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Academic Prizes for Women: Thoughts for a Brief History

By Patricia Cline Cohen, WAWH President

The WAWH currently has three publication prizes and a dissertation research prize, for which members can compete. You may not have realized it, but the WAWH is following in a venerable tradition of women's academic organizations that originated prizes back around 1900 as a strategy to promote the cause of women in higher education.

Margaret W. Rossiter (herself an early WAWH member back in the 1970s and 1980s) wrote eloquently about the tactic in *Women Scientists in America: Struggles and Strategies to 1940* (1982). Against all odds, numbers of talented and determined women infiltrated academic science a hundred years ago but remained invisible, even when they had accomplished remarkable research discoveries. Rossiter concretely documented a kind of "Marie Curie" effect that conspired to keep women back, as men on hiring, fellowship, and prize committees held women scientists to the impossibly high standard of being as good as Curie, whose work with radium won her two Nobel Prizes (one in physics, one in chemistry). With the exception of Curie's daughter Irene, no female won a Nobel in science for another half century—and darn few have won since.

Faced with an academic world where men handed out prizes to other men (often at professional convention smokers—yet another unsubtle barrier to women), women set up their own prizes, as Rossiter shows. For example, the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (the forerunner of the AAUW, the American Association of University Women) set up pre- and post- doctoral fellowship programs, essentially prizes for superior scholarship and promise. Like the WAWH's Founder's Dissertation

award, ACA awards funneled money to help talented women stay in graduate school and advance. In an impressive show of fundraising that required two decades to complete, the organization pulled together a million-dollar fund to endow the awards. I'm sure a number of members of the WAWH have profited from the modern-day version of these prestigious awards, sponsored by the AAUW.

Prizes accomplish a number of functions. They call attention to worthy scholarship, helping one article or book out of the many thousands published every year gain extra visibility. Winners get to put it on their C.V.; second editions of books often carry a notice of the prize on the front or back cover; organizations publicize the list of winners. In such ways an exceptionally worthy work comes to earn greater distinction.

Prizes can confer honor on the donor or donor's choice as well. In addition to money, the prize produces a naming opportunity. There is an ongoing political science award called the Sophonisba Breckinridge Award, honoring a woman who pioneered in that discipline at the University of Chicago back in the 1890s. The Eleanor Flexner Award at Smith College honors a founding mother of US women's history. The names of honorees get perpetuated down the generations, forging a link between the best and brightest

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WAWH ANNOUNCEMENTS

2005 Conference Information

April 29-May 1, 2005

Black Canyon Conference Center

Phoenix, Arizona

Conference program packets were mailed to current members in mid-February. Conference program, Preregistration form, and membership renewal forms were included. Even if you are not attending the conference, it is time to renew your membership for the 2005-2006 year. Return your membership information sheet with any data corrections and your dues by April 5, 2005, to have your current information listed in the 2005 Membership Directory. The program and preregistration form are online at <http://www.wawh.org>.

Dues Increase

For the first time in many years, membership dues will increase for the 2005-2006 year. With the mailing of the conference program, the new rates went into effect. You may renew a reduced rate if you renew for two years until April 5, 2005. The reduced two-year rate is:
 Full-time \$45
 Part-time/Retired \$35
 Independent Scholars/Graduate Students \$18

WAWH Luncheon at the AHA-PCB

Eileen Boris will be the luncheon speaker at the AHA-PCB conference at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, August 4-7, 2005. Her talk will be "The Wages of Care."

WAWH at the OAH

The WAWH is co-sponsoring a reception with the Committee on the Status of Women at the OAH. Come by Friday night from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

On Saturday night, the WAWH is inviting you to dinner with old and new friends. Meet at 6:30pm near the registration area.

WRITER SUPPORT GROUP

Looking for a writer support group: I would like to help form or become a member of a writer's support group of individuals living / teaching in Southern California. If interested, please contact me. Susan Oliver, soliver275@cox.net.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Central Washington University
 Position Announcement
 Non-tenure track Assistant Professor
 NON-WESTERN (MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA/
 SOUTH ASIA)

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THANK YOU DONORS

Thank you to the people who have made donations to the WAWH between October 6, 2004 and February 17, 2005.

