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## President's Column: WAWH Conference Highlights

*Thanks to the organizers* By the time you receive this newsletter, you should already have the program of the upcoming WAWH conference in hand. If so, you have seen what a terrific job our program committee has done; we owe more than thanks to Tamara Hunt (chair), Paivi Hoikkala, and Alexa Nickliss. Starting with Anita Johnson's one-woman show, "Whip 'Em With Your Wit," which will provide our Friday evening entertainment, our conference promises one thought-provoking session after another. (If you would like a program but have not received one, please contact Tamara Hunt at (310) 338-2808 as soon as possible.)

*Roundtables* In addition to the excellent scholarly panels that characterize our conference, we will also be presenting a roundtable discussion on discovering women in history (focusing particularly on women in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Vietnam, and Native American groups) and a panel in last September's United Nations Conference on Women, plus sessions on successful grant writing and on writing in general. Joanne Lafler, a member of the board of the National Coalition of Independent Scholars, will consider "The Unexpected Growth Industry: Independent Scholarship in the 1990s." She will have just returned from the annual meeting of the NCIS and will have plenty of new ideas and strategies to share.

*WAWH Plenary Session* A special feature this year is our collaboration with the Huntington Library Women's Studies Seminar (whose steering committee is chaired by WAWH member, Nancy Page Fernandez). For the first time, our two organizations are jointly offering the plenary session on Saturday morning. This session, entitled "Telling the Truth About History," will feature Joyce Appleby (of UCLA, president-elect of the AHA and co-author of the recent book of the same title), Linda Symcox (National Center for History in the Schools), and Janet Fireman (curator of the Los Angeles

Natural History Museum). Together, they will examine the timely subject of the often prickly relationship between historians and the wider public. In a time of polarized politics and deep cultural divisions, these speakers will consider how historians can contribute fruitfully to the understanding of our common past.

*Registration* You will be able to register at the Huntington on Saturday, but let me encourage you to dig out your program now and decide that you don't want to miss any part of this conference. Please fill out the registration form and send your checks to Regina Lark right away; if you will be coming from beyond commuting distance, be sure to arrange your room reservation at the Holiday Inn at the same time. That way, you can get a jump on things, avoid the lines on Saturday morning, and enjoy our Friday night entertainment to boot. (Continued on Page 2)

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## Call for Papers and Forthcoming Meetings

The Second International Charlotte Perkins Gilman Conference June 26-29, 1997 Call for Papers. Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY. Send 1-2 page abstracts by July 31, 1996 to Catherine Golden, Dept. of English, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-1632 (email: cgolden@skidmore.edu)

## President's Column *(Continued from Page 1)*

### A Call for Member participation

**Rewards** Getting together at our conference always reminds me of the great range of talents and interests we have. Volunteering for any of the challenging jobs the WAWH has to offer will give those talents new scope, as well as more subtle rewards. The jobs themselves have intrinsic interest, and they provide the chance to sharpen your skills and work with stimulating people. Besides, service to professional organizations always looks impressive on a vita. Best of all, in my opinion, you get to feel sort of like an expert on the inner workings of our organization—an insider who knows what she has contributed and can take proprietary pride. Who could resist?

**Opportunities Available** For next year, we will need people to help with the 1997 program committee, as well as volunteers to serve on our four prize committees; all these positions allow you to discover work on the cutting edge of historical research, often in areas outside our own narrow specialties. We hope to sponsor a drop-in room or other activity at the San Francisco meeting of the OAH next year, so you could help plan and coordinate this event. The committee on K-12 education is languishing for want of personnel, and the social action committee, which focuses on social and political issues of special concern to women scholars, could also use your input. For graduate students at all levels, there are positions as campus liaisons between the students in your particular department and our grad student representatives who serve on the executive board (Erika Bsumek and Katie Pearce-Sasson). In addition, we would appreciate volunteers to coordinate recruiting new members, both in California and especially in states beyond our original core.

This list by no means exhausts the opportunities to become more actively involved in WAWH. If you have ideas about how we can do a better job of serving our current members or attracting new ones, please let me know. The board will be more than happy to invent a title for you, as well as to provide space in the newsletter to address your concerns. Can we do more to serve the needs of independent scholars, women of color, retired historians, or other groups? If so, how can we accomplish this goal? Maybe you are precisely the person to find

answers to these questions. So speak up, and help us serve all of our members as well as we possibly can.

