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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The holiday season happens to be my favorite. (All bah-humbug members should go on to other pages of the newsletter.) Some of my cynical colleagues like to think my improved outlook is simply a sign of the end of fall semester, but my sappy grin appeared even in the days before December marked the final stack of blue books and term papers!

My sons are adults and on their own, but I can't sell my large house because about fifteen family members come to Chico for Thanksgiving and I won't give that up. With one son in New York and the other two in L.A., it is inevitable that someone misses Christmas, but whoever can make it is part of the trek to the country to cut down a ceiling-high (9 foot) tree for decorating. The only time shopping is not a chore to be avoided is when I am searching for that perfect gift. For one month out of the year, my normal outraged (and vocal) reaction to stupid political decisions or brainless administrators slips over to the low burner. Instead I make cookies, hang tinsel, and play carols. Those same bah-humbug friends (who have by now gone on to other articles) avoid me, fearing that I will embarrass them by humming "Deck the Halls" in public.

Once these traits would have embarrassed me myself. Age -- or something -- has allowed me to accept my shortcomings. It has also allowed me to appreciate taking that one month out of the year to act unlike myself. It is a great renewal, so even if the holidays don't affect you as they do me, I highly recommend that you find your own month and take a trip, read novels, stare at the ocean, or whatever else you don't do the other eleven months and enjoy it without stress or guilt.

And now you understand that the only purpose in writing this column is to warn you that between the third week in November and the last week in December, I am biologically incapable of thinking any profound thoughts. All I can manage is to wish you a happy holiday.

Jackie

GRAD NEWS

More information on fellowships for those preparing dissertations.

1) The Business and Professional Women's Foundation

The BPW Foundation supports feminist scholarship which fulfills the Foundation's goals of equity and self-sufficiency for women in the work force.

Funding priorities for 1987-1990 include the following: changing employment patterns, gender, race, and class; women in organizations; and work and family.

Last year the Foundation awarded six grants, ranging from \$500 to \$3,000. The average award was \$2,000.

Applications must be postmarked on or before January 20, 1988. Contact:

Business and Professional Women's Foundation
2012 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

2) The Peraamon-National Women's Studies Association Graduate Scholarship in Women's Studies

Scholarships are awarded to students who are enrolled in a women's studies graduate program or will be doing research germane to the interdisciplinary field of women's studies in another graduate department.

In the past year three awards were given. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,000.

Application deadline is in April. For more information, write:

Caryn McTighe Musil
NWSA National Coordinator
La Salle University
Philadelphia, PA 19141

3) Western Association of Women Historians

The WAWH Graduate Student Award is open to graduate student members of the WAWH who show promise of significant contributions to historical scholarship.

In the past one scholarship has been awarded annually.

For information, please write:

Paula Eldot, Chair
Graduate-Student Fellowship
5341 State Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819

If you have any item of interest to graduate students, please pass it along to Margaret Rose, Grad Student Representative, WAWH, 2115 Verde St., Bakersfield, CA 93304-2742.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

We have lost touch with the following members. If you can provide us with current addresses for any of the following people, we would greatly appreciate it. Please send this information to either Lorrie O'Dell or Susan Wladaver-Morgan.

Anne M. Boylan
Dorothy Sue Cobble
Margaret L. Grimshaw
Catherine L. Kelly
Elizabeth Leonard
Cynthia Orozco
Gina Strunwasser
Nancy Weiss

JOBS

MEDIEVAL EUROPE: Renewal of search for tenure-track position at rank of assistant professor, to begin fall semester of 1988. Either Continental or British concentration. Ph.D. required. Send credentials, vita, letters of recommendation, and substantial samples of work (published or unpublished) to Allan Megill, Department of History, University of Iowa, IA 52242. The University of Iowa is an equal employment opportunity and affirmative action employer.

(The cover letter for this announcement encourages "potential candidates who may be working happily at non-research institutions and who might, if prompted, be interested in pursuing a position at a research university.")

HISTORY: Tenure-track position in early modern Europe, beginning Fall 1988. Job responsibilities will include Medieval, Renaissance, Reformation, Humanities. Ph.D. required. Rank and salary open, depending upon experience and publications. Application deadline is January 4, 1988. Send application to: Dale R. Steiner, Chair, Department of History, California State University, Chico, Chico, CA 95929-0735.

