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President's Column

Dear Friends:

I have good news to report about the next WAWH Conference in Berkeley, California, on June 6-8, 2003. Natalie Zemon Davis has agreed to be our keynote speaker. Davis is a renowned historian of early modern Europe, perhaps best known for her book, *The Return of Martin Guerre: Imposture and Identity in a Sixteenth-century Village*, which she also helped to adapt for the cinema. While teaching at University of California, Berkeley, she uncovered key evidence for this work. Currently, she is a Professor of History, Emeritus, at Princeton and an adjunct Professor of History and Senior Fellow in Comparative Literature at the University of Toronto. A distinguished historian of French, Medieval and Renaissance history, she returns to Berkeley to deliver the keynote address for our conference on Saturday morning, June 7. So please pass the word to members and nonmembers alike.

I have more good news to report. Another distinguished historian, Linda Kerber, one of the co-founders of the Western Association of Women Historians, will be attending the Berkeley Conference. The contribution of her scholarship and teaching is the focus of a featured panel on her influential career in women's history. Participants in the panel will include Grace Larsen, Terri Snyder, Suzanne Lebsack, and Alice Kessler-Harris. Larson co-founded the WAWH with Kerber when she was living in northern California. Terri Snyder is a specialist in women's history in colonial America and a former student of Kerber's at University of Iowa. Joining her will be Suzanne Lebsack, who teaches at University of Washington, and whose book *The Free Women of Petersburg: Status and Culture in a Southern Town, 1784-1860* won the Bancroft prize. Finally, Alice Kessler-Harris will round out this exciting session. Kessler-Harris teaches history and Women's Studies at Columbia University. Her latest book, *In Pursuit of Equity: Women, Men and the Quest for Economic Citizen-*

ship, won the Bancroft Prize for 2001. Please join us in Berkeley for this intellectually rewarding session.

We hope to have more intellectual surprises in store for you as the conference continues to take shape. Please plan ahead so that your attendance is assured and encourage friends to do likewise. Remember the dates—JUNE 6-8, 2003—at the Clark Kerr Conference Center in Berkeley, California. Conference information will be posted on the web site, www.wawh.org, as it becomes available. The 2003 Call for Papers and cover sheets are already posted.

Besides conference planning, the WAWH is moving ahead on plans for a major Capital Development Campaign. The Development Committee is being chaired by Nupur Chaudhuri, whose contribution to this organization has been invaluable. Her commitment continues as she provides leadership for this crucial undertaking, along with another longtime supporter of this organization, Betsy Perry. Donna Schuele has generously agreed to ar-

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Announcements

WAWH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign Up a New WAWH Member today.

Each day the WAWH gets closer to its goal of 500 current members by the 2003 conference, but we need your help. With the beginning of the academic year, there are new graduate students, colleagues, and friends who may not know about the WAWH. If less than 25% of our current members signed up just one new person, we could more than reach our goal. Be a part of the growth of the WAWH by signing up a new member (and making sure your membership is up to date--found on newsletter labels). Our organization depends on member dues. The more members we have the more we can do and the greater the network of women historians we can create. Information about the organization, the 2003 conference, and new/renewal membership forms can be found at www.wawh.org.

The WAWH brochure in PDF and HTML formats has been added to the web site, www.wawh.org, to help facilitate spreading information about the WAWH. This is another way to copy and email or print and distribute information about the WAWH to friends, colleagues, and graduate students. If you would like an email sent to you with the information that can be easily forwarded, email Amy Essington at aessington@aol.com.

Notification of Address Changes

If you have a new mailing or email address (or both), please send in the updated information. The database is only as useful as the information it contains. Please send changes to Amy Essington at aessington@aol.com.

CA State Tax Status

In April 2002, the WAWH received 501(c) 3 tax-exempt status from the IRS. This allows members deductions on federal taxes. In order to match our state status to our federal status, the WAWH needs to amend its Articles of Incorporation from a "mutual benefit" organization to a "public benefit" organization. This is the only change that will be made.

The altering of the Articles of Incorporation requires a vote

from the membership. In order to facilitate the matter, we sent out a request on email. The votes required to pass the proposal were received. If you have not sent in your vote and would like to do so for the record, please send it to Amy Essington. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Lystra or Amy Essington.