Gordon Morris Bakken
 Loraine Blair
 Linda Kerber

Betsy Perry
 Patricia Schechter

The WAWH is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization. Your donations are tax-deductible and help support the continued growth of our organization and its activities including: the newsletter, the annual conference, two prizes, one award, and one fellowship. Donations of any size are welcome. Donations can be directed to a specific fund or award. Thank you for your continuing support.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the members who have joined between October 6, 2004 and February 17, 2005.

Nwando Achebe	Dominique T. Chlup	Susan E. Gray	Anne Rapp
Nancy Beck Young	Alice Clement	Rebecca Hartman	Elisabeth Ritacca
O'Neil (Nelly) Blacker-Hanson	Nancy Cott	Sandra Henderson	Jehan Seirafi
Lorraine A. Blair	Caroline Cox	Ryan Kray	Corliss K. Slack
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	Heather Fryer	Lindsey Rae Peregoff	Staci Woodburn
	Christina Gessler	Margaret Preston	

MEMBER NEWS

Susan Groag Bell's book on Christine de Pizan has appeared with the University of California Press. *The Lost Tapestries of the 'City of Ladies': Christine de Pizan's Renaissance Legacy* (Berkeley, Los Angeles, London, University of California Press 2004) pp. 254, illustrated.

Carolyn Eichner's *Surmounting the Barricades: Women in the Paris Commune* is a study of women's participation in the 1871 French revolutionary civil war known as the Paris Commune. The work examines women's ideas and activism before, during, and after this cataclysmic event, focusing specifically on the lives and work of three dynamic and controversial women leaders, André Léo, Paule Mink, and Elisabeth Dmitrieff. The book demonstrates that the Paris Commune resulted in a variety of feminist socialisms – essentially, it argues that feminist activism took many forms and paths, and that these events and ideas deeply influenced politics in Europe and beyond for decades.

Frances Richardson Keller's translation of Anna Julia Cooper's French dissertation was first published, with an interpretive essay by Frances, in 1988. The title was "Slavery and the French Revolutionists." It will be re-published by Rowman & Littlefield in 2005 with a new essay by Frances, "The International Connections of Anna Julia Cooper's Story." The title of the new book will probably be "Slavery and the French and Haitian Revolutionists." The work is especially relevant with respect to Haiti as well as other players on the international scene today. The publishers hope it may go to first and second year college students as well as to other interested scholars. Frances has also "finished" her own life story and is beginning an exploration of publishers. Her working title has been "Frances's Book: How a Small-town Girl Became an Historian."

Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Perry is happy to announce that her longtime project has just been pub-

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Share your accomplishments. Include your professional news in the next newsletter.

Send your member news to Sara Patterson, Networker Editor, History Department, Claremont Graduate University, 121 E. 10th Street, Claremont, CA 91711 or e-mail to: sara.patterson@cgu.edu. An online form is also available at www.wawh.org. Your information will be included in the next Networker. A reminder email is sent to the organizational email list before the submission due date.

THE HUNT FOR THE WAWH ARCHIVES-PART V THE WAWH SONG

By Amy Essington

As part of the ongoing hunt for and collection of information for the WAWH Archives, I am going to print a series of columns on pieces of the organization's history. In the previous issue, I gave the list of the twenty-one WAWH Presidents and a list of WAWH Conference locations. Unless you have attending the banquet in the last three years, you do not know that the WAWH has a song. Penned by Sara Patterson, the song debuted at the conference at UC Berkeley, and includes WAWH history.

“THE WAWH SONG”

Sung to the “Battle Hymn of the Republic.”

Verse 1

Way back in 1969 dear WAWH [wa-weh] got its start.
Linda Kerber and Grace Larsen played a most important part.
They gathered up the women with history in their hearts
The past is marching on!

Chorus

W-A-W-HHH
W-A-W-H
W-A-W-H
The past is marching on!

