



# The Networker

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

What a terrific conference the Berkeley meeting was! The past met the present, the seniors met the juniors, and the old-timers met the newcomers. For this special 34<sup>th</sup> annual get-together, the program committee (courtesy of Barbara Loomis) brought us the theme of our own organization's history. We heard the inspiring birth story of the WAWH, as told by Linda Kerber of the University of Iowa and Grace H. Larsen of Holy Names College, both of whom were instrumental in envisioning and then creating this group back in 1969. Linda told of being stuck at Stanford as an unemployed spouse, searching out college catalogues for the names of all—ALL—female historians on the west coast. The meeting that ensued had fewer than a dozen in attendance, and yet it was the life and sanity preserver that women professionals needed in 1969, and indeed still need and desire today.

Karen Lystra, our past president, reported that the drive she launched two years ago (to reach 500 paid-up members) topped that 500 mark this last spring and the 500<sup>th</sup> new member, amazingly enough, was Linda Kerber herself. (How can that be, that a founder is the newest member? Kerber moved to Iowa after 1969 and her membership lapsed.)

The Berkeley conference was keynoted by Natalie Zemon Davis, who shared with us her current project on the mysteries of cross-cultural identities in a fascinating set of boundary-crossing individuals of mixed race, ethnicity, and religion in the early modern world. Twenty more sessions brought us a rich variety of topics, from international women's activities to Texas railroad workers, from intersexed bodies in 19<sup>th</sup>-century America to Eastern European family policies, from juvenile crime to the history of hormone replacement therapy. One session highlighted the distinguished career contributions of Hilda Smith to the field of European feminism, and another mounted a tribute to the pathbreaking career of Linda Kerber.

My first WAWH conference was in 1977. As I recall it was held in a small Catholic retreat house in a beach area in or just south of Santa Cruz. Back then, the organization was much smaller and composed pretty much completely of "newcomers"; there were not too many old-timers in the ranks of women historians then, but the few who were there constituted important role models for the rest of us. I was in my first year of teaching, as a lecturer at UC-Santa Barbara, one of two females in a department of 45, and desperate to get to know my counterparts elsewhere in the state. The WAWH was a lifeline for many of us.

The gender demographics of most history departments have greatly changed in the years since then, but there is still a need to network across campuses in the West. Moreover, the WAWH has always had a significant component of independent scholars in its membership (and leadership) ranks, as well as scholars who work outside of academia. In the three days of the Berkeley conference, I met quite a number of the independent scholar set, and came to see that the WAWH meeting is a lifeline for them too, a way of staying current with the research fronts, and mixing with those of us based in colleges and universities. And as one new member said to me, the attraction precisely of this conference was that it was a nicely balanced blend of well-known scholars and newcomers like herself, thrown together in a very sociable and small setting, such that serendipitous conversations over meals and between sessions could occur with perfect ease.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WAWH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Probable 2004 WAWH Conference Dates

May 21-23, 2004

University of California, Santa Barbara

Updated information will be posted to the web when it becomes available.

#### Membership Goal Reached

As of the 2003 conference, the WAWH had 517 members, bypassing the goal of 500. The work, however, is not done. Thank you to those who recruited new colleagues and students. In order to maintain 500 active members and continue to build the WAWH, please make sure your membership is up to date (membership runs conference to conference) and continue to recruit new members. One new member each and we could double in size.

#### Introducing the New WAWH Secretary:

"I am happy to have been selected for this office, difficult as it will be to fill the shoes of Susan Wladaver-Morgan. WAWH is a great organization, due mostly to the professionalism, generosity, and good fellowship of members. In fact, I owe most of the good things that have come to me to friends and colleagues at WAWH. In that spirit, I will do my best to write fast and ask as few dumb questions as possible."

