



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

In 1986 the WAWH has a larger and more diverse membership than ever before in its history. Nearly two hundred people attended the spring conference at the Huntington Library May 10 - 12, 1986. There is little question that the association fills a variety of purposes — as a network, as a forum for women's scholarship and the discussion of our professional interests, as a support for the work of our members in their many enterprises, which range from teaching to film production to publishing to research projects to the establishment of local and regional historical **institutes**.

These multiple pursuits have been within the purview of the WAWH since its inception in 1969; what was apparent in the conference program and in discussion at the meeting is the need for the WAWH to continue to expand its role and to explore new directions in which it can support its diverse membership of teaching faculty, graduate students and new **Ph.D.'s**, and independent historians.

Conference 1986 was notable for the increased presence of women scholars in affiliated fields of interest, from law to literature, from archival work to theatre history, to the history of women in nearly every arena of life. Indeed, this year's program included a wonderfully witty session on the history of gender and clothes-buying in America, as well as the "Song of the Unsung: California Women in Sport," with papers on flume riding in King's Canyon, the Pasadena Athletic Club in the 1920's, and "It Was No Slam Dunk but it Was Loads of Fun: California Women's Basketball in the Early 20th Century."

The conference continues to be a primary forum for the presentation of new feminist scholarship, as both panels and plenary speakers demonstrated. On Saturday morning Judith Brown (Stanford University) spoke on "Women, Gender, and Sexuality in Renaissance Italy: Text and Context" An audience of over one hundred listened in fascination as she discussed her research and analytic approach to the material she has presented in her book, *Immodest Acts: The Life of a Lesbian Nun in Renaissance Italy*.

At the Presidents' Dinner, Mary-Elizabeth Murdock (Smith College) spoke on her research on Abigail Scott Duniway's struggles, both personal and public, to publish her crusading journal, *The New Northwest* from 1871 to 1886.

On Sunday, plenary speaker Claire Cone Robertson (Ohio State University) discussed African women's education and class formation 1950-1980. She presented a serious critique of the value of imported educational structures for women of the areas she has observed, suggesting that developmental programs, mostly "developed" by Western nations, are often inappropriate in content and design for other cultures.

The session, "Men's and Women's Studies," with papers by Lois Banner (USC), "Margaret Mead and Men's Studies," Harry Brod (USC), "The Feminist Study of Men," and comments by Sondra Hale (CSU Long Beach), broached the politically sensitive and highly controversial issue of women's studies / men's and women's (or women's and men's) studies / gender studies, as did the session on "Issues of Foreign Policy and Gender in Contemporary History," in which Sheila Tobias presented her work on "Men and the Rhetoric of War."

The high calibre of scholarship evident at the conference, and the enthusiastic response of our membership to the meeting reflect the thoughtful contributions of the talent and time of many members, but special recognition is due to Program Chair **Maryanne** Horowitz, Conference Coordinator Marguerite Renner, and Huntington Liaison Suzanne Hull.

A number of suggestions for projected changes or new undertakings for the organization were put forth at the business meeting and in informal discussion. One which has been raised before but which has not been acted upon is the possibility of having a formal conference every other year, with a retreat-style gathering in alternate years. Any comments or suggestions you may have would be welcomed, and may be included on the questionnaire sheet below.

— **Francesca Miller**

CONFERENCE REPORT

The 1986 WAWH conference was a success by all measures, and I would like to thank all who helped make it so. As conference coordinator I can say there is a great deal of **work** to be done during the year preceding the conference. My own responsibilities were lightened by the help and cooperation of many. Planning got off to a good start when I received a long list of possible volunteers from our president, Francesca Miller, last summer. During the fall and winter I turned to her numerous times for support, help and direction, and found her always ready to plan strategies to solve looming problems and deal with other issues that came up. Thanks Francesca.

Maryanne Horowitz and her program committee, in doing their excellent job of identifying the best research in progress, made it easy to promote our program. Thanks to Maryanne for keeping me immediately informed on program changes and other developments. More than seventy scholars participated in the seventeen sessions that comprised our program. A welcome addition to our program were the plenary sessions on Saturday and Sunday. Our thanks to Judith Brown and Claire Cone Robertson for their presentations. We had to **make** changes in the

program on short notice and greatly appreciate the support and cooperation of all who were affected. My thanks also to conference participants for their prompt response to the several requests for information I made of them.

