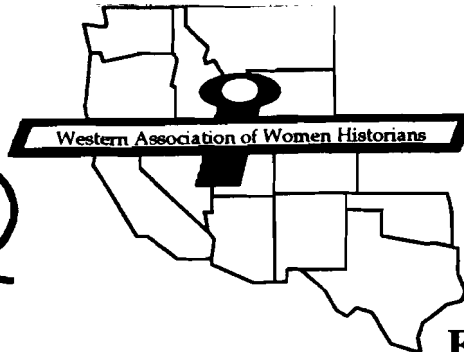


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••• PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE •••

Somehow when I stopped doing the newsletter and agreed to become President-Elect, I never quite believed it would come to this—phoning people all over the West and asking them to serve on committees, pondering The Big Questions of the future of our organization, sitting here writing the President's Message. Past President Peggy Renner made the job look easy, but I'm beginning to comprehend both the challenges and the fun of this role. The challenges consist of keeping WAWH useful to its current members, reaching out beyond current members to those who might also benefit from joining, nurturing the next generation of women historians, and playing a creative and responsible role in the wider society. The fun comes from getting to know more members of WAWH and working with you to accomplish these goals.

WAWH has long offered four main services to its members: 1) our quarterly newsletter, the *Networker*; 2) our annual conferences; 3) our directory; and 4) our prizes for scholarly excellence. I am grateful to those who have taken responsibility for doing these jobs. Jackie Braitman, who put together the program for the wonderful conference at Asilomar last June, has agreed to edit the *Networker* for the next two years. You can make her job easier by sending her not just member news but also timely information on job openings, conferences, and so forth; if you have a long piece for the newsletter, check with her about sending your news on disk.

Our 1996 conference, which is scheduled for May 17-19 at the Huntington Library in San Marino, is also in good hands. Tamara Hunt will chair the program committee, whose other members are Paivi Hoikkala and Alexa Nickliss; Regina Lark will be handling local arrangements. What really ensures a great conference is great panels, however, and that's where you come in. If you want to present your work, remember that the deadline for proposals is December 1 and that complete panels have better chance of getting on the program than do single papers (imagine trying to match up and invent panels out of whatever arrives in the mail). SPITHRA (information included in this newsletter) is designed for matching papers for panels, so feel free to use it. In addition, please send the program committee your ideas on potential guest speakers, topics you would like to see

addressed in workshops or plenaries, and how to make our conference reflect the diversity of scholars and scholarship within our region.

Our secretary, Carol Gold, has been doing a fine job of keeping our membership lists up-to-date. In the past eighteen months, however, many of us have come on-line, and we would like our next directory, which will be available sometime next spring, to include as many of our e-mail addresses as possible. When you send your membership renewal, be sure to include that information, as well as your latest research interests. Carol will be doing research in Denmark for several months starting in December, so renewals should either go directly to her before then or to our new treasurer, Emily Rader, while Carol is away.

The prizes WAWH offers recognize scholarly excellence, both among established scholars (see the article on this year's winners) and among graduate students who are eligible for our \$1,000 dissertation fellowship. Today's graduate students represent the future of our profession. We increased the amount of this fellowship only a couple of years ago, and our graduate student fellowship fund is not yet generating enough interest to cover the cost. I know money is tight these days, but think of the fellowship as an investment in our common future. The note from Angel Kwolek-Folland, who chose to donate her prize money to the graduate student fellowship fund, makes an important point. We have all benefited, at one time or another, from the generosity of others. Now it is our turn to be generous. Every contribution, no matter what the size, really helps. *(Continued on Page 2)*

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WAWH's membership is growing as current members relocate to other parts of the country and spread the word. Nevertheless, we need to do a better job of reaching out to several constituencies: whole departments in colleges and universities beyond California; senior faculty who have relocated to our region and don't yet know about us; and faculty and students in ethnic studies and other programs outside of history departments. The board is trying various strategies to improve our performance, but our members are often better situated to recruit new members. For instance, you can share the newsletter with friends and colleagues, xerox and post our calls for papers and prize announcements around your campus, or distribute our brochures to potential new members at regional conferences that you attend. Let me know what you need.

