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President's Column

"Independence Day in January?"

Holiday greetings to all, and best wishes for a peaceful, productive, and happy 1997. In the midst of the end of term craziness, the imminence of the AHA conference, and pressing deadlines for manuscripts, grants, and job applications, please take a little time to relax and remember what drew you to the calling of history in the first place. Even in the challenging circumstances that many of us face these days, we can still find ways to sustain ourselves doing the work we love.

It is true that people in the humanities, and maybe historians in particular, confront difficult prospects for employment—a situation that already affects a large proportion of PhDs and looms for many current graduate students. The most recent *OAH Newsletter*, for instance, tackled the issue of adjunct faculty, some of whom work as many as four or five course-by-course jobs simultaneously and barely make a living. The gulf between those with tenure and those not even on tenure track widens, and historians no longer see themselves as members, however contentious, of the same team. But perhaps hardest of all is the feeling expressed by one of the people interviewed—that adjunct faculty do not really "belong," whether to an institution, a group of colleagues, or even the profession itself anymore. What can be done about this?

Actually, we can do a lot, and belonging is at the heart of most of the options. As an adjunct, grad student, independent scholar, or almost anyone deep in a writing project, it is very easy to begin feeling invisible, even to yourself. So make yourself visible and become part of other people's awareness. How? Join a writers' group and critique each other's work. Find out if the local historical society or public library has a lecture series and volunteer to present your research. Perhaps most effectively of all, join an organization that represents your interests, simultaneously providing a sense of belonging and a means to work for change.

There are many such organizations, including unions, but let me recommend two that I know about. The first is the National Coalition of Independent Scholars (NCIS). At our spring conference at the Huntington Library, Joanne Lafler challenged those of us who were not "dependent scholars" (that is, employed full-time, tenure track, at four-year institutions) to identify ourselves proudly as independent scholars. After all, independents of every stripe, including adjunct faculty, do not enjoy the institutional support available to those so employed, and yet, we are still serious scholars. We need to emphasize what we accomplish, not what we don't have. So set aside demoralizing labels like part-time, adjunct, and so on, and come out forthrightly as an independent scholar. But don't just call yourself that. Join with others who are fighting the same good fight by becoming a member of the NCIS. NCIS has worked to win access to collections and to dozens of funding sources for independent scholars. It helps sustain scores of local independent scholars, making the wider community aware of all we achieve.

The second organization is our own. Presumably, if you are reading this newsletter, you are already a member, but you can enhance the value of your membership by becoming more actively involved. For instance, plan to attend our annual conference at Asilomar, May 30-June 1, 1997. There you will observe not only the high quality of the scholarship produced by our members, but also something much harder to find—a norm of mutual respect, encouragement, and truly constructive criticism.

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Member News

Susan G. Butruille's *Women's Voices from the Western Frontier* was named a finalist in the 1996 Oregon Book Awards. *Congratulations!!*

A biographical dictionary, *American Women Historians, 1700s-1990s* by Jennifer Scanlon and **Shaaron Cosner** (member) has been published by Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc.

Betty Dessants, Assistant Professor of History at Florida State University, has published "Ambivalent Allies: OSS' USSR Division, The State Department, and the Bureaucracy of Intelligence Analysis, 1941-45," in *Intelligence and National Security* 11:4 (Oct. 1996). She also received a grant from the Air Force Historical Research Agency to investigate the connections between the Air Force and Harvard University's Soviet specialists in the early 1950s. In addition to her position at FSU, she is currently a Project Scholar with the OSS Oral History Project sponsored by the CIA's Center for the Study of Intelligence.

Carol Gold's book, *Educating Middle Class Daughters: Private Girls Schools in Copenhagen, 1790-1820*, has just been published by the Danish Royal Library and Museum Tusculanum Press in Copenhagen (1996).

Tamara L. Hunt, Loyola Marymount University: *Recent publications:* "Defining Sexuality and Gender Roles in Early Modern Europe" (review article) appeared in the *Journal of Women's History*, 7 (Winter 1995), pp. 162-173. "Louisa Henrietta Sheridan's *Comic Offering* and the Critics: Gender and Humor in the Early Victorian Era" was recently published in *Victorian Periodicals Review*, 29 (Summer 1996), pp. 95-115. A review of Julia Stapleton, *Englishness and the Study of Politics: The Social and Political Thought of Ernest Barker* (Cambridge University Press, 1994) appeared in *Albion*, 27 (Winter 1995), pp. 714-15. *Recent Scholarly presentation:* Presented "The Sensuous Other: Middle and Far Eastern Motifs in Early Nineteenth-Century British Caricature" in June at

the Berkshire Conference on Women's History, Chapel Hill, NC.

