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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: COME FOR OUR 15TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

To our members, friends, associates, colleagues: we invite you, as we invite ourselves, to be present at our XVth Conference. Come for the second weekend in May, which is the weekend of the 13th to the 15th, or for any part of that time. Come to Asilomar by the sea. There our association took shape.

Come to enjoy our members' sessions and our Presidents' dinner. Come to witness the presentation of the Sierra Award for excellence of scholarly achievement. Come to take part in the installation of our next President, Jess Flemion. Come to share the pleasure of listening to a distinguished speaker, a person known for support of women's activities. Dean Nancy McDermid, Dean of Humanities at San Francisco State University. Come to hear Alicia Telford's Women's Philharmonic Horn Quartet in a birthday serenade.

Come to participate, appreciate, learn, communicate, plan. Come to realize that for fifteen years we have been involved in a movement crucial to society itself; by our studies we have been redesigning frameworks through which historians view people. Thus we have been creating dimensions the profession of the future must account. Let us take the occasion of our fifteenth birthday to notice what we have done; more importantly, let us think together of what we will do in years ahead.

MUSINGS: On a personal note, I have been asking myself what roles the Western Association can play. I remember lively meetings at beautiful places-- at oceanside, in cloisters, at The Huntington. Well-chosen places that were conducive to exchange; provocative, increasingly sophisticated programs, memorable talk, good dinners. And I remember leaving with food for thought.

I also remember aspects of my experience in WAWH that I suspect

many share. About a dozen years ago I came to California to find myself nearly alone with my Ph.D. Jobs were scarce. The locality was new. I was bursting with ideas, with plans to materialize. But I hadn't found my people; in a world of dissolving inner and outer environments, that quest looms. To fail in that quest threatens the extinction of achievement as it threatens social balance. The WAWH has meant friendships to me: some professional, some personal, some professional and personal, all enormously valuable.

So it was that WAWH helped me to a sense of belonging in the work I wanted to do. I have seen since that WAWH meant nourishment of talent for many people, on many occasions. I have also seen that WAWH provided opportunities to explore the concept of sisterhood, an idea central to directions the new perspectives mandate.

On a later note, I frequently sense these days our widening horizons. When our founders met at Asilomar, they knew that their needs arose as women searching personal identity and as women experiencing professional struggles. They also knew that as women historians they possessed qualities absolutely necessary for comprehending the past and the present. They intended to assist women to develop careers. They also fixed sights on long-range objectives: to work toward the dissemination of balanced histories, histories to present interpretations only those working from the almost totally unexplored perspectives of women could write. Today, despite cutbacks, despite depressions, the very women who founded our WAWH at Asilomar are showing brilliant achievements in reaching their goals.

Perhaps because of such successes, our association finds itself looking to new challenges. Fifteen years ago the women of Asilomar numbered less than twenty, more than a dozen. In 1983, we number 400 members and we count friends of both sexes. Our interests range over broad spectrums. Our influence grows. We are learning that historians of both genders carry accountability, that they are exempt neither from involvement in their world nor from responsibility in its decisions.

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Betsy Perry and Penny Kanner have been appointed to the Women's Studies Development Committee of UCLA. Betsy has been in Spain for two months doing research.

Joyce Appleby (UCLA) has been elected to the AHA Council. Frances Richardson Keller has been elected to the AHA Nominating Committee.

Susan Groag Bell has published two articles this year. She and Karen Offen taught a colloquium at Stanford University entitled "European Women, the Family and Social Thought, 1750-1950."

Karen Offen (Stanford University) has been appointed to the Committee of Women Historians of the AHA.

Maryanne Horowitz, Mitzi Meyers, Elaine Hobby, Rosemary Van Arsdell, and Judith Walkowitz will be program participants at the Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies meeting at The Huntington, San Marino, CA March 25-26. Penny Kanner will also be on the program and is Chair of the Conference Arrangements Committee.

Barbara Peterson of Honolulu has written a book to be published in 1984 entitled Notable Women in Hawaii's History.

Lucia C. Birnbaum is working on a book on Italian Feminists.

Lucy Killea has been elected to the California State Assembly from San Diego.

Amelia Fry is writing a life of Alice Paul which will also contain the results of her research on the influence of racism on the suffrage and ERA movements, particularly in the south.

Lois Banner is teaching at George Washington University. Her book American Beauty is to be published

this December. It is a social history focusing on the culture of beauty.

Patricia Wells is a new ~~WASH~~ member who is teaching at California State University, Sacramento.

Yaffa Draznin, a doctoral candidate at USC, will present a paper entitled "Victorian Medicine and its Bright on Creativity: The Case of Olive Schreiner" at the meeting of the Midwest Victorian Studies Association in Chicago on April 39-30, 1983.

Mary Lowenthal Felsteiner of San Francisco State University has an article appearing in Comparative Studies in Society and History (January '83) called "Family Metaphors: The Language of an Independence Revolution." She is now doing research on the German artist Charlotte Saloman.

