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WAWH CONFERENCE UPDATE

We're looking forward to a diversified and exciting WAWH program in the pleasant surroundings of The Huntington Library Art Gallery and Botanical Gardens. Please encourage your colleagues to attend and to contribute their current research to the program.

Professor Carlo Ginzburg, University of Bologna, will be the keynote speaker at lunch on Saturday May 10, 1986. He will be lecturing from the research for his forthcoming book on *The Witch's Sabbath*. Many of us have been using two of his recently translated books in our classes: *The Cheese and the Worms: The Cosmos of a Sixteenth-Century Miller* and *The Night Battles: Witchcraft and Agrarian Cults in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries*.

Professor Mary-Elizabeth Murdock, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, has been invited to be the honored speaker at the Presidents' Dinner, Saturday evening, May 10. Professor Murdock will speak on Abigail Scott Duniway and her "marvelous, influential newspaper, *The New Northwest* (1871-87)." Professor Murdock is a professor of American History at Smith and has played a leading role in building the outstanding Sophia Smith Collection as well as in encouraging historical research on women in society.

Another keynote speaker, Professor Claire Cone Robertson, Ohio State University, is a recent member of WAWH. Her monograph, *Sharing the Bowl: A Socioeconomic History of Women and Class in Accre. Ghana*, took second place in the 1984 Joan Kelly AHA Prize contest. She is co-editor of two books, *Women and Slavery in Africa* and *Women and Class in Africa* (currently in press) and will lecture on "African Women's Education and Class Formation, 1950 - 1980" at noon on Sunday, May 11.

The heart of the program, of course, will be your papers and workshops. We're fortunate to have Professor Lois Banner, History Department, USC, working on the program committee to coordinate the American history proposals. Please submit your proposals by January 15; the program committee will make its decisions soon thereafter. If there is space, we will consider late proposals.

— Maryanne Cline Horowitz

AHA-PCB FOLLOW-UP

In the September issue of the *Networker*, we recounted the unfortunate sequence of events which occurred at the June 1985 AHA-PCB Conference at Stanford University. The WAWH has since received a gracious apology from Professor Alexander DeConde, then president of the AHA-PCB, and from members of the Executive Board of the AHA-PCB.

In addition, both Professor G. Ralph Falconeri, Program Chair for the 1986 PCB-AHA, and Professor Edwin R. Bingham, President of the AHA-PCB, have made every effort to encourage participation of the WAWH and its membership in the forthcoming conference to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, August 13-17, 1986. WAWH will sponsor a lunch and speaker as well as a panel.

Arrangements for the Hawaii conference are well in hand, and it promises to be an exciting conference. Paper and panel proposals should be directed to Professor Falconeri, Department of History, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403.

— Francesca Miller

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members who have joined the Western Association since publication of the last *Networker*:

Merrihelen P. Adame: California State University, Northridge; **Spanish-Mexican** Pioneering Women, Third World Women, Chicana Literature, Mexican Women of the **Mutualistas/Fraternal Societies, 1800-1945**. A published author of Chicana fiction and historical narratives. Fiction published as **Mary Helen Ponce**.

Jane **Bernard-Powers**: Stanford University; Women's Educational History, Teacher Education.

Joanne Ferraro: San Diego State University; social history of Early Modern Europe, Renaissance and Reformation history.

Bonnie Gordon: University of Arizona; French history, European women's history.

Dolores **Janiewski**: University of Idaho; Women's history, social history, southern history.

Catherine L. Kelly: California Institute of Technology; English social and political history, particularly fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

Georgia C. Villafior: San Diego State University; American economic history, Japanese economic history, demographic history, monetary history.

For membership information and to record any changes in address, phone number, or academic affiliation, please contact **Georgiana Davidson**, 1623 Francisco St., Apt. B, Berkeley, CA 94703, (415) 843-1329.

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FROM OUR NATIONAL LIASON

FRANCES RICHARDSON KELLER, on behalf of **CCWHP/CGWH** (Coordinating Committee on Women in the Historical Profession/Conference Group on Women's History) writes the group's activities are vital to women historians and actively solicits membership. **CCWHP/CGWH** functions to provide women historians professional contacts, giving women historians a voice in professional organizations, publishing a journal of women's works, reviewing works of members and others, recording information on professional happenings involving members, nourishing talents of gifted women historians, directing attention to issues, obstacles and opportunities, affecting creation of public policy toward history and historians, **supporting** civil rights and minority needs, and by **striving** to elevate histories of women to their rightful place. For more information, contact Frances at 835 **Junipero Serra Blvd.**, San **Francisco**, CA 94127.

