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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
MILES TO GO . . .

The annual report of the Committee on Women Historians of the AHA arrived on my desk during the summer holidays. As in past reports, the results for women in the profession are decidedly mixed, showing some progress but also problems which appear very intractable. Of the doctorates in history granted in 1981, 28% were to women. But there is a continuing disparity in how well women, once they have acquired degrees, do in attaining full time employment and in progressing through the ranks of the faculty. The following table spells out some of the problems:

The AHA's annual survey of History Departments reinforces the impression that women are still concentrated disproportionately in the lower ranks of faculty. Although women hold 13% of the doctorates granted before 1973, they constitute only 7% of the full professors. And while it is a good sign that women have approached parity in hiring at the entry level (27% of the positions compared with 28% of the doctorates) it also suggests that Affirmative Action activity is doing little to make up for earlier discrimination. Consequently many departments remain seriously understaffed so far as full time, tenure track women faculty are concerned. The slow down in hiring has clearly exacerbated the problem of "catch up."

Indeed, the survey also indicated that women still hold a disproportionate percentage of temporary positions (45%) and also show the disturbing tendency for women to be non-renewed at a higher than average ratio (38%). Such evidence caused

[Data drawn from the annual survey by the National Research Council, Science, Engineering and Humanities Doctorates in the United States for 1981.

Employment Status of All History Ph.D.'s in 1981

History,	Total	Full-time Employment	Part-time Employment	Unemployed, seeking Employment
Men	83.6%	87%	63%	64%
Women	16.3%	13%	37%	36%
American History				
Men	84%	86%	73%	63%
Women	16%	14%	27%	37%
European History				
Men	80%	86%	32%	68%
Women	20%	14%	68%	32%
History, Other or Unspecified				
Men	85%	89%	71%	60%
Women	15%	11%	29%	40%

the report to conclude that "women historians may be entering the academy in greater numbers but mainly through the revolving door."

I believe that the WWH can and should play a role in helping to reverse the situation represented by many of these aforementioned statistics. Through the network of contacts which we can make with one another, through the mentoring activities which should be an important role of our organization, through continuing to strengthen contacts with historians who have pursued careers other than academic ones, and through providing a forum for the presentation and critique of the scholarship of women historians involving every type of member from graduate student and early career faculty to senior, full professor members, we can help to strengthen the place of women historians in our profession. I see our new fellowship program as an important adjunct to this effort. I would like to see our annual conference become a "must" for every member whether or not she is giving a panel. I would like to see more of our senior members give the preliminary results of new scholarship in our meetings and offer to serve as critics for the work of younger scholars. I invite suggestions for a panel or panels which might serve direct mentoring needs not only of graduate students but younger faculty, to help eliminate the problems of non-renewal and slow promotion. In short, I hope that through every means available to us, we can convince all the women historians of our region to share our membership, our activities, and our goals. It's true that we've come a long way. It's also clear that we have miles to go.

JESS FLEMION

Jess also writes:

After 18 months and two full reviews, Stanford Provost Albert Hastorf has recommended that Estelle Freedman be granted tenure in the History Department at Stanford. Estelle's case had become one of the most publicized in the nation and had concerned the WWH, of which Estelle is a member. Early last spring the Los Angeles Times published a long feature article on the controversy focusing on the way in which the legitimacy of women's history had become more of an issue in the case

than Estelle's superb qualifications. I know that I speak for every member of our organization in congratulating Estelle on this reversal--both for the victory it represents for her personally and for the victory it also represents for the recognition within the historical professions that women's history is a vital new area of scholarly investigation. The Los Angeles Times followed its announcement of the Provost's decision with an editorial on July 24 which speaks the thoughts of all of us:

ENRICHMENT AT STANFORD LA TIMES

From a severe test there is often substantial gain, and it may well be that the recent tenure fight involving an award-winning historian at Stanford University will leave her field of scholarship stronger for the struggle. After months of review, Stanford Provost Albert H. Hastorf has recommended that Estelle Freedman be granted tenure. He said that his decision was based in part on Freedman's contributions to the emerging field of feminist studies.

