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CALL TO CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's time again for the Call to Conference edition of the Networker and, as has become almost boringly predictable, the program chair has put together an exciting array of panels and sessions. We have a lot of talent in WAWH!

Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony will be our special guests following the Friday night dinner at the Holiday Inn in Pasadena. Stanton's resemblance to actress Miriam Reed is no doubt a coincidence.

The plenary sessions Saturday and Sunday promise to appeal to a wide audience, dealing with research opportunities at The Huntington Library and with Researching and Writing Feminist Fiction.

Panels run the gamut from medieval literature to quilting, from comparative African literature to male gender studies. In addition, there will be time for everyone's favorite activity -- visiting with old friends you see only once a year at the WAWH conference.

DUES NOTICE

If you have not done so already, please send your dues renewal, either separately or with your conference registration, to Lorrie O'Dell, 602 Calmar, Oakland, CA, 94610 (\$15 for those employed fulltime, \$10 for those retired or working part-time, and \$5 for graduate students or independent scholars).

Close on the heels of our May meeting will be our joint meeting with PCB. This August 10-13 conference at San Francisco State will include a number of panels sponsored by WAWH. We will also launch the celebration of our 20th Anniversary by featuring Grace Larsen, the first President of WAWH, as the luncheon speaker. This auspicious beginning will, of course, culminate in a "celebration of ourselves" at the 20th meeting of WAWH in the spring of 1989. It promises to be a great year. Help start the festivities by joining us at The Huntington May 6, 7, and 8. Make Mother's Day a special event -- bring your mother.

Jackie

GRAD NEWS

Spring is an excellent time for graduate students to spread the word to non-members about the Western Association of Women Historians. Current graduate members are the best source of information for prospective members in your departments. Please tell your colleagues about the benefits of membership (newsletter, annual conference, and the WAWH Graduate Student Fellowship) and invite them to attend the May meeting at the Huntington Library, on May 6, 7, and 8. This year there will be a panel devoted to dissertations in progress (see program for time and place), in addition to a variety of other stimulating sessions.

For membership, send name, address, affiliation, research interest, and \$5.00 annual membership fee to:

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Graduate student members of WAWH who would like to volunteer their services at the May Conference in return for free registration, contact: Local Arrangements Chair, Susan Puz, 647 Gayville Drive, Claremont, CA 91711; or Graduate Student Representative, Margaret Rose, 2115 Verde St., Bakersfield, CA 93304.

Melanie Gustafson (NYU), Graduate student Representative to the Coordinating Committee on Women in the Historical Profession, invites graduate student members of the WAWH to join the CCWHP. Members receive six newsletters annually. Send name, **address**, **affiliation**, research interests, and \$5.00 annual dues to:

Nupur Chaudhuri
1737 Vaughn Drive
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Send your graduate student news for this column to Margaret Rose, 2115 Verde St., Bakersfield, CA **93304-2742**. Thanks.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Women's Studies International Forum announces a special issue on the theme of European women and imperialism, under the guest editorship of Nupur Chaudhuri and Margaret **Strobel**. We encourage articles that **explore** the relationship of European and North American women (whom we will here collapse into the category "European women" for short reference) **to** the creation and dismantling of empires in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. How did these women function in these empires, which were often perceived as men's space? To what extent did they share or critique men's attitudes toward colonized peoples, particularly colonized women? What was their role in popularizing indigenous cultures to western audiences? How did the class stratification of Europe influence the lives of the European women in the colonies? Articles are welcome that take historical, literary, anthropological, interdisciplinary, or other relevant approaches.

The issue will include articles and book reviews. Submission deadline is October 1, 1988. Potential authors are encouraged to send abstracts of possible pieces as well as final **articles** to Nupur Chaudhuri, 1737 Vaughn Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502, or Peg **Strobel**, Women's Studies, **m/c 360**, University of Illinois at Chicago, Box 4348, Chicago, **IL** 60680. Final submissions should be 20-25 pages, double spaced. Please send three copies.

The UCLA Historical Journal is dedicated to promoting excellence in graduate student research and writing. Published annually in the fall and circulated to over one hundred colleges and universities nationwide, the Journal welcomes submissions from all fields of history and related disciplines. The deadline for receipt of manuscripts is May 31, but early submission is strongly advised. Manuscripts must be typed, double-spaced, and submitted in triplicate to: The Editor, UCLA Historical Journal, Department of History, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024. For further **information, contact** Florence Baker, 1038 South Highland Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90019.