WAWH 2003 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. The 2003 Call for Papers and (newly) required Cover Sheet have already been posted. All award applications are due January 15, 2002 and 2003 Paper Proposals are due February 1, 2003.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

California State University, Northridge invites applications for a tenure track assistant professorship as a historian with training and research concentrated in women and/or gender in U.S. history. The Department seeks a candidate with evidence of teaching excellence, strong research potential, and a successful record or strong potential in the area of student advisement and teacher training. Ph.D. by September 2003 required. Applicants who do not have a Ph.D. in hand at the time of appointment will be appointed as a one-year lecturer and converted to tenure track at completion of the doctorate. A Ph.D. will be required for the granting of tenure. Salary: \$43,632-\$50,000. Closing Date: March 22, 2003. AA/EOE.

19th Century U.S. History, 1850-1900 [Excluding American West and Borderlands]. The history department of Loyola Marymount University invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position in American history at the level of assistant professor to begin in Fall 2003. Applicant must be able to teach Civil War and Reconstruction. Preference will be given to candidates who can teach courses in one or more of the following areas: the South, Industrialization, Gender, and Economic History. Teaching responsibilities include survey courses in Mod-

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Thank you to the people who have made donations to the WAWH between June 1, 2002 and October 15, 2002.

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Welcome New Members

Welcome to the members who have joined between June 1, 2002 and October 15, 2002.

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Member News

One of **Ginette Aley's** (Iowa State University) dissertation chapters will be published in a collection of essays on the Old Northwest. Her essay will be titled: "Bringing About the Dawn: Canals, Agriculture, and Euro-American Hegemony in the Old Northwest, 1800-1846," in Daniel P. Barr, ed., *The Boundaries Between Us: Natives, Newcomers, and the Struggle for the Old Northwest, 1740-1840* (forthcoming, Kent State University Press, 2004).

Natasha Beck, Women's Studies, Clark College, Vancouver, WA, attended a global exchange women's delegation to Cuba in October 2001 and presented her research in a workshop at the Clark College Women's Conference in February 2002.

Nupur Chaudhuri has been appointed to the *Journal of Women's History* Editorial Board for five years and to the Southern Conference on British Studies Executive Board. She presented a paper titled "From Kipling's Gunga Din to the American Film Gunga Din: Anglo-American Representation of India and the Indians" at the Eleventh Annual International Conference of the World History Association in August 2002. Her article "The Indian other: Reactions of Two Anglo-Indian Women Travel Writers, Eliza Fay and A.U." has been published in *Women and the Colonial Gaze*, edited by Tamara Hunt and Micheline R. Lessard (Palgrave, 2002)

The UCLA History Department awarded **Petula Iu** the Hoxie U.S. History Fellowship for the 2002-03 academic year.

Joan Jensen's article "Out of Wisconsin: Country Daughters in the City, 1910-1925" has been accepted for publication in *Minnesota History*.

Alison Klairmont Lingo has recently published "Causes and Cures for Female Infertility, Premature Delivery, and Uterine Disease in the Work of Ambroise Paré and Louise

Bourgeois," *Collection des travaux*, International Academy of History of Science, Editor Brepols, 2002. First author with Peter Barglow, MD, "Convergence and Divergence of Scientific and 'Alternative' Medicine: Historical Moments," *Scientific Review of Alternative Medicine*, 5, #3 (Summer, 2001). Second author with Peter Barglow, MD, "A Historical Approach to U.S. Trends in Alternative Medicine Use," *Scientific Review of Alternative Medicine*, 4, #1 (Spring/Summer, 2000). She also taught a course on the Reformation at San Francisco State University, Spring, 2002.

Jeanne Farr McDonnell is on the board of directors of the Institute for Historical Study, an organization of independent scholars. The Institute has monthly works-in-progress and sections, such as ones on California history, drama, and medieval history. They just began a biography-writing group, which met for the first time in September. McDonnell is working on a biography of Juana Briones (1802-1889) an important, some say the preeminent, woman of Hispanic California.

Barbara Bennett Peterson, Professor of History, Oregon State University, has published a book titled *Sarah Childress Polk, First Lady of Tennessee and Washington*, 2001, with NOVA Science Publishers. She is currently editing a series for NOVA on the American Presidents. Barbara Peterson is retired from the University of Hawaii and the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Edwin Mellen Press has published the work of **Emily J. Teipe**, Fullerton College, Fullerton, California, *America's First Veterans and the Revolutionary War Pen-sions*. She has also been appointed Chair of the History Department of Fullerton College.