Judith Hughes of University of California, San Diego, has a book being published this spring entitled: Emotion and High Politics: Personal Relations at the Summit in Late 19th Century Britain and Germany.

Ruth Rosen's book The Lost Sisterhood: Prostitution in America has just been published. She also received the distinguished teaching award of the University of California Davis campus in November, 1982.

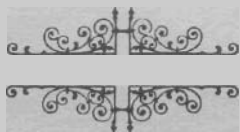
Judith Austin, Idaho State Historical Society, has been elected to the Council of Western History Association. She is also Chair, Nominating Committee, 1983, for Forest History Society.

Gayle Gullett's paper "City Mothers, City Daughters, and the Dance Hall Girls: The Limits of Female Political Power in San Francisco, 1913" has been chosen for inclusion in the anthology of selected readings from the Fifth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women to be published by Duke University.

Mary Rothschild's book A Case of Black and White: Northern Volunteers and the Southern Freedom Summers, 1964-1965 was published last year. She is presently working on a book on Girl Scouting.

CLIP AND RETURN!

Please write a few lines about your present activities-- or any other news-- on the lines below and mail to Carole Hicke, 57 Coronado Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070.



The Women's Studies Program at Oberlin College invites applications for a fulltime noncontinuing faculty position for a term of three years beginning July 1, 1983, as Assistant or Associate Professor. Applications should include a letter, a curriculum vitae, academic transcripts, titles and descriptions of courses candidate can offer and at least three letters of reference. Send to Vivian Hsu, Director, Women's Studies Program, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH 44074.

Jane Watson Irwin Visiting Professorship in the Humanities at Hamilton College, Clinton, NY 13323, seeks Associate or Full Professor of History for either semester or full year '83-'84. Must be historian whose scholarship concerns women in either US or 3d World. Send application letter and c.v. to Professor David Millar, Chairperson, History Department. The present Visiting Professor of this rotating chair is Lois Banner.

Competition for the 1983 Hamilton Prize at the University of Michigan is open. The \$1,000 prize is offered for the best original, scholarly, book-length manuscript on women. Must be works of synthesis or interpretation or monographs of broad interest. Two-page abstracts are due by July 15, 1983 to Hamilton Prize, Competition, 354 Lorch Hall, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

The University of Cincinnati offers three employment opportunities: (1) Visiting Assistant Professor for 1983-84. 20th century specialist. Send credentials to Professor John K. Alexander, Chair of American Search Committee, Department of History (373), University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221 by April 1; (2) Visiting Assistant Professor for 1983-4. Specialist in History of American Women. Send credentials to above-named person by April 1; One-year replacement position, assistant professor, East Asian history for 1983-4. Send letter, vita, and three letters of reference to Barbara N. Ramusack, Chair, Asian History Search Committee, by April 1.

University of South Carolina seeks assistant professor, tenure track, modern Japan with secondary fields in South Asia, Southeast Asia, or Indian subcontinent. Begins fall 1983. Apply to John G. Sproat, Chairman, Department of History, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208.

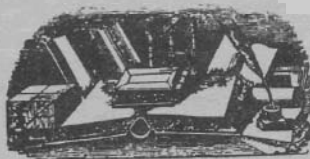
1983 SIERRA AWARD

1. The deadline for receipt of entry books is April 1, 1983.
2. Books published between January 1982 and March 1983 will be considered.
3. Authors must be members of the Western Association of Women Historians. This can be accomplished by sending \$10 to the WAWH Treasurer Betsy Perry, 296 Redwood Drive, Pasadena, CA 91105.
4. Authors or their publishers should submit three copies of the book; these will not be returned. Please mail them directly to committee members:

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NETWORK HOTLINE;
LONG DISTANCE CALLS

The Historical Institute of Southern California is the new name for the former Southern California Institute for Historical Research & Services. For information, contact Alice Clement, 604 Swarthmore Ave., Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Linda Kuzmack is seeking papers to match for 1983-84 conferences on the subject of Jewish women in England and the USA. Write to her at 3912 Montrose Dr., Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Judith Robinson, 562 B Lombard St., San Francisco, CA 94133 (415) 982-8533, is interested in learning about correspondence or other information relating to Phoebe Apperson Hearst, 1842-1919, mother of William Randolph Hearst, publisher, and wife of George Hearst, miner and U.S. Senator, for research on a biography of Mrs. Hearst.

Mollie Davis was elected President of CCWHP replacing Kitty Prelinger. CGWH President is Penny Kanner. Nupur Chaudhuri is Executive Secretary/Treasurer. Newsletter editors are Michel Dahlin for CGWH and Carole Hicke for CCWHP. To join CCWHP/CGWH, write Nupur Chaudhuri, 1737 Vaughn Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502. Dues are \$5 for income under \$7,000; \$10 for income under \$15,000; and \$15-\$25 for income \$15,000 and over.