Verse 2

They held their first great meeting at old Asilomar.
Up from San Diego came a nun from quite afar
She joined them in their love for things that make us who we are.
The past is marching on!

[Chorus]

Verse 3

The presidents, they led us through the thick times and the thin
Keller, Renner, Perry, Lystra, Blair, Moon, Morgan, and Offen
We are thankful that these leaders are all historians...
The past is marching on!

[Chorus]

Verse 4

Children, partners, hire, tenure, as we climb up the ladder
Forces from all sides keep working to compel our minds to scatter
Meeting every year to focus on the history that matters
The past is marching on!

[Chorus]

Verse 5

Here we stand together women celebrating talk and wine
Now we come from different walks of life but yet we still combine
History is the tie that binds and helps to make dear WAWH shine
The past is marching on!

WAWH AT THE AHA

At the American Historical Association's annual meeting in Seattle in January, the WAWH sent out an open invitation members to meet for dinner and collegiality. Eleven people, some current members and some potential members, met Saturday night for dinner near the convention center.

WAWH members can be found many places, and we had a good representation at the AHA in Seattle. Members serving on the local arrangements committee included: chair, Maureen Murphy Nutting, Karen Blair, and Amy Kinsel.

The Coordinating Council for Women in History Luncheon was presided over by WAWH member and CCWH co-president Eileen Boris and included Linda Kerber's address "Risking Our Dreams: The Next 35 Years."

On the program, twenty current members made presentation or were on panels. They included:

Karen Blair
Eileen Boris
Fay Botham
Alexandra Epstein
Andrea Davies Henderson
Lynn Hudson
Sherry Katz
Kathleen Kennedy
Linda Kerber
Amy Kinsel
Regina Lark
Karen Lystra
Maureen Murphy Nutting
Mary Elizabeth Perry
Gina Marie Pitti
Kathryn Kish Sklar
Ula Taylor
Nancy Unger
Randi Walker
Shirley Yee

WAWH AT THE OAH

The Organization of American Historians (OAH) will be meeting in San Jose, California, from March 31-April 3, 2005

The WAWH is co-sponsoring a reception with the Committee on the Status of Women at the OAH. Come by Friday night from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

The WAWH invites you to dinner on Saturday night of the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians. We will meet at 6:30pm near the main registration desk. To facilitate making a reservation, please email Amy Essington at aessington@verizon.net to RSVP. An RSVP is not required and you may come without it. Come and talk with other members and invite non-members for friendly conversation.

WAWH AT THE AHA-PCB

Each year at the meeting of the American Historical Association's Pacific Coast Branch, the WAWH presents a speaker. Eileen Boris will be the luncheon speaker at the AHA-PCB conference at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, August 4-7, 2005. Her talk will be "The Wages of Care."

Mark Your Calendars

WAWH 2007 Conference

May 4-5, 2007

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice
University of San Diego
San Diego, California

Come to sunny San Diego as we expand our southern California meeting location south of Los Angeles. We will have beautiful views and good San Diego weather for our yearly conference.

WAWH 2008 Conference

May 16-17, 2008

University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Bring your passports!
Join us in beautiful British Columbia
for our first venture outside of the United States.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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Screening Begins: March 15, 2005

Central Washington University invites applications for a one-year full time non-tenure track assistant professorship in Non-Western History (Middle East, Africa, or South Asia). We are interested in finding a candidate who is dedicated to furthering the department's strong commitment to the globalization of its curriculum. The successful candidate will be expected to supplement the department's current offerings in East Asian, Southeast Asian, and Latin American history through the development of new curriculum and educational opportunities for both students and faculty. This is a replacement position that we hope to convert to a tenure-track appointment in 2005-06. The current candidate will be invited to apply for that position.

Responsibilities: Teaching responsibilities include

world civilizations surveys and upper-division classes in fields of interest. Teaching experience and/or the ability to teach Muslim World preferred. **Qualifications:** Ph.D. in history by starting date of September 16, 2005. Major field must be in either Middle Eastern, African, or South Asian history.