Dues are \$5 for income under **\$7,000**; \$10 for income from **\$7,000** to **\$14,999**, and **\$15-25** for those whose income is \$15,000 and **above**. Checks should be made payable to **CCWHP** and sent to Nupur **Chaudhuri**, 1737 Vaughn Drive, Manhattan, KS 55502. Help support the important activities of this organization!

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I never cease to be amazed by the unbelievable number of interpretations **even** the simplest statement can cause **in** a listener/reader. As an editor and writer I have **often** been flabbergasted that what appeared clear to me could become so garbled when dealing with typesetters, printers, publishers — all those who help make our words reality. And such misinterpretation is often vexedly **difficult** to **correct**. Now I must plead guilty to overlooking an obvious interpretation of my own words printed in the last Networker, when I solicited your help in obtaining information on recent publications. It had been my intent that members forward information on any new publication in their areas of interest, and I never considered that members would, of course, be best **informed** about their own work. I am delighted that this is one garbling which vastly improved my thoughts. Many, many thanks to all who took the time to send me information on their publications! And keep the news coming!

I would, however, like to request full bibliographic information: please include **full** title, place of publication, publisher, date of publication, and, if an article, volume and page number. I will be happy to include price of publication, where available and a brief abstract of contents, if such **information** is forwarded.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Pergamon Press and the National Women's Studies Association are jointly awarding two graduate scholarships in Women's Studies. The first award is **for \$1,000**; the second for \$500. Preference will be given nominees who are NWSA members and special consideration given students whose research project addresses issues relevant to women of color, Third World women, class, or feminist practice-analysis in Pre-K through 12 education. Application deadline is April 30, 1986. For further information contact Caryn **McTige** Musil, NWSA National Coordinator, La Salle University, Philadelphia, PA 19141, (215) 951-1700.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Asian History: **One**-year leave replacement position in Asian History with an emphasis on social and cultural history. Other responsibilities include Independent Study (junior and senior thesis). **Ph.D.** or **ABD** required. Application deadline is February 15, 1986. Forward application to Prof. Kenneth Goings, Dept. of History, The College of Wooster, **Wooster**, Ohio 44691.

Afro-American History: **One**-year leave replacement position in Afro-American history with additional competency in African history. Responsibilities include Independent Study (junior and senior thesis) and participation in interdisciplinary Black Studies program. **Ph.D.** or **ABD** required. Application deadline is February 15, 1986. Forward applications to Prof. Kenneth Goings, Dept. of History, The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio 44691.

Medieval **and/or** Early Modern Europe: A **three-year** appointment in European history possibly leading to tenure track. Candidate must be willing to teach surveys in Western civilization **and/or** to participate in Freshman Seminar. Other responsibilities include participation in Women's Studies. **Independent** Study program (junior and senior thesis). **Ph.D.** required. Forward applications to Prof. Kenneth Goings, Dept. of History, The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio 44691.

American History: **California State** University, **Chico**. Assistant Professor of American history, **Ph.D.** required. **Tenure-track** position. **Americanist** with particular strength in 20th century social history needed. The candidate must have teaching experience and be prepared to teach a variety of courses including the history of American education and the American history survey. Send applications to the Search Committee, Dept. of History, California State University, Chico, CA 94929-0735 by January 15, 1986.

Women's History: The History Department at **Amherst** College invites applications for a tenure track position at the junior or senior level, in Women's History. Appointee is expected to participate in the general teaching program of the department and offer courses in the history of women. First consideration will be given to candidates with primary research interests in post-medieval Europe and with strong background in comparative history. Completion of requirements for **Ph.D.** by August 1986 required. Applications should be sent to Chair, Departmental Search Committee, Department of History, Box 1783, **Amherst** College, **Amherst**, MA 01002.

