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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

This is my first column as the president of the WAWH. As I am writing this column, I have realized that I joined this organization about thirty years ago. During this time, I have watched how my predecessors worked hard to strengthen this organization by having an annual conference and establishing four different awards for women historians. They helped to create a community of women historians who, besides their scholarship, have provided friendship and mentoring for numerous members regionally and nationally. I am one of the beneficiaries of their generosity. Their work has made my job easier because I know what I have to do to maintain that standard and further strengthen the organization.

By the time you read this column, our 2005 conference and the Berkshire conference will be over. As expected, Gayle Gullett and her committee did a wonderful job to organize the 2005 conference program. On behalf of the executive board, I would like to thank Gayle and her committee—Elizabeth Clement, Lois Helmbold, Lydia Otero, and Jane Slaughter—for their hard work. WAWH was also quite active at the Berks. With the Coordinating Council for Women in History (CCWH), WAWH co-sponsored a graduate student tea and sponsored a session entitled “Tea Leaves on the Job Market: What Can New History PhD’s Expect?” Patricia Cohen, my predecessor, organized the WAWH activities at the Berks. About fifty WAWH members presented papers at the Berks, and Eileen Boris was co-chair of the program committee. At the American Historical Association’s Pacific Coast Branch (PCB) conference in early August, Eileen will discuss “The Wages of Care” at the WAWH Luncheon. So if you are there, then please attend the luncheon meeting. More information on this is at <http://pcb.cgu.edu/>.

Our 2006 conference will be May 5-7, 2006, at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, California. Our program chair is Regina Lark. The success of our conference and our organization depends on you so please send four copies of your paper and/or panel proposal by November 1, 2005, to Regina. You can find the call for papers on page 8. Deborah Gray

White will be our keynote speaker and we will honor all of the Sierra Prize winners at a reception on Friday evening. So please mark your calendar now and plan to attend 2006 conference. We will try a new conference schedule from Friday lunch to the Saturday banquet with people returning home on Sunday, so please plan accordingly.

I would like to thank the donors for their generous contribution to Sierra Prize Fund, which has allowed us to increase the amount of the prize from \$250 to \$500 and move within about five thousand dollars of our goal of \$16,000, which will secure the future of the prize. We would appreciate your contributions, of any size, to

Sierra Prize. After endowing the Sierra Prize this year, we will turn our attention to the Ridge Prize. On behalf of the current board members, I would like to thank Penny Kanner for another generous donation to Kanner Prize, so that we will be able to award this prize for next few years.

However, on another serious note: these are difficult times as the Bush administration has cut NHPRC funds for many documentary projects including preservation of papers of women which will also impact jobs of many women historians and archivists. For more information and what can be done, please go to the website of the Society of American Archivists: www.archivists.org

Finally, I would like to thank Amy Essington for doing the summer newsletter in addition to her responsibilities as the Executive Secretary.

Have a good and productive summer.
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WAWH ANNOUNCEMENTS

2006 Conference Information

WAWH 2006 Conference
May 5-7, 2006, Asilomar Conference Center
November 1, 2005 Call for Papers Due
January 15, 2006 All Award Applications Due

2006 will be the first of a two year trial of a Friday noon to Saturday banquet schedule. Plan to arrive for lunch on Friday and return home on Sunday.

Email list Change

You may have noticed that organizational email are now coming from listname@wawh.org rather than listname@lyris.cgu.edu. We are centralizing things to our own web server. Add the new names to your address book so WAWH emails are not blocked or sent to your junk mail in the future.

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."

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

HISTORIAN WANTED ONBOARD CRUISE SHIP

American West Steamboat Company has an exciting opportunity for a full time historian to work on board our sternwheeler vessels. Responsibilities include delivering natural history & cultural enrichment programs to enlighten our guests on the history, culture and geography of the places we sail. Top candidate will possess extensive knowledge of the Pacific Northwest including the Columbia and Snake Rivers, the Lewis and Clark expedition and the history and geography of Alaska's Inside Pas-

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the members who have joined between October 6, 2004, and June 1, 2005.

