PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just after the last Networker came out, one of our members called me to say that it took her breath away to see how much WAWH has grown since its beginning twenty years ago. Not only do we now hold meetings in the Huntington Library rather than in a dumpy motel in Santa Monica; we also have an excellent, useful, lively newsletter that appears regularly; and our members are growing in numbers and in honors, professional positions, and publications. As we looked together at the two long columns in the newsletter on Member News, we had to say that WAWH has truly come of age.

Our twenty-first annual meeting, which will be May 4 through 6, 1990, at the Huntington Library, offers a great opportunity to take advantage of the special things that our well established WAWH can offer. First, of course, is to apply for the book, article, and graduate student prizes that will be awarded at the meeting. We take pride in recognizing excellence in our members, and this year we expect to be able to increase the monetary award of both the book and graduate student award. Although it is true that not every applicant can win the prizes, it is also true that each applicant wins the opportunity to inform others about her work. See the information on these prizes in this issue and remember that March 1, 1990 is the deadline.

Second, propose a paper or, even better, organize and propose an entire panel for the conference program. Program chair Gloria Lothrop and her committee have selected the theme, "Links with the Past; Lessons for the Future." Send your proposals to her by February 1 (see complete announcement in this issue). As I look over my book that is now in press, I realize that every chapter began with a paper that I presented at a conference. The WAWH conference is an excellent opportunity to let others know about your work, to get responses, and to refine the history that you are writing.

Finally, the May meeting offers a great opportunity to meet other scholars in a beautiful setting where we will have time to talk as well as listen. Conference Coordinator Catherine Kelly has met with staff members at the Huntington Library and has arranged overnight accommodations at the Holiday Inn. She and the rest of the local arrangements people are working to insure that safe and convenient childcare will also be available. She has even succeeded in convincing the administration of the Gamble House in Pasadena that they should open their doors to us for our President's Dinner on the Saturday evening of the conference, as well as for a special tour of this remarkable craftsman house designed by Green and Green. Helen Kelley, former president of Immaculate Heart College, will be a lively dinner speaker. Earlier during the day we will hear from Joyce Appleby, Professor of History at UCLA, who will be the keynote speaker.

Celebrate the coming of age of WAWH, and circle the weekend of May 4-6 on your new 1990 calendars. Begin planning now so that you can be with us for our twenty-first meeting.

Betsy

Best Wishes
for a
Happy Holiday Season
THANK YOU NOTES

The winners of the Sierra Prize and the WAWH Graduate Student Fellowship have written to express their appreciation for these awards.

Margaret Washington Creel, winner of the Sierra Prize and now at Cornell University, writes:

I am writing to thank the WAWH for honoring me with the Sierra Prize. It is a recognition that is special to me, not only because it comes from peers whom I respect, but also because I know the high standards that the organization adheres to. I look forward to seeing many of you in the future. Although I am no longer residing on the West Coast, my research on California and on black women will assure a continued and closer relationship.

Thank you again.

Lori Lisowski, winner of the Graduate Student Fellowship, writes:

I want to thank you, Dr. Eldot, the Graduate Student Fellowship Committee, and the Western Association of Women Historians for selecting me as the awarded winner this year. This recognition means a lot to me.

I am glad that WAWH has such an award for graduate students. The organization’s support of graduate students through this fellowship and the annual conference is important and appreciated by myself and other students I know. The conference at Asilomar was my first and WAWH made it an enjoyable experience.

I look forward to a long association with WAWH. Thank you again for your support.

WAWH CALL FOR PAPERS

The program committee for the 21st annual meeting of the Western Association of Women Historians, to be held at the Henry E. Huntington Library and Museum, San Marino, California, May 4, 5, and 6, 1990, invites proposals for papers, workshops, panels, and sessions, focusing on the theme "Links with the Past, Lessons for the Future." While the committee favors proposals for complete sessions, equal consideration will be given to individual paper proposals.

Submissions should include a summary of the substance of each session, as well as a prospectus of each paper (maximum of 500 words per paper) and a 1-page C.V. for each participant.