Mary Ann Irwin

### CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Conference on Illinois History, October 9-10, 2003, Springfield, IL. The Conference is accredited by the ISBE for CPDU. Featuring papers on Illinois topics including women photographers, Chicago women, the Peoria women's history project, Eleanor Kinzie Gordon, and Mary Todd Lincoln. In addition, James Loewen, author of "Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your High School History Textbook Got Wrong" and "Lies Across America: What Our Historic Markers and Monuments Get Wrong," will present workshops on "Beyond the Textbook" and "Sundown Towns." Thursday luncheon speaker, Elizabeth Kendall, Parma Conservation, "Preserving Our WPA Heritage"; Thursday banquet speaker, James Loewen, "Sundown Towns." Pre-registration \$40; \$15 student; Walk-in registration \$45; Thursday luncheon \$20; Banquet \$35; Friday luncheon \$10. For additional information, contact Donna Lawrence, IHPA, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, by email @ donna\_lawrence@ihpa.state.il.us, or phone 217/785-7933. More information on the conference is available at [www.state.il.us/hpa](http://www.state.il.us/hpa)

### CALL FOR PAPERS:

2005 Berkshire Conference on the History of Women. The 13th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, "Sin Fronteras: Women's Histories, Global Conversations," will be held **June 2-5, 2005** at Scripps

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## Thank you Donors

Thank you to the people who have made donations to the WAWH between March 1, 2003 and July 6, 2003.

Barbara Bair  
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the members who have joined between March 1, 2003 and July 6, 2003.

Kimberly A. Alidio	Trudy Flores	Wendy Kline	Kathryn Rolston
Kristine Ashton	Trudi M. Frazel	Karen Kossie-Chernyshev	Maria Sakovich
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## MEMBER NEWS

**Gordon Morris Bakken** and Brenda Farrington, eds. *Encyclopedia of Women in the American West* (Thousand Oaks: Sage Reference, Inc., 2003). This title is due out June 15, 2003.

**Lois Banner's** *Intertwined Lives: Margaret Mead, Ruth Benedict, and Their Circle* will be published by Alfred Knopf this September. It is the first book on either of these two women to be based on their complete manuscript collections at Vassar and at the Library of Congress, including their love letters to each other and to other individuals, which were opened to scholars two years ago. Banner's article, "Mannish Women, Passive Men, and Constitutional Types: Margaret Mead's Sex and Temperament in Three Primitive Societies as a Response to Ruth Benedict's Patterns of Culture," was published in *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* Spring, 2003.

The husband of WAWH member **Natasha Beck**, Richard Lochner, 48, died unexpectedly on June 10, 2003. Richard and Natasha met on the International Women's Day Steering Committee in Portland, OR in 1977. Richard was an activist for the past 30 years in peace, social justice and labor organizations. He attended Reed College and later received a B.S. in History from Portland State University. He had worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Portland since 1989. He supported proudly but quietly Natasha's social justice and feminist activism and her teaching of women's studies, history, and ESL (English as a Second Language). He and Natasha were foster parents and later adopted a daughter, Britany Beck-Lochner, now 14. Con-

tributions can be made in his memory to: Beck-Lochner Memorial Fund, Portland Teachers Credit Union, P.O. Box 3750 Portland, OR 97208. Phone: 800-527-3932 or 503-228-7077.

**Kimberly Gauderman** announces the publication of her first book *Women's Lives in Colonial Quito: Gender, Law, and Economy in Spanish America*. The publisher is University of Texas Press and the release date is December 2003.

**Donna B. Gavac** presented a paper titled "The 'Cursus Honorum' of a 15th-Century Pope" at the International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, 14-17 July 2003.

**Mary Ann Irwin** won a Jewish Women's Archives Research Fellowship for 2003 on the theme "Jewish Women Making Community." The Fellowship provides funding for a chapter in Mary Ann's history of San Francisco's Emanu-El Sisterhood for Personal Service. The resulting article will be presented at an academic conference and included in a volume of essays to be published by the JWA. Mary Ann attributes the Fellowship to her friends at WAWH, especially letter-writers Susan Wladaver-Morgan and Marilyn J. Boxer.

**Frances Richardson Keller** and **Judith Strong Albert** rounded out a very good WAWH Conference at UC's Kerr Campus on Sunday the 8th of June. Their panel was "The Anonymous and Famous: Case Portraits of the Un-

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## REFLECTIONS ON THE WAWH CONFERENCE