There was a great deal of behind-the-scenes work to be done once plans for the conference were made and the program selected. My thanks to Cathy Sheldon and Sue Puz for their assistance before and during the conference, and we all owe special thanks to the numerous other volunteers, especially Florence Baker, Joan **Dusa**, Mary Reynolds, **Adair** Oesterle, Eleanor Finney, Karen **Langlois**, Dorothy Smoker, Carole Frick, Lynne **Dunn**, Judith **Merkle**, and **Ann** Hobbs, who willingly gave up time during conference sessions to register later arrivals for the conference, or perform numerous other tasks.

Our evening dinners were intended to do more than fill our need for food, and they did this in two very different ways. Our weekend began Friday evening on an humorous note, and thanks must be given to Elizabeth Talbot-Martin for her impersonations of several women in history. On Saturday evening we shared an intellectual venture into the life of Abigail Scott **Duniway** with a fascinating presentation by Mary Elizabeth **Murdock**.

As before, the Huntington staff was thorough in doing the numerous tasks needed to insure rooms, audio equipment, chairs, and the other necessary equipment. Special thanks to Joan Cailouette who coordinated and supervised these numerous tasks and for her prompt and efficient management of operations. Sue Hull, although officially on leave from work at the Huntington, gave invaluable assistance in promoting our **program**. Thanks Sue, for your assistance and for the wine and cheese reception preceding our President's Dinner.

The program began on time thanks to the promptness of all participants. On a few occasions sessions went overtime, but the "problem" seemed to be a function of interest in the topics considered.

We had a **larger-than-ever** registration this year. In large part, we owe this to our excellent program. Also important was our contact with scholars in more than seventy institutions of higher education within a hundred mile radius of the Huntington. In addition attendance was large because participants and members did an excellent job of spreading information about it. I got requests for information from city **hall**, local courts, high school teachers, and numerous local history buffs, who all said they heard about the meeting from a friend or colleague.

The evaluations of the 1986 conference and suggestions for the upcoming one I have received so far are positive. If you have recommendations, complaints or other comments, please let me know. We can improve the quality of our work only when we are aware of problems.

Plans are already in motion for the next conference and the formal call for papers will go out in the **fall**. It is not too soon to think **about organizing a panel**. We are anxious to include the work of our members in other states and to reach out to scholars not yet members of the WAWH.

— Peggy Renner

THE PRESENT AND FUTURE JOB MARKET

It is a basic premise of my own scholarship that the female experience is **often** a more sensitive indicator of change than the male experience. This is particularly true in respect to economic issues, where the working woman's position has generally been more precarious than that of the male, and has rarely, if ever, been a central concern of governmental, industrial and commercial institutions. This is no less true of women historians than of other women in the job market.

An enormous turnover in faculty at both the state **college** level and the university level will be taking place within the next decade, due to retirement and the age of the campuses themselves. Moreover, colleges and universities in the west are expanding: the demographic predictions of the 1960's which prompted many of the cutbacks which hit the historical profession particularly hard have proved inaccurate as college enrollment soars (with little end in sight, what with the current popularity of parenthood). And there is renewed support for the Humanities in curriculum development. Two of the areas which are expanding are women's studies and women's history; the work of many of our members in establishing these new programs is evident.

All of this has important implications for WAWH members, those who will be in a position to hire new faculty, those in the rising generation of women scholars, those who were among the "lost generation" of scholars who completed their graduate work at the same time the job market crashed, and for those who will be retiring from their teaching careers.

The WAWH actively encourages the work of the new generation of women scholars in a variety of **ways**. The Graduate Student Fellowship Fund, which supports doctoral work, is growing impressively, and we hope that we will soon be able to fund several scholars a year. The Graduate Student Paper Prize not only brings recognition to a student's scholarship, but provides the opportunity to present her work at the annual conference. In addition, the WAWH functions as it always has **as a network** for professional information. With the large number of our members now involved in hiring decisions, the WAWH can be even more effective in assisting in job searches.

Unfortunately, one of the phenomena which is becoming apparent is that women scholars who have continued their research, and taught in part-time positions, are being passed over when "real" positions open up. The mature scholar faces a double jeopardy: when the position is funded for middle level scholars, the campuses tend to go **after** faculty (male or female) who already have tenured positions elsewhere, passing over the woman who has contributed her research and teaching skills to their program for years.

