneda Chair, Irene Ledesma Prize Committee, History Department ~ St. Mary's University, One Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78223-8503.

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

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Thank you also to all those who made contributions to the Founders Dissertation Fellowship at the Graduate Student Fundraiser.

A special thank you to:

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For their generous donation to the Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize.

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Welcome New Members

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

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A special thank you to new life member
Betsy Perry

Member News

Elizabeth Urban Alexander (Texas Wesleyan University) has received the 2001 Langum Prize for Legal History/Legal Biography for her first book, *Notorious Woman: The Celebrated Case of Myra Clark Gaines* (LSU Press, 2001).

Gordon Morris Bakken has recently edited *California History: A Topical Approach* (2002).

Lois Huneycutt has been awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor at the University of Missouri, Columbia. She extends her thanks to her WAWH colleagues who wrote on her behalf.

Lucinda Long, graduate student in history at the University of Nevada, is associate editor of the recently published *Moving Stories: Migration and the American West 1850-2000*. The volume is available from the University of Nevada Press.

J.D. Neuffer has accepted the position of Visiting Lecturer of American Religions and Church History at Pacific Lutheran University for the 2002-2003 school year. She is a 2002 recipient of the Wm. D. Aiken Travel grant to fund her studies for her project, "Fascinating Womanhood: Helen Andelin and the Politics of Religion in the Other Women's Movement," which focuses on Andelin's religion-fueled counter-feminist movement in the 1960-1990's. Her review of Sarah Barringer Gordon's book, *The Mormon Question: Polygamy and Constitutional Conflict in 19th Century America* (2002) has recently been accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of Pacific Northwest Quarterly.

Barbara Bennett Peterson, Emeritus Professor University of Hawaii, and currently Professor of History at Oregon State University received a Pulitzer Prize nomination in 2001 for her book *Notable Women of China* which supports children's charities world-wide. Published by M.E. Sharpe in New York, this book was a result of her Senior Fulbright Scholar teaching year in China at Wuhan University

(1989-90). She has a new book out this year, 2002 published by NOVA Science Publishers titled *Sarah Childress Polk, First Lady of Tennessee and Washington*. Dr. Peterson is now working on a series on the American Presidents. Essentially a biographer, she writes profiles of both men and women in history.

Ruth Rosen has retired from the history department of the University of California, Davis and is now happily working as an editorial editor and columnist for the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Sharon Salinger's forthcoming book, *Taverns and Drinking in Early America* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002) should be released this month.

Donna Schuele was appointed Executive Director of the California Supreme Court Historical Society in January 2001. She has been awarded two research fellowships, from the Huntington Library and from the Historical Society of Southern California, to continue archival research in the case files of the Los Angeles County Probate Court, dating from 1850 to 1878.

Kathleen Sheldon's book *Pounders of Grain: A History of Women, Work, and Politics in Mozambique* has been published by Heinemann. She was recently an invited participant at "Portuguese/African Encounters, an International Congress," which met at Brown University in April 2002, and she is now editing a new listserv on Lusophone Africa, H-Luso-Africa, which is part of the H-Net humanities listserv family.

Tiffany K. Wayne received her PhD from University of California, Santa Cruz in December 2001. Her dissertation is entitled, "Woman Thinking: Feminism and Transcendentalism in Nineteenth-Century America." She is currently teaching U.S. and Women's History at UCSC under a two-year Faculty Fellow postdoctoral fellowship.

2002 Conference Recap

Award Winners

Congratulations to the three award winners:

Lisa Forman Cody won the Judith Lee Ridge Prize for her article "The Politics of Illegitimacy in an Age of Reform: Women, Reproduction, and Political Economy in England's New Poor Law of 1834," *Journal of Women's History* 11 (Winter 2000): 131-156.

The Sierra Prize was given to **Patricia Schechter** for *Ida B. Wells-Barnett and American Reform, 1880-1930*, (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2001).

Amy Meschke, a graduate student at Southern Methodist University, won the Founders Dissertation Fellowship for her dissertation "Bender and Inheritance in the Spanish and Mexican Borderlands, 1750-1846."

New Award Chairs

MariaElena Raymond is the new chair of the Kanner Prize. She replaced Nancy Slote who has served the committee well. Her contact information can be found on page 6, with the rest of the executive committee. Regina Lark will join MariaElena and Mary Wright on the Kanner Prize committee.

Judith Raftery will move from committee member to committee chair of the Sierra Prize, taking over for Nuper Chaudhuri who has agreed to chair the Development Committee. Patricia Schechter will join her as a new committee member.

2003 WAWH Conference

The 2003 Conference will be held at the Clark Kerr Conference Center on the UC Berkeley campus June 6-8, 2003. This is a location change from the Asilomar Conference Center listed on the 2002 Program.

Please visit the web site,
www.wawh.org,
 later in the year for more information.

WAWH Announcements

WAWH has federal tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status!

With thanks to Betsy Perry who began the process and Amy Essington who completed the process, WAWH was approved for federal tax-exempt status in April. ALL donations are deductible. Now is a good time to consider making an additional donation or becoming a life member.