Proposals should be sent by February 1, 1990 to the WAWH Program Committee, c/o Gloria Ricci Lothrop (Chair), Dept. of History, Cal Poly Pomona, Pomona, CA 91768. For further information, write to the above address or phone (714) 629-2301.

WAWH PRIZES AND AWARDS

The WAWH proudly offers the following prizes, the winners of which will be announced at our May meeting. The deadline for all submissions is March 1, 1990.

1990 Sierra Prize

The WAWH will award the 1990 Sierra Prize of $100 for the best monograph by a WAWH member at its annual meeting in May 1990. Authors must be WAWH members; the book must be a monograph based on original research (not an anthology or edited work); the work is open to all fields of history. Send three copies to Karen Blair, Sierra Prize Chair, History Dept., Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA 98926; for further information, call her at (509) 921-5128 (home) or (509) 963-1877, ext. 1655 (work).

Judith Lee Ridge Prize

All members of the WAWH are encouraged to submit articles published in 1988 and 1989 to the article prize committee for the $100 prize. All fields of history will be considered; submissions must include full scholarly apparatus. The prize, named for the daughter of Martin and Sally Ridge, will be announced at the President's Dinner at the 1990 annual conference. Inquiries and submissions (in triplicate) should be directed to Barbara Corrado Pope, Dept. of History, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403.

1990 Graduate Student Fellowship

WAWH annually offers a fellowship of $500 to a graduate student for work on a doctoral dissertation in history. The WAWH Graduate Student Fellowship is open to members of the WAWH who have been advanced to candidacy and expect to receive the Ph.D. no earlier than December 1990. For additional information and applications, please contact: Carole Srole, Dept. of History, California State University at Los Angeles, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032.

EDITOR’S NOTE

The deadline for the next issue of the Networker will be February 28, 1990. Please send any items to Susan Wladaver-Morgan, 2513 NE Skidmore, Portland, OR 97211.
THE AHA MEETS BY THE BAY

As most of you are probably aware by now, the American Historical Association will be holding its annual meeting in San Francisco this year, December 27 through 30. In addition to the intrinsic attractions of the program, the book exhibit, and the job registry, this conference has some special appeal for members of the WAWH.

Frances Richardson Keller sends a notice of a publisher's reception to which all WAWH members are invited. The Edward Mellen Press is sponsoring a reception for WOMEN IN WESTERN TRADITION: VIEWING OUR HERITAGE, of which Dr. Keller is the editor and to which a number of WAWH members have contributed essays. The reception will be held December 29 (Friday), from 5:00 to 7:30, in the Hilton and Hilton Tower Hotel at One Hilton Square. The room location is yet to be announced, but can be ascertained and tickets may be obtained gratis at Booth 108 in the Publishers stalls.

The Coordinating Committee on Women in the Historical Profession (CCWHP) will be sponsoring both a reception and a luncheon at the conference. The reception has several cosponsors, including our own WAWH, the Conference Group on Women's History (CGWH), the Coalition for Western Women Historians, the New York Metropolitan Region CCWHP, the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, the Southern Association of Women Historians, the Association of Black Women Historians, and Women Historians of the Midwest (WHOM). In other words, the reception will include women historians from all over the country and provide an excellent opportunity for us, as women and as members of the WAWH, to meet and network with each other--sort of a conference of our own within the larger conference. Karen Offen, our president-elect, will be the featured speaker at the luncheon. The reception will take place on December 28, from 5:00 to 7:30; the luncheon on December 29, in the Continental Ballroom. There are also many panels about women or in which our fellow WAWH members are participating. Attendance at these panels not only allows us to support each other with our presence, but also makes women historians a visible and powerful presence within the AHA itself.

Finally, the program committee for the next PCGB conference will be meeting at the San Francisco conference. We are fortunate that WAWH board member Penny Kanner is on this committee. If you would like to participate in the PCGB conference this summer (August 8-11, at the University of Utah) but missed the December 1 deadline, you may still have a shot at it by getting your proposal to Penny Kanner before the committee meets. Your paper may be exactly what is needed to round out a panel. It's worth a try.