Application Process:

A complete application consists of a letter of application, C.V., all graduate transcripts and three letters of recommendation.

Dr. James Cook

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VOLUNTEER FOR THE WAWH

Board Members

Each year board positions become available. We have lots of opportunities for difference interests. If you are interested in volunteering for the WAWH as a board member, let the president know.

See the column on below regarding the *Networker* editor position.

Advertising

Would you like to help WAWH with advertising? Recently, WAWH has run conference and/or award ads in the *AHA Perspectives* and *OAH Newsletter*. We are looking for someone to manage these ads as well as find other potential sources. Advertising will raise the visibility of the organization. Contact Amy Essington at aessington@verizon.net, if you are interested.

Conference Planning

Would you like to help the WAWH plan its future conferences? With a two-year presidential cycle, it is difficult to plan conference more than one year ahead with the president deciding the location of the conference. The board has approved a the creation of a trail standing local arrangement conference committee which would oversee the securing of conference locations and local

arrangement chairs. The president will still be responsible for program chair, keynote speakers, and the program itself. The president and executive secretary will be members of the committee with a one or two other members. The hope is to develop a list of potential sites with pros and cons as well as prices. From this list, a conference site will be chosen by the committee. An ongoing list will provide diversity in location, awareness of costs, ease in travel to and from, and serve as a list backup locations, if needed. Many places (such as Asilomar) required booking at least two years ahead.

My hope is that we will have two to three years ahead booked at any time. Asilomar is secure for 2006, San Diego in 2007, and we will meet at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver for 2008 (our first venture of the country). I would also like to expand our traditional locations to include other membership areas such as New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, or even Alaska or Hawaii.

Let me know if you would like to be a part of the committee, have any location ideas, or have a place you would particularly like to go.

Amy Essington

Email aessington@verizon.net for more information, offer ideas, or to volunteer.

NETWORKER EDITOR POSITION

Dear WAWH membership,

It has been a pleasure to serve as the *Networker* editor for the past three years. As of the conference in April, I will resign as editor and the position will be open. I would like to encourage anyone who is interested to nominate herself/himself for the position, particularly those who have not been involved with the Executive Board in the past.

Position requirements include: Responsibility for publishing a minimum of three *Networker* issues a year; solicitation of all articles, interest pieces and member news; and ability to use Microsoft Publisher (the program we use to create the newsletter). I will forward on to the Executive Committee the names of those who are interested in the position. Please email me at: Sara.Patterson@cgu.edu to get your name on the list.

I would also like to encourage the entire organization to utilize the *Networker* more. The newsletter is a great place to let your colleagues know about opportunities in the field, keep them up-to-date on what you are up to, and write special interest pieces. The *Networker* is what we all make of it-and, it is just as important to contribute as it is to read it!

Best,
Sara Patterson

MEMBER NEWS CONTINUED

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lished by Princeton University Press: *The Handless Maiden: Moriscos and the Politics of Religion in Early Modern Spain*.

Barbara Bennett Peterson is currently teaching at California State University San Bernardino, Palm Desert campus a course on The American Presidency. Her new book titled *George Washington, America's Moral Exemplar* is due out this spring 2005.

Lyn Reese has just finished a thematic spiral bound unit for Women in World History Curriculum called "Women's Work in Industrial Revolutions: Primary Source Lessons from Europe and East Asia." The secondary level resource uses a variety of primary sources to present the latest scholarship on views from Europe, Japan, and China in the 19th and early 20th centuries, and on recent case studies from Africa, Mexico, Bangladesh and China. Activities, a glossary, inquiry questions, bibliography, and links to mandated national standards are included. To find out more about the unit, access Lyn's extensive Web site: womeninworldhistory.com

A chapter from **Elena Shulman's** recently completed dissertation, *Pacifying a Marvelous Land: Gender and Settlement in the Soviet Far East*, was awarded the best graduate essay prize by the Association of Women in Slavic Studies in December 2004.