Laurie Winn Carlson has published *Cattle: An Informal Social History* (Ivan R. Dee, Publishers, 2001).

WAWH MEMBERS VISIT THE BERKSHIRE CONFERENCE: Reflections of a Many-Timer and a First Timer

Karen Blair

There can't be many bathrooms where you can brush your teeth in your pajamas and find yourself interrupted by a women's historian who wants to quiz you about your research. But this has been routine behavior at the Berkshire Conference dorms and it is a mark of the submersion one enjoys while attending the meetings. My participation in the June 2002 conference at the University of Connecticut at Storrs inspired some reminiscences about my thirty years of pleasure in using the conventions to teach me new material, give me a sense of the newest trends in my field, rejuvenate my courses, alert me to new publications and films, and keep me in touch with colleagues I enjoy and respect. In fact, there is no other professional meeting that informs and inspires me the way the Berks unfailingly does. No wonder it has been the envy of historians in other fields, whose specialized conferences do not generate the energy that women's historians can routinely derive from the Berks.

Although the Berkshire Women's History Conference was revived in 1973 at Douglass College in New Jersey, I did not attend that first gathering. However, I've made it to every Berks Conference since, with the exception of the University of Rochester gathering in 1999. It has never failed to surprise and impress me that so many women historians manage to turn up, to pool their knowledge and enthusiasm. I have taken comfort in viewing the sheer size of our profession there. It is reassuring to observe all the scholars who so highly regard the study of women's history. And it remains a thrill to actually meet the authors of the books I most admire. Actually, not all attendees turn out to be scholars of women's history. A good number of participants seem to be women from other walks of life, simply curious to tune into our work. I also take comfort from that, feeling affirmed that our investigations have wide relevance.

In 1976, I gave my first scholarly paper at the Bryn Mawr Berks, when I was finishing my dissertation. In awe of the illustrious and knowledgeable listeners who might attend, I practiced it endlessly beforehand in Buffalo, until my peers in grad school knew my paper as well as I did. My panel was assigned the very last time

slot on Sunday morning and I'm not sure I appreciated the earlier papers as thoroughly as I might have, given my nervousness about my debut. Listeners came with suitcases in hand, ready to dash to Philadelphia Airport --but they asked wonderful questions and offered helpful observations and a few have stayed in touch with me ever since. I did not fully appreciate that most other professional conferences had not been permitting ABDs to perform, but I very much felt that the experience helped me come of age as a new professional.

In the early years, American history clearly dominated the scene. At the recent meeting, in Connecticut, it was clear that the field has moved to a more globalized view of history. The scope of concerns was wider than it has ever been. There were a significant number of international speakers. The effort at comparative study was everywhere in evidence. I continue to count on the Berks both to reflect the latest enthusiasms in women's history and to launch deeper study of them. In that, it never lets me down.

As before, I will save the program and my notes from the meetings, a souvenir of a wonderful weekend and a reference packet to refresh the ideas I collected at the sessions I attended and the conversations I enjoyed. I hope it is not a pipe dream to wish that the Berks might soon come to the Pacific coast, to offer women's historians the opportunity to use our locale to showcase the newest and best ideas our scholarship can offer.

Fay Botham

Over the past couple of years, I've come to realize that conference preparations have a way of inspiring my most eccentric academic behaviors. Months before I give a paper, I contemplate The Worst That Could Happen during my presentation. Never mind concerns about uncharitable respondents and insufficient textual evidence. I mean the really important things, like, what if the airline loses my luggage and I have to fashion a snazzy little dress out of my pillowcase and some dental floss? Or, what if some unknown and mean-spirited archrival, conducts the same exact research, cogently argues *against* my thesis, and just before I begin my paper, slips a narcotic substance into my coffee, causing me to mutter foul things about the preceding panelist, snort

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raucously, and then collapse face-first onto the podium? The bigger the conference, the worse these fears become. So as I sat in LAX awaiting my flight to the 2002 Berkshire Conference, my anxieties danced on the edge of sanity itself. What if, I thought, the effects of all the Bloody Marys I imbibe on the plane remained dormant until I arrived at U-Conn, and then, there, in the presence of hundreds of well-respected scholars, I upchuck, strip naked and do the Chicken Dance, or censure the chair of the department at which I would one day interview for a tenure track job?