Feminist scholars are re-examining women's roles in all aspects of life, from religion to prison reform. The studies have proved controversial on many male-dominated faculties because the scholars are challenging what has been taught and, by extension, what will be taught. The Freedman case made feminist studies a topic of discussion on a department-by department level to an extent that might never have occurred without the tension of a fight to preserve a job.

It took a strong network of support to keep Freedman's case alive and high on Stanford's agenda. There was enormous pressure from both sides, and yet the university admirably never deviated from its established procedures.

Although the history department recommended tenure, two faculty committees and a dean did not. The department and her supporters elsewhere in the university disputed the committees' contention that her scholarly credentials were not of high enough caliber, saying that her career actually was in jeopardy because she had chosen a groundbreaking field threatening to some of her critics. In the context the decision by Hastorf and

an earlier appeals decision by Vice Provost Herant Katchadourian supporting Freedman were extraordinary. They were a positive sign of the importance that the university administration attached to the case.

It was an unfortunate experience, but one that can prove enriching to Stanford, Freedman and the field of feminist studies -- now that it's virtually over and ending well.



At San Diego State University: temporary position in early modern European social history, beginning spring semester 1984 and continuing 1984-85. Familiarity with methodologies of social history; demonstrated ability to teach upper division courses in period from Renaissance through 17th century. Send letters of application, credentials, and three recommendations by October 15, 1983, to David Dufault, Department of History, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92128.

At Ohio State University: Assistant or Associate Professor in American Revolutionary and Early National Period, tenure track, beginning September 1984. Teach American Survey courses and advanced courses in specialty. Ph.D. required; demonstration of successful teaching experience and significant publications. Send credentials and letter of application to Professor M. Les Benedict, Search Committee Chair, Department of History, The Ohio State University, 230 W. 17th Avenue, Columbus Ohio 43210. Deadline: November 10, 1983.

At Ohio State University: Assistant Professor in American Business History and American Survey courses, initial 3-year appointment (tenure accruing) beginning September 1984. Ph.D. required; demonstration of substantial successful teaching experience; publications highly desirable. Send credentials and letter of application to Professor Mansel G. Blackford, Search Committee Chair, Department, The Ohio State University, 230 W. 17th Avenue, Columbus OH 43210. Deadline: October 28, 1983.

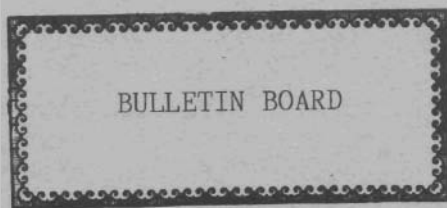
PCB PANEL AND LUNCH A SUCCESS

Once again, the WAWH-hosted panel and luncheon at the summer meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the AHA were resounding successes. As many as 40 WAWH members were in attendance at the Friday lunch which featured a stimulating talk by Joyce Appleby of UCLA. Joyce spoke to an overflow crowd on new research she is pursuing which links Jeffersonian through to many of the components of modern capitalist ideology. In what turned out to be a delightful surprise to everyone present WAWH member and State Assemblywoman, Lucy Killea, came and brought with her a plaque which she presented to the WAWH. As befitted Lucy's background as a professional historian prior to entering politics, the plaque commemorated Lucy's first resolution which passed the State Assembly last spring recognizing women's history week in California.

The WAWH panel on Women and Politics was also well attended and the papers on Helen Gahagan Douglas by Colleen O'Connor and on Jeannette Rankin by Bobbi Gladowski drew some spirited discussion from the audience.

AHA NOMINEES ###

Three of our members have been nominated for positions on AHA committees: Penny Kanner for a seat on the Research Committee; Mollie Davis for Vice President in Charge of the Professional Committee; and Paula Gillette for a seat on the Professional Committee. Members of the AHA should be sure to mail in their ballots soon, if they have not already done so.