Elinor Accampo	Caroline Cox	Martha Kadue	Maureen Noumov
Karen Anderson	Jane E. Dabel	Julia Kehew	Martha Pallante
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	Melissa Ann Johnson	Michelle Morgan	Angela Wilson
			Leslie Working

A special thank you to Carol Gold for becoming a life member
and to

Susan Wladaver-Morgan for giving three two-year gift memberships to graduate students.

MEMBER NEWS

Judith Strong Albert is on a panel for the American Literature Association Conference meeting in Boston in late May. With Frances Richardson Keller, she will be join a roundtable discussion on the subject of the presence of fiction in biography and autobiography as they influence the course of history-writing by two well-known Margaret Fuller writers: the biographer Joan von Mehren and the novelist Barbara Novak.

Ginette Aley has accepted a tenure-track, Assistant Professor position at the University of Southern

Indiana beginning this August. She has agreed to develop a book manuscript of a documentary history of Iowa during the Civil War for Ohio University Press. She continues to serve as Graduate Student Coordinator and Symposium Site Committee member for the Agricultural History Society.

The fourth revision of **Lois Banner's** *Women in Modern America* has been published by Wadsworth. She has extensively revised it to include the recent scholarship in the field and also a

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

Send your member news to Trudy Flores.

Your information will be included in the next Networker. A reminder email is sent to the organizational email list before the submission due date. Due dates are listed on the Calendar section of the newsletter.

WAWH HISTORY: SIERRA PRIZE

By Amy Essington

This is another in a series of columns (formally known as The Hunt for the WAWH Archives series) informing the membership about the organization's history. The Sierra Prize was established in 1982 to honor the work in book form. This list of winners shows the quality of the work of the WAWH members. This year the WAWH is highlighting the Sierra Prize with a focus toward endowing the award. We will also honor all of the Sierra Prize winners at a reception Friday night of the 2006 conference.

2005

Irene Guenther, *Nazi 'Chic': Fashioning Women in the Third Reich.*

2004

Tanis Thorne, *The World's Richest Indian: The Scandal Over Jackson Barnett's Oil Fortune.*

2003

Lucy C. Barber, *Marching on Washington: The Forging of an American Political Tradition.*

2002

Patricia Schechter, *Ida B. Wells-Barnett and American Reform, 1880-1930.*

2001

Jessica Weiss, *To Have and To Hold: Marriage, the Baby Boom, and Social Change.*

2000

Margaret D. Jacobs, *Engendered Encounters: Feminism and Pueblo Cultures, 1879-1934.*

Diane Wolfthal, *Images of Rape: The "Heroic" Tradition and its Alternatives.*

1999

Nina Gelbart, *The King's Midwife: A History and Mystery of Madam du Coudray.*

1998

Pamela Bess Radcliffe, *From Mobilization to Civil War: The Politics of Polarization in the Spanish City Gijon 1900-1937.*

1997

Estelle Freedman, *Maternal Justice: Miriam Van Waters and the Female Reform Tradition.*

1996

Susan L. Smith, *Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired: Black Women's Health Activism in America.*

1995

Angel Kwolek-Folland, *Engendering Business: Men and Women in the Corporate Office, 1870-1930.*

1994

Marilynn S. Johnson, *The Second Gold Rush.*

1993

Glenna Matthews, *The Rise of Public Woman: Woman's Power and Woman's Place in the United States, 1630-1970.*

1992

Francesca Miller, *Latin American Women and the Search for Social Justice.*

1991

Mary Elizabeth Perry, *Gender and Disorder in Early Modern Seville.*

1990

Karen Lystra, *Searching the Heart.*

1989

Margaret Washington, *'A Peculiar People': Slave Religion and Community Culture Among the Gullah.*

1988

Nina Rattner Gelbart, *Feminine and Opposition Journalism in Old Regime France: Le Journal des Dames.*

1987

Joan M. Jensen, *Loosening the Bonds: Mid-Atlantic Farm Women, 1750-1850.*

Dolores Janiewski, *Sisterhood Denied: Race, Gender, and Class in a New South Community.*

1986

No award given.