Frances Richardson Keller and **Judith Albert Strong** have cooked up another of their deliberations on the meeting place between fiction, biography, autobiography and history. This time they

will be joined by biographer Joan Von Mehren and fiction-author Barbara Novak, both of whom have published work on Margaret Fuller in the past couple of years, in a roundtable conversation discussing how Fuller (1810-1850) has recently fared in these overlapping areas. Frances is keen on defining 'fiction' as a part of the historical process and I am sorting out the convergence of autobiography in writing biography from an imagined (fictional) reconstruction of Fuller's Boston Conversations. The four are going to create an interesting stew, if nothing else. The ALA conferences are always moving toward original and fresh outlooks that depart from traditional frameworks. Their roundtable promises to contribute to this kind of open-ended take on history. It is one of two panels being assembled for the Margaret Fuller Society.

Marilyn Tobias, Ph.D., Public Historian/Independent Scholar, is a co-author of "Renegotiating the Historical Narrative: The Case of American Higher Education." The publication is an invited conversation on the historiography of American higher education which appeared in the Winter 2004 issue of the *History of Education Quarterly*. She was a presenter and co-chair of a Book Party (2004) for local authors sponsored by the Legal Advocacy Fund of the American Association of University Women in Thousand Oaks.

Nancy Unger, "Women, Sexuality, and Environmental Justice in American History." In *New Perspectives on Environmental Justice: Gender, Sexuality, and Activism*, introduction by Winona La Duke, edited by Rachel Stein. Rutgers University Press, 2004, pp. 45-60.

Preregistration for the 2005 Conference is due on April 5, 2005.

To have your current information included in the 2005 Membership Directory, return your 2005-2006 membership renewal form and dues by April 5, 2005.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN CONTINUED

in different cohorts of scholars.

Prizes that carry a big purse can spur work in certain fields as well, directing research into certain channels. The annual Lincoln Prize was announced in early February, carrying an award of \$50,000 to the best book on Lincoln or the Civil War era, which may in part account for the steady stream of books published about honest Abe. I'm not aware of any book awards designed to honor scholarship about women that come close to the drawing power of the Lincoln Award.

Another twist in the story arises in awards where the judges are exclusively and designedly women. In 1904 a Prix Feminina was established in France to correct what some saw as a flaw in the Prix Goncourt award, France's most prestigious literary book award. The Goncourt was awarded by men, to men, and a group of two dozen literary women reasoned that if women did the choosing, the results might be different. So they set up their Prix Feminina, which authors of either sex could win; they even arranged to scoop the Goncourt award by announcing their prize just hours before the traditional award. That was back in 1904, but as recently as 1995 a similar move still seemed necessary in the U.S. The Orange Prize for Fiction is judged only by women, and only women novelists can enter, to compensate for low winnership by women in all the other fiction award programs.

In my history department, the set of prizes awarded each spring to graduate students mostly come from funds established to honor retired faculty, and they are often restricted to the field that retiree covered. Thus the awards replicate the organization of historical knowledge as it existed in that earlier generation. No woman has yet retired from my department, since we all arrived in 1975 or later; and women's history barely existed then. So the combined effect is that the distribution of prizes does not match the distribution of current students, and often misses the vibrant section of the program devoted to gender. We will finally remedy this situation by establishing a gender prize not linked to a retirement and funded with on-going money from still-active faculty.

The WAWH gives awards that illustrate a number of my points. The Founders Dissertation Fellowship is like the early AAUW awards, putting cash in the pocket of an outstanding grad student member. The funds are renewed each year by member contributions, most effectively at the reception honoring graduate students during each WAWH conference where we literally pass a hat. The older generations of successful scholars pitch in, to ease the struggle for a talented newcomer. The Kanner Prize for a work in either bibliography or biography was established in 1994 by Barbara Penny Kanner, a long-term member of the WAWH. It fosters and rewards excellent work in areas where Kanner herself has excelled. The Judith Lee Ridge Prize goes for the top article by a member; the prize was set up in 1985 by a donor who remained anonymous at first but then was revealed to be Martin Ridge, Director of Research of the Huntington Library for many years, who also played a signal role in the WAWH by making room facilities available at the Huntington for our annual conference for many years. With his wife Sally, they named the prize in honor of a child of theirs who died young. Finally, the Sierra Book Prize was the earliest of the WAWH awards; established in 1982, it honors the best historical monograph written by a WAWH member in a given year. Its roster of past winners is truly impressive.