JOBS

The University of California, Riverside, has a temporary, part-time opening for a lecturer or visiting assistant professor in European Reformation for the winter quarter of the 1989-90 academic year. ASAP to: Prof. Kenneth Barkin, Dept. of History, University of California, Riverside, CA 92521.

University of Manitoba invites applications for a probationary appointment in the field of post-Civil War US history, with special interest in women's and social history. The appointment is at the rank of Assistant Professor and begins July 1, 1990. Applicants should have Ph.D. and successful teaching experience; research publications strongly preferred. Current salary minimum for this rank is $30,422; actual salary will depend on experience and qualifications. In accordance with Canadian Immigration, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Applications should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae and applicants should ensure that three letters of reference be sent to Professor E.C. Moulton, Head, Department of History, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 2N2, CANADA. The deadline is January 15, 1990.

California State University, Hayward, has a full-time, temporary, annual lecturer position in Japanese history for 1990-91. Responsibilities include surveys in early and modern Japan and modern Asia, with an opportunity to introduce new courses in the field. Additional expertise in Japanese-American history is desirable. Ph.D. preferred, but ABD considered. Send a letter of application and placement file to: Dr. Judith M. Stanley, Chair, Department of History, California State University-Hayward, Hayward, CA 94542-3045. Deadline is January 1, 1990.

California State University, Northridge, has two tenure-track positions, both at the assistant professor level, to begin in the Fall 1990, and in the same salary range ($28,884-$39,924).

The first require in history with a specialization in women in American history and preferably an ability to teach the history of women. The candidate should expect to teach survey courses in either Western Civilization or US history, upper-division and graduate courses in women's history and methods in methodology and research techniques.

The second requires a Ph.D with specialization in ancient history and preferably the ability to teach medieval history. The candidate should expect to teach survey courses in Western Civilization, upper-division and graduate courses in ancient and perhaps medieval history, courses in methodology and research techniques.
For both positions, teaching at the college and university level is desired and publications are expected. Applications, including curriculum vitae and three current letters of recommendation, should be sent to: Dr. Thomas M. Bader, Chair, Dept. of History, California State University, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge, CA 91330. The Department hopes to interview candidates at the AHA meetings in San Francisco, but will continue to accept applications up until February 1, 1990.

San Diego Mesa College, part of the San Diego Community College District, is now accepting applications for two positions as assistant professor of Western Civilization. Teaching duties will include primary responsibility for the second half of the Western Civilization survey course, but may include teaching the first half. In addition, the department would like to expand its offerings to include Russian and Soviet history and/or Asian history. Assignments may include day, evening, and Saturday classes. Qualifications include: MA in history; California Community College Teaching credential; recent broad-based teaching experience; good lecture skills; and ability to relate to students from diverse cultural/ethnic backgrounds.

To apply, one must submit: a district "Certified Employment Application"; a resume; two letters of recommendation; and a district "Supplemental Application--Assistant Professor Western Civilization." These materials must all arrive by 4:30 pm, February 1, 1990. Send them to: Search Committee, Assistant Professor Western Civilization, San Diego Community College District, 3375 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108-3883.

California State University, Chico, has a one-year replacement position in modern European history. The job begins in August 1990, at the assistant professor level; renewal is possible after one year. Ph.D. required by August 1990. Teaching responsibilities include Western Civilization and may also include modern Germany, Europe between the two world wars, or other courses. Salary range: $26,436-34,752. Send application, dossier, and letters of recommendation by February 15, 1990 to Dale Steiner, Chair, History Department, California State University, Chico, Chico CA 95929. Applications from women and minorities are especially encouraged.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Meetings

The Pacific Northwest American Studies Association will hold its conference on "Youth and Age in America" in Portland, OR, April 5-7, 1990. Send abstracts to Jon Lewis, Dept. of English, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331 by January 16, 1990.