Gloria Ricci Lothrop, W. P. Whitsett Professor of California History, CSU, Northridge published "Archival Sources Pertaining to Ethnic and Gender Issues, *California History* (Spring 1996); an introduction to "The Reminiscences of Felpa Osuna de Marron," in *The Californians* (Jan./Feb., 1996) and "Richard Gird: Southern California Visionary," in *The Irresistible: The Journal of the Banning Residence Museum* (Fall/Winter 1995). Lothrop's article, "Strength Made Stronger: The Role of Women in Southern California Philanthropy," and "The Friday Morning Club: A Los Angeles Legacy," which she coauthored, were republished by the Historical Society of Southern California in *Women In the Life Of Southern California* (1996). Her article, "Westering Women and the Ladies of Los Angeles," was republished in *The Californians* (Nov./Dec., 1995). Lothrop was recently made a Fellow of the Historical Society of Southern California.

Cynthia E. Orozco, "Beyond Machismo, La Familia, and Ladies Auxiliaries: A Historiography of Mexican-Origin Women's Participation in Voluntary Associations and Politics in the United States, 1870-1990," *Perspectives in Mexican American Studies* 5. She has also published 75 encyclopedic entries on Tejana and Tejano history in *The New Handbook of Texas*.

Sherrie Tucker, History of Consciousness, U.C. Santa Cruz, published a paper "West Coast Women: A Jazz Genealogy," presented at the WAWH in 1995. She also published "And Fellas, They're American Girls': On the Road With the Sharon Rogers All-Girl Band" in the Spring 1996 issue of *Frontiers* and "Working the Swing Shift: Women Musicians During World War II," in the Summer 1996 issue of *Labor's Heritage*.

Alice Wexler, UCLA Center for Study of Women, has published *Mapping Fate: A Memoir of Family, Risk, and Genetic Research* (Time Books/Random House, 1995)

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On behalf of WAWH I want to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Tanis Thorne for the tragic loss of her daughter, Cody this past year. J. B.

❧ Deadlines and Data ❧

WAWH Awards and Prizes 1997

Each of the following awards is granted at the annual conference of the Western Association of Women Historians. Applicants for these awards must be members of WAWH at the time of submission (beginning with the 1997 awards, all applicants will need to have been members for two years). The deadline for all of these awards is February 15, 1997. Membership information may be obtained from the Secretary, Chris Gold, Department of History, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK 99775.

Sierra Book Prize The WAWH will award the 1997 Sierra Prize (\$250) for the best monograph in the field of history published by a WAWH member. Eligibility for the prize is limited to two groups: those residing in California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Alaska, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Montana, Texas, or Oklahoma; and WAWH members residing in other states who have paid membership for three years (not necessarily consecutive years). 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. Please send a letter of intent and three copies of the book to: Dr. Angel Kwolek-Folland, Dept. of History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045. (913) 864-3569/e-mail: Holohead@Falcon.cc.ukans.edu.

Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize The WAWH will award the 1997 Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize (\$100) for the best article in the field of history published by a WAWH member. The article must have been published in 1995 or 1996. All fields of history will be considered, and submissions must include full scholarly apparatus. Please send inquiries and three copies to Dr. Florence Baker, 1256 Alameda Ave., Glendale, CA 91201. (818) 563-1181/e-mail: 74511.2664@compuserve.com.

Barbara Penny Kanner Award The WAWH will award the 1997 Barbara Penny Kanner Award (\$500) to the best scholarly bibliographical and historical guide to research focused on Women's or Gender history. The award is intended to promote the practice of biblio-methodology and to reflect the critical tools of the historian's craft as they have

been developed to provide research guides. Book-length submissions are preferred, but substantial guides in other forms (articles or book chapters) may also be considered. For further information and application, please contact Dr. Candace Falk, 912 Mendocino Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709. (509) 526-9591 e-mail: emma@uclink.berkeley.edu.

Graduate Student Fellowship The WAWH will award the 1997 Graduate Student Fellowship (\$1,000) to a graduate student, advanced to candidacy, who is writing a dissertation at the time of application, and is expecting to receive the Ph.D. no earlier than December of the calendar year in which the award is made. For further information and application forms, please contact Dr. Louis Huneycutt, 628 Huntridge Drive, Columbia, MO 65201. (314) 442-2890.

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Grants

Research Grants available 1996-1997: for original research and writing leading to interpretive works on the history of Minnesota by academicians, independent scholars, and professional and non professional writers. Application deadlines during the year are September 1, January 2, and April 1; awards are announced by November 1, March 1, and June 1. For a copy of the Research Grants Program Information and Guidelines and an Application Form, write to Deborah L. Miller, Research Department, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Blvd. West, St. Paul, MN 55102 or call Florence Regan at 612-297-2221

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Conferences

The Second National Women in Historic Preservation Conference, March 13-15, 1997. Sponsored by the Women's Studies Program and the Graduate Program in Public History at Arizona State University, and by the National Park Service. For more info write to Arizona State University, Women's Studies Program, P.O. Box 871801, Tempe, AZ 85287-1801.