And when the position is open to an entry-level scholar, it goes to a brand-new **Ph.D.**, male or female, again passing over the "visiting lecturer" who has given of her talents and energies in a peripheral or non-ladder teaching position. In not a few cases, the design of these new faculty positions were created by the research and teaching direction of the scholar who is then devalued because she has never been a "full-time" faculty member, or because she is **ipsafacto** not a young scholar.

As members of the historical profession, it is particularly important that we try to ensure that women scholars, whether they are established scholars seeking new venues or young scholars or scholars whose career paths lie somewhere in the infinitely varied area in between these two examples, have legitimate access to the new teaching positions as they open up.

— Francesca Miller

A RETIREMENT COLONY OF WOMEN HISTORIANS?

It has been suggested that the WAWH consider establishing a site with living and working quarters for older women historians. The vision of such a community is enticing indeed: a place to write, a community of friends, the possibility for intellectual exchange, mutual support for our endeavors Such a site could also serve as a place of temporary retreat for all WAWH members, along the lines of other artists and writers colonies. Just imagine the library we could put together by merging our personal collections!

But beyond the enticing vision of such a colony, being alone in old age is very much a woman's issue, and it is appropriate that the WAWH explore ways and means to support our membership that they may continue their lifework. Please let us know any thoughts you may have on approaches to this project.

Over the years the WAWH has endeavored to pursue a comprehensive dual role, that of providing a forum for women's scholarship and of political activism on behalf of women in the historical profession. In 1986 we are larger than ever before, and our demographic profile has changed considerably since 1969: our members are present in every realm of the profession. We can be proud of the achievements of our members and the leadership they have provided, in publishing their work, in gaining tenure and winning the esteem of their professional colleagues, in their contributions to the field of history. **But**, now as ever, we need to be aware of the new challenges and situations which confront our community, and to support the work of our sister historians.

— Francesca Miller

THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN HISTORIANS OFFERS ITS CONGRATULATIONS TO MARGARET ROSE WINNER OF THE 1986 GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

The WAWH is pleased to announce that Margaret Rose (University of California, Los Angeles) is the first recipient of the WAWH Graduate Student Fellowship. The \$500 award will be used to help support her doctoral study on women in the United Farm Workers. The WAWH wishes to thank Fellowship Committee Chair Jacqueline **Barnhart**, and committee members Jess Flemion and Bonnie Ford for serving on the 1986 selection committee.

THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN HISTORIANS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE WINNER OF THE 1986 GRADUATE PAPER PRIZE JUDY KUTULAS

The WAWH wishes to congratulate Judy **Kutulas**, winner of the 1986 WAWH Graduate Paper Prize. The paper, "Anna Louise Strong and Eleanor Roosevelt: A Political Friendship," was presented at the WAWH Conference as part of the panel, "Breaking Ground: American Women Challenge Male Organizations." The WAWH wishes to thank Prize Committee Chair Paula **Eldot** and committee members Ann **Hagerman** Johnson and Dorothy Ludlow for their service on the committee.

WAWH MEETS THE TOOTH FAIRY

Dateline San Marino, California, May 10-11: Two members of the Executive Board of the Western Association of Women Historians attending the organization's seventeenth annual conference were stricken with severe toothache which resulted in emergency extraction.

Georgiana Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer (sine qua non), was taken ill on her flight from Oakland to **Burbank** and rushed to the dentist. Dopey but gallant, she attended the opening dinner show Friday evening, the Presidents' Dinner Saturday evening, and the program on Sunday. On Saturday morning, **President-Elect** Jacqueline **Barnhart** [fnt 1] arrived at the President's room to announce that a chronic dental problem had become acute, and that she had scheduled an emergency extraction for 11:30 AM, immediately after the session for which she was **chair-commentator**. She not only did a fine job at the session, but reappeared at the Presidents' Dinner and attended the Sunday sessions.