WAWH CONFERENCE NEWS

INFLATION

Members will note an increase in the cost for meals at this **year's** conference. Inflation and a new catering service explain the change. On a happier note, The Huntington is waiving the very significant cost of opening the facility for our evening Plenary Session and President's Dinner. Thank you to Susan Puz, local arrangements, and Martin Ridge, Huntington Library liaison.

GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP FUND

Because soliciting donations is discouraged at The Huntington, the regular fund-raising wine and such reception will be held before the Friday dinner at the Holiday Inn, Pasadena. Anyone who cannot make it to the Friday dinner and wishes to contribute to the Fellowship Fund is encouraged to send a check when registering for the conference.

PROGRAM NOTES

When you receive your program -- early in March, we hope -- please send your reservations in early to help facilitate meal counts, room needs, etc.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

We need both a program chair and a local arrangements chair for our very special twentieth anniversary meeting at Asilomar in May 1989. To volunteer for either of these important positions, please contact: Jackie Barnhart, Department of History, California State University, Chico, CA 95929-0735 or phone her at (916) 895-5258 (work) or at (916) 343-7226 (home).

RESOURCES

WOMEN IN ENGLISH SOCIAL HISTORY 1800-1914:

A GUIDE TO RESEARCH, by Barbara Penny Kanner (New York: Garland Publishing, 1988; 3 vols., 895 pages). Volume 2 (chapters 6-12) will be available in March 1988, and Volume 1 (chapters 1-5) in the fall of 1988. The table of contents for volumes 1 and 2 is as follows:

Essay introduction for entire work, including theoretical questions and critical frameworks.

1. Climate of Opinion on Women: Nature, Duties, and Roles.
2. Marriage and Family: Roles, Relations and Lifestyles.
3. Sickness and Health Care.
4. Law.
5. Religion and Spiritualism.
6. Education: Contexts, Controversies and Change.
7. Employment.
8. Philanthropy, Social Service and Social Welfare.
9. Crime and Deviance.
10. Sexuality and Sexual Issues.
11. Science, Social Science and their Social Applications.
12. Women's Rights, Politics and Suffrage.

- Volume 3, dealing with **Victorian/Edwardian** women's autobiographical writings, was published in 1987. In that volume, Kanner introduces over 600 autobiographical works with a discussion of the genre of autobiography, and women's autobiography specifically, **in** the hands of historians and literary scholars. The introduction also considers feminist literary criticism and feminist autobiographical criticism. The volume includes a subject index and more than 80 percent of the entries are annotated.

WOMEN IN THE WORLD: ANNOTATED HISTORY RESOURCES FOR THE SECONDARY STUDENT.

compiled and edited by Lyn Reese and Jean Wilkinson (Scarecrow Press, 1987; \$19.50).

This book contains insightful reviews of 436 readily available general reference and background books, fiction, autobiographies, biographies, first person accounts, and curricula. It includes sections on Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East/North Africa, and cross-cultural women. Designed as practical aids, the book's annotations give reading level, illustrations, countries and time periods, suggestions for classroom use, quotations from the sources, and publishers' addresses. "A must for educators who are looking for new ways to incorporate women in world history, literature, and area studies **classes.**"

To order, please write to: Women in the World: Curriculum Resource Project, 1030 Spruce St., Berkeley, CA 94707; include \$1.50 for shipping and handling.

WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY: AN INTRODUCTORY TEACHING PACKET

compiled by Elizabeth Phillips (Brooklyn, N.Y.: The Organization for Equal Education of the Sexes, OEEES).

Busy teachers can introduce students to women's history with this useful 48-page booklet, which provides valuable information and resources. It begins by defining women's history and discussing various approaches to incorporating women's contributions into the classroom and curriculum. Detailed lesson plans (adaptable to both elementary and upper-division classes) are provided, as well as an annotated list of role model women and a resource list of books, films, organizations, and curriculum guides. The packet also includes a poster and 4-page biography of Elizabeth Cady **Stanton** -- both integrated into a lesson. Creative follow-up activities and thought-provoking discussion questions flesh out this information-filled resource.

Elizabeth Phillips is a teacher, former editor of the journal TABS: Aids for Ending Sexism in School, and former executive editor at the Feminist Press.

The packet is available from the OEEES for \$16.50, plus \$3.00 shipping (for up to 4 packets). To order or to request a free catalog of over 50 OEEES posters on women in history and in non-traditional careers, write or call: OEEES, 438 Fourth St., Dept. WH, Brooklyn, NY 11215; phone, (718) 788-3478.

WESTWARD, HO! THE OAH MEETS IN RENO

The Organization of American Historians will hold its annual meeting in Reno, Nevada from March 24 -27, 1988 and Executive Secretary Joan Hoff-Wilson encourages all American historians in WAWH to attend.