The California American Studies Association will hold an interdisciplinary conference on "Place in American Culture," to be held at California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, May 4-6, 1990. Proposals for individual papers, complete panels, or media presentations welcome. To apply (with a 500-word abstract and a C.V.) or for information, write to Michael Steiner, Dept. of American Studies, California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, CA 92634. Deadline is February 1, 1990.


The Rocky Mountain Region World History Association will meet in Provo, Utah, June 7-9, 1990. The topic will be religion in world history. Proposals are due February 1, 1990. For information, contact David McComb, Dept. of History, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523.

The University of Kansas invites proposals for papers and sessions for "Ike's America," an interdisciplinary conference, October 4-6, 1990. Proposals on any aspect of the Eisenhower presidency or American life in the 1950s are welcome. Send a one-page abstract and C.V. by February 15, 1990, to Chester J. Pach, Jr., Hall Center of the Humanities, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-2967.

Publications

Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretations, calls for papers on the Interplay between religion and American culture. Contact Thomas H. Davis, Cavanaugh Hall 344, Indiana University, 425 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46202. (No deadline given.)

Abstracts of papers for possible publication in a collection on women in the history of American libraries are requested. Abstracts should be approximately 250-300 words, and papers are not to exceed 20 double-spaced pages. Papers on theoretical aspects of the topic, as well as on those on women library founders, users, and workers, are welcome. Contributions on women of color and other minorities are especially encouraged. Deadline for the abstracts is February 15, 1990. For further information, contact Suzanne Hildenbrand, School of Information and Library Science, 381 Baldy Hall, SUNY-Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14260; (716) 636-2412.
GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

The University of Michigan’s Research and Training Program on Poverty, the Underclass, and Public Policy offers one-year postdoctoral fellowships to American minority scholars in all social sciences. Fellows will conduct their own research and participate in a year-long seminar on poverty, the underclass, and public policy. Applicants must have completed their Ph.D. by August 1, 1990. The application deadline is January 10, 1990. Contact the Program on Poverty, the Underclass, and Public Policy, School of Social Work, 1065 Frieze Building, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1285.

Two Rockefeller Foundation Humanist-in-Residence Fellowships will be awarded in 1990-91 to postdoctoral scholars to work on a book-length manuscript that contributes to the development of feminist theory. Fellows will receive a stipend of $30,000. Applications are due January 12, 1990. For information and application materials, write to Women’s Studies, Southwest Institute for Research on Women, University of Arizona, 102 Douglass Building, Tucson, AZ 85721; (602) 621-7338.

The Smithsonian Institution offers graduate student, pre-, post-, and senior postdoctoral fellowships in American history and material culture, anthropology, history of art, and history of science and technology. Tenable in residence at the Smithsonian and its research facilities. Stipends and tenures vary. The deadline is January 15 annually. Contact: Smithsonian Institution, Office of Fellowships and Grants, 955 L’Enfant Plaza, Suite 7300, Desk H, Washington, DC 20560; (202) 786-0463.

The American Antiquarian Society will award a number of Visiting Research Fellowships during the 1990 academic year. Several categories of awards are offered, some in Chicago, some in Worcester. For information, contact John B. Hench, American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA 01609; (617) 755-5221. Deadline for complete application with three letters of reference is January 31, 1990.

Next summer the National Endowment for the Humanities will offer 51 seminars for college teachers. Twelve participants are selected to attend each seminar. Participants in 8-week seminars receive a stipend of $3,500 and those in 6-week seminars, $2,750. Applications are also being accepted for 1991 Summer Seminar directors. The deadline is March 1, 1990. For information, contact Summer Seminars for College Teachers, Room 316, Division of Fellowships and Seminars, NEH, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20506; (202) 786-0463.

GRAD NEWS

Grad students are again encouraged to get in touch with Sherry Katz for information on the special programs planned for grad students at our conference at the Huntington this May. In the meantime, here is some information on fellowships; please note that the GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS column includes the Smithsonian fellowships for which grad students are eligible.