We do not simply wish to point out that WAWH Board Members need to combine special qualities of courage under fire as well as scholarship and a commitment to the community of women scholars. [fnt 2] Or, heaven forfend, to make anyone think that serving on the Board will give you a toothache, though it is well-known that people who serve on committees or as **officers** of organizations are subject to headaches, backaches and/or stomachaches. [fnt 3]

But, whether one's bent is toward demographic analysis or not as chroniclers of events we can all appreciate the staggering statistical improbability of the event. The likelihood that one individual at one conference might be so struck is rather remote. I consulted with my dentist who has practiced for two decades in Davis, and in that period he has treated two conferees on an emergency basis, neither of which resulted in pulling a tooth.

I also consulted with the resident mathematician, who estimates that the odds against two attendees at a conference to be so stricken on any given weekend period in the United States are approximately one in a trillion (calculating with a formula of 2.5 million [US population] x 10 to the 6th power [squared] = 6.25 x 10 to the 12th power divided by @ 6 (incidents of emergency extractions on a given day). And that he says, is a conservative estimate, not taking into account that they were of the same gender, the same profession, the same geographic region, and members of the same small executive board.

So here's thanks to **Georgiana** and Jackie for following through with their commitments at the conference: a pair in a trillion indeed! And I hope that the rest of the membership, in addition to serving on committees and submitting session proposals for Conference XVIII, will floss and brush and rinse and do nothing to provoke the ire of the Tooth Fairy.

— F.M.

fnt 1: We don't mean to imply that presidents-elect aren't invaluable assets to the Executive Board, but they are not quite in the sine qua non category that Secretary-Treasurers are.

fnt 2: Though women historians definitely are of a special breed.

fnt 3: Ailments now widely claimed to fall into generis overcommitus, but which are known to be closely related to prognosticationitis, a professional health hazard.

**PACIFIC COAST BRANCH/
AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
79th Annual Meeting, August 13-17, 1985
Honolulu, Hawaii**

The Western Association of Women Historians is sponsoring two events at the AHA/PCB. On Friday, August 15 at 10:45 AM the session, *Women In Education: Teachers and Students*, will be chaired by Nancy Fitch, Hampshire College. Presenters are: Carole Srole, CSU Los Angeles, "The Rise of the Educated Woman Worker. Boston, 1880-1915," and Marguerite Renner, CSU Northridge, "The Professionalization of Teaching: The Female Teachers' Perspective." Victoria Bissel Brown, San Diego State University, Nancy Fitch, and Lamont H. Yeakey, CSU Los Angeles, will comment.

The annual WAWHLUNCHEON will be held immediately following the session, at 12:45, with Francesca Miller presiding. Professor Frances Richardson Keller, past-president of the WAWH and current president of the Coordinating Committee of Women in the Historical Profession, will speak on *Comparable Worth and Incomparable Costs: The Long View, The Legal View, The View Ahead*. All members of the AHA-PCB and guests are welcome! Tickets should be secured with registration, or the week in advance of the luncheon. Hope to see you all there!

Many members of the WAWH are participating in the PCB this year, and we particularly wish to call the attention of our members to the panel sponsored by the Coalition for Western Women's History, *Ethnicity and Gender in the Rural West*, which will be presented at 2 pm, Thursday, August 14.

AHA/PCB President Edwin Bingham, Program Chair Ralph Falconeri (U. of Oregon) and Arrangements Chair Roy Cubberly (U. of Hawaii) have put together an exciting conference, and the WAWH wishes to express its appreciation of their special consideration in the scheduling and arrangements for WAWH events.

CALIFORNIA HISTORY DAY

This year the WAWH was asked by member Nadine Hata to consider presenting a prize for the best paper on women's history at California History Day, an annual event held in Sacramento at which secondary students present history papers and projects. This year over three hundred junior and senior high school students entered their work, which ranged from papers to displays to video presentations. A number of WAWH members were involved in the judging and in preparation for History Day, including Mary Agnes Dougherty, Lynn Reese and Diane Spencer Pritchard. Mary Agnes, Lynn and Diane served as judges for the Heilbron Prize, presented by the California Historical Society for the best overall project relating to California History.

The theme for 1986 was "Conflict and Compromise," and the WAWH awarded the first prize given in the category of women's history to Michelle Lollock of St. Francis High School, for her paper "The Women's Rights' Movement 1830-1860. Diane Pritchard, representing the WAWH, presented a copy of Jane DeHart Matthews and Linda Kerber's book *Women's America: A History of Women in the United States* to Ms. Lollock, with our congratulations.