Joan Jensen is seeking a co-author, affiliated with a college or university in California, and teaching California and women's history, to prepare a manuscript on California women. Has publisher. Write her at the Department of History, Box 3H/Las Cruces, NM 88003.

The Organization of American Historians' Placement Service for Women Historians keeps a computer file of women historians interested in having their names sent to prospective employers. Specify three academic fields of expertise, whether interested in employment outside academe, and whether interested in employment in academic administration. Write Joan Hoff-Wilson, Executive Secretary, 112 N. Bryan St., Bloomington, IN 47401.

The OAH Committee on the Status of Women in the Historical Profession continues to be concerned with the problem of sexual harassment within departments of history. To generate awareness of this problem, they have collected examples from women historians themselves. If anyone else would like to share experiences and views on this matter, direct letters to Joan Hoff-Wilson, address above. All replies will be kept confidential.

In the fall of 1983 Douglass College of Rutgers University will offer a "Junior Year at Douglass program to allow participants from other 4-year colleges to pursue studies in a traditional discipline while adding a Women's Studies perspective or to supplement their studies by concentrating on the extensive Women's Studies curriculum offered at Rutgers. Applications must be postmarked by March 30, 1983 to Mary S. Hartman, Dean of Douglass College, New Brunswick, NJ 08903 Tel: (201) 932-9721.

The American Historical Association, founded in 1884, is preparing to celebrate its centennial. One of its objectives is to have a special commemorative stamp printed in observance of the 100th birthday of one of our nation's oldest learned societies. Only a few commemorative stamps are issued each year. One must first apply to the Citizens' Advisory Committee, which makes its recommendations to the Postmaster General, William Bolger. One element in the advisory committee's decision is the perceived public support for a commemorative request. The AHA asks that members write to Mr. Bolger in support of this.

The U. of Connecticut Department of History announces that application deadline for students entering its 1983-4 Program in Public History and Archival Management is April 15, 1983. The program will take two years to complete and will lead to a Masters degree in History and a Certificate in Public History and Archival Management. Its purpose is to train historians to organize, administer, and use public, business, and labor archives and records. Write: Chairperson, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of History, Box U-103, U. of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06268.





The Institute of the American West announces the first Inter-Regional Conference on The Women's West. August 10-13, 1983 in Sun Valley, Idaho. Write to The Women's West Conference, Institute of the American West, P.O. 656, Sun Valley; ID 83353.

The Organization of American Historians will hold its annual meeting April 6-9, 1983 in Cincinnati, Ohio. On Thursday, April 7, The Committee on the Status of Women in the Historical Profession invites all historians to gather for conversation and refreshment at their Hospitality Hour, 4:30 p.m. They will also hold a Breakfast for Women Historians on Friday, April 8, at 8:00 a.m. Write to OAH, 112 North Bryan Street, Bloomington, IN 47401 for further information.

AHA/PCB MEETS IN AUGUST

Jess Flemion reminds WAWH members who are planning to attend the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the AHA August 10-13, 1983, in San Diego, that WAWH will sponsor both a panel session and a luncheon at the meeting. The panel this year will focus on the topic of Women in Politics in Modern America and includes papers on Jeannette Rankin's congressional career by Bobbi Gladowski, Executive Director of the American Studies Association, and on Helen Gahagan Douglas as a New Deal liberal in the cold war era. The latter paper will be delivered by Colleen O'Connor, who recently completed a PhD dissertation on Douglas' congressional career at the University of California, San Diego. Comment for the session will be provided by Elaine Tyler May of The American Studies Program, University of Minnesota. Elaine May has published a full length study on marriage and divorce in modern America and has also done work on the government's response to the women's peace movement after World War II.

The Women's Studies Program of the University of Illinois at Chicago is offering a 3-week interdisciplinary summer institute to develop multicultural courses on women and is seeking applications. Twenty teachers will participate in the July 10-July 30, 1983 Multicultural Women's Summer Institute. Write Professor Margaret Strobel, Director, Women's Studies Program, University of Illinois at Chicago, Box 4348, 4075C BSB, Chicago, IL 60680.

The WAWH's luncheon speaker at the PCB will be Joyce Appleby of UCLA, who will discuss the promise of prosperity in the Jeffersonian vision. Both of these events will be stimulating occasions. We hope our members will come out to them and tell their colleagues about them. To avoid missing the luncheon, please reserve your ticket when you register for the conference.

New Mexico State University is calling for proposals for a conference on American Farm Women in Historical Perspective February 2-4, 1984. Proposals are welcome for workshops, papers, and other presentations in interdisciplinary areas including family/kinship, land tenure, life-cycle, work, technology, public policy, material culture, oral history, health, child care, and community life. Write before April 15 to Susan Armitage, Department of History, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164.



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What will the future need of us? We can talk about this appropriately at Asilomar. I doubt that the answer lies in concern for personal advance. I do not know what the answers will be. But I believe it is to our advantage and to that of our world to keep our association alive and strong.

Come to our conference in May. Let us travel toward our future together.

Cordially, Expectantly,
Appreciatively yours,

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