



President's Column

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With 2016 upon us, we have begun to eagerly anticipate our upcoming conference in Denver, May 12-14. It promises to be a very exciting weekend. I am especially delighted to announce that Patricia Limerick, Faculty Director and Chair of the Board of the Center of the American West at the University of Colorado, will be delivering our keynote address. As most of you probably know, Prof. Limerick is a leading environmental historian who has published paradigm-shifting work on the history of the U.S. West. She has also been a dedicated member of the historical community, serving as president of numerous professional organizations, including The Organization of American Historians and the American Studies Association. Committed to making scholars' work accessible to a broader public, and widely known to be a dynamic speaker, we are thrilled that she will be joining us in Denver.

The dedicated members of our program committee—Donica Belisle, Ashley Baggett, and Laura Ping—have been working hard to put together the main elements of the program, including roundtables on such subjects as the future of women's history, the pleasures and perils of writing for a popular audience, and the work of historians and archivists in

documenting local activism. The conference will also feature panels on everything from women and Mormonism to Black women's political organizing to cases of historians and anthropologists collaborating with Native peoples and much, much more. In addition, we already have two scholars scheduled to read at our popular Thursday night event featuring newly published works: Terri Snyder will read from *The Power to Die: Slavery and Suicide in British North America*, while Jessica Millward will read from *Finding Charity's Folk: Enslaved and Free Black Women in Maryland*. If you have published a book since we last met in May 2015 and would like to be considered for this event, please contact me (rjp@ucsd.edu) or Donica (donica.belisle@uregina.ca). And please make arrangements to attend; information about the hotel and conference registration is now available on our website.

Speaking of our annual conferences, I'd like to say a word about our organization's finances. Unfortunately, we have "taken a bit of bath" in regard to our conference budgets over the past few years, to quote our assiduous treasurer, Pam Stewart. A good part of this has to do with the rising

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Letter from the Executive Director Cheryl Krasnick Warsh

As we finish up 2015, depressing in many ways for the people, yet hopeful for the planet as the first global climate change treaty is passed, we reflect, once again, upon the importance of writing and honouring our histories. There will be plenty of opportunities for such reflections at the WAWH Denver conference, which has a superb programme we will soon share with you.

As always, we have a number of prizes which will be awarded at the conference. The deadline for prize submissions is January 4th, except for the Carol Gold Graduate Student Paper Prize, which is due April 11th.

More information about all of the awards, and application forms, are available on the website wawh.org. Also join our Facebook page, where we post employment opportunities, fellowships, conference notices, and other items of interest to our members.

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Welcome New Members

We are pleased to list our New Members since July 2015; those who have taken the opportunity to register as 3-year Members (with a 5% discount); and of course our Lifetime Member.

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Member News

Nancy Unger's *Belle La Follette: Progressive Era Reformer* was published by Routledge. "In 1931, the *New York Times* hailed Belle Case La Follette (1859-1931) as 'probably the least known yet most influential of all the American women who have had to do with public affairs.' A dedicated advocate for women's suffrage, peace, and other causes, she served as a key adviser to her husband, leading Progressive politician Robert La Follette. She also wielded considerable influence through her own speeches and journalism, as when she opposed racism by speaking out against the segregation of the federal government under President Woodrow Wilson (for which she was denounced as 'disgraceful to the white race')."

Jadwiga E. Pieper Mooney accepted the position of Head of the Department of Gender and Women's Studies (GWS) at the University of Arizona. She remains affiliated with the Department of History.

Karen Offen contributed a paper, "Revisiting French Feminists' Views on Patriotism and Pacifism during the Great War, 1914-1918," to a panel on "Feminist Responses to War and Global Dissension," at the annual meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies in Colorado Springs. She also participated in a panel discussion at the American Historical Association in New York City, "Interpreting and Representing Women's History to the Public." At the University of Oslo in Norway, she presented the plenary address at the "Genres of Historical Writing at the Threshold of Modernity: Women in History" conference, and gave an invited lecture at the university's Center for Democracy, on "How Women Got The Vote : Case Studies of Suffrage Campaigns." At the 22nd International Congress on the Historical Sciences and the linked congress of the International Federation for Research in Women's History, Karen co-chaired (with Chinese colleague Chen Yan) a two-part Round Table, "Women's History at the Cutting Edge."

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cost of providing audio-visual equipment and support. Given the growing popularity of PowerPoint presentations, we find that virtually all panels now request AV support, so we now provide it in nearly all of the rooms. These expenses, which can be quite substantial, are "hidden" in the sense they are not immediately apparent to conference attendees. Just to give you an idea, the cost of offering AV at some of our recent conferences has passed the \$3,000 mark. Because our registration fees have not kept pace with the growth in AV costs, or with inflation, for that matter, we have concluded it necessary to raise them by a modest amount—\$20 for full-paying members and \$10 for graduate students. This means that the cost of registering for the entire conference will now be \$135 for full-paying members, and \$75 for students. I hasten to point out that, even with this increase, WAWH's registration fees remain substantially lower than most other academic conferences. And we continue to be one of the only organizations to offer single-day registration, which is priced at \$95 for regular attendees and \$45 for students. Meal costs will remain the same as in recent years, as will our membership fees.