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2005 AWARD WINNERS

Founders' Dissertation Fellowship

The winner of the 2005 Founders' Dissertation is Eleonory Gilburd who is studying with Professor Yuri Slezkine at the University of California, Berkeley. Her dissertation, "To See Paris and Die: Foreign Culture in the Soviet Union, 1956-1968." The project was well written, and thought-out, displaying a strong intellectual framework and a sophisticated level of thinking. Her dissertation will explain the "foreign borrowings" that were operating in the Soviet Union and the impact they had on transforming the country "from a society engaged in the building of communism to a society thinking of western civilization as normal and the "West" on the collapse of the Soviet Union. Thanks to Lisa Forman Cody of Claremont McKenna College and Francesca Miller of the University of California at Davis for their work.

Alexandra Nickliss, 2005 Chair

Ridge Prize

Our committee has agreed on a winner for the Ridge Prize: Lisa Forman Cody, for her original, well written and innovative researched article, "Living and Dying in Georgian London's Lying-In Hospitals," published in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine in 2004. From Eleanor Acampo's evaluation: Cody is "making a huge contribution with regard to original, archival-based research. She is trying to overturn a thesis about the transition from mid-wifery to male doctors, and almost turns the standard interpretation on its head. I admire the boldness of this piece, and it is convincing." Lisa Cody is a member of the History Department at Claremont McKenna College.

Ellen DuBois, 2005 Chair

Sierra Prize

Guenther's book impressed the committee because of the way it transformed fashion history into cultural history writ large and because of her broad scope. She examined not just fashion as style in magazines, patterns and fashion shows, but also as industry—including both the training schools for designers and the garment industry,

and also Nazi vision of authentic German fashion and the make-do adjustments of German women coping with the deprivations of war. Finally she addresses the irony and hypocrisy of wives of prominent Nazi officers patronizing Jewish tailors in the ghettos or using slave labor from the camps to continue dressing not as German folk maidens in drindles, but as European fashion plates. Committee member Patricia Schechter wrote, "With spirit and verve, Irene Guenther has assembled a sweeping narrative and interpretation of Nazi fashion for women and the ideological, practical, and political struggles it entailed. Moving the discussion of Nazi women beyond the accomplice/victim paradigm, Guenther persuasively argues that a set of mostly short-term self interested politics underlay Nazi agendas and choices around clothing and fashion."

Jessica Weiss, 2005 Chair

Kanner Prize

The Kanner Prize for bibliomethodology has been awarded to Professor Alison Booth for her extensive work, *How to Make it as a Woman: Collective Biographical History from Victoria to Present*. The committee believes that the range and depth of your work will be of great appeal to scholars from a variety of academic orientations.

The committee was thrilled to finally see a book of this depth in the encompassing time-frames. There is so little out there for historians, researchers, students. Now this gem fills in a neglected part of our history and absolutely shines in its doing. Of course, as one member of our committee wrote, "I am always excited to see such labor-intensive biblio notes, tables, index and chapter notes. It certainly shows what fore-thought, planning and researching by Booth." The book will be an amazing tool for scholarly discussion in universities and colleges, while giving independent historians and the constantly hungry researchers of women's history the feast of information they want.

Regina Lark, 2005 Chair

THANKS FOR SERVICE

Thank you to the people who have served the WAWH in many capacities over the last year. The people who are ended their terms of service this year comes to 26 years of service.

Karen Lystra
6 years as President-Elect, President, Past-President.

Sara Patterson
5 years as Networker Editor

Mary Wright
5 years-Kanner Prize Committee Member

Regina Lark
2 years as Kanner Prize Committee Member and 1 year as Kanner Prize Chair

Annie Russell
2 years as Graduate Student Representative

Ellen DuBois
2 years as Ridge Prize Chair

Erika Rappaport
2 years as Ridge Prize Committee Member

Gayle Gullet
1 year as Conference Program Chair

CONTINUING BOARD MEMBERS

Thank you also to the board members who have served and continue to serve in various positions.