**Thoughts from an Undergraduate  
on the WAWH 2003 Conference  
by Michelle Overton  
CSULB Student**

It is a happy coincidence I took Amy Essington's "Women in American History Since 1850" class at California State University, Long Beach in Spring 2003. It was a great introduction into the subject matter and it led me to the WAWH 2003 Conference in Berkeley. Toward the end of the semester, Professor Essington pitched membership in the Association and attendance at the conference. After a little contemplation, I decided to go. It was one of the best decisions I have made this year. Professor Essington assured me this was a fantastic association full of friendly people who would be happy to talk to anyone and it was a good idea to join a professional organization if I planned on going on in History. The conference was fantastic. I attended several panels that gave me new perspectives on a great variety of subjects as well as met and had good discussions with several people and had a fantastic roommate with whom I found much in common. Upon reflection though, I have decided the greatest and most lasting impact the conference had on me was idea of "what could be." Nearly everyone at the conference had a doctorate degree or was working on it. I had never seen such a concentration of such highly educated women. Obtaining a bachelor's degree has always been a goal but education beyond was an improbable idea. At a risk of sounding too girlish in my enthusiasm, it was really exciting to be among all of the graduate students and professors at the conference. Now I know for myself a doctorate degree is a real possibility. I have the example of the many women educators and scholars at the conference to follow.

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*Check the web for updated information*

**Graduate Student Perspective  
of the WAWH Conference  
by Caryll Dziedziak  
Graduate Student Representative**

Many months ago, when information on the upcoming WAWH conference began circulating, I quickly perused the program details and decided that this was a conference not to be missed. However, as the date approached and my schedule filled, I began having second doubts. Making time for the conference felt like taking time off for vacation, and I began questioning the appropriateness of attending the conference during an already hectic June calendar.

However, I did attend and am grateful for the sanity of that decision! Talking to other attendees about their work and research projects re-energized my own research ambitions. Sitting through the Executive Board meeting with a table of dedicated historians reminded me of what can be accomplished by a small group of committed (albeit busy) individuals.

The program itself was illustrative of the increasing breadth of women's history. From Nineteenth-Century American Intersexuality to Reinterpreting Western Women in Asia, the topics canvassed a wide array of interests. In addition to the excellent variety of panels, the appearance of two phenomenal historians made this conference most memorable. While familiar with the work of Natalie Zemon Davis, the experience of sitting in the audience during her incredible keynote will resonate with me for years to come! Likewise, Linda Kerber's Roundtable evinced a similar response. Her works are commonplace to most women's history courses, yet the tributes given by her colleagues and former students underscored how one person's commitment can impact the direction given to an entire academic field.

So for all you grad students out there feeling too stretched and overwhelmed to take time to attend next year's conference, get your registrations in early. You'll feel rejuvenated, invigorated, and reminded of what initially sparked your interest in women's history...and I'll see you there!

## 2003 CONFERENCE REPORTS

### Congratulations to the 2003 Award Winners:

Lucy Barber, Sierra Prize Winner for *Marching on Washington: The Forging of an American Political Tradition* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002).

Sheridan Harvey, et al., Eds, Barbara Kanner Prize Winner for *American Women: A Library of Congress Guide for the Study of Women's History and Culture in the United States*, (Lebanon, NH: University of New England Press, 2002). If you would like to purchase this book, a flyer is available on the web at <http://www.wawh.org>.

Amanda Littauer, University of California, Berkeley, Founders Dissertation Fellowship Winner for "V-girls, B-girls and Vagrants: Women, Sexuality and Criminality in the Wartime and Postwar Urban West, 1943-1960."

Lynn Sacco, Judith Lee Ridge Prize Winner for "Sanitized for Your Protection: Medical Discourse and the Denial of Incest in the United States, 1890-1940," *Journal of Women's History* 14 (Autumn 2002): 80-104.

**2004 Awards Applications are due January 15, 2004.**

### Networker Report

The costs of the *Networker* continue to decrease despite the increase in membership as more and more members receive an email version of the newsletter rather than a hard copy. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, contact Sara Patterson at [sara.patterson@cgu.edu](mailto:sara.patterson@cgu.edu).

### Treasurer's Report

The 2002-2003 fiscal year was a profitable year for the WAWH, but with interest rates so low, the award funds are not growing and rely on donations for continued growth. Unusually, there was no conference during this fiscal year.

### Sierra Prize Fund Raising Report

The 2003 conference program mailing included a request for donations to the Sierra Article Prize. The membership responded with donations of \$1,455 plus a \$3,000 anonymous donation. This is a good start to the goal of endowment. For questions about the Sierra Prize Fund Raising contact Nupur Chaudhuri. To make a donation, send your check to the Treasurer, Amy Essington. All donations are *tax-deductible*.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP WAWH!

