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## President's Column

By Karen Blair  
Central Washington University

WAWH has been busy carrying out the decisions made by the membership at the Pasadena conference last June. The most visible change is our plan to hold the annual convention outside of California next year, for the first time in the organization's history. Portland, Oregon, is a thriving city, Lewis and Clark College is a hospitable campus, and we hope the California historians who have previously attended our meetings will travel north to taste the wonders of the Pacific Northwest.

The organizers feel a special obligation to alert Northwest scholars and graduate students to our May 2001 meeting, in the hopes that WAWH can attract new members to our ranks for the mutual development of both. New contributors and new scholarship in a new setting are bound to invigorate our group. To that end, Lois Huneycutt has volunteered to coordinate a campaign to write to western women historians, inviting them to attend the next meeting, propose papers and panels, and urge their advanced graduate students to do the same. In addition, President Elect Karen Lystra has taken on a new role for WAWH: the coordination with our four prize committee chairs ( Nupur Chaudhuri, Sierra Book Prize chair; Janis Appier, Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize chair; Nancy Slote, Kanner Bibliography Prize chair; and Alexandra Nickliss, Graduate Student Fellowship Prize Chair ) of expanded publicity of our awards. We hope that new venues, such as websites and specialized professional new letters, will yield increased competition for our awards.

With such efforts, our Portland conference ought to attract more participants than we have seen before.

On the financial front, our Treasurer, Amy Essington, is working to achieve federal tax-exempt status for WAWH. This action will facilitate tax-deductible contributions from supporters of our organization. This improvement will enable our treasury to grow and enable us to initiate the many worthy projects we envision to enhance the good work of WAWH.

Won't you save May 18-20, 2001 for our Portland conference and bring a friend? See you there.

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## WAWH Announcements

A special thanks to Laura Abeyta-Paulus and Mary A. van Balgooy. Laura and Mary have been co-editors of the *Networker* for the past two years. As of this issue, Sara Patterson and Amy Essington will take over their positions. Please contact Sara Patterson for all questions or concerns of the *Networker*. Her email is sara.patterson@cgu.edu. Thank you to Laura and Mary for all of their hard work!

Would you like your *Networker* on email? Before the next *Networker* appears all members will receive an email message asking if they would prefer to receive the *Networker* through email. If you reply to the email you receive, you will NOT receive a hard copy of the *Networker* unless requested and INSTEAD you will receive it on your email account. We will continue to send paper copies to all who do not request the email version. We hope that this will make it most convenient for all members and save paper in the process. Thanks.

Dear WAWH Colleagues:

Great News! Caroline Litzenberger, Portland State University faculty member in British history, has agreed to chair the Program Committee for our Portland 2001 conference.

Quick 2001 Conference Deadlines

Sierra Book Prize: December 11, 2000

Paper proposals: December 15, 2000

Barbara Penny Kanner Award: February 15, 2001

Graduate Student Fellowship: February 15, 2001

Judith Lee Ridge Prize: TBA

For more information see page 5 or visit the web page.

Web Page

The web page for the WAWH, [www.wawh.org](http://www.wawh.org), is continually being updated. The page now includes conference and award information. If you have any questions or information you would like to see included please contact Amy Essington at [aessington@aol.com](mailto:aessington@aol.com)

## Member News

**Alison Klairmont Lingo:** Has the following publications:

--Co-Editor with K. Steven Vincent, *The Human Tradition in Modern France*, Scholarly Resources, Inc., 2000.

--"Women Healers at the Hôtel-Dieu of Lyon: Poverty and Disease in the Early Modern Era," *Dynamics, International Journal of History of Science and Medicine* 19 (June 1999).

--"The Fate of Popular Terms for Female Anatomy in the Age of Print," *French Historical Studies* 22, #3 (Summer 1999).

**Ann Hibner Koblitz** of Arizona State University was promoted to full professor in Women's Studies. Her book, *Science, Women and Revolution in Russia* (Amsterdam: Harwood Academic Press, 2000) has appeared in Harwood's "Women in Science" series.

The paperback edition of **Ruth Rosen's** new book, *The World Split Open: How the Modern*

*Women's Movement Changed America*, will be available for spring semester classes, January 2001, from Penguin.