Pat Cline Cohen has transitioned from President to Past President. The Presidential gavel was officially transferred to Nupur Chaudhuri. Mary Ann Irwin will continue as Secretary. She has also expanded her role and will focus on membership growth and retention. Amy Essington continues in the second year of two years as Ad Hoc Executive Secretary. The permanence of the position will be voted on at the next conference. Amy was also re-elected to Treasurer, but is looking for a replacement by September 1. Sandra Dawson is serving her second year of her two-year term as one of the Graduate Student Representatives.

The Founders' Dissertation Fellowship committee will continue to include chair Alexandra Nickliss, Lisa Cody, and Francesca Miller.

The Ridge Prize committee includes Sarah Stage, chair, Elinor Accampo, and Barbara Molony has moved over from the Ridge Prize.

Jessica Weiss chairs the Sierra Prize committee and Patricia Schechter will also continue.

MariaElena Raymond is the only member of the Kanner Prize committee who is continuing, She will become chair.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Joining the board this year, long-time member Carol Gold was elected President-Elect. Regina Lark will serve as the 2006 Program Chair. Sandra Dawson will be joined by Julia Kehew as the Graduate Student Representative for the 2005-2007 term.

On the award committees, Eileen Boris has joined the Sierra Prize as a committee member and Shirley Yee is now a member of the Kanner Prize committee.

NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Trudy Flores is a graduate student at Portland State University with interests in U.S. and Mexican history. She was the Caroline Stoel editorial fellow for the *Pacific Historical Review* (September 2002 – September 2004), where she worked under the tutelage of former *Networker* editor Susan Wladaver-Morgan. Trudy will be at the Pacific Coast Branch – AHA Conference in Corvallis this August and invites other WAWH members in attendance to introduce themselves.

All future announcements, members news, and all communications related to the content of the newsletters should be addressed to:

Trudy Flores, 1040 SE Haig Street, Portland, OR 97202, flores@hevanet.com .

See page 11 for changes to the *Networker* in coming issues.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENT REP

Greetings, WAWH members! My name is Julia Kehew, and I am your new Graduate Student Representative, 2005-2007. I am an advanced Ph.D. student at the University of California, Davis, where my research and teaching focuses on 20th century U.S. women, gender, and sexuality. My dissertation topic centers on sport and sexuality at the Gay Games, an international sporting event that began in San Francisco in the early 1980s.

I became familiar with the WAWH this past year as I attended the conference in Phoenix. I was delighted by the warmth, openness, and impressive array of scholarship displayed by conference attendees, and was thrilled to have an opportunity to serve such a wonderful group of women scholars. I am always happy to hear from current or future grad student WAWH members, and look forward to the next two years of research, friendship, and fun at the WAWH.

Julia Kehew, Graduate Student Representative 2005-2007

NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ONLY E-MAIL LIST

Grad Students Get Connected

The life of a graduate student can be a bit daunting at times, whether it is your first year or your fifth. The WAWH presents a new resource to help graduate students connect, network, and get organized to make the graduate experience less stressful. The new Graduate Listserve is a place where grad students can come together to ask questions and share answers in the welcoming and supportive spirit of the WAWH.

Whether you are trying to find a panel co-presenter, a roommate for a conference, advice on navigating the graduate experience, the WAWH Graduate Listserve offers access to the combined experience of over 100 graduate student WAWH members. If you attended the 2005 WAWH Conference, you are already subscribed to the list and can send email messages to wawhgradstudent@wawh.org. For graduate students thinking of becoming WAWH members, join us online and find out what the WAWH is all about! To subscribe or unsubscribe, contact Amy Essington at aessington@verizon.net.

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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rlark@women.ucla.edu

Mail four sets 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.

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:

Sarah Stage, Arizona State University, Women's Studies Department, P.O. Box 37100, Phoenix, AZ 85069-7100, 602-543-3310, sarah.stage@asu.edu.

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

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.