Our conference at the Huntington is now less than a month away. It promises to be an exciting weekend in a beautiful location. I look forward to meeting many of you there.

Susan Wladaver-Morgan  
WAWH President

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## Member News



**Editor's Note:** *The increasing number of submissions for announcements of current work and accomplishments has grown tremendously. This clearly attests to the dynamic scholarship and professionalism of our diverse organization!*

**Yaffa Draznin**, Independent Scholar (now permanently living in Chicago) has received a University of Chicago provost appointment as a Visiting Scholar. She will be working this year at the Regenstein Graduate Library, writing a book on Victorian London, 1800-1900.

**Carol C. Fan**, Associate Professor, Women's Studies, University of Hawaii. Fan's six publications on Chinese women for 1995 included "Patriarchy and Modernization: Image of Women in the Chinese Language," in Women's Status in Contemporary China, eds. Sha Jicai & Liu Qiming, Beijing: Beijing University Press, 1995. She also has two articles forthcoming in 1996, one of which is "Feminist Movements in China" in Literary Studies East and West, University of Hawaii Press, 1996.

**Paula Gillett** Along with presenting two papers at conferences on British Studies and Nineteenth-Century Studies, she will publish an essay "Art Audiences at the Grosvenor Gallery," in the Grosvenor Gallery: A Palace of Art in Victorian England; this catalogue exhibition will open in Spring at Yale Center for British Art and will be published by Yale University Press.

**Jane Katz**, announces publication of her edited book Messengers of the Wind: Native American Women Tell Their Life Stories, Ballantine Books, April 1995. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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**Polly Welts Kaufman**, University of Massachusetts, Boston announces publication of National Parks and the Woman's Voice: A History, University of New Mexico Press, May 1996.

**Joanne Lafler**, Institute for Historical Study; National Coalition of Independent Scholars: will be presenting a paper, "The Politics of Gender Criticism and the Foreclosure of Discourse," at the third national conference of the National Coalition of Independent Scholars. Her forthcoming article, "The Will of Katherine Maynawaring: An Autobiographical Reading," will be published in Biography.

**Patricia Nelson Limerick**, President American Studies Association, 1995 was awarded MacArthur Fellowship.

**Doris H. Linder**, Institute for Historical has published a biography of Scandanavian family planning pioneer and International Planned Parenthood Federation co-founder Elise Ottesen-Jensen entitled Crusader for Sex Education, by University Press of America. A forward by ~~Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland~~ introduces Linder's book called Kvinnekamp og Seksualpolitikk, Oslo, 1996 (Tiden).

**Elizabeth Marvich**, "Psychobiography and the Early Modern French Court: Notes on Method with Some Examples," is forthcoming this year in a special issue of French Historical Studies

**Francesca Miller**, History/Women's Studies, UC Davis, was a consultant to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, October 1995, with regard to the First Lady's trip to Latin America and participation in the Fourth Conference of Latin American First Ladies, Asunción, Paraguay. She also published on women in Latin America, politics and feminism.

**Gloria E. Myers**, Independent Scholar, has published a book A Municipal Mother: Portland's Lola Greene Baldwin, America's First Policewoman, Oregon State University, 1995.



**Anne Richardson**, Independent Scholar, has published a review essay on William Tyndale: A Biography by David Daniell in Morcana June 1995. She will also serve as panelist-peer reviewer for NEH grant applications.

**Anna Marie Roos**, University of Colorado, Boulder, has won a Newberry Library Consortium Grant and an Ogilvy Travel Fellowship in British Studies for dissertation research in Spring and Summer 1996.

**Patricia Schechter** has accepted an appointment in the Department of History at Portland State University.

**Donna Schuele**, University of California, Santa Barbara, has published "In Her Own Way: Marrietta Stow's Crusade for Probate Law Reform Within the Nineteenth Century Women's Rights Movement" Yale Journal of Law and Feminism (Fall, 1995)

**Sherry L. Smith**, University of Texas, El Paso, has been awarded an NEH Fellowship for College Teachers for the 1996-97 academic year in order to complete a book-length manuscript on "Reimagining the Indian, 1880-1934."

**Nancy Unger**, Santa Clara University, has published book reviews and an article entitled "The Burden of a Great Name: Robert M. La Follette, Jr.," The Psychohistory Review, Winter 1995.

**Jessica Weiss**, lecturer, California State Hayward, presented a paper, "I Still Like to be Treated as a Lady: Responses to Work & Feminism among Midlife Women," at the OAH in March 1996.