Membership Increase

With a presidential goal of 500 by the 2003 conference, WAWH has been working to increase current members. At the 2001 Conference total membership was 356. At the 2002 Conference membership increased to 414. Membership is now 426. With two new life members, and a dramatic increase in new members, the goal of 500 members is in sight. YOU can help meet this goal. Take the time to make sure your membership is current. Membership runs conference to conference. All current members have a year of 2003 or greater on the label of any mailing. If your membership is current, please find one colleague, friend, or student to join. Give a membership to a student for graduation. You can also offer to take brochures to conferences. The organization depends on membership dues to operate. Each person counts.

New Membership Information Update Forms

This year all members, current as of the mailing of the conference program, also received a Membership Information Update form. This form is a product of the new Access database. It has two purposes. First, to allow members to send in updated information to keep the database and directory as current as possible. Second, for members, specifically for members not attending the conference, it is a notice of membership renewal. If you have not sent in your Membership Update Form, it is not too late. Please correct and/or update your information and mail to the address listed on the form.

Would you like to help WAWH?

An ad-hoc Development Committee has been created to investigate and begin a fund raising drive. Please see the President's Column for more details. Nuper Chaudhuri has agreed to chair the committee. If you are interested in helping, please contact: Nuper Chaudhuri at nupurc@earthlink.net.

The Sierra Prize Committee is looking for a third member. Preference will be given to a historian in a non-American field. Contact Karen Lystra at klystra@fullerton.edu or Judith Raftery at jraftery@csuchico.edu.

2003 WAWH Awards and Prizes

Barbara Penny Kanner Award

The Western Association of Women Historians will award \$500 to the best scholarly bibliographical and historical guide to research focused on women or gender history. The Kanner Award is intended to promote the practice of bibliomethodology or autobiography in historical context. The bibliomethodology award should reflect the critical tools of the historian's craft as they have been developed to provide research guides rather than library catalogues. The autobiography in historical context award should reflect the craft of history as developed and interpreted in individual lives. Book-length submissions are preferred but substantial guides in other forms (articles or book chapters) may also be considered. The bibliographical and the autobiography awards will be given in alternate years, with submissions for each award considered for two-year intervals from the date of publication.

This year's award will be bibliographical and published in 2001 or 2002.

THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2003.

Send THREE copies of your submission as well as a statement that the applicant is a current WAWH member to:

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530-735-6596

mariaraymond@afes.com

Judith Lee Ridge Prize

The WAWH will award \$100 for the best article in the field of history published by a WAWH member. All recipients shall be members of the WAWH for at least one year prior to submission. Eligibility is limited to two groups: those residing in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming or the Western Canadian Provinces; and WAWH members residing in other states who have paid membership for three years (not necessarily consecutive years). The article must have been published in 2001 or 2002. All fields of history will be considered, and articles must be submitted with full scholarly apparatus.

THE IS JANUARY 15, 2003.

Three (3) copies of the article, as well as a statement that the applicant is a current WAWH member, should be mailed to:

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Founders Dissertation Fellowship

The WAWH invites applications for its 2003 Founders Dissertation Fellowship. Applicants must be members of the WAWH, advanced to candidacy, writing the dissertation at the time of the application, and expecting to receive the Ph.D. no earlier than December 2003. The \$1000 award may be used for any expenses related to the dissertation. A complete application must be received by January 15, 2003. The fellowship recipient will be announced at the WAWH Annual Conference.

Applicants for a WAWH Founders Dissertation Fellowship must submit the following to the selection committee:

- A completed application form. A curriculum vita is not an acceptable substitute.
- A summary of the dissertation project, an explanation of its historical scholarship, a survey of the major primary sources, a summary of research already accomplished, and an indication of plans for completion of the dissertation in no more than five double-spaced pages.
- One confidential letter of recommendation from a dissertation committee member sent directly to the Founders Dissertation Fellowship Committee. A file maintained by a university office is not an adequate substitute for the specified letters of reference.

THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2003.

For further information and application forms, please contact: Alexandra M. Nickliss

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Sierra Book Prize

The Western Association of Women Historians (WAWH) will award the 2003 Sierra Book Prize (\$250) for the best monograph in the field of history published by a WAWH member. Eligibility of the prize is limited to two groups: those residing in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming or the Western Canadian Provinces; and WAWH members residing in other states who have paid membership for three years (not necessarily consecutive years). The book must be a monograph based on original research (not an anthology or edited work). It must be published in 2002. Books previously issued as hardback and reissued as paper can not be submitted more than once. Books can not be submitted more than once. The Prize is open to all fields of history. THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2003.

Three (3) copies of the book must be submitted as well as a statement that the applicant is a current WAWH member. Please send the copies to:

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WAWH Calendar

July 1, 2002	Mailing of Summer 2002 <i>Networker</i>
August 3, 2002	WAWH Luncheon, AHA-PCB Conference
October 1, 2002	Deadline for submissions for the Fall 2002 <i>Networker</i>
June 6-8, 2003	WAWH 34th Annual Conference Clark Kerr Conference Center, UC Berkeley

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