A related concern that has grown more pressing in recent years is the number of cancellations we have experienced. As everyone can no doubt appreciate, it is impossible to plan and budget for the conference adequately if people cancel and request refunds, particularly when they are participants or do so late in the game. Due to recent experiences, we have concluded that we must impose a policy to lessen the financial effects of cancellations. After much consideration, we have decided that participants (those listed on the conference program) will not be eligible for refunds. Please note that the pre-registration deadline for participants is February 2, 2016. In addition, we will refund only 50 percent of registration costs for conference attendees who cancel after March 15, and we will not provide refunds at all for those who cancel after registration deadline, April 4. We trust our members can appreciate the reasons behind this decision. Please also note that the deadline for reserving a hotel room at the reduced conference rate is April 12.

Looking ahead, I am delighted to announce that, due to the diligent efforts of our Executive Director Cheryl Warsh, and especially Jennifer Fish Kashay—who for a second year now has performed the time-consuming work of researching potential conference locations—we have now finalized our decision regarding our 2017 conference location. We will be meeting in sunny San Diego at the Town and Country Resort and Conference Center. So for the long-term planners among us, please pencil it in!

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SUSAN GROAG BELL (1926-2015): PIONEER IN WOMEN'S HISTORY

A CONFERENCE CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENT AND ONGOING INFLUENCE OF HER SCHOLARSHIP

Monday, January 25, 2016, 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Bechtel International Center, Stanford University, followed by a reception at the Michelle R. Clayman Institute for Gender Research. Speakers will include Carolyn Lougee Chappell, Paula Findlen, Fiona Griffiths, Laura Nym Mayhall, Karen Offen, and Marilyn Yalom, with opening remarks by Peter Stansky and closing remarks by James Sheehan.

For further information, please contact: Marilyn Yalom maryalom@gmail.com or Ann Elizabeth Enthoven annabell@stanford.edu at the Clayman Institute.

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Finally, I would like to remind everyone that deadlines to submit works to be considered for the Frances Keller-Sierra Prize, the Judith Lee Ridge Prize, the Barbara "Penny" Kanner Prize, Gita Chaudhuri Prize, and the Founders' Dissertation Fellowship are all due on January 4. Descriptions of the prizes and details regarding eligibility are available on our website.

Best wishes for 2016!

Member News (Continued from page 3)

Amy Essington published a reviews of *A Spectacular Leap: Black Women Athletes in Twentieth-Century America* by Jennifer H. Lansbury in the *Journal of American History* (June 2015); *Paradise Transplanted: Migration and the Making of California Gardens* by Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo in the *Journal of the West* (Spring 2015); and *The Chalmers Race: Ty Cobb, Napoleon Lajoie, and the Controversial 1910 Batting Title That Became a National Obsession* by Rick Huhn in the *Journal of Sport History* (Summer 2015). She is now the executive director of the Historical Society of Southern California.

Share your accomplishments! Include your professional news in the next *Networker*.

Send submissions for Member News to: Networker@wawh.org.

A reminder email will be sent to the organizational email list.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Calls for Applicants

SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN HISTORY OF WOMEN IN MEDICINE

The M. Louise Carpenter Gloeckner, M.D. Summer Research Fellowship is offered annually by the Drexel University College of Medicine Legacy Center, Archives and Special Collections on Women in Medicine. A \$4,000 stipend is awarded to one applicant for research completed in residence at the Legacy Center. The term of the fellowship is no less than four to six weeks to begin on or after June 1. The deadline for current applications is **March 7, 2016**. A short essay summarizing research findings is required upon completion of the fellowship. Full information at <http://bit.ly/wye5FM> or email Joanne Murray at archives@drexelmed.edu. {*excerpted; see full text at <http://www.wawh.org/2015/call-for-applicants-summer-research-fellowship-in-history-of-women-in-medicine/>*}

RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANTS FOR SALLIE BINGHAM CENTER, DUKE UNIVERSITY

The Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture, part of the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library at Duke University, announces the availability of Mary Lily Research Grants for research travel to our collections. Anyone who wishes to use materials from the Bingham Center's collections for a project related to women's history or the history of gender and sexuality is eligible to apply, regardless of academic status. Writers, creative and performing artists, film makers and journalists are welcome to apply for the research travel grants. All applicants must reside beyond a 100-mile radius of Durham, N.C. The deadline for application is **January 29, 2016 by 5:00 PM EST**. Recipients will be announced in March 2016. Grants must be used between April 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. Details available at <http://library.duke.edu/rubenstein/bingham/grants>. Contact Kelly Wooten, Research Services and Collection Development Librarian, kelly.wooten@duke.edu, 919-660-5967. {*excerpted; see <http://www.wawh.org/2015/cfa-research-travel-grants-for-sallie-bingham-center-duke-university/>*}