We are also about to reach out in another way, through the newly reactivated Social Action Committee, chaired jointly by Regina Lark and Jackie Barnhart (see Regina's article). As women and as historians, we have much to contribute to the current debates on social policy at the state and federal level, especially since the outcome of those debates will directly affect us and our ability to do our work. In addition, we want to continue the standing committee on K-12 education, begun under Karen Offen's presidency. Ideally, the members of this committee should live and work fairly near Sacramento, in order to maximize their effectiveness with the California legislature. So far, no one has stepped forward to do this job, but its importance can hardly be overstated. It is crucial that our findings on the history of women and others finally make their way into the K-12 curriculum, that this generation of students and those who follow acquire a more balanced and complete understanding of U.S. and world history. Please contact Karen Offen or myself for more details on this committee and its work.

Let me close by thanking the previous WAWH board and introducing the new one. Thanks to those who served from 1993 to 1995, our organization has a strong membership base, is in good financial shape, and is ready to grow in new directions. The members of the new board—President-Elect Sarah Stage, Secretary Carol Gold, Treasurer Emily Rader, Networker Editor Jackie Braitman, Graduate Student Representatives Erika Bsumek and Katie Pearce-Sasson, and I—will have to work hard to match their accomplishments. I know we can do it with your help.

Susan Wladaver-Morgan, WAWH President

MEMBER NEWS

Jacqueline R. Braitman, will be presenting two papers at the Huntington Library: October 1995 "In the Vanguard of Change: Katherine Philips Edson, California Progressivism and the Suffrage Victory of 1911" and November 1995 "When Partisans Wore Overalls: Women and Politics in WWII California"

Gayle Gullett, Arizona State University, has published "Women Progressives and the Politics of Americanization in California, 1915-20" in *Pacific Historical Review* LXIV (Feb 1995) pp 71-94; "The Great Opportunity: Women Advance Women's Work at the Chicago Columbia Exposition, 1893" in *Illinois Historical Journal* 87 (Winter 1994) pp 259-276.

Joan Gundersen, California State University, San Marcos, has been awarded a one year Fulbright-Hays Lectureship at the University of Oulu, FINLAND, beginning January 1996.

Joan M. Jensen, History Department, New Mexico State University, has published *One Foot on the Rockies: Women and Creativity in the Modern American West* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1995)

Glenna Matthews, Institute for Urban and Regional Development, UC Berkeley. The paperback of *Running as a Woman: Gender and Power in American Politics* (co-authored with Linda Witt, a journalist, and Karen Paget, a political scientist) has just been published, with a chapter on the election of 1994.

Debra M. O'Neal has just accepted a position at Wingate College, North Carolina.

Elizabeth Reis, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University (1994-95) has published "The Devil, The Body, and the Feminine Soul in Puritan New England." in *The Journal of American History* (June 1995).

Peggy Renner attended the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China as a delegate to the NGO Conference. (See DEADLINES AND DATA)

Clarice Stasz, Professor, Sonoma State University has published two books in 1995: *The Rockefeller Women: Dynasty of Piety, Privacy, and Service* (St. Martin's Press); paperback republication of *American Dreamers: Charmian and Jack London* (Lexikos).

AWARDS, PRIZES AND FELLOWSHIPS

1994 -

Sierra Book

Marilynn S. Johnson, The Second Gold Rush: Oakland and the East Bay in World War II. University of California Press, 1993.

Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize

Linda Lewin, "Natural and Spurious Children in Brazilian Inheritance Law from Colony to Empire: A Methodological Essay," The Americas, XLVIII No. 3, (January 1992) 351-396.

Barbara Penny Kanner Award

Yaffa Draznin, "My Other Self." The letters of Olive Schriener and Havelock Ellis, 1884-1920, New York and Geneva: Peter Lang Publisher, 1992.

Graduate Student Fellowship

Martha Rampton, University of Virginia - Dissertation: "The Gender of Magic: Early Medieval Women as Sorceresses and Healers"

1995

Sierra Book

Angel Kwolek-Folland, Engendering Business: Men and Women in the Corporate Office, 1870-1930. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1994.