Anyone in the field of American history will find something stimulating among the over-90 sessions. In addition, several sessions will be of particular interest to those studying or teaching women's history. These include:

Women in the 20th-Century Urban West
Women's History: Progress and Prospects
Intercultural Relations on the Frontier: Women
Missionaries and Western Women of Color
The Consortium for Women's History:
Augmenting the Historical Record
Women in Polygamy: Past and Present
Finding Time: Personal/Professional Conflicts of
Women Historians
Working-Class Feminism in the Twentieth Century
Chinese Women in California
Mother-Daughter Dynamics in the Industrial Age:
Career, Politics, and Family Life.

Beyond these sessions, a breakfast meeting of women in the historical profession will be held Saturday, March 26, 1988, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

The OAH does not meet out here in the West all that often, so let's take advantage of this rare and welcome opportunity.

JOBS

History, assistant professor level, one-year temporary appointment in American diplomatic history, with Pacific Rim emphasis, beginning fall 1988. Renewal after one year possible. Ph.D. required by August 1988. Salary range: 27,588 - \$33,192. Send letters of application, resume, and dossier to: History Department, California State University, Chico, Chico, CA 95929-0735. Deadline April 15, 1988; preliminary interviews will be conducted at the OAH Convention.

California State University, Chico is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer, IRCA.

History, temporary, part-time opening for Visiting Assistant Professor in Modern European history for 1988-1989 academic year. Course load includes two upper division survey courses in history of Western Europe, 1815-1945, one senior seminar in twentieth century Europe, and one course still to be determined. Part-time means either two-thirds time for a year, or two quarters full-time appointment. Salary for academic year would be approximately \$21,105 for a four-course load. Requires Ph.D. or near completion of Ph.D.

Interested applicants should send their confidential placement dossiers to: Prof. Irwin Wall, Search Committee, Department of History, University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA 92521. The deadline is April 1, 1988. UCR is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

American Women's History, tenure-track position at assistant professor level. Candidate should be willing to teach at least one half of the U.S. history survey, as well as courses in American women's history, and should do research in the history of American women. Applicants from ABD through experienced assistant professor will be considered.

Miami University has a small but growing graduate school with a Ph.D. program in history, as well as an active women's studies program and several feminist scholars in a range of disciplines.

To apply or for further information, contact: Elliott J. Gorn, Chair, Women's History Search Committee, Department of History, 200 Irvin Hall, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056. No deadline mentioned.

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

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. For more information, contact Judi Jennings, Kentucky Humanities Council, 417 Clifton Ave., Lexington, KY 40506.

The Pacific Coast Branch of the AHA (in conjunction with WAWH) will hold its 1988 conference at San Francisco State University, Aug. 10-13. For more information, contact Jess Flemion, Department of History, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR RESEARCH IN WOMEN'S HISTORY

A long-rime dream of historians of women, dating back to 1975, became reality in late September 1987 in Athens, Greece. As American delegate (representing the American Historical Association) to the general assembly of the International Committee for the Historical Sciences (ICHS), I was among those present in Athens when our recently-founded International Federation for Research in Women's History (IFRWH) won approval as an ICHS Internal Commission. Stanford's Carl Degler, an Institute affiliate, and the current AHA president, Natalie Zemon Davis, also attended this meeting.

Our new federation, founded in April 1987, will organize a two-day program on women's history topics during the week-long 1990 ICHS congress in Madrid. The theme will be "Changes in Women's Lifecycles in a Socioeconomic and Political Perspective." In addition, the Federation has been charged with organizing a session in the ICHS general program, on "Changing Occupations and Social Positions of Women since the Industrial Revolution."

The aim of the Federation is to encourage and coordinate research in all aspects of women's history at the international level by promoting exchange of information and publication, and by arranging and assisting in arranging large-scale international conferences as well as more restricted and specialized meetings.

The interim board of the Federation includes Ida Blom (University of Bergen, Norway), president; Solvi Sogner (University of Oslo, Norway), vice-president; Karen Offen (Stanford University), and Gisela Bock (European University Institute, Florence, Italy).

National committees serve as liaison between communities of researchers and the Federation. So far national committees from thirteen countries have adhered to the Federation's statutes: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Great Britain, Federal Republic of Germany, German Democratic Republic, India, Japan, Nigeria, Norway, Sweden, and the USA. The International Commission on Historical Demography has also affiliated with the Federation. Board members are actively encouraging the formation of national committees of professional historians in other nations. Over forty national historical organizations are currently members of ICHS, along with another forty internal and external commissions devoted to the historical study of specific subjects.