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:

MariaElena Raymond, 17400 Amethyst Drive, Fort Bragg, CA 95437, mariaraymond@afes.com.

Beginning in 2004, all WAWH awards have an application form which can be found on the organizational web site. Award applicants must also be current WAWH members at the time of submission.

DISSERTATIONS-IN-PROGRESS PANEL CALL FOR PAPERS

If you are currently ABD, and are looking for a place to present your work, the WAWH welcomes you to submit a proposal for inclusion on a panel of dissertations in progress. Papers can cover any historical subject, time period, or region, and do not necessarily have to focus on women or gender history although those issues are of special interest to our membership. Current WAWH membership is required of all program participants as well as conference registration (found at <http://www.wawh.org>).

Proposals must include the following:

A WAWH Cover Page (found at www.wawh.org)

A one-half to one-page abstract for each paper

A one-to-two page curriculum vitae

Electronic submissions will not be accepted.

The program committee reserves the right to change or reconfigure panels.

Submission of proposal will indicate agreement with this policy.

Proposals for the Dissertations in Progress Panel are due by October 20, 2005, to Sandra Dawson.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Successful applicants for the dissertations in progress panel will be notified by Sandra Dawson.

Paper proposals not included in the panel will be forwarded to the 2006 WAWH Program Committee for consideration in other panels.

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 for our first venture outside of the United States.

UPCOMING CHANGES IN THE NETWORKER

By Trudy Flores

Readers will begin to see changes with the next issue of the newsletter, when Trudy Flores steps in as the editor. Flores plans to focus on modifications that will offer members added opportunities to voice ideas and share professional interests, insights, and concerns, with changes implemented over several issues. Because increased reader participation will be an important element, members will be able to influence new feature content by completing a short survey in which they will be asked to rank a list of potential changes and to suggest others.

One of the elements under consideration is a selection of short book and article reviews. Books and articles would be chosen for review based on merit and stated reader interest, with members' publications potentially receiving special consideration. Other additions may include short reader submissions offering historical perspectives on current events; "Student Views," a segment on topics of interest to graduate students; or a series highlighting engaging teaching strategies, for either

public history or history in the classroom. Let us know what your areas of interest are. Rank the preceding ideas and others, and offer your own suggestions for improving *The Networker*. Please refer to the WAWH website for the survey. The new editor also welcomes letters and comments from members: please include name, affiliation (if applicable), and e-mail or other contact information. Please indicate if you do not wish to have letters considered for publication. If you would like to suggest recent articles or books for review, please include "Review Book [Article] Suggestion" in the subject line, if submitted as an e-mail. Those interested in writing reviews for *The Networker* should forward a vita and fields of study to Trudy Flores, 1040 SE Haig Street, Portland, Oregon 97202 or floret@portlandstate.org. Anyone who has not previously published peer reviewed work should also include a sample review of up to 1000 words and a recommendation from someone who can attest to the member's writing skill and ability to make fair and reasoned critical assessments.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE WAWH

There are many ways individuals can help support the WAWH. Contact Amy Essington at aessington@verizon.net if you are interested or have ideas to share.

Treasurer

In order to separate the receipt and depositing of funds, after five years, Amy Essington will step down as treasurer at the end of the summer. She will still continue as executive secretary, but the board position of treasurer is available. The organization purchased QuickBooks, and ideally a treasurer would use it, although it is not required.

Advertising

Advertising and membership growth are ongoing jobs that have many parts. One can volunteer for one part to assist in increasing the visibility of our organization.

Conference Assistance

Maybe you attend the conference, but are not able to commit to the hours of participating on a program committee or local arrangements committee. There are many smaller jobs that occur at the time of the conference, and volunteers are always needed.

We would like to reach out to members who have never held a board position, If there are board positions for which you would like to be considered, in the future, please contact Amy Essington.

WAWH AT THE OAH

As with the American Historical Association (AHA) meeting in Seattle in January, WAWH members participated in many aspects of the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians (OAH) in San Jose. Barbara Loomis was a member of the Local Resources Committee and Glenna Matthews and Nancy Unger were members of the San Jose subcommittee. Alexandra Nickliss, Founders' Dissertation Fellowship chair, was one of the group who welcomed people at Western Reception on Thursday night.