Sierra Book Prize Honorable Mention

Mary Lowenthal Felstiner, To Paint Her Life, Charlotte Salomon in the Nazi Era. New York: Harper Collins Publishers, Inc., 1994.

Reba Soffer, Discipline and Power, The University, History, and the Making of an English Elite 1870-1930. Stanford University Press, 1994.

Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize

Margaret Livinea Anderson, "Voter, Junker, Landrat, Priest: The Old Authorities and the New Franchise in Imperial Germany," The American Historical Review 98 (December 1993)

Graduate Student Fellowship

Michelle Jolly, University of California at San Diego Dissertation: "Inventing the City, Gender and Women, and Constructions of Power in Gold Rush San Francisco"

Jill Fields, University of Southern California "The Production of Grammar, a Social History of Intimate Apparel, 1909-1952"

AWARDS, PRIZES AND FELLOWSHIPS

(Continued)

Barbara Penny Kanner Award

Candace Falk, Emma Goldman: A Guide to her Life and Documentary Sources, Chadwick Healey, Inc. 1995

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A special thank you from Angel Kwolek-Folland

"I was unable to attend the banquet at Asilomar for personal reasons and so was not able publicly to express my appreciation for the Association's 1995 Sierra Award for Engendering Business. I was very pleasantly surprised the next morning (floored would be more like it) when Grace Larsen, the Prize Committee Chair, informed me my book had been selected. I just wanted to let all of you know that I am extremely honored to receive this award, and very much appreciate the recognition it represents. I intend to donate the prize money to the WAWH Graduate Student Fellowship Fund, in recognition of the importance to my own career of funding at the graduate level. Again, my thanks."

DEADLINES AND DATA:

(Grants, Call for Papers, Forthcoming Meetings)

May 17-19, 1996.

27th Annual Conference of

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN HISTORIANS

to be held at

The Huntington Library, San Marino, Calif.

Proposals for panels are welcome on any historical subject, time period, or region, but those that offer a comparative analysis or perspective are preferred.

Proposals should include FOUR copies of each of the following: a cover page that includes the title of the panel, names of the panelists, and titles of the individual papers; one-half to one-page abstract for each paper; a 1-2 page curriculum vitae for each panelist; and a list of the panelists that includes their current addresses and phone nos. In addition, please enclose 1 self-addressed, stamped postcard for each panelist.

Send proposals to: Dr. Tamara L. Hunt,
Department of History, Loyola Marymount University,
Los Angeles, CA 90045-2699.

Proposal deadline: Friday, December 1, 1995.

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September 30, 1995 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Thorn Hall, Occidental College 1600 Campus Rd., Los Angeles "Beyond Beijing: Bringing Women's Issues Back Home" A community forum for women and men reporting back from the 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing. For more info call the United Nations Association at (818) 449-1795.

October 1: Humanities. Applications for summer stipends for research in the humanities: Contact: Tom O'Brien, Division of Research Programs, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Room 318, WA D.C. 20506: (202)606-8551. email: tobrien@neh.fed.us

Women. Proposals on the theme "The Enduring Spirit: Women as We Age" for possible presentations at a conference in April in Omaha. Contact: Mary Macchietto, College of Continuing Studies, University of Nebraska, Omaha 68182-0361; (402)595-2355. email: mmacchietto@unomaha.edu

History. Proposals for possible presentations at the annual meeting of the Southwest Historical Association, in March in Houston. Contact: Pedro Santoni, Dept of History, Cal State University, 5500 University Parkway, San Bernardino, CA 92407-2397.

October 6-8: Elizabeth Cady Stanton. "The Life of Leadership of Elizabeth Cady Stanton: a Centennial Celebration of *The Woman's Bible*," conference, Columbia College, Columbia, S.C. Contact: Vivian Fowler, Dept of Religion, Columbia College, 1301 Columbia College Drive, Columbia S.C. 2923: (803)786-3776, fax (803)786-3789.

October 15: Women. Proposals for possible presentations at the annual meeting of the women's caucus of the Southwestern Social Science Association, in March in Houston. Contact: Linda Nickum, Dept of Sociology and Social Work, P.O. Box 425887, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Tex 76204-3887.