HISTORY: Part-time, temporary lecturer appointments, usually made for one academic quarter only, to which incumbents may be reappointed for subsequent quarters; in fields of 1) U.S. survey 2) history of civilization 3) various upper-division courses in European, American, Far Eastern, African, and Latin American history. Qualifications: minimum of M.A. in history, Ph.D. preferred, minimum of one-year college-level teaching experience desirable; for history of civilization sequence, an M.A. in history with extensive training in the languages and literature of major cultures will be considered. Send application form, curriculum vitae, an official transcript showing highest degree earned, and three (3) recent letters of recommendation to Dr. David R. Smith, Chair, History Department, California State Polytechnic University, 3801 West Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768; phone: (714) 869-3860.

Happy Holidays to All!

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Western Association of Women Historians: The 1988 WAWH meeting will be held at The Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, on May 6, 7, and 8, 1988. Send proposals for sessions or papers and VITAs to Bonnie Ford, 2916 Regina Way, Sacramento, CA 95818. The deadline for receipt of proposals is January 15, 1988

Pacific Coast Branch, AHA, in conjunction with the WAWH: The 1988 Conference will be held at San Francisco State University, August 10-13. Papers and sessions in all areas of history are invited. The deadline for submission of proposals is December 15, 1987. Send inquiries and proposals to: Jess Flemion, Program Chair PCB, Department of History, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182.

NEW MEMBERS

Since July 1987, WAWH has welcomed the following new members:

Lisa Ann Cody, graduate student, University of California, Berkeley; 19th-century European history

Janet M. Everts, colonial and women's history

Laura England Flanagan, independent scholar

Barbara Milkovich, graduate student, California State University, Long Beach

Barbara Corrado Pope, Director of Women's Studies, University of Oregon; modern French history

Maria Cristina Quintero, Assistant Professor of Spanish, University of Southern California

Beth Randolph, graduate student, California State University, Long Beach

Sister Margaret A. Renahan, Associate Professor, Loyola Marymount University; African history

Patricia Robinson, graduate student in sociology, University of California, Davis

Susan Sharbach, graduate student, University of Washington; U.S. history

Susan Starbuck, Director of Women Judges History Project; President of the Seattle Women's Heritage Center

Katharine W. Swett, graduate student, Stanford University; British history

**The Networker Needs YOU...
to send news of jobs, fellowships,
conferences, books, articles, politics, and
what it means to be a woman historian
in the 1980s and the future.**

WHEN WE GET OUR DANDER UP, WE START CHANGING THE WORLD!

Disappointed that the History-Social Science Framework for grades K-12 for the State of California is, after all, not going to include enough of our recommendations for the more equitable portrayal of women in history classes, a group of us (several from the first group who presented recommendations to the State Board of Education this summer) have met and formed the California Committee for Legal Compliance in the Curriculum. The core committee includes Molly MacGregor, Lyn Reese, Jean Wilkinson, Frances Keller, Lauren Coodley, Mary Agnes Dougherty, Susan Groves, Theresa Rossi, Tess Henry, Phyllis Boyson (attorney), and me. The larger committee, we believe, will include all women interested in educational gender equity.

The committee is sending a letter to major statewide women's organizations, asking them to join our efforts. A letter from our committee, endorsed by these significant organizations, will be presented to the state superintendent of public instruction. The urgency of our appeal is based on facts from SAT and CAP scores, which point up the disparity between boys' and girls' scores, especially in social science. Studying almost exclusively about men in history, girls do not as easily relate to the history/social science curriculum. This affects their scores, their college entrance possibilities, and their futures.

We also believe that the History-Social Science Framework is not in compliance with the educational codes that require equal educational opportunities, "regardless of sex." Specific information about these codes will be included in our letter and will be brought to the attention of those who should enforce legislation. We shall keep you all posted.

June Stephenson
Political Liaison

DUES: or what do you owe WAWH?