Many members presented.

The WAWH was one of groups co-hosting the Women in the Historical Profession reception which was one of the Bird of a Feather Reception. Nine people responded to the open invitation for dinner and met for dinner Saturday night in a restaurant near the San Jose Convention Center.

WAWH members chat at the OAH "Birds of a Feather" reception which was co-hosted by the WAWH. This image is taken from the OAH May 2005 newsletter.



From far left, counterclockwise, Mary Ann Irwin, Linda Mollno, Amy Essington, Alexandra Nickliss, Peggy Renner, and Susan Wladaver-Morgan.

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WAWH AT THE BERKS

The WAWH members were present at the first Berks meeting in the West. With the CCWH, the WAWH co-sponsored a Graduate Student Tea on Friday from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm. The WAWH also sponsored Session #191, the roundtable "Tea Leaves on the Job Market: What can New History PhD's Expect?" Eileen Boris was program co-chair and many members presented. They included:

Elinor Accampo
 Janis Appier
 Lois Banner
 Carla Bittle
 Judy Branfman
 Nupur Chaudhuri
 Constance Chen
 Elizabeth Clement
 Lisa Forman Cody
 Patricia Cline Cohen (WAWH Sponsored Session)
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 Margaret D. Jacobs
 Sherry Katz
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 Susan Kullman
 Regina Lark (WAWH Sponsored Session)
 Karen Leong
 Carolyn Herbst Lewis
 Lisa Materson
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 Francesca Miller
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 Diana Selig
 Kathleen Sheldon
 Susan L. Smith
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 Jessica Weiss

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1985

Michelle Root-Bernstein, *Boulevard Theater and Revolution in Eighteenth-Century Paris.*

1984

Sharon L. Sievers, *Flowers in Salt: The Beginning of Feminist Consciousness in Modern Japan.*

1983

Susan Strasser, *Never Done: A History of American Housework.*

1982

Mary Elizabeth Perry, *Crime and Society in Early Modern Seville.*

Erna Olafson Hellerstein, Leslie Parker Hume, and Karen M. Offen, *Victorian Women: A Documentary Account of Women's Lives in Nineteenth Century England, France, and the United States.*

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lot more about popular culture. *Intertwined Lives: Margaret Mead, Ruth Benedict, and Their Circle* was published in paperback by Knopf. Johns Hopkins University Press has published *Reading Benedict, Reading Mead: Gender, Race, and Imperial Visions*, a collection of articles (mostly original) which Lois co-edited with Dolores Janiewski of the University of Victoria in Wellington, New Zealand. Last summer she held a visiting research appointment in the Social Studies Institute of the Australian National University in Canberra and then did a Fulbright tour of New Zealand. In March, Lois held the Roscoe P. Strickland Visiting Distinguished Professorship at Middle Tennessee State University. She is now working on a study of Marilyn Monroe in the context of the history of beauty and the body.

Lucy Barber, California State Archives, commented on a panel on the Veteran's Bonus Armies of the 1930s at the OAH in San Jose, published a brief book review of Peter Schrag's update to his book *Paradise Lost: California's Experience, America's Future* (UC Press 2004) in *California History Action*, the newsletter of California Council for the Promotion of History; was a guest on Odyssey radio show (Chicago Public Radio) discussing real and imagined uses of Washington's public spaces in April; and has been working with various partners on methods of preserving electronic records of the State of California so that our current history is not lost. During Fall 2005, she'll be teaching a graduate course on Policy History for Public Historians at California State University, Sacramento.

Nelly Blacker-Hanson will be receiving her doctorate in History (Latin America) from UW this Spring, and has accepted a one year Visiting Assistant Professor position at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA.

Kyle E. Ciani, published "Hidden Laborers: Female Day Workers in Detroit, 1870-1920," *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 4, no. 1 (January 2005): 23-51.