The Federation and its affiliation with the ICHS represents a real breakthrough. We have come a long way since 1975, when neither women historians nor women's history were even slightly visible in ICHS activities. The history of women and the issue of gender in history have now been placed on the agenda for professional historians throughout the world.

Karen Offen

MEMBER NEWS

Karen J. Blair has two books coming out this year: a bibliographic guide to 700 histories of women's organizations (Boston: G.K. Hall) and a collection of essays in Pacific Northwest history that she edited for the University of Washington Press.

Sarah Elbert shared a panel with Kate Ellis at the 1987 meeting of the Modern Language Association in San Francisco; the topic was "High Culture, Mass Culture, and Women." Along similar lines, she has a new book just out: A Hunger for Home: Louisa May Alcott's Place in American Culture (in paperback from Rutgers University Press).

Jessie L. Embry has a new book out: Mormon Polygamy: Families, Life in the Principle (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1987).

Barbara Engel has published an article entitled "women in Russia and the Soviet Union" in Signs (Summer 1987). She also received two grants that allowed her to spend the fall of 1987 on research leave.

Amelia R. Fry recently published "Alice Paul," dealing with Paul's international work, in The Influence of Quaker Women on American History, Carol and John Stoneburner, eds., Edwin Miller Press, 1987). Her biography of Paul is still taking up most of her time and will be published by Alfred A. Knopf.

Gail Greenwood left American River College after 17 years; she has taken a new job at Mission College in Santa Clara, California, where she is the only fulltime history instructor (and de facto department head). She has an article on dyslexia and mother guilt in Working Woman (November 1987).

Gloria Ricci Lothrop has written a foreword for a new edition of Sarah Bixby Smith's Adobe Days (University of Nebraska Press). In addition, she has recently published two articles: "Italians of Los Angeles: Stability Amidst Change," The Californians (March/ April, 1987) and "Using Photos to Teach Feminist History," Social Studies Review (Spring 1987).

Valerie Sherer Mathes was awarded the Leroy R. Hafen Award from the Colorado Historical Society for her article "Helen Hunt Jackson: A Legacy of Reform." She also recently published "Helen Hunt Jackson and the Campaign for Ponca Restitution, 1880-1881" South Dakota History (Spring 1987). She will be delivering a paper on Anne Bidwell as a philanthropist at the Western Historical Association meetings in October 1988.

Karen Offen has published five articles, plus a review in the New York Times. In addition, she has been appointed to the founding board of the International Federation for Research in Women's History.

Sandra Schackël has an enticingly named chapter in Shootina Stars: Heroes and Heroines in Western Film; it is called "The Civilizer, the Saloon Singer and their Modern Sister," (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1987).

Anne Sherrill's current research deals with 500 patrician American families.

Judy Ann Turner has an article in press for a new series with Scribner's on "Priesthoods in Ancient Greece," Civilization of the Ancient Mediterranean (ed. by Michael Grant). She is at work revising the manuscript of her book on priestesses in ancient Greece.

Nancy Walker is teaching a course entitled "Women in American History" at Modesto Junior College for 1987-1988.

START PLANNING NOW
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AMONG THE MISSING

We are lacking current addresses for the following members of WAWH:

Rev. Sarah Barber-Brown
Julia Clancy-Smith
Michaela Ruppert
Georgia C. Villafior.

Please send any information on their whereabouts to Lorrie O'Dell, 602 Calmar, Oakland, CA 94610.

NEW MEMBERS

The WAWH warmly welcomes the following new members, who have joined since the last issue went to "press." How encouraging that they continue to represent a variety of disciplines and approaches.

Holly Brewer, graduate student in American history, UCLA
Joanne Carlson Brown, assistant professor of religion at Pacific Lutheran University, with a focus on American church history, especially among 19th-century women
Anita Garey, graduate student in sociology, University of California, Berkeley, with emphasis on historical sociology, sociology of the family, and demography
Ann Goldberg, graduate student of modern Europe (Germany) and social/cultural history, UCLA
Karen V. Hansen, in the department of sociology, University of California, Berkeley, specializing in family and historical methodology
Nancy C. Unger, lecturer at San Francisco State University, in psychohistory and the Progressive era in the U.S.
Sally Roesch Wagner, research affiliate and lecturer at the University of California, Davis.

The WAWH encourages scholarship in every field of historical study and strongly supports the new fields in women's history. We welcome the membership of all those to whom its goals are congenial.

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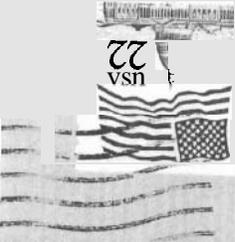
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