FUNDRAISING FOR GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP BEGINS

Response to the WAWH's decision to create a fellowship fund for women graduate students who are WAWH members has been receiving enthusiastic endorsement everywhere. A series of fundraisers will be held this Fall in a number of locations in California (see accompanying notice) and members are urged to attend and to invite friends who are not WAWH members. We would dearly love to have additional fundraising efforts in some of the other states which make up our regional conference and in other areas of California as well. If helping out in this manner interests you, please contact Jess Flemion. Names of members in each region can be provided with their addresses.

In order to have a fund that will provide sufficient interest for a number of fellowships, we are aiming for an endowment of at least \$10,000. This will produce a yearly sum of approximately \$1,000 to be distributed. We may not be able to collect the entire sum on this first solicitation, but we'll keep at it. And response has been fantastic; so we may just make our goal on the first time out.

If you do not live in any of the areas where fundraisers are scheduled, and you would like to contribute, please send a check to our Secretary-Treasurer, Joyce Baker, ABC CLIO Information Services, 2040 Alameda Padre Serra, Box 4397, Santa Barbara, CA 93103. Make it payable to the WAWH and mark it for the Graduate Fellowship Fund.

We hope to have a report for you in the next newsletter after the first of the year on the success of the fundraising efforts this fall. And to all of the WAWH members who have given of their time to help with this project, and their money to support it, many, many thanks.

SAN DIEGO FUNDRAISER

A brunch will be held Sunday, October 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the home of Jess Flemion, 6081 Madra Avenue, San Diego, CA 92120 (582-1271). Tickets are \$15 each or \$25 a couple (any kind of two-some makes a couple). The host committee for this event includes Marilyn Boxer, Colleen O'Connor, Rosalie Schwartz, Victoria Brown, and Jess Flemion.

Tickets are available from any of these WAWH members or by calling 582-1271 or 265-5487. Members can reserve a place by mailing a check made out to the WAWH to Jess Flemion.

STANFORD FUNDRAISER

Susan Groag Bell, Karen Offen and Mollie Rosenhan are hosting a reception to help raise funds for Graduate Student Fellowships for women in history, a project of the WAWH and for the Joan Kelly Prize in Women's History to be awarded by the American Historical Association. The reception will take place at the home of Mollie Rosenhan, 630 Gerona Road, Stanford CA 94305 (415 326-1313) or 497-4465 (office) on Wednesday, October 19, 1983 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Minimum contribution \$15.00. You may donate to either or both of these causes according to your choice. We shall be happy to receive one large check or two smaller ones according to your preference as an RSVP. Checks should be made out to WAWH-Fellowship Fund or to The Joan Kelly Prize Fund. There will be no additional solicitation at the reception. If you cannot attend but can contribute to either or both of these projects, please send checks made out as above with your regrets c/o Mollie Rosenhan at the above address. Please join us!

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FUNDRAISER

Penny Kanner and Betsy Perry are planning a benefit luncheon on October 15 in Los Angeles for the newly established Graduate Fellowship Fund. Lois Banner, author of American Beauty (Knopf, 1983) and newly

appointed Professor of History at USC, will be the featured speaker. Before the lunch, Cecile Vigo, a psychotherapist, will give a demonstration on stress management for professional women.

Thanks to a special community program of Mercury Savings, the room and a catered lunch will be provided at no cost to our organization. Door prizes and favors have also been donated.

Invitations have been sent to all WAWH members in southern California, from Santa Barbara to San Diego. If you know of others who should receive an invitation, please contact Betsy Perry at (213) 257-4986, or 296 Redwood, Pasadena, CA 91105.

We are looking forward to a delightful benefit lunch and hope to see many other benefits develop for the Graduate Fellowship Fund.

SAN FRANCISCO FUNDRAISER

Frances Richardson Keller and Carole Hicke invite you to come to the San Francisco Palace of the Legion of Honor on November 12, 1983, for a continental breakfast, accompanied by historical music, in the Porcelain Room, followed by a tour of the art museum's American collections. Members of the WAWH, spouses, colleagues, and friends who wish to contribute to the WAWH Graduate Student Fellowship Fund can join us at the museum from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for breakfast and the tour.