Gendered Revisions: Identity, Culture & Conflict in History. Graduate Student Conference at the State University of New York, April 11-12, 1997. Keynote Speaker: Mary Beth Norton, Cornell University.

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Notable Women Display Sets

What do Georgia O'Keeffe, Harriet Tubman, and Susan B. Anthony have in common? Or Maxine Hong Kingston, Anne Hutchinson, and Mary McLeod Bethune? They're all in the "Notable Women" photo display sets created by the National

Women's History Project. The "Notable Women" photo display is available through the National Women's History Project for just \$14.95 each, plus \$4 s/h. To order these sets, or for a free Women's History Catalog, contact the NWHP at 7738 Bell Road, Dept. P, Windsor, CA 95492-8518, or (707) 838-6000.

Call for Papers

Women and Fundamentalism: Perspectives on the New Religious Politics

The *Journal of Women's History* is soliciting essays for a special issue on women and the politics of religion. For more info, write to:
Fundamentalism, Issue, *Journal of Women's History*
c/o Department of History
The Ohio State University
230 W. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43210

For more details on ~~submission policy~~, email jwh@osu.edu or see the Notice to Contributors page in any issue of the *Journal of Women's History*.
The deadline for submissions is Sept. 1, 1997



Gendered Revisions: Identity, Culture & Conflict in History.

Papers are invited on all aspects of women's and gender history. Perspectives on United States history, Latin American and the Caribbean, European history and all other fields are welcomed. Especially encouraged are papers that utilize a global perspective. Proposals should be 1-2 pages in length and sent to: Gendered Revisions, Binghamton University, Dept. of History, P.O. Box 6000, Binghamton, NY 13902
The proposal submission deadline is February 1, 1997. Final papers are due by March 15, 1997.

Job Openings

Women's Studies/Chicana/o Studies, Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track, California State University, Northridge. The Chicana/o Studies Department, one of the oldest and largest in the U.S., offers a full range of courses in Chicana/o culture, history, literature, sociology, and politics, with a major and an MA in Chicana/o Studies. The Women's Studies Department offers a minor and plans a major. The successful candidate will teach in and conduct research relevant to both departments; locus of tenure in Women's Studies with joint review committees. Send letter of application, c.v., and three letters of recommendation. Review of applications begins on February 1, 1997, and will continue until the position is filled. For more info, contact Dr. Mary Pardo, Chair, Women's Studies/Chicana Studies Search Committee,

Women's Studies Department, California State University, Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330-8251.



Asian American Studies/Asian American Community Studies and Urban Affairs, Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track, California State University, Northridge. Commencing Fall 1997, with primary interest in Asian American Community Studies and Urban Affairs, from disciplines such as Urban Anthropology, Sociology, Urban Planning, Demography, Economics, Criminal Justice, Communication Studies, Geography, Political Science, Contemporary History, Ethnic Studies, or Women's Studies. Send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, evidence of teaching experience,

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publications or a recent writing sample, and syllabi of Asian American Studies courses taught or in planning. For more info, contact the department Chair, Search Committee, Asian American Studies Department, California State University, Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330-8251.



Women's Studies, Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track, Fall 1997, California State University, Northridge. Expertise in feminist theory and

methodology with an area focus in contemporary or historical study of U.S. women of color, Middle Eastern, or Asian women. Teaching: four-courses/term (3 or fewer preparations), lower and upper-division core as well as special topics courses. Letter of application, current curriculum vitae, at least three letters of recommendation, sample course syllabi, and copy of transcript. Review of applications begins on February 1, 1997 and will continue until the position is filled. For more info, contact the department Chair, Search Committee, Women's Studies Department, California State University, Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330-8251.



Graduate Student News

ATTENTION!!

If you wrote to Lois Huneycutt for forms for the graduate student fellowship before October 15th, 1996 and your letter has not been answered, please re-submit your letter to her in care of the Department of History, 114A Read Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, 65211, or call her at 573-882-5862. Two inquiries were lost due to a theft of her briefcase on October 15th.

Lois L. Huneycutt

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 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; 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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Title or topic of proposed paper _____

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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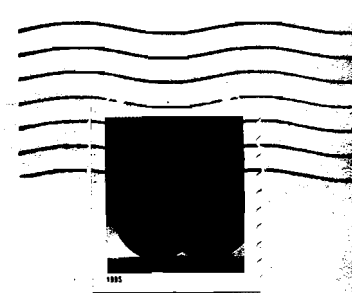
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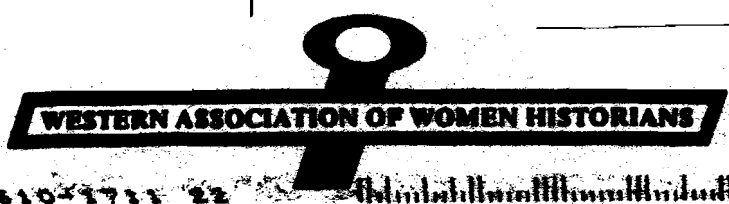
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