There is an old saying that you get what you pay for. WAWH, ignoring this truism, has maintained excellence and kept dues at \$15 a year for eons. We pull it off by maintaining a barebones budget, and by the officers and board members paying their own expenses for phone calls, mailings, and so forth. The purpose -- and it is one that we want to continue -- is to make it possible for women historians to maintain membership in the national organizations and still be able to afford WAWH. We do it to assure graduate students and non-academic women historians a voice and a resource in their discipline for a small investment. Membership in WAWH is a lot more than "you pay for." BUT ONLY IF YOU PAY!

We have a number of members we carry year after year before they remember to send their checks. Hence....Now is the time for all good women....Ask not what WAWH can do for you....Power is....etc., etc. (Any guilt, shame, or humiliation caused by reading this note is purely intentional.

Jackie

NEW BOOKS

AMERICAN WOMEN SINCE 1945 by Rochelle Gatlin (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 1987. Cloth, \$27.50; paper, \$14.95)

This book offers the first comprehensive study of this important topic, offering a far-reaching assessment of how American women since World War II have taken increasingly active roles in society and been a major force for change and progress.

Without taking an ideological stance, Gatlin integrates Marxist and radical feminist theory into her analysis of political, social, and cultural aspects of American women's lives. The book is not restricted to the study of only the mainstream or to white middle-class women. Rather it comprises great range and variety, with cogent information about black, working-class, and lesbian women.

Rochelle Gatlin teaches history at San Francisco State University and is director of public relations at the California Institute of Integral Studies.

FEMININE AND OPPOSITION JOURNALISM IN QLD REGIME FRANCE: LE JOURNAL DES DAMES

by Nina Rattner Gelbart (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1987; \$38.00)

Focusing on the vicissitudes of one periodical, the Journal des Dames, Gelbart recreates the journalistic milieu of pre-revolutionary France (1759-1778). Although at times supported by influential members of the nobility, the paper encouraged marginal social groups to inform themselves about politics and culture. It attacked misogynistic patriarchal attitudes and broadened the indictment to include all forms of oppression.

The Journal des Dames and its associated papers also fought valiantly for freedom of the press. Addressed to women and sometimes edited by them, the Journal was part of a tradition that echoed the radical press of the Fronde and prefigured that of the Revolution.

Set in the broader context of political events, this study sheds new light on ideological, institutional, cultural, and even sexual tensions of a society and regime in crisis.

Nina Rattner is associate professor of history at Occidental College.

THE CHALICE AND THE BLADE: OUR HISTORY. OUR FUTURE, by Riane Eisler (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1987; \$16.95)

The Chalice and the Blade: Our History. Our Future, by evolutionary scholar Riane Eisler, derives from a ten-year study of 25,000 years of human history. Eisler found two basic models of society: a dominator model, characterized by authoritarianism, violence, and male dominance, and a partnership model, which is now re-emerging worldwide, through the peace, feminist, humanist, ecological, and other New Age, spiritual, and economic movements.

Using evidence from anthropology, psychology, art, religion, history, economics, politics, and recent archeological discoveries, The Chalice and the Blade provides a sweeping cultural history in the tradition of Toynbee and Spengler. But it reassesses that history from the new perspective of both halves of humanity.

Riane Eisler is co-founder of the Center for Partnership Studies, which is currently preparing curriculum guides for using The Chalice and the Blade in peace, women's studies, history, sociology, and other courses, as well as 6-week discussion guides for groups and individuals.

LOST IN THE SHUFFLE, TEMPORARILY

In the transition from one editor to another, some important items were inadvertently left out of the August issue of the Networker -- in particular the announcement of prize winners from the 1987 conference. We apologize for the delay and again felicitate the winners.

The Sierra Prize was awarded jointly to:

Joan M. Jensen, Loosenina the Bonds: Mid-Atlantic Farm Women, 1750-1850 (Yale University Press, 1986)

Dolores Janiewski, Sisterhood Denied: Race, Gender, and Class in a New Community (Tennessee University Press, 1986)

The Article Prize went to:

Marilyn J. Boxer, "Protective Legislation and Home Industry: The Marginalization of Women Workers in Late Nineteenth-Early Twentieth-Century France," Journal of Social History, Fall 1986.