A tax-free donation of \$10 per person should be mailed to reserve a place. Checks can be made out to the WAWH Fellowship Fund and mailed to Frances Richardson Keller, 835 Junipero Serra Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94127.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S PARTY CONVENTION LUNCHEON

General Jeanne M. Holm, former Director of Women in the Air Force, former Special Assistant to the President, and author of Women in the Military: An Unfinished Revolution, will be the key speaker at the National Women's Party 25th National Convention luncheon, on Saturday, November 19, at the Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington D.C. For information, write to National Women's Party, 144 Constitution Avenue, N.E. Washington, D.C.

SAWH ESTABLISHES ENDOWMENT TO SUPPORT JULIA CHERRY SPRUILL AND WILLIE LEE ROSE PUBLICATION PRIZES

The Southern Association of Women Historians is delighted to announce the establishment of two prizes for publication and to solicit contributions to an endowment to support these prizes. Each prize will be awarded every two years and will consist of \$500 and a plaque.

The Julia Cherry Spruill Publication Prize in Southern Women's History will be for the best published work (book or article) in the history of Southern women. The Willie Lee Rose Publication Prize in Southern History will be for the best book in Southern history authored by a woman. Contributions should be made out to the SAWH and sent to Professor Judith F. Gentry, Dept. of History, University of Southern Louisiana, Lafayette, LA 70504.

DUES REMINDER

The WAWH received many payments of dues that were in arrears after our last newsletter appeal. **If** you haven't yet paid your 1983 dues, please do so immediately. The mailing label on your newsletter will tell you your dues status. **If it** contains an X, your dues should be remitted as soon as possible.



This will be the last newsletter before the end of the year. Memberships are due AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR.

I am happy to report to you that our membership is now on computer tape, which will help us greatly to keep track of changes in address and other member information. The WAWH plans to begin the practice of sending dues reminders to our membership early in the 1984 year.



Susan Groag Bell and Karen Offen have a book published October 2, 1983, entitled Women, the Family, and Freedom: The Debate in Documents, 1750-1950. 2 volumes. Stanford University Press (order directly through your University bookstores). Both volumes also available in paperback.

New member, Ruth Willard, has done extensive work on The Sutro Collection in San Francisco, acted as consultant for the exhibition The White House: Treasury of our Heritage, and helped produce a television documentary on San Francisco's Religious Heritage.

New member Dorothy Pierson Keng is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of California, Irvine, in U.S. and Latin American history.

Bogna Lorence-Kot has a tenure-track position at the University of Southern Mississippi.

New member Cheryl L. Miller is working on an M.A. at San Francisco State University in American Intellectual history of the Federal period.

New member Maureen M. Smith is a graduate student at California State University, Sacramento, concentrating on Minoan culture and art.

Alexandra M. Nickliss has a dissertation in progress on Phoebe Apperson Hearst: A Biography.

Gail Greenwood completed a one year sabbatical leave to write a simplified introduction to Women in Western Civilization for Community college students. Class tested first 5 chapters in Spring 1983 with positive results. She is currently teaching Women in American History and Western Civilization at American River College in Sacramento.

Carol O'Connor, Associate Professor at Utah State University, is the author of A Sort of Utopia: Scarsdale, 1891-1981 (SUNY Press, 1983). From January through April 1984, she will be a fellow at the Huntington Library, where she will be doing research on the history of Los Angeles.

Valeria Sherer Mathes of City College of San Francisco has published an article "Indian Philanthropy in California: Annie Bidwell and the Mechoopda Indians" Arizona and the West (Summer, 1983). She also received an Albert J. Beveridge Grant from the American Historical Association to continue work on women Indian Reformers in California.

Martha S. Vogeler, Professor of English, California State University, Fullerton has a book, Frederic Harrison: The Vocations of a Positivist, which will be published by Oxford University Press, Oxford in 1984. For the summer of 1983, she had a travel grant to do research in England and France for a study of Austin Harrison, the journalist.

Gayle Gullett finished her dissertation, "Feminism, Politics, and Voluntary Groups: Organized Womanhood in California, 1886-1896" in June at the University of California, Riverside. Next year she will be a Five College Associate in Amherst.