Fortunately for me (and for all would-be naked Chicken Dance observers), none of these fears came to pass. My luggage and carefully selected Conference Outfit arrived safely at the baggage claim. My Bloody Marys graced me with their proper effects while en route, and miraculously left me in peace upon arrival. My presentation went without a hitch. I introduced myself to the two scholars I had most wanted to meet. I attended superb panels of young and seasoned scholars. And I enjoyed the beautiful Connecticut countryside. My Eccentric Academic Behaviors evaporated (at least until the next conference!), and I left the Berks very grateful for the opportunity to enjoy the company of so many smart, fabulous women. Yet, a vague sense of disappointment replaced my pre-conference jitters. I felt a little saddened by what I perceived as a lack of scholarly, and dare I say, female, community. The Berks is a huge event, and it's very easy to feel lost and isolated, even in the midst of hundreds of people. For grad students, especially those of us who are socially challenged at best, it becomes easier to retreat to one's room than to make the effort to engage with those around us. But I think we could combat this problem by taking one small step. If each conference attendee, student or faculty member, vowed to introduce herself to one lonely-looking soul each day of every conference, we might begin to create the sense of community and nurturing that we all seek. We could laugh off our anxieties, and build strength where there is fear. We might learn something new about, say, the social cosmology of early Tasmanian neo-technocrats, or we perhaps might enlighten someone about our own work on marital patterns among 18th-century Floridian bandits. And who knows – maybe we would even make a new friend with whom we could sip Bloody Marys on the flight home.

I'm an idealist, but I'm going to try to do my part. Perhaps you'll be inspired, too.

Karen Blair is a professor of History at Central Washington University.

Fay Botham is a doctoral student of Religion at Claremont Graduate University.

Establishment of WAWH Development Committee

The Western Association of Women Historians has been in existence for over thirty years. During this time, our organization has become a major forum for presenting new work on women's and gender history. We hold our conference every year and, in this respect, we are unique since the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women and Southern Association of Women Historians meet every three years. Besides having annual meetings, we also have the Sierra Prize for the best book published by our members, the Judith Lee Ridge Prize for the best article published by our members, and the Founders Dissertation Fellowship to support graduate students writing their dissertation.

Our members have been very generous with their time and money to make these awards successful. However, the current national financial situation has created a certain amount of fiscal uncertainties. Because of this, our Executive Board decided to set up a Development Committee during the past summer to raise enough funds for the Sierra Prize, as we have done for the Graduate Student Award, so that we can increase the amount of the prizes and secure the awards for another thirty years.

In the very near future, you will be hearing from the Development Committee about fund raising. We all want to make the organization's future stable and to continue to nurture scholars, teachers and community activists.

Submitted by
Nupur Chaudhuri
Chair, Development Committee

Announcements Continued

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ern American History. Ability to teach survey course Western Traditions 1500-present is desirable. The teaching load is nine hours per semester. Ph.D. is required. The application deadline is November 12, 2002. Loyola Marymount University, a Catholic University in the Jesuit and Marymount traditions, is a comprehensive university emphasizing excellence in undergraduate education for a diverse student body, located on the western edge of Los Angeles, near the Pacific Ocean. AA/EOE.

The History Department of the University of Alaska Fairbanks invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professorship in modern Asian history, effective August 2003. Ph.D. required by start of contract period. Strong commitment to undergraduate teaching and scholarly achievement required; academic preparation in modern East Asian history preferred. Teaching load of five courses, including East Asian Civilization, upper division courses on Japan and China, and a freshman course in Modern World History. Send a letter of application with a curriculum vita, a teaching dossier (including a statement of teaching philosophy and sample syllabi), a statement of research interests, a sample of written work, graduate transcripts, signed UA applicant form (accessible at: http://www.alaska.edu/hr/forms/PDF_ent/applicant_form_ent.pdf), and the names and addresses of three references to: UAF Human Resources, History Department Search --PCN # 200545, Box 757860, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK 99775-7860. E-mail: fy-hist@uaf.edu, Webpage: www.uaf.edu/history. Position open until filled; preference given to applications received prior to November 4, 2002. Possible interview at the AHA. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. AA/EOE.