The awards process is a key part of our organization, defining who we are and what we do. It helps the winners lay claim to honorable notice, and in our modest but effective way, it helps to acknowledge scholarship that in earlier decades might have become invisible. Lucky for us, we don't all have to be as good as a Marie Curie to get recognized now.

And by the way, Margaret Rossiter—a regular WAWH attendee during her west-coast, independent-scholar days, and a keynote speaker at one of our conferences in the mid 1980s—soon after was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship (the “genius award”)—the humanities equivalent to being knighted or nobelled!

CALL FOR PAPERS
WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN HISTORIANS
38th Annual Conference
Asilomar Conference Center
Pacific Grove, CA
May 5-6, 2006

The WAWH welcomes proposals for panels or single papers on any historical subject, time period, or region. Papers do not necessarily have to focus on women or gender history, although those issues are of special interest to our membership. Panels, workshops, or roundtables on major concerns of women in the historical profession are also encouraged. Proposals for complete panels, including commentators, are preferred, but individual papers will also be considered.

Proposals must include each of the following:

- A WAWH Cover Page (found at www.wawh.org)
- The cover sheet MUST be included for both individual and panel proposals.
- A one-half to one-page abstract for each paper.
- One-to-two-page curriculum vitae for each panelist.
- The program committee reserves the right to change or reconfigure panels.
- Submission of proposal will indicate agreement with this policy.
- Communication with panelists will be made through the designated contact.
- Electronic submissions will not be accepted.
- Current (2005-2006) WAWH membership and conference registration is required of all program participants.
- WAWH Membership runs from conference to conference.
- Membership forms can be found at <http://www.wawh.org>.

If you have any questions, please contact the program chair:

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Mail one set of proposal material to the program committee chair by November 1, 2005.
All WAWH award and prize applications are due January 15, 2006.

The Western Association of Women Historians was founded in 1969.
Drawing scholars from the Western states, the WAWH is the largest of the regional women's historical associations in the United States.

For information about the organization, award and prize applications, call for papers deadline, conference registration, conference program, and membership, please visit www.wawh.org.

2006 WAWH AWARDS AND PRIZES

Founders Dissertation Fellowship

The WAWH invites applications for its 2006 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 2006. The \$1000 award may be used for any expenses related to the dissertation. A complete application must be received by January 15, 2006. The fellowship recipient will be announced at the WAWH Annual Conference.

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

- A completed application form. A curriculum vita is not an acceptable substitute.
- 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.
- 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, 2006.

For full application requirements and form, visit the web site. Applications should be mailed to each committee member, check the web for details. For further information, please contact: Alexandra M. Nickliss, Department of Social Science, City College of San Francisco, 50 Phelan Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112, anickliss@ccsf.

Sierra Book Prize

The Western Association of Women Historians (WAWH) will award the 2006 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 2005. 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, 2006.

For full application requirements and form, visit the web site. Applications should be mailed to each committee member, check the web for details.

For further information, please contact:

Jessica Weiss, California State University, Hayward, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward, CA 94542-3014, 510-885-3239, jweiss@csuhayward.edu

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 2004 or 2005. All fields of history will be considered, and articles must be submitted with full scholarly apparatus.

THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2006.

For full application requirements and form, visit the web site. Applications should be mailed to each committee member, check the web for details.

For further information, please contact:

TBA

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 bibliomethodology 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.

The 2006 award will be autobiographical and an item published in 2004 or 2005.

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For full application requirements and form, visit the web site.

Applications should be mailed to each committee member, check the web for details.

For further information, please contact:

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Beginning in 2004, all WAWH awards have an application form which can be found on the organizational web site.

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