WAWH Graduate Fellowships were awarded to:

Nina Silber, UC, Berkeley (\$500)

Sherry Katz, UCLA (\$250)

Mary Ellen Odem, UC, Berkeley (\$250)

Our hard-pressed temporary editor also sends apologies to another group whose names did not make it into print last time, those who helped make the conference at Davis such a success. She writes: "Special kudos from WAWH to Carolyn Norlyn, Conference Coordinator and Campus Events; Pam Cuff, Carolyn's assistant, who not only helped organize but also worked the registration table for us Saturday morning. And for very tangible support we thank Leonora Tunm and the Women's Research and Resources Center for their financial contribution and aid."

(START PLANNING NOW!
for the 1989
Twentieth Anniversary
WAWH Conference
Asilomar
Second Weekend, May 1988)

CONFERENCES

On March 25 through 27, UCLA and USC will jointly host "Cultural Encounters: The Inquisition in Spain and the New World." The conference will include speakers from Europe and Latin America, as well as the United States. For more information, please call Betsy Perry or Anne Cruz at the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies (213) 825-1880.

The Southern Association for Women Historians will hold the first Southern Conference on Women's History, June 10-12, 1988 at Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina. The conference seeks to reflect the diversity of women's experiences and to document the regional, national, and international history of women from a wide variety of racial, class, and ethnic backgrounds. For more information, contact Judi Jennings, Kentucky Humanities Council, 417 Clifton Avenue, Lexington, KY 40506.

WAWH AWARDS

The Western Association of Women Historians will award the 1988 Sierra Prize of \$500 for the best monograph by a WAWH member at its annual meeting in May 1988 at the Huntington Library. Authors must be WAWH members; the book must be a monograph based on original research (not an anthology or edited work); the prize is open to all fields of history. Send three copies no later than March 1, 1988 to Tanis Thorne, Chair, Sierra Prize, History Department, UCLA, 405 Hilgarde Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90124.

All members of the WAWH are also encouraged to submit articles published in 1986 and 1987 to the article prize committee. All fields of history will be considered; submissions must include full scholarly apparatus. The prize will be announced at the President's Dinner at the 1988 annual conference. Inquiries and submissions should be directed to Marguerite Renner, Chair, 775 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91104. Again, the deadline for submission is March 1, 1988.

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Sara Holmes **Boutelle** has two publications coming out in 1988: Julia Moraa. Architect, due in March from the Abbeville Press, and Architecture: A Woman's Place, edited by Ellen Perry Berkeley and **Matilda McQuaid**, due in the fall from the Smithsonian Press (her chapter is on Julia Morgan).

Joan M. **Jensen**, Department of History, New Mexico State University, received the Old Sturbridge Village **Research Library Society - E. Harold Hugo Memorial Book Prize** for Loosening the Bonds: Mid-Atlantic Farm Women, 1750 - 1850. Her new book, California Women: A History, coauthored with Gloria Ricci **Lothrop**, was published this year by Boyd & Fraser (San Francisco)

Susan Karant-Nunn, History Department, Portland State University, has had her book, Zwickau in Transition, 1500-1547: The Reformation as an Agent of Change, by the Ohio State University Press this year.

Sherry Katz has received several grants for her research on socialist women in early 20th century California. These include a Huntington Library

Research Grant for the summer of 1987, the Elizabeth Weisz-Buck award for 1987, and a Bancroft Research Grant for 1987-1988.

Mary Murphy has two publications on labor history coming out: Like a Family: The Making of a Southern Cotton Mill World, coauthored with Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, James Leloudis, Robert Korstad, **LuAnn Jones**, and Christopher B. **Daly**, due in December 1987 from the University of North Carolina Press, and "I Give the Best Part of My Life to the Mill: An Oral History of Icy Norman," Frontiers, IX, no. 3.

Patricia Neils served as director for a conference sponsored by the Asia Pacific Rim Institute of United States **International University**; the conference, "The Impact of American Missionaries on U.S. Attitudes and Policy toward China," took place in San Diego, October 23 through 25, 1987. She has recently published "American Sinology: Sacred and Secular Prototypes," in Tamkang Journal of American Studies, Spring 1987 and received a research grant from the Eisenhower World Affairs Institute to conduct research at the **Eisenhower Library**.

Betsy Perry has received an appointment as a research associate with the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

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