**Laurie Carlson's** book *A Fever in Salem: A New Interpretation of the New England Witch Trials* will be out in paperback in September of 2000 from Ivan R. Dee, Chicago. Carlson is a graduate student at Washington State University.

Member **Mary Ellen Klatt** of Eastern Kentucky University recently published *Kentucky Woman: The Life and Times of Viebie Catron Cantrell*.

**Karen Offen** is working on a new book-length study, "The Woman Question in Modern France," and a series of related articles. Her most recent publication is *European Feminisms, 1700-1950: A Political History*, from Stanford University Press, with world distribution by Cambridge University Press. She has also published several articles, including "Forgotten Forerunners," in the *Women's Review*

of Books (February 2000) and "Eruptions and Flows'-Thoughts on Writing a Comparative History of European Feminisms, 1700-1950," in *Women's Politics and Women in Politics: In Honour of Ida Blom*, ed. Sovi Sogner and Gro Hagemann (2000). She is also helping to develop exhibit concepts for the International Museum of Women in San Francisco. In 1999-2000 she was a visiting faculty member in gender studies at the Central European University in Budapest and at the University of Konstanz,

Germany.

**Mary Ann Irwin** has won the Joan Jensen-Darlis Miller Award of the Coalition for Western Women's History for the best article on women or gender history in the trans-Mississippi West. Her article, titled "'Going About and Doing Good': Benevolence, Welfare, and Gender in San Francisco, 1850-1880" appeared in the *Pacific Historical Review*, 68 (August 1999).

## Opportunities

### Call for Papers

The Southwest/ Texas Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association invites papers or panels treating any aspect of Western Landscape Art as part of its annual meeting to be held at the Sheraton Old Town Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico (March 7-10, 2001). Please submit a one-page abstract or panel proposal and a c.v. by December 1, 2000 to the Area Chair: Dr. Charlene G. Garfinkle  
SW/Texas PCA/ACA  
1030 Kellogg Place  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111-1026

### Fellowships

Princeton University Library Short-Term Fellowships: The Friends of the Princeton University Library anticipate awarding up to ten short-term fellowships for 2001-2002 to promote scholarly use of the research collections. The fellowships, which have a value of up to \$2,500 each, are meant to help defray expenses in traveling to and residing in Princeton during the tenure of the fellowship. The length of the fellowship will depend on the applicant's research proposal, but is ordinarily one month. This round's fellowships are tenable from May 2001 to April 2002. The deadline is January 15, 2001. Application forms are available <http://libweb.princeton.edu:2003/friends/fr.fellowships.html>.

The Newberry Library invites applications for The Weiss/Brown Publication Subvention Award. Prize Deadline is: January 20, 2001. With support from the Roger W. Weiss and Howard Mayer Brown Fund in its endowment, the Newberry Library will award up to \$15,000 to subsidize the publication of a scholarly book or books on European civilization before 1700 in

the areas of music, theater, cultural studies, or French or Italian literature.

### Job Announcements

**U.S. Women's History.** The History Department of the university of California, Riverside invites applicants for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in United States Women's History, specialization open, beginning July 1, 2001. Applicants must have the Ph.D. in hand by the time of appointment. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. The successful candidate will be expected to teach survey courses in Women's, American and Work history as well as upper division and graduate courses in their field. Teaching commitment/experience and strong research programs/records required. Applicants should send a letter of application, a current vita, and their confidential placement dossier or letters of reference to Dr. Sterling Stuckey, Chair, Search Committee, Department of History, UC Riverside, Riverside, CA 92521-0204. Application deadline December 1, 2000. OR IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/ AFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER.

**Public History.** Pending administrative approval, the University of Texas at El Paso seeks to fill a tenure/tenure-track position in Public History, beginning September 2001. Requirements include Ph.D. by time of employment, the ability to teach graduate and undergraduate courses in Public History, and the willingness to work with or through our Institute of Oral History on regional projects. Proficiency in Spanish, teaching or research inter-

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ests in the U.S.-Mexico border area, and ability to promote community involvement are all highly desirable. Rank and salary commensurate with experience. Review of applications will begin November 15, 2000, and will continue until the position is filled. Submit letter of interest, vita, transcripts, and three references to: Chair, Public History Search Committee, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX 79968-0532. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disabil-

ity, or sexual orientation in employment or provision of services.