WAWH 2016 Prize Deadline

The Western Association of Women Historians offers 8 annual awards and prizes: the Graduate Student Conference Paper Prize, the Graduate Student Conference Poster Prize, the Founders' Dissertation Fellowship, the Judith Lee Ridge Prize (best article in the field of history), the Barbara "Penny" Kanner Award (publication which illustrates the use of a specific set of primary sources), the Gita Chaudhuri Prize (best monograph about the history of women in rural environments) and the Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize (best monograph in the field of history). For more details, see www.wawh.org/awards/ Deadline for Submissions: **January 4, 2016**.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Calls for Papers

BIOGRAPHICAL DATABASE OF BLACK WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS: A CROWDSOURCING PROJECT

To complement a recent project to crowdsource biographical sketches of White House picketers for woman suffrage in 1917-1919, the editors of *Women and Social Movements in the United States* invite history faculty, students, and independent historians to join in preparing biographical sketches of Black women suffragists whose writings we are publishing on our online journal and database. Working with the original research of Rosalyn Terborg-Penn, we have identified 86 suffragists and are publishing online some 1,550 of their writings. About 40 of these activists lack sketches in major biographical dictionaries. In the summer of 2017, we will edit these new suffragist sketches and they will be published in the fall 2017 issue of *Women and Social Movements in the United States*. We will also add to a Suffragists Database we have prepared new information discovered about any of these activists. To join this project, please contact WASM co-editor, Tom Dublin at tdublin@binghamton.edu, who will be coordinating the crowdsourcing activity. {*Excerpted; see <http://www.wawh.org/2015/biographical-database-of-black-woman-suffragists-a-crowdsourcing-project/>*}.}

SEXUAL VIOLENCE: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE

In conjunction with an interdisciplinary graduate course, we are holding a two-day conference on sexual violence. We seek papers that offer innovative methodologies and/or theoretical frames, and we encourage papers that examine change over time, "non-western" contexts, and/or marginalized communities. Confirmed keynote speakers are Ray Douglas (Colgate), Thomas Foster (Depaul), and Catherine Jacquet (LSU). Papers will be pre-circulated to all registered conference presenters and attendees. Abstracts (300 words) due **January 15, 2016**. Complete papers (10-15 pages) due March 21, 2016. For inquiries and to submit abstracts, please email Brett Shadle (shadle@vt.edu) and Sharon Johnson (spjohnson@vt.edu). {*Excerpted; see <http://www.wawh.org/2015/call-for-papers-sexual-violence-an-interdisciplinary-conference/>*}.}

Professional announcements including CFPs are included in *The Networker* if their publication is timely. For a complete listing of Job Opportunities, CFPs, and other Professional Opportunities, please visit the News section of the WAWH website (<http://www.wawh.org/news/>).

WAWH & the National Coalition for History

WAWH is a member of the National Coalition for History (<http://historycoalition.org/>), a consortium of over 50 organizations that advocates on federal, state and local legislative and regulatory issues. The coalition is made up of a diverse number of groups representing historians, archivists, researchers, teachers, students, documentary editors, preservationists, political scientists, museum professionals and other stakeholders. The web site contains links to a number of organizations that may not be well known to our members. These sites can be valuable for networking and finding useful information and resources. We recommend that you check them out by clicking the membership link at the top of NCH's website.

CURRENT MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Agricultural History Society
American Association for State and Local History
American Association for the History of Medicine
American Council of Learned Societies
American Historical Association: <https://www.historians.org/teaching-and-learning/classroom-content>. The AHA has developed several resources for classroom teaching through the years. From *Sixteen Months to Sumter*, collecting editorials before and at the start of the Civil War, to *Teaching and Learning in the Digital Age*, an early guide to using digital methods in teaching, to *Resources on K-16 Teaching*, history teachers at all levels can find content and guidance on this important aspect of the profession.

American Political Science Association
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Association of American University Presses
Association of Centers for the Study of Congress
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History Associates, Inc.
Immigration and Ethnic History Society
Institute for Historical Study (San Francisco)
Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference

Morgan, Angel & Associates
National Council for History Education: <http://www.nche.net/pages/blueprint-for-student-learning>
National Council for the Social Studies
National Council on Public History
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Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era
Society for History in the Federal Government
Society for Military History
Society for the History of Technology
Society of American Archivists
Society of American Historians
Society of Ohio Archivists
Southern Historical Association
Urban History Association
Western Association of Women Historians

TEACHER EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (*currently not on the site---but you can Google them*)

Department of Defense
Department of State
Founding Fathers Online
Library of Congress: <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/additionalresources/relatedresources/gen/lesson.html>: Links to over 40 web sites on teaching history.
National Archives & Records Administration
National Endowment for the Humanities: This site has lesson plans for humanities in the classroom: history, literature, social studies, language, art, and culture: <http://edsitement.neh.gov/>
National Park Service
Presidential Libraries and Museums
Public Broadcasting Service
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