• Modern Chinese History: Assistant Professor, tenure track. Research in 19th and 20th century China. Expected to teach Chinese history and Far Eastern Civilization, and one of the following: Japan or Southeast Asia. **Ph.D.** in hand at the time of application. Salary open, starting Sept. 1986. Application deadline January 17, 1986. Send placement dossier or vita and three letters of reference to Prof. Sung Bok Kim, Dept. of History, SUNY-Albany, NY 12222.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

MARYANNE HOROWITZ, with co-editors **Anne J. Cruz** and **Wendy A. Furman**, recently edited and submitted to press the book *Renaissance Studies: Intertext and Contest*. She also wrote the article "La religion de J. **Bodin** reconsiderée: Le **Marane comme** modele de la tolerance."

• **MARTHA S. VOGELER** is serving as **co-chair** of the Program Committee, Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies Meetings scheduled for April 4 - 6, 1986, at **California Polytechnic State University, Pomona**.

JOYCE DUNCAN FALK recently completed a report on a "Survey of Onliie Searching in the Humanities in **Four-Year College and University Libraries**," which will soon be available from the ERIC system. The project was supported by an award from the Research Grant Program for Librarians, **University of California, Irvine**, 1983 - 85. In addition she will participate in the panel at the December AHA meeting entitled "Historians' and Librarians' **Approaches** to Research: Implications to **Educating** Historians."

LYNN A. BONFIELD has been appointed director of the newly-created Labor Archives and Research Center, a department of the Leonard Library at **San Francisco State University**. An **official opening of the Archives** will take place in a few months although the facility is presently open for research by appointment only. The Archives houses material which documents the lives of working men and women in the six counties of the greater **San Francisco Bay Area**. The Archives is located at 480 Winston Drive, **San Francisco, CA** 94132; (415) 564-4010.

DIANE SPENCER PRITCHARD and her husband, archeologist **Bill Pritchard**, have received the 1985 Award of Merit from the **American Association for State and Local History** for the body of their work on **Fort Ross State Historic Park**. **Bill**, who began archeological investigations at the park in 1970, and **Diane** — whose interest began with a project for the Department of **Parks and Recreation** in 1977 — have together or separately published a book, three scholarly **articles**, presented several papers at conferences and local history organizations, and helped organize the **annual Living History Program** at the park, first presepted to the public in 1981.

MARGARET DELACY is currently at work on a project tentatively entitled *Medicine and Society in Eighteenth Century England*. Among planned topics for discussion are obstetric care, maternity hospitals, **puerpual** fever, and physician's ideas about women and nature.

ALETTE OLIN HILL's book, *Mother Tongue/Father Time: A Decade of Linguistic Revolt*, has been accepted for publication by Indiana University and should be available in Fall 1986. The work covers the years 1975 through 1984. Alette

recently became associate professor in the Department of Technical Communications at Metropolitan State College, Denver, following abolishment of the Dept. of Women's Studies at that college, although she writes she still teaches Women's Studies.

SHIRLENE SOTO has been awarded a post-doctoral research grant at **UCLA for the 1985 - 85 academic year** to **complete** a book on the role of women in the Mexican Revolution,

KATHLEEN SHELDON was awarded **the 1985 Pergamon/National Women's Studies Association Graduate Scholarship** in Women's Studies in recognition of her **outstanding** contribution to feminist research. She is currently **writing her** thesis in history at **UCLA on "Working Women in Post War Beira, Mozambique,"** based on research conducted there from 1982 to 1984.

On November 20 **FRANCESCA MILLER** gave a university-wide lecture, "**In the Streets: Women, Revolution and Reform in Latin America**" for the Spotlight on UCD Women Scholars Series sponsored by the Women's Research and Resources Center, **University of California, Davis**.

CYNTHIA BRANTLEY presented a paper entitled "**The British Colonial Approach to Rural African Diet**," at the joint meeting of the **African Studies Association** and the **Middle East Studies Association** at New Orleans in November 1985.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 79th Annual Conference of the Pacific Coast Branch of the AHA will be held at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel at **Waikiki Beach, Honolulu, Hawaii** from August 13 - 17, 1986. You are cordially invited to participate either by your attendance, **presentation of a paper** or by **chairing or serving as** a Commentator on one of the panels. If you and your **colleagues** are interested in forming a panel of papers, please send proposals to **G. Ralph Falconeri, Dept. of History, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1217** as **soon as** possible. Submission of both fully developed **panels (2 or 3 papers, a chair and 2 commentators)** or individual papers is encouraged. Deadline for submission of proposals is tentatively set for **mid-January, 1986**.