Women. Proposals on the theme "Rights, Roles, and Responsibilities" for possible presentations at a meeting of the Cumberland Valley Women's Conference in October in Chambersburg, PA Contact: Sandra Slifko, 1015 Philadelphia Ave, Chambersburg, PA 17201 (717) 264-4141, Ext. 3314.

DEADLINES AND DATA: (Continued)

October 15: Women. Proposals on the theme "Women in Action: Facing the Challenges of the 21st Century" for possible presentations at a Long Beach conference in March. Contact: Carol Itatani, Biological Sciences, Cal State University, 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90840; fax (310)985-2315.

Women's studies. Applications for postdoctoral fellowships for research using the center's collections on the changing lives of American women. Contact: Henry A. Murray Research Ctr., Radcliffe College, 10 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138; (617)495-8140.

November 1: Women's studies. Abstracts of papers on the theme "American Women of Color Across the Women's Studies Curriculum" for possible presentations at a conference in March in Milwaukee. Contact: Diane Long Hoeveler, Women's Studies Coordinator, Dept. of English, Marquette University, Milwaukee 53233; (414)288-3466, email: 6685hoeveler@vms.csd.mu.edu

Women. Scholarly essays and poems related to women of African descent for possible publication. Contact: Abafazi, African American Studies, Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston 02115; (617)521-2256, fax (617)521-3199.

Women. Applications for women for dissertation and postdoctoral fellowships. Contact: AAUW Educational Foundation, American Fellowships, P.O. Box 4030, Iowa City 52243; (319)337-1716, ext. 41.

December 1: Women's studies. Applications for the Women's Health Policy Research on Women and Gender, University of Illinois, 1640 West Roosevelt Rd., Rm 207, Chicago 60608; (312)413-1924, fax (312)413-7423.

Jeanne Farr McDonnell, Executive Director, **Women's Heritage Museum**, announces on behalf of many WAWH members who are also member of WHM, that WHM is one of 20 organizations that have been selected among 70 finalists for space at the Main Post of the Presidio of San Francisco. The Presidio is a beautiful site now being transformed from a military base to a National Park. This will be a highly visible conduit for reaching the general public and an unparalleled opportunity for giving global women's history the presence it deserves in a place that the NPS estimates will attract 7 million visitors a year. The organization will be drawing on the expertise of the community of women historians, and we invite as many as possible to become members of WHM. Request a newsletter at 870 Market St., #547, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies (has responsibility for budgets of NEH, Institute of Museum Services, the National Park Service and historic preservation). If you wish to contact these Senators at their Wash. offices, their aides will be working here during the recess. Address: U.S. Senate, Wash., DC 20510. The capitol switchboard can transfer your call to any Senator's office (202)224-3121.

Women's Voices from the Western Frontier
by Susan G. Butruille. \$16.95 ISBN 1-886609-00-4
Review copies will be sent upon request. Available from Tamarack books, Inc., PO Box 190313, Boise, ID 82719-0313; (800)962-6657, (208)387-2656, Fax (208)287-2650.

**JOB OPENINGS**

The Department of History at the University of CA, Riverside, will have a temporary one-quarter, full-time opening for a Visiting Assistant Professor in Colonial/Early National American History for the 1995-96 academic year during the Winter Quarter (January 1 - March 31). The candidate will teach a lower division U.S. history survey course and an upper-division course on either Colonial America or Revolutionary America, depending upon the candidate's speciality. Salary for the quarter will be \$11,966.67. Requirements include Ph.D. and evidence of outstanding teaching qualities. Application materials no later than Sept. 30, 1995.

The Department of History, University of CA, Riverside invites applications for a tenure-track position in Latin American, national period, at the Assoc. or Asst. professor level beginning Fall, 1996. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in hand by the time of appointment. Teaching commitment/experience and strong research programs/records required. Application deadline November 15, 1995. Write to Professor Robert Patch, Chair UC Riverside, CA 92521-0204

Seattle Central Community College is looking for qualified historians for our part-time employment pool at SCCC, particularly individuals competent to teach the US Survy, World Civ and Asian history. If interested, please send resume to: Maureen Murphy Nutting, 2BE4128 Seattle Central Community College, 1701 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98199, or e-mail to mnutti@seacc.sccd.ctc.edu