The University of Albany, State University of New York seeks applicants for a full-time, tenure-track, assistant professorship in twentieth-century United States History, to begin in the Fall of 2003. Preference will be given to a specialist in public policy history; skills in media/multimedia desirable. Candidates should be prepared to teach the U.S. history surveys and undergraduate and graduate courses in 20th century United States history. Visit the website to become familiar with the programs available: www.albany.edu/history. Candidates must have Ph.D. in hand by September 1, 2003. Please submit materials by December 15, 2002.

The Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Riverside, is seeking a Distinguished Senior Scholar. This position will have a research and pedagogical concentration in African American, Asian American, Chicano/a, or Native American Studies, and/ or issues of race and class. Review of applications will begin December 1, 2002 and will continue until filled. AA/EOE.

The Department of Ethnic Studies is recruiting for an open-rank position in Native American studies with a preferred focus on

Native American inter-ethnic and contemporary issues within a reservation and/ or urban Southwest context. Areas of specialization of potential candidates should be Native American Studies with a disciplinary base of history, political science, sociology, economics, or anthropology. Review of applications will begin December 15, 2003 and will continue until filled. AA/EOE.

The Gender & Women's Studies Program of the University of Illinois at Chicago invites applications for a tenure track assistant professorship in U.S. gay/lesbian/queer studies, broadly defined. Candidates from all Liberal Arts and Sciences backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Specialization within GLQ studies is open, but GWS Program is looking to add to or develop its strengths in areas such as race and ethnicity; the state and public policy; and science, health and the body. Position will be a joint appointment with an appropriate Liberal Arts & Sciences department. Responsibilities will include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses, including one survey-style course per year. The GWS Program is currently developing an undergraduate major. Ph.D required by starting date of August 2003. For fullest consideration, please send letter of application, curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference by December 5th to: John D'Emilio, Search Committee; GWS Program [MC 360]; University of Illinois at Chicago; 1007 West Harrison Street, Room 3102; Chicago IL 60607. Position contingent upon availability of funds. UIC is an AA/EOE.

GRANTS

KANNER FELLOWSHIP IN BRITISH STUDIES

The Kanner Fellowship in British Studies is a three-month fellowship that supports pre-doctoral or post-doctoral scholars whose research in British history, literature and culture directly utilizes the resources of the UCLA William Andrews Clark Memorial Library. The Clark is a rare book library specializing in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. It also has a renowned collection centering on Oscar Wilde and the culture of the fin-de-siecle as well as significant holdings of modern fine printing and Western Americana. The Kanner Fellowship in British Studies pays a stipend of \$6,000 for the three-month tenure. Application deadline (fellowships to be held during 2003-04): 1 February 2003.

2003 OAH LERNER-SCOTT DISSERTATION PRIZE

The Lerner-Scott Prize was given for the first time in 1992 for the best doctoral dissertation in U.S. women's history. The prize is named for Gerda Lerner and Anne Firor Scott, both pioneers in women's history and past presidents of the Organization of American Historians. A dissertation must be completed during the period 1 July 2001 through 30 June 2002 to be eligible for the 2003 Lerner-Scott Prize.

Announcements Continued

Each application must contain a letter of support from a faculty member at the degree-granting institution, along with an abstract, table of contents and sample chapter from the dissertation. Please also include e-mail addresses for both the applicant and the adviser, if available. One complete copy of each entry must be received by each member of the prize committee by 1 December 2002. Finalists will be asked to submit a complete copy of the dissertation at a later date. The winner of the prize will receive \$1,000 and a certificate.

2003 OAH HORACE SAMUEL & MARION GALBRAITH MERRILL TRAVEL GRANTS IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY AMERICAN POLITICAL HISTORY

The Horace Samuel & Marion Galbraith Merrill Travel Grants in Twentieth-Century American Political History were first given in 1998 to promote access of younger scholars to the Washington, DC, region's rich primary source collections in late-nineteenth and twentieth-century American political history. The grants, which range from \$500 to \$3,000, also provide the opportunity for scholars to interview former and current public figures residing in the metropolitan Washington area. This program offers stipends to underwrite travel and lodging expenses for members of the Organization of American Historians who are working toward completion of a dissertation or first book.

One complete copy of application materials, clearly labeled "2003 Merrill Travel Grants" must be received by each committee member by 1 December 2002. No late submissions will be accepted.