### **FYI**

The Pacific Historical Review will publish a special issue in November 2000, titled "Woman Suffrage: The View from the Pacific," guest edited by Ellen DuBois, of UCLA, and Robert W. Cherny, of San Francisco State. The issue contains articles about: Australia, New Zealand, and Hawai'i; China; Japan; Washington State; California; Colombia; and Chile. The Pacific perspective raises many new issues about the entire process of winning the vote and women's empowerment.

## **Graduate Student Representative Column**

By Lara Bickell

Graduate school evokes extreme and conflicting emotions. On one hand, attending graduate school instills a sense of pride in the student, if not a hint of smugness. As a graduate student, you have risen to an academic level that few others will ever reach. Being a graduate student presumes that you are bright, energetic, and passionate about some subject regardless of how focused it may be. One only needs to mention that they are in graduate school and they will receive the nodding heads of approval from others, especially those outside of the profession, acknowledging that they are smart. In addition, by being accepted into a graduate program, students have been given the opportunity to pursue their passion for the rest of lives and get paid for it. Few other professions offer this perquisite. Despite gluts in the job market, we are very lucky to be able to do what we do and still be able to eat.

Yet on the other hand, graduate school can be a painfully humbling experience. Graduate school surrounds you with others who have similar strengths to your own. You are no longer the "good history person" in your circle

friends, but one of many good history people. Initial interactions with professors can also be a bit frightening, if not disheartening, because regardless of how good of a student you may be, you are still not a professional. Conferences, seminars, and workshops, for instance, are not only supposed to be educational events, but also social affairs. Yet insecurity, inexperience, and basic fear can quickly force a graduate student to trade in their conceit for cold feet. I still hang my head in shame when I think about meeting the author of the books I emulated while writing my Master's thesis. Instead of shaking hands or saying something about how inspired I was by his writing, I squealed like a pre-teen girl at a Backstreet Boys concert.

The WAWH provides a safe place for graduate students to practice being professional historians. Unlike some other organizations, the WAWH institutionally advocates the participation and input of graduate students. The WAWH has two graduate student representatives who sit on the Board of Directors to voice the concerns of and make recommendations posed by graduate students. If any of you, students and faculty alike, have suggestions about how graduate students can become more involved, please contact me at [lara.bickell@cgu.edu](mailto:lara.bickell@cgu.edu). This is your career... make it happen!

## 2001 Conference, Call for Papers and Award Information

### Call for Papers

The Western Association of Women Historians will hold its annual conference, May 18-20, 2001 at the Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. We welcome proposals for panels or single papers on any historical subject, time period, or region. While WAWH has often featured **women's history**, participants are **welcome** to present research on any aspect of **history**. **Topics** on race, ethnicity, class, religion, gender and age are invited. So are presentations on the nuts-and-bolts of all aspects of professional success, including job-hunting, researching, publishing and teaching. Proposals for complete panels, including commentators, are strongly preferred, but individual papers will also be considered.

Proposals must include **THREE** copies of each of the following: 1) a cover page that **includes** the **title** of the panel, names of the panelists, and the **titles** of the individual papers and an indication of what, if any **audio-visual** equipment each panelist will need in order to offer an effective presentation. One person on the panel should be designated as the contact person in the event the selection **committee** needs any clarification; 2) a one-half to one-page abstract for each paper; 3) a one-to-two page curriculum vitae for each panelist; 4) and a list of panelists that includes current addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. It is expected that all participants **will become** members of the Association at the time of the conference. Submit to: Caroline Lizenberger, Department of History, Portland State University, P.O. Box 751, Portland, OR 97207-0751, (503)725-4957, [litenbergerc@pdx.edu](mailto:litenbergerc@pdx.edu)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:  
DECEMBER 15, 2000**

### Award Information

#### Sierra Book Prize

The 2001 Sierra Prize (\$250) for the best **mono-graph** in the field of history published by a WAWH member. Eligibility of the prize is limited to two groups: those residing in California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Alaska, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, 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 **mono-graph** based on **original** research (not an **anthology** or edited work). It must be published in 2000. Books previously issued as hardback and reissued as paper can not be submitted more than once. Books can not be submitted more than once. The