Arelene Wdinski, Mesa College, San Diego, received a Fulbright Travel-Study Grant - Summer 1983 - to Pakistan for six weeks, from Karachi to the Hhyber Pass.

Deadline for items for the next newsletter is January, 15, 1984.

Yaffa Draznin, Ph.D. candidate candidate USC will be spending the fall semester at the Humanities Research Center, University of Texas at Austin, working with the Olive Schreiner/Havelock Ellis correspondence housed there, as part of her doctoral dissertation research.

Susan Wladaver-Morgan will be doing an internship at the California Museum of Photography UCR and doing research in its Keystone-Mast collection of stereocards during the 1983-84 academic year.

Melinda Young Frye of Oakland, CA is teaching in the JFK University (SF) Museum Studies Program [which grants an M.A.]. She is also consulting with the City of Oakland on the Master Plan for development of Preservation Park, a downtown project involving commercial use of Victorian buildings.

Mitzi Myers, currently teaching at Scripps College and California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, will present a paper at the Philological Assn. of the Pacific Coast annual meeting in Santa Barbara in November, entitled "Impeccable Governesses, Rational Dames, and Moral Mothers: Wollstonecraft and the Female Tradition in Georgian Children's Books" and will be reading another paper at the American Assn. for Eighteenth-Century Studies national meeting (Boston, 1984) on women and power. She will also present a paper at the UCLA Faculty Seminar on Women, Culture, and Theory in December. This essay, "Hannah More's Tracts for the Times: Social Fiction and Female Ideology," will appear in an anthology on 18th-century women writers, Fetter'd or Free? ed. Cecilia Macheski and May Anne Schofield (Ohio University Press, 1984). She is working on a book about late-Georgian women educators, authors, and moral reformers.



NETWORK HOTLINE:

The NEH has announced the following three summer 1984 seminars for Teachers:

- 1) Lois Banner: "Gender Roles in Popular Culture in the U.S. from the Civil War to 1950"
George Washington University,
Washington, D.C. 20006
- 2) Bill Monter: "Women in Early Modern Europe"
Northwestern University
Evanston, IL 60201
- 3) Susan Groag Bell and Karen Offen: "The Woman Question as a Central Theme in Western Thought: Europe and America, 1750-1950"
Stanford University, Dept. of History
Stanford, CA 94305

Interested persons should consult NEH guidelines and write to seminar leaders for further information.

OAH CALL FOR PAPERS

The Program Committee for the Annual Meeting of the OAH to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 17-20, 1985, invites suggestions for papers, workshops, or panels. Projects involving film, music, or drama are welcomed for consideration as part of the evening programming. Applicants should send three copies each of a brief vita and a two-page resume of the project, summarizing its thesis, methodology, and significance. Proposals should be addressed to the Program Co-Chair, Gerald N. Grob, Dept. of History, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. Deadline: February 15, 1984.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

Our Call for Papers for the WAWH 1984 conference is issued on the back of this Networker issue. Members who are presenting papers at the Berkshire conference are invited to propose their papers for the WAWH conference which will take place shortly before the Berks. Please submit proposals for papers and panels as soon as possible.

If you are not a member of WAWH or have not yet paid your 1983 dues, please fill out the coupon and send it, along with information about your history field, interests, work, activities,

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1984 SIERRA AWARD

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2. Authors must be members of the Western Association of Women Historians.
3. Deadline for receipt of books is February 1, 1984.
4. Authors or their publishers should submit three copies of the book -- these will not be returned -- one each to:

Elizabeth Gleason, Chair
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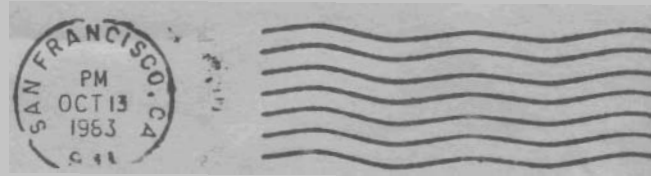
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