EPISCOPAL WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT

The Episcopal Women's History Project encourages research and publication about the lives and work of women throughout the history of the Episcopal Church, including the period of the colonial Anglican Church. EWHP will offer several 2003 research and travel grants in the amounts of \$500 and will give the triennial Frank Sugeno Research Award in the amount of \$1,000. Grants may be used for travel, the acquisition of research materials, or other research expenses. For information and forms, please contact: Dr. Jane Harris, Hendrix College: harris@mercury.hendrix.edu. You may also consult the Episcopal Women's History Project web site at: <http://buffalolore.buffalonet.org/ewhp/ewhp.htm>.

RESOURCES

WOMEN'S HISTORY RESOURCES ONLINE

Almost 150 hours of the original oral history recordings focused on women's experiences in the first half of the 20th century are now available online. The California State University, Long Beach *Virtual Oral/Aural History Archive* is an interactive research site enabling the user to listen to oral history interviews with suffragists, social reformers, women entrepreneurs

and professionals, and garment workers. Except for the suffragists, whose activities were largely in the eastern US, the interviews focus on the lives and activities of women in the Los Angeles basin. The user can browse through the synopsis of interview segments within any series to select those portions they would like to hear, and/or they can search by topic across the entire 150 hours of interviews. Check it out - www.csulb.edu/voaha. For further information on this unique women's history source, which includes the interviews recorded in the 1970s as part of the Feminist History Research Project, contact Sherna Berger Gluck (sbgluck@csulb.edu).

Introduction of New Student Representative to the WAWH Executive Board

Hello, I'm Caryll Batt Dziedziak, a new student rep to WAWH. I attend the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) as a doctoral student in the cultural/intellectual history tract of our history Ph.D. program. Although I have yet to decide on my dissertation topic (still!), I am keenly interested in women's activities in and transgressions/manipulations of religion, politics, and sexuality. My area of focus centers most often on nineteenth-century ideas and activities.

I also had the privilege of working with Dr. Joanne Goodwin to co-found the Women's Research Institute of Nevada located at UNLV, where I currently work as assistant director. The institute has many exciting projects, including oral histories of Las Vegas women and political leadership training for college women.

Lastly, as we all wear several different hats, my husband and I are enjoying being "empty-nesters" for the first time, recently sending our youngest son off to college. As for the adjustment period...well, I'm still trying to wipe that silly grin off my face!

I look forward to my increased involvement with WAWH and the opportunity to learn more about each of you.

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2003 WAWH Conference Call for Papers

Western Association of Women Historians
Thirty-Fourth Annual Conference
Clark Kerr Conference Center, UC Berkeley
Berkeley, California
June 6-8, 2003

The WAWH welcomes proposals for panels or single papers on any historical subject, time period, or region. Papers do not necessarily have to focus on women or gender history, although those issues are of special interest to our membership. Panels, workshops, or roundtables on major concerns of women in the historical profession are also encouraged. Proposals for complete panels, including commentators, are preferred, but individual papers will also be considered.

Proposals must include FIVE copies of each of the following:

- 1) A WAWH Cover Page (found at www.wawh.org)
The cover sheet MUST be included for either individual or panel proposals.
- 2) A one-half to one-page abstract for each paper.
- 3) One-to-two-page curriculum vitae for each panelist.

The program committee reserves the right to change or reconfigure panels. Submission of proposal will indicate agreement with this policy.

Current (2002-2003) WAWH membership is required of all program participants. Membership runs from conference to conference. Member forms can be found at www.wawh.org.

Please send FIVE copies of these materials by February 1, 2003, to:

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range for any necessary legal counsel. The first goal of the WAWH Capital Campaign is to provide an adequate endowment for the Sierra Book Prize, whose coffers have been almost completely depleted.

The Berkshire Conference started a Capital Campaign last year and they have raised \$96,000. I believe we certainly could do half as well, don't you? You can send your gifts, which are tax-deductible, to our treasurer, Amy Essington. The Capital Campaign is just beginning, so expect more information as the year progresses. If you write checks for your favorite charities at certain times of the year, please remember the WAWH.

The Development Committee is looking for another member, so if you can help us in this important area, let us know soon.

Warm Regards,

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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.

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 biblio-methodology 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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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.

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

Janis Appier

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