## Deadlines and Data:

**Research Grant** awarded to Tamiment Institute Library and the Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives at New York University titled "Finding Our Past: Documenting the Women's Health Movement in New York." Funding is provided by New York State Documentary Heritage Program for a part-time Field Archivist to conduct a Women's History Records Survey (WHRS) of at least forty women's health-related organizations in the New York City area. For more information contact Lucina Manning, Archivist, United Federation of Teachers (212) 598-9213; or Belinda R. Blum, Archivist, WHRS Project (212) 989-9354.

# Welcome New Members

| NAME                 | AFFILIATION                            | RESEARCH/TEACHING FIELDS                                                                                                    |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Karen Armstrong      | Chico                                  | Women's History/Margaret Fuller                                                                                             |
| Gordon Morris Bakken | California State University, Fullerton | Legal and Constitutional history                                                                                            |
| Michele J. Curran    | Arizona State University               | Late 19th Century, Women, Legal history/Journalism                                                                          |
| Helen Davies         | University of Manitoba, Canada         | Canadian studies, Models of Nationalism                                                                                     |
| Jeronima Echeverria  | California State University Fresno     | American West, Immigration History                                                                                          |
| Christine Hayes      | Santa Rosa                             | British History                                                                                                             |
| Lori Heathorn        | San Jose State University              | 19th Century British women in colonies                                                                                      |
| Carol Hollier        | University of Rochester                | Western Women's History                                                                                                     |
| Mary Ann Irwin       | San Francisco State University         | Western Women's History                                                                                                     |
| Carol L. Loats       | University of Southern Colorado        | France, Early modern Europe, Women's work                                                                                   |
| Judith Obuchi Magee  | University of Colorado, Boulder        |                                                                                                                             |
| Gloria E. Myers      | Independent Scholar, Portland, Oregon  | Women, Feminism Progressive Era                                                                                             |
| Anna Marie Roos      | University of Colorado, Boulder        | Early Modern England, History of Science                                                                                    |
| Linda R. Ruggles     | University of Maryland, Asian Division | U.S. Colonial/Civil War/Survey                                                                                              |
| Patricia Schechter   | Portland State University              | US Women's, African American, Southern/Civil War and Reconstruction                                                         |
| Rachel D. Shaw       | University of California, San Diego    | Western/California History                                                                                                  |
| Susan L. Smith       | University of Alberta, Canada          | Japanese American midwives; Black women's health activism; U.S. women's history, History of Medicine; History of Minorities |
| Lisa Sousa           | University of California, Los Angeles  | Native women in colonial Mexico                                                                                             |
| Elizabeth Van Beek   | San Jose State University              | Early American History, Early Modern England                                                                                |
| Linda Van Ingen      | University of California, Riverside    | U.S. and Women's History                                                                                                    |

## SPITHRA, The informational network

SPITHRA is for scholars who wish to locate matching paper proposals so that completed panels can be proposed to conference program committees. With or without a computer, you can enjoy the benefits of a computer-recorded network simply by filling out the following form and sending it to Emily Rader, 436 Lime Ave., #6 Long Beach, CA 90802-2678 or email the information to [rader@scf.usc.edu](mailto:rader@scf.usc.edu). To access SPITHRA, if you have a computer connected to a university computing system, log onto Gopher. You will then see: "Other Gopher Systems; there you will eventually find "University of So. California (USC). If you are not connected to a university system, log on to [cwis.usc.edu](http://cwis.usc.edu); this will bring you to the Gopher menu. At USC Gopher, make the following menu choices: (1) #3 "University Information"; (2) #1, "Academic Departments"; (3) #15 "Social Sciences and Communications"; (4) #3, "History; and finally (5) #1, "SPITHRA"

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Willing to travel to conference to present papers? Yes  No

[Co-sponsored by the Conference Group on Women's History (CGWH), the Western Association of Women Historians (WAWH), and the Department of History, University of Southern California (USC).]

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Notice of publication or other member news:

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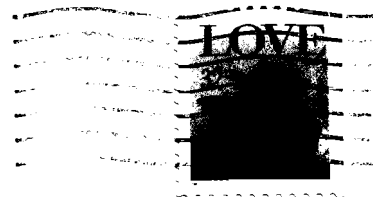
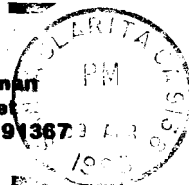
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