Papers are needed for the section, "Philosophy and History of Science" at the May 1986 meeting of the Georgia Academy of Science. More **information** is available from **George A. Rogers, Dept. of History, Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, GA 30460**.

The Southwest Labor Studies Association invites proposals for papers and panels for the 1986 conference, to be held March 14 - 15 at San Francisco State University. Papers may deal with any aspect of labor studies in the southwest. Deadline for proposals is December 21, 1985. Send proposals to: Southwest Labor Studies Conference, Dept. of History, SF State University, **S.F.**, CA 94132.

The second American Farm Women in Historical Perspective Conference, "Women and Farming: Changing Roles, Changing Structure" will be held at the University of **Wisconsin-Madison** October 16 - 18, 1986. The program committee welcomes proposals for workshops, papers and other presentations in interdisciplinary areas including work, technology,

farm and family decision making, women as independent farmers, life cycle, child care, mental and physical health, community life. Send a brief description of presentations by January 15, 1986, to Eugene A. Wilkening, 308-G Agriculture Hall, Dept. of Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.

SUBMISSIONS SOLICITED

The *UCLA Historical Journal* is dedicated to promoting excellence in graduate research and writing. The *Journal* welcomes submissions from all fields of history and related disciplines. The Theodore Salutos Award, a monetary prize of \$200, is offered to the author of the outstanding article each year.

Deadline for receipt of manuscripts is May 31, 1986, but early submission is advised. Those interested in reviewing a recently published book should write to the Book Review Editor. Articles, book reviews and correspondence should be sent to the *UCLA Historical Journal*, Dept. of History, University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024.



The multi-disciplinary journal, *The History of European Ideas*, published by Pergamon Press, announces plans for a special issue on women, to appear in 1987. Guest editor for this issue will be historian Karen Offen.

Original articles are sought in two theme areas: (1) approaches of European thinkers to the issues of gender and the social relation of the sexes; and (2) contributions of women to the development of European ideas. Articles will be considered in the fields of European studies, philosophy, literature, politics, economics, history of religion, military history, European history, sociology, linguistics, history of science, education and law. A historically-grounded contextual analysis is a prerequisite for acceptance of articles in all fields. Theoretical and comparative analyses are encouraged, provided they meet this prerequisite. Review essays and book reviews dealing with new books pertinent to the themes are also invited. Interested contributors should write in advance of submission to Dr. Offen in care of the Center for Research on Women, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305.

Manuscripts, typed double-spaced, should be submitted in duplicate, with notes, references, tables and illustrations on separate sheets. The author's full address should be supplied as a footnote to the title page. Manuscripts should be prepared in accordance with the MLA Style Sheet and should be submitted in English. Articles should not exceed 6,000 words in length, review articles 2,000 words, and book reviews 800 words.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

- Jean Bodin, *Actes du colloque Interdisciplinaire d'Angers* (Presse de l'Université d'Angers: 1985), 2 vols.
Martha Vogeler, *Frederic Harrison: The Vocations of a Positivist* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1984).
Yvonne Jacobson, *Passing Farms: Enduring Values - California's Santa Clara Valley* (Cupertino: William Kaufmann, Inc. in cooperation with the California History Center, De Anza College, 1985) \$39.50.

Margaret DeLacy, *Prison Reform in Lancashire, 1700 - 1850: A Study in Local Administration* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, February 1986).

Alette Olin Hill, "The Carter Campaign in Retrospect," anthologized in Martin J. Medhurst and Thomas W. Benson, eds., *Rhetorical Dimensions in Media: A Critical Casebook* (Debuque, IO: Kendall/Hunt, 1984), pp. 182-203.

Lucia Chiavola Birnbaum, "Changing Roles in Family and Society in Italy and the United States in the 1980s: A Comparative Analysis of Italian and Italian American Women from the 1890s to the 1980s with Focus on Foremothers and Feminists," anthologized in *Societies in Transition: Italians and Italian Americans in the 1980s* (Philadelphia: National Immigration Archives, Spring 1986).