### INFORMATION

One of the goals for the next year is to include in the database as much as possible, all records of positions held by members and all awardees. Some lists are more complete than others. A list of previous presidents is complete. If you have been or know of someone who was an officer, an award chair OR committee member, program chair OR committee member, ad hoc anything, or award recipient (especially graduate student fellowship awardees—what we have is listed on the web), please let me know. Even if you are certain that I may have the information, please send your name, past position, and years you served.

Contact Amy Essington at [aessington@aol.com](mailto:aessington@aol.com).

### ARCHIVAL MATERIAL

Do you hang onto old newsletters and conference programs? Check your garages and filing cabinets! We are looking to complete a run of the *Networker* as well as collect a set of old conference programs. Even some recent years are needed. Contact Amy Essington at [aessington@aol.com](mailto:aessington@aol.com) if you can help recreate the historical record.

### VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

Would you like to serve the WAWH in some way? Prize committees, conference planning, fund raising, recruitment? Contact Patricia Cline Cohen at [pcohen@history.ucsb.edu](mailto:pcohen@history.ucsb.edu).

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College, in Claremont, California, USA. The Program Committee welcomes proposals that cross geographical, cultural, and disciplinary borders, and especially those which address the plurality of histories of transnational encounters and empires. What does it mean to engage in women's and gender history without borders? What purchase does the nation-state have for women's and gender history, and what are the stakes -- for research and teaching -- of interrogating the nation? How do asymmetries between Euro-American ideas about the global and non-western or indigenous knowledges influence the writing of feminist histories? Whose voices count and who decides? We are interested in the ways in which women have been agents in the creation of global communities, identities, and political movements. What impact has the circulation of populations, goods, and ideas had on personal lives as well as state formations? How has transnationalism affected the meanings of sexuality? We particularly encourage submissions in earlier periods and those that address sources and methodology. Funding may be available for some international panelists. We prefer complete panels, normally three papers, a comment, and a chair; one person should *not* assume the task of chair and comment. The Committee also seeks workshops, roundtables, teaching sessions (both college and K-12), and presentations that depart from the traditional conference format. Individual papers will also be considered. The Committee may rearrange submissions to shape the program; submission of a proposal will indicate agreement with this proviso. No one may appear on the program more than once in any capacity. Please submit three (3) copies of your proposal, **postmarked by December 15, 2003** to *one* of the addresses listed below. Each paper must include a cover sheet, downloadable from our website, listing panel title or roundtable theme and full contact information (address, phone, fax, and e-mail) for panel organizer and *all* participants. It must also include a title, and one-page abstract for each paper or presentation; a *one-page* curriculum vitae/résumé for each participant (including chair and comment); and a self-addressed, stamped postcard. Mark packet: "ATTN: Berkshire Conference."

Send proposals on *African, Latin American, Asian, Pacific, and all comparative topics* to:

**Donna Guy**  
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Ohio State University  
210 Dulles Hall  
230 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43210, USA;

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University of California, Santa Barbara  
Santa Barbara, CA 93106, USA

For more information, please visit our website at [www.berksconference.org](http://www.berksconference.org)

### CHARLES DeBENEDETTI PRIZE IN PEACE HISTORY:

The Peace History Society invites submissions for the Charles DeBenedetti Prize in Peace History to be given to the author or authors of an outstanding journal article in 2001 or 2002. This may include but is not limited to, articles focusing on the history of peace movements, the response of individuals to peace and war issues, the relationship between peace movements and other reform issues, comparative analysis or quantitative studies. The prize carries a \$500.00 award. Please submit four copies of the article to Kathleen Kennedy, Department of History, 516 High St., Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225 by October 1, 2003. For further information, contact Professor Kennedy at [kkennedy@cc.wvu.edu](mailto:kkennedy@cc.wvu.edu).