The Five College Fellowship Program will award $20,000 stipends to minority graduate students who have completed all requirements for the Ph.D., except the dissertation. The 1990-91 fellowships also include office space, computer support, library privileges, and housing. Application deadline is January 15, 1990. For information, contact Lorna M. Peterson, Five College Fellowship Program Committee, Five Colleges, Inc., P.O. Box 740, Amherst, MA 01004; (413) 256-8316.

The Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America offers doctoral dissertation grants to facilitate use of its holdings. The program will award two or more grants of $1500 each in the spring of 1990. Each proposal should include a cover page giving the applicant’s name, address, affiliation, and the title of the proposed project. The proposal should succinctly describe the research to be undertaken, the specific holding at the Library to be consulted, and the significance of the holdings to the dissertation; proposals over 7 pages will not be reviewed. Deadline is February 15, 1990. Send 4 copies of the proposal to: Dissertation Grants Program, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, 10 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

INDEPENDENT SCHOLARS

The San Diego Independent Scholars invite independent scholars to participate in a 2-week-long trip to the USSR this spring, for the purpose of meeting Soviet scholars. The planned itinerary calls for leaving Los Angeles on March 29, 1990; the expenses, including airfare, lodging, food, guides, and most ground transportation, will be roughly $2,650. For more information, contact Gerry Horowitz, 4335 Osprey, San Diego, CA 92107; (619) 224-5664.

Radcliffe College announces its program of research support grants at the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America. This grant program explicitly includes unaffiliated scholars. Awards range from $100 to $2000. For more information, contact: Research Support Program, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, 10 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138. Deadline is February 15, 1990.
ABSENT FRIENDS

If you know the addresses of the following people, please send the information to Alison Klairmont Lingo.

Janet M. Everts
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MEMBER NEWS


Aline Hornaday and Ann Elwood are the founding editors and publishers of the Journal of Unconventional History, of which the first issue appeared in the fall of 1989.


Joanne Lafler's book, The Celebrated Mrs. Oldfield: The Life and Art of an Augustan Actress, was published by Southern Illinois University Press in September 1989. In addition, an article, "Seeded in the Grove Itself: Theatrical Evolution in the Bohemian Grove," will be published in a collection of essays, Theatre West: Image and Impact, by the Dutch Literary Quarterly early in 1990. She is now embarking on a projected series of essays on transvestism on the stage and would appreciate hearing from any WAWH members who are working in or otherwise interested in this area.

Gloria Ricci Lothrop has written "Women in California History" for the Fall issue of Social Studies Review, which is devoted to the topic of gender and the new California Social Studies framework.

Merrihelen Ponce has recently published a short story, "Rose," in the new feminist journal, Phoebe: A Multicultural Women's Journal (Women's Studies, SUNY-Oneonta, NY, 1989). Her first novel, The Wedding, was also published this year by the Arte Publico Press; the subject is a Mexican-American wedding among blue-collar workers in the 1950s, from the bride's perspective. She publishes under the name Mary Helen Ponce.

Barbara Corrado Pope is the director of a two-year project to integrate materials about women of color into the social science and humanities curriculum; the project has major funding from the Ford Foundation.


Kathryn Kish Sklar will be teaching, with Tom Dublin, an NEH Seminar for College Teachers at SUNY Binghamton in the Summer of 1990, the history of American women through social movements.


Shirlene Soto will see the publication of her book, Emergence of the Modern Mexican Woman: Her Participation in Revolution and Struggle for Equality, 1910-1940, early in 1990 by the Arden Press.

Autumn Stanley has an article titled "Invention Begins at Forty: Older Women of the 19th Century as Inventors" forthcoming in the Journal of Women and Aing, vol.2, no. 2. In addition, in November 1989 she gave the keynote address to a WINGS conference on women inventors, sponsored by the University of Calgary. She has also been invited to organize a panel on the history of the U.S. Patent Office for the 1990 Conference of the Society for the History of Technology to be held in Cleveland, OH. She invites any interested women historians who would like to participate to contact her at (415) 851-1847.

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