Irene Guenther's *Nazi Chic? Fashioning Women in the Third Reich* (London: Berg, 2004) won the 2005 Sierra Prize, and the 2005 Millia Davenport Award, a prize given by the Costume Society of America for the best book on the history and/or culture of fashion. Additionally, Dr. Guenther was the keynote speaker at a London conference entitled "Nazi Chic," sponsored by the Contemporary Art Institute, a symposium that examined the continuing fascination with Nazism, and was interviewed by the BBC for the program "Thinking Allowed." She will be teaching in the fall at Rice University.

Mary Ann Irwin has an article coming out in the August 2005 issue of the *Pacific Historical Review*: "White is Black and Black is Black, Too: Jewish San Francisco and World War I."

Frances Richardson Keller will make two appearances at the American Literary Association in Boston on May 24th. She will discuss the implications of her book *Fictions of U.S. History* for Margaret Fuller Scholars and for Charles Waddell Chestnut Scholars. The first presentation is titled "Borders and Boundaries: The Histories of Fiction and the Fictions of History." The other is called "Blurred Boundaries of Reality and Fiction in Chesnut's 'The Colonel's Dream.'"

Jeanne Farr McDonnell gave a paper on a Berkshire Conference panel, replacing the original speaker on "Crafting the Female Biography" about Helen Keller. In her talk about Juana Briones, "Crafting the Latina Biography," Jeanne describe her engagement with Juana's life as her personal

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odyssey, having worked in various ways on preserving her house in Palo Alto, still an on-going project, training docents to do tours of the house, and for the past eight years, writing her biography, which is nearly completed.

Karen Offen just returned from Brussels, where she gave the plenary address at a one-day conference on the historiography of the international women's movement. At the conference, the new book *Women Changing the World: A History of the International Council of Women* (ed. Eliane Gubin & Leen Van Molle) was launched. The archives of the ICW are now at the CARHIF (Centre d'Archives pour l'Histoire des Femmes) in Brussels. While in Belgium, Karen also lectured at the University of Leuven.

Dr. Barbara Bennett Peterson, Professor of History, Oregon State University (retired) has just published a new book titled "George Washington: America's Moral Exemplar" with NOVA Publishers in Hauppauge, New York." She is the General Editor for a series titled "First Men, America's Presidents" and this series will be marketed with the original series titled "First Ladies" that she also worked on and published "Sarah Childress Polk: First Lady of Tennessee and Washington". Should anyone be interested in writing a book length biography please E-mail Barbara at fandbpeterson@aol.com.

Donna Schuele's essay, "The Importance of Being Chisholm," was published on the Commentary page of the *Los Angeles Times* on January 7, 2005. This essay led to an invitation to speak at a Los Angeles County African-American History Month celebration on the life and times of Shirley Chisholm.

Kathleen Sheldon has published the *Historical Dictionary of Women in Sub-Saharan Africa* (Scarecrow Press, 2005), the first comprehensive reference work on African women. She will be participating on a round table on 'Historical Dictionaries and Encyclopedias' at the 20th International Congress of Historical Sciences in Sydney, Australia, this summer.

Marilyn Tobias, Ph.D., Public Historian and Independent Scholar, recently published a review of Clark Kerr's, *The Gold and the Blue, A Personal Memoir of the University of California, 1949-1967: Political Turmoil*, in the *History of Education Quarterly* (Spring 2005).

Nancy Unger has received tenure. She was a guest co-edited the special women's issue of *Clio's Psyche*, and authored two contributions to that issue, the introduction: "Women in Society, Changes and Challenges" (p. 113-116), and an article: "The Beauty Myth: Young Women and the Culture of Appearance," vol 11, no. 4 (March 2005): 148-150. She also published a series of articles "WWFBD?" (What Would Fighting Bob Do?) for the progressive website FightingBob.com.

Liz Willis-Tropea was awarded a Haynes Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (through the Graduate School at USC) for the 2005-2006 academic year. Her dissertation is titled "Hollywood Glamour: Sex, Power and Photography, 1925-1939" with Lois W. Banner advising.