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### CALL FOR PAPERS:

*Peace and Change: A Journal of Peace Research* has moved its editorial offices to Western Washington University. The executive editors are interested in considering papers in all aspects of peace history. We welcome submissions on a wide variety of topics related to peace history and activism, conflict resolution, internationalism, race, gender and sexuality and cross cultural studies. Articles should be submitted simultaneously to Professor Kathleen Kennedy, History, 516 High St., WWU, Bellingham, WA 98225 (four copies) and Mark N. Lane, Philosophy, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. 20057 (one copy). Manuscripts should be approximately 7000 words and conform to the Chicago Manual of Style 14th edition. Questions should be directed to Kathleen Kennedy at [kkennedy@cc.wwu](mailto:kkennedy@cc.wwu).

### CALL FOR REVIEWERS:

Linda Alkana is the book review editor for *The History Teacher*, a scholarly journal that prints articles of interest to history teachers from secondary school through post graduate university work. The journal is looking for new reviewers to assess recent historical monographs in terms of their potential for classroom use, as bibliographical sources, as aids to teaching, required course reading, etc. Reviewers include high school teachers, graduate history students and all levels of independent scholars, adjunct and senior tenured faculty. The journal furnishes the books and the guidelines. Potential reviewers can email Linda Alkana ([lalk@csulb.edu](mailto:lalk@csulb.edu)) or contact:

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### 2004 OAH LERNER-SCOTT DISSERTATION PRIZE

The Lerner-Scott Dissertation Prize was given for the first time in 1992 for the best doctoral dissertation in U.S. women's history. The prize is named for Gerda Lerner and Anne Firor Scott, both pioneers in women's history and past presidents of the Organization of American Historians. A dissertation must be completed during the period 1 July 2002 through 30 June 2003 to be eligible for the 2004 Lerner-Scott Prize. Each application must contain a letter of support from a faculty member at the degree-granting institution, along with an abstract, table of contents and sample chapter from the dissertation. Please also include e-mail addresses for both the applicant and the adviser, if available. One complete copy of each entry must be received by each member of the prize committee by 1 December 2003. Finalists will be asked to submit a complete copy of the dissertation at a later date.

The winner of the prize will receive \$1,000 and a certificate. The prize will be presented at the 2004 annual meeting of the OAH in Boston, Massachusetts, 25-28 March. One copy of each entry, clearly labeled "2004 Lerner-Scott Dissertation Prize Entry," must be mailed directly to:

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Atlanta, GA 30322

Marjorie Julian Spruill (Committee Chair)  
221 Kirkland Hall  
Vanderbilt University  
Nashville, TN 37240

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known Annie Ware Winsor Allen and the Well-known Anna Eleanor Roosevelt." Excellent comments on both papers and larger frameworks were given by grad student Laura Garrett of SFSU. The small but attentive audience included women interested in the concepts of anonymity and fame. The conference itself returned at several points to the question of how feminism has influenced women's studies and the larger field of history. There was a positive feeling about how women are pushing the boundaries of their impact on history into a fresh definition of history itself.

**Kathleen Kennedy** has just been appointed the new Co-Executive editor of *Peace and Change: A Journal of Peace Research*. She is also the co-editor of *Athena's Daughters: Television's New Woman Warrior* (with Frances Early) published by Syracuse University Press, 2003 and with Sharon Ullman, *Sexual Borderlands: Constructing an American Sexual Past* published by the Ohio State University Press, 2003.

**Barbara Bennett Peterson**, had her book *Sarah Childress Polk, First Lady of Tennessee* nominated for the 2003 Pulitzer Prize in biography. She was the Associate Editor for the *American National Biography* (24 vols.) edited by John Garraty and Mark Carnes and this series won, in addition to the Dartmouth Medal in 1999, the Waldo G. Leland Prize in 2001.

**Donna Schuele** published a chapter titled "'No One Could Deny the Eloquence of the Lady': Women, Law and Government in California, 1850-1890," in John F. Burns and Richard J. Orsi, eds., *Taming the Elephant: Politics, Gov-*

*ernment and Law in Pioneer California* (University of California Press 2003). She also was awarded a Littleton-Griswold research grant from the American Historical Association to support her research using the Los Angeles County Probate records at the Huntington Library.

**Kathleen Sheldon** was recently awarded a research grant from the National Coalition of Independent Scholars for her work on an historical dictionary on women in sub-Saharan Africa.

**Elena Shulman** announces the publication of her article "Soviet Maidens for the Socialist Fortress: The Khetagurovite Campaign to Settle the Far East, 1937-39," *The Russian Review* 62 (July 2003): 387-410.