NEW COMMITTEE

by Regina Lark, Chair, Social Action Committee

At the last WAWH Conference in Asilomar, I was asked to resurrect a standing committee on social action. Co-chair, Jackie Barnhart and I, have yet to determine the details of our mission but discussion in Asilomar raised several issues:

First, graduate students voiced frustration over having little available time for involvement in any type of political or social activism. When graduate school becomes a priority, involvement with off-campus groups cease. My own anxiety over welfare rights, Affirmative Action, abortion rights, etc., persists. So the question, how to remain "involved" in social and political issues, while working on a dissertation, is one perhaps WAWH can facilitate.

Another concern was the relationship between academics and political institutions, and, in this case, women academics and political concerns that relate directly to women. As historians, many of us know that the barrage of attacks against women is not new and yet the assaults continue. Two recent examples are the House of Republicans prohibition against servicewomen and military wives from getting abortions with their own money in military hospitals abroad and at home; the cut of \$160 million authorized by the Violence Against Women Act for battered women's shelters, rape prevention, judicial education, a national domestic violence hotline, and community domestic violence programs.

The WAWH Social Action Committee wants to address these and other issues that pertain to women and minorities. We would like to hear from readers of *The Networker* with suggestions on how you would like to procede. How can women historians approach the complex anti-feminist/anti-women political issues of the day? Does social injustice against women and minorities occur in your community? Do you read the paper and shake your head and ask yourself, "What next?" Submit your ideas to the Committee and we will include them in the Winter edition of *The Networker*: Regina Lark, 20841 Stephanie Drive, Canoga Park, CA 91306; email: lark@scf.usc.edu



GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

Before we introduce ourselves as the new Graduate Student Representatives, we wanted to thank Emily Rader for providing the graduate student members of the WAWH with such valuable and helpful representation. Thanks Emily!

Since this is our first column in the WAWH newsletter, we wanted to introduce ourselves. Katie Pearce-Sassen is currently working toward completion of her Ph.D. at the University of Utah. Her main fields of interest are in the twentieth century U.S. West with an emphasis on women's labor and ethnic history. Erika Bsumek is a Ph.D. candidate at Rutgers University. She lives in Utah and, as Emily has mentioned, is doing research on her dissertation which concerns the impact of the railroad on New Mexicans.

Our present goals include expanding graduate student enrollment throughout the West. As a result, over the next few months we will be mailing membership applications and copies of the Networker to active WAWH members. We hope current members will distribute information about WAWH to potential members. Watch your mailboxes and if you need materials to share with graduate students, please contact us!

Erika attended the WAWH conference at Asilomar this spring. The graduate student participants delivered outstanding papers. Great job! We would also like to encourage more graduate student members to participate in WAWH conferences and activities. Attending these conferences is a great opportunity to present your own work. It also provides a great opportunity to meet established scholars and keep abreast of current scholarship. We will keep you up-to-date on WAWH events.

In keeping with Emily's tradition of listing deadline reminders for important financial aid awards and paper submissions for conferences we will provide such information in subsequent newsletters.

One last message: We know the fall can be an especially busy time for graduate students, still we look forward to hearing from you. We encourage graduate students to contact us with suggestions. What would you like us to do as your representatives? What Networker information is most valuable to you? Please feel free to contact either of us with your recommendations. EB and KP-S



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Name, affiliation: _____

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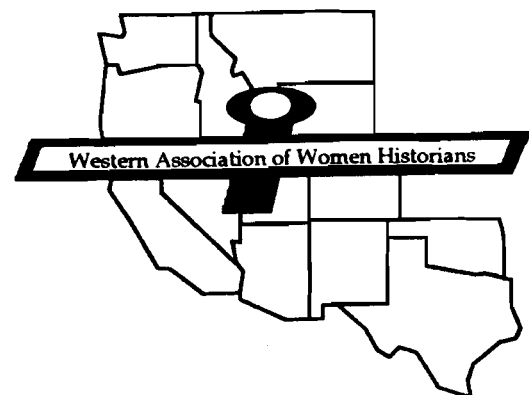
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SPITHRA, The informational network

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, USC History Department, University Park, CA 90089-0034. 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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