Sharon Wood has two publications this spring: a book, *The Freedom of the Streets: Work, Citizenship, and Sexuality in a Gilded Age City* (University of North Carolina Press), and an edited volume, *A Home in the West, or, Emigration and Its Consequences*, by M. Emilia Rockwell (University of Iowa Press).

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CONFERENCE

The Victorian Interdisciplinary Studies Association of the Western United States (VISAWS) will hold its tenth annual conference October 27-29 at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. The theme is "Victorian Rituals, Celebrations, and Anniversaries," and the keynote speaker will be James Kincaid, Aerol Arnold Professor of Eng-

lish at the University of Southern California. His topic will be "What if the Victorians Were Looking at Us?" Information is available from Dal Symes atdsymes@admin.nmt.edu.

CONFERENCE

"The Northwest Independent Scholars Association (NISA) will host a one-day conference on "Selling Your Scholarship: Writing Marketable Non-Fiction" from 9:00 AM to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 8th, 2005, at the Pacific Northwest College of Art, 1241 NW Johnson St. in Portland, Oregon. The conference is being hosted in partnership with the National Coalition of Independent Scholars (NCIS). The keynote speaker will be Robert Kanigel, Professor of Science Writing in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies and author of numerous books and articles including *The Man Who Knew Infinity: A Life of the Genius Ramanujan* (Scribner's, 1991), and *Apprentice to Genius: The Making of a Scientific Dynasty* (Macmillan, 1986). Mr. Kanigel has published articles in the *New York Times Magazine*, the *New York Times Book Review*, *Psychology Today*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Times* among others.

Panels and workshops will include topics such as working with agents, rewriting your prose, freelance non-fiction, writing for a local audience, and writing biographies. Conference registration is \$68 for NISA or NCIS members, \$73 for non-members and \$78 at the door or after September 1 and includes lunch.

The conference hotel is the Mark Spencer, 409 SW 11th. Ave. (503)-224-3294. More information and a registration form will be available on the NCIS website at <http://www.ncis.org/>

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The 2nd Biennial WGHOM Conference will be held **Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3, 2006** at Maryville University in St. Louis. Maryville is a lovely campus twenty minutes away from the St. Louis airport. The conference theme is "At the Crossroads of Women's and Gender History" and the keynote lecture will be delivered by Elizabeth Perry, the John Francis Bannon, S. J. Chair at St. Louis University. She was awarded the Ph.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles. She is the author of four books and several articles and was the winner of the New York State Historical Association's Manuscript Prize in 1987 for her book *Belle Moskowitz: Feminine Politics and the Exercise of Power in the Age of Alfred E. Smith*.

The program committee of WGHOM welcomes proposals from historians, independent and interdisciplinary scholars, and graduate students. Please submit abstracts (300 word maximum) for individual presentations or proposals for panels or workshops. Twenty minutes will be allotted for individual papers and one hour fifteen minutes for panel/session presentations. Workshops will be two and one-half hours in length. Abstracts and proposals must contain a cover sheet with the name, address, phone numbers, and/or emails of

all presenters. Email abstracts and proposals can be directed to either Yvonne Johnson at yjohnson@cmsu1.cmsu.edu or Paula Hinton at phinton@ntech.edu. The deadline for proposals is September 15, 2005.

All presenters must register for the conference. Suggested topics include but are not limited to the following: Oral histories of women; education and interpretation; women as literary, visual or performance artists; the portrayal of women in history and literature; history of women's studies programs; women as subjects in history; varying perceptions of women as subjects; women in rural and urban settings; women's local/global connections and issues; gender issues on campuses; gender and film, teaching women's history; teaching the history of masculinity; periodization in women's history; the evaluation of female faculty/performance review issues in colleges and universities; consciousness raising sessions on the trials (or opportunities?) of being a woman professional in the classroom; gendering military/diplomatic history; the intersection of race, class and gender on the campus and in American culture. For further information, including instructions about how to join, please visit our website at <http://department.monm.edu/wghom>

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