Prize is open to all fields of history. Three (3) copies of the book must be submitted. Please send the copies to: Prof. Nupur Chaudhuri, Chair, Sierra Book Prize Committee, Department of History, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX 77004, [nupurc@earthlink.net](mailto:nupurc@earthlink.net); Prof. Joanne Goodwin, Department of History, UNLV, Box 455020, Las Vegas, NV 89154-5020, and Dr. Kathleen Sheldon, 925 14th St. #24, Santa Monica CA, 90403.  
**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: DECEMBER 11, 2000**

#### Barbara Penny Kanner Prize

The WAWH will award \$500 to the best scholarly bibliographic and historical guide to research focused on women or gender history. The award is intended to promote the practice of bibliomethodology and reflect the critical tools to provide research guides. Book length submissions are preferred, but substantial guides in other forms (article or book chapters) may also be considered. Books published in 2000 are eligible. A minimum of one year's membership in WAWH is required. Send three copies of your submission to: Nancy Slote, 1910 Fourth Avenue, N., Seattle, WA 98109, (206) 623-4644, by email at [Nslote@kcls.edu](mailto:Nslote@kcls.edu). **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 15, 2001**

#### Graduate Dissertation Fellowship

The WAWH invites applications for its 2001 Graduate Student Fellowship. Applicants must be members of the WAWH, advanced to candidacy, writing the **dissertation** at the time of the application, and expecting to receive the Ph.D. no earlier than December 2001. The \$1000 award may be used for any expenses related to the dissertation. Applicants must be members of WAWH for at least two years to be eligible. A complete application must be received by February 15, 2001. The fellowship recipient will announced at the WAWH Annual Conference, May 2001. For further information and application forms, please contact Alexandra M. Nickliss, Department of Social Science, City College of San Francisco, 50 Phelan Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112, or by email at [anickliss@ccsf.cc.ca.us](mailto:anickliss@ccsf.cc.ca.us).  
**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 15, 2001**

#### Judith Lee Ridge Prize

The WAWH will award \$100 for the best article in the field of history published by a WAWH member. The article must have been published in one of the two years **proceeding** the award year. All fields of history will be considered, and articles must be submitted with full scholarly apparatus. Contact: Janis Appier, History Department, U of Tenn at Knoxville, Knoxville, TN 37996-4065, (865) 974-9896, or by email at [Jappier.1@utk.edu](mailto:Jappier.1@utk.edu). **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: TBA**  
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Please check the mailing label on your *Networker* to determine if your membership is up to date. You are paid through the conference of the year printed in the upper left had corner. If your label has a year prior to 2001, please submit the form below with your dues to make your membership current. Thank you.

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2000 WAWH Membership Directory	\$7

Clip and send with your check made payable to WAWH. Send to Janet Farrell Brodie, WAWH Secretary, Department of History, Claremont Graduate University., 710 N. College Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711. Membership Policy: Please note that membership runs from mid-May to mid-May annually, just remember to renew your membership during the annual WAWH conference.

We include information about members in our directory: one address, one telephone number, and e-mail (if applicable). If you have more than one address or telephone number, please indicate which one you would prefer having listed in the directory. If you do not want information listed, it is imperative that you let us know at once. If you would like a copy of the latest directory, please note that with your membership information and include \$7 with your check.

# Member News

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Notice of publication or other member news \_\_\_\_\_

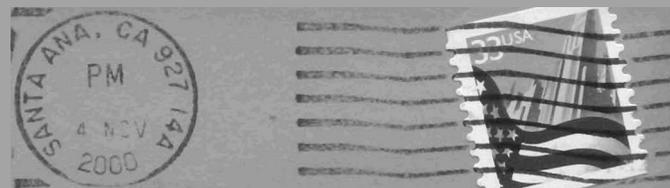
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# WAWH Calendar

- December 15, 2000    Deadline for Paper Proposals for 2001 WAWH Conference
- March 1, 2001        Deadline for submissions for Spring 2001 *Networker*
- May 18-20, 2001    WAWH 32nd Annual Meeting at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon

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