Alison Klairmont Lingo, "Empirics and Charlatans in Early Modern France: The Genesis of the Classification of the 'Other' in Medical Practice," *Journal of Social History* (June 1986).

Ruth Hendricks Willard and Carol Green Wilson, *Sacred Places of San Francisco* (Novato, CA: Presidio Press, 1985), \$35.00. A look at the diversity of American religious life as revealed in the churches, temples and synagogues of America's first Eurasian community.

Mildred Sarah Greene, "George Eliot's *Middlemarch*," *The Explicator* (Spring 1984) Vol. 42, pp. 26-28.

"Another Look at Dorothea's Marriages," *The George Eliot Fellowship Review*, (1984) Vol. 15, pp. 33-37.

The final manuscript of *The Women's West* anthology of papers from the 1983 Sun Valley conference has been delivered to the publisher, the University of Oklahoma Press. The papers have been linked by introductions that place them in the context of western and women's history. Editors Sue Armitage and Betsy Jameson believe that the volume will be extremely useful for classroom use and interesting for the general reader when it is published in Fall 1986.

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The National Women's History Project recently published their 1985 - 86 Resource Catalog, which is full of interesting things. For a copy and for suggestions about how to celebrate National Women's History Week, March 2 - 8, 1986, write National Women's History Project, P.O. Box 3716, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. As many of you may know, for the past seven years project staff has spearheaded the effort to recognize and celebrate the contributions of women in US history. During that time the project has developed, discovered or collected literally thousands of ideas and resources for women's history activities, from classroom programs to community events to workplace observances. In addition, the project recently announced formation of The Women's History Network, to provide valuable resources for all those who celebrate women's history through access to information, materials, referrals, technical assistance and spiritual support. For more information on any of the variety of materials and services, write to the above address.

Wallace E. Smith, 43300 Airport Road, #98, Little River, CA 95456 has written our organization requesting any information members may have on women mayors in California prior to 1938. Mr. Smith writes regarding his research: "What

-bugs me is this: although most western states had elected or appointed women to the office no later than 1920 when women won a nationwide right to vote and hold elective office, and several had women mayors much earlier than that, the earliest I have been able to document in California was elected in El Monte in 1938... this does not seem logical. . . . Can anyone in your organization furnish me with the name(s) and communities of women who served as mayor in California before 1938? If I can learn of one (or more) I will rewrite my chapter dealing with California prior to publication."

The Labor Archives and Research Center at San Francisco State University will host its formal opening ceremonies on February 13, 1986, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., at its home in a wing of the Sutro Library on the San Francisco State University campus, 480 Winston Drive. The ceremony marks the official opening of the Archives, whose mission is to gather, preserve and make available for study the historical records of the labor movement in Northern California.

University President Chia-Wei Woo and leaders of local labor organizations will speak briefly. Tours of the Archives and a major exhibit entitled "A Century of Work in the Bay Area" will be featured. The public is welcome to the event.

The Archives is the long-awaited result of years of effort by the San Francisco Bay Area labor movement to establish a repository for its documents, official records, oral histories, photographs and other mementos of the rich history of the working people of the region. These items, many of which might otherwise be lost to future generations, will be stored in the Archives for use by researchers, for exhibits, and for other educational purposes.

The University of Nebraska Press announces a new series on western women's history, to be edited by Julie Roy Jeffrey, Sandra Myres and Elliott West. They write, "We are especially interested in monographs using innovative approaches as well as good, previously unpublished contemporary accounts." If you have a manuscript to propose, write to one of the editors or to the press.

The Canadian magazine, Women and Environments, is considering a theme issue on women and history and would like to hear from authors who can write on women's experience of their environment prior to 1900. Send your suggestions and inquiries to Adrienne J. Scott, c/o Centre for Urban and Community Studies, 455 Spadina Ave., Ontario, Canada M5S 2G8.

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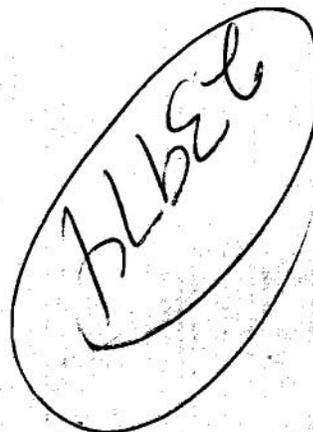
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