**Carolyn Thomas de la Peña** announces her book titled *The Body Electric: How Strange Machines Built the Modern American* (NYU, 2003).

**Marilyn Tobias** was elected Co-Vice President of the Legal Advocacy Fund of the American Association of University Women, Thousand Oaks Branch. The AAUW Educational Foundation provides fellowships and grants, and the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides aid for plaintiffs in cases involving sex discrimination in higher education.

**Tiffany Wayne** has signed two contracts for forthcoming books. One with Lexington Books (a division of Rowman & Littlefield) for her (former) dissertation manuscript entitled, "Woman Thinking: Feminism and Transcendentalism in 19th-Century America." The other is with Facts on File for a reference book/encyclopedia of the Transcendentalist movement.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN CONTINUED

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My goal as president is to maintain and further the vision of recent past-presidents: strengthening the membership base, making the conference a must-be-at event, beefing up the prize money funds, and, most importantly, keeping that exquisite and diverse balance that the WAWH has been noted for. We make welcome grad students and super-annuated teachers, old-timers and newcomers, independent scholars and research university professors. It is the genius of the WAWH to provide the forum for all this interchange to take place, on a human scale in a lovely setting. Pasadena last year, Berkeley this, and –with luck (we're still negotiating it)—Santa Barbara in May of 2004!

Patricia Cline Cohen  
President, WAWH

## 2004 WAWH AWARDS AND PRIZES

### Barbara Penny Kanner Award

The Western Association of Women Historians will award \$500 to the best scholarly bibliographical and historical guide to research focused on women or gender history. The Kanner Award is intended to promote the practice of biblio-methodology or autobiography in historical context. The bibliomethodology award should reflect the critical tools of the historian's craft as they have been developed to provide research guides rather than library catalogues. The autobiography in historical context award should reflect the craft of history as developed and interpreted in individual lives. Book-length submissions are preferred but substantial guides in other forms (articles or book chapters) may also be considered. The bibliographical and the autobiography awards will be given in alternate years, with submissions for each award considered for two-year intervals from the date of publication.

This year's award will be autobiographical and an item published in 2002 or 2003.

THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2004.

Send THREE copies of your submission as well as a statement that the applicant is a current WAWH member to:

MariaElena Raymond

P.O. Box 758, Knights Landing, CA 95645

530-735-6596

mariaraymond@afes.com

### Judith Lee Ridge Prize

The WAWH will award \$100 for the best article in the field of history published by a WAWH member. All recipients shall be members of the WAWH for at least one year prior to submission. Eligibility is limited to two groups: those residing in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming or the Western Canadian Provinces; and WAWH members residing in other states who have paid membership for three years (not necessarily consecutive years). The article must have been published in 2001 or 2002. All fields of history will be considered, and articles must be submitted with full scholarly apparatus.

THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2004.

Three (3) copies of the article, as well as a statement that the applicant is a current WAWH member, should be mailed to:

TBA

### Founders Dissertation Fellowship

The WAWH invites applications for its 2003 Founders Dissertation 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 2003. The \$1000 award may be used for any expenses related to the dissertation. A complete application must be received by January 15, 2003. The fellowship recipient will announce at the WAWH Annual Conference.

Applicants for a WAWH Founders Dissertation Fellowship must submit the following to the selection committee:

- a. A completed application form. A curriculum vita is not an acceptable substitute.
  - b. A summary of the dissertation project, an explanation of its historical scholarship, a survey of the major primary sources, a summary of research already accomplished, and an indication of plans for completion of the dissertation in no more than five double-spaced pages.
  - c. One confidential letter of recommendation from a dissertation committee member sent directly to the Founders Dissertation Fellowship Committee. A file maintained by a university office is not an adequate substitute for the specified letters of reference.
- THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2004.

For further information and application forms, please contact:

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### Sierra Book Prize

The Western Association of Women Historians (WAWH) will award the 2003 Sierra Book Prize (\$250) for the best monograph in the field of history published by a WAWH member. Eligibility of the prize is limited to two groups: those residing in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming or the Western Canadian Provinces; 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). It must have been published in 2002. 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.

THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2004.

Three (3) copies of the book must be submitted as well as a statement that the applicant is a current WAWH member. Please send the copies to:

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