WAWH CONFERENCE 1987

First Call for Papers!

The WAWH will meet at the University of California, Davis, May 8-9-10, 1987. This will be the first time the WAWH has met at Davis, and the Department of History, the Women's Studies Program and the Women's Resources and Research Center are all planning special contributions to the conference. Transportation to Davis by plane has become relatively simple, as Davis is only 20 minutes from the Sacramento Airport and inexpensive limousine service is available. Accommodations have been arranged directly off campus. This promises to be an exciting meeting and will undoubtedly attract a sizeable audience from the campus community as well as from our own membership. We welcome your proposals for sessions and papers, which should be sent to Program Chair Dr. Marguerite Renner, 775 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena, California 91104. Deadline for submissions January 15, 1987.

MOTHER'S DAY, OR JULIA WARD HOWE, WHAT HAVE YOU WROUGHT?

Let me begin by stating that the program committee and executive board of the WAWH had no previous inkling of the passions aroused by holding the final sessions of the WAWH annual conference on the morning of Mother's Day. In our pre-occupation with avoiding Easter, Passover, the annual meeting of the OAH, British Studies, et. al., not to mention the commencement ceremonies which now begin as early as the third week in May and involve many of our members, we had not realized that we should also avoid Mother's Day.

In our future planning, the WAWH will do all possible not to schedule the meeting on Mother's Day. However, in the interests of preserving an historical record of the rich and diverse opinions held by our membership on this subject (as on nearly all others), I present you with this account of opinions which were voiced at the conference. So, keep your sense of humor and a good historical perspective and read on. Motherhood in the eighties is definitely a hot issue!

The Premise: Mother's Day provides a special holiday which places consideration of the woman in the family at the center of attention. It is probably the one holiday of the year on which the mother is not expected to cook or otherwise arrange the festivities, and for that reason alone may be a day not easily passed up. And it is a time when we can specially honor our own mothers.

What may surprise some is that this is not a universally-held position.

Those who expressed their dismay at holding the conference on Mother's Day were matched by those who feel that Mother's Day holds gender-related political implications with which they strongly disagree. Some feel that the institutionalized celebration of Mother's Day, a celebration sanctioned by the executive branch of the United States government, is an insistence upon biology as destiny, and supportive of traditional gender roles. Others believe that it is a crock, a capitalist holiday which promotes consumerism by playing upon the guilt of those who perhaps don't remember mama the other 364 days of the year, to the great financial benefit of Hallmark, AT&T, and the National Florist's Association.

Many of the women scholars who do not themselves have children or who have lost their mothers were taken aback at the fervor with which some WAWH members expressed themselves

on the issue, as were others of us who do have children and mothers, but who feel that in participating in a conference with our sister historians we are honoring our female heritage, our mothers, our grandmothers, our female precursors, and that we are building a visible female legacy to pass on to our children and grandchildren.

Certainly the executive board and the conference planning committees of the WAWH have **no desire** to perpetuate what has emerged as a divisive issue. Long-range scheduling is now imperative in planning the WAWH Conference (Asilomar, for example, will not currently accept conference reservations for any dates prior to 1989), and our plans for the 1987 meeting are already advanced. Thus, we ask you to please bear with us one more year, and to help us in making our future plans by filling out the following questionnaire and returning it to President-Elect Jacqueline Barnhart, Department of History, CSU Chico 95926.

Help in the Planning

For as long as any of us can remember the dates of the WAWH conference have come in conflict with other events forcing some unhappy choices for members. April is filled with the OAH, British studies, American studies, Medieval studies, Easter, Passover, etc., etc. Late May means finals and graduation ceremonies most of us must attend. That leaves the second weekend in May which, of course, means a Mother's Day conflict. There are a couple of alternatives: a Fall conference (Oct./Nov.), or a Thursday night, Friday, Saturday meeting. The latter would mean canceling our Friday classes but most of us have to do that anyway for travel. It is too late to make changes for the 1987 conference but please take the time to check off your choice or offer a brilliant alternative and have a voice in the decision rather than a complaint after the fact

- Keep conference days the same
- Change to Thursday through Saturday
- Change to Fall Conference
- Brilliant alternative suggestion to be discussed at 1987 Business Meeting

Please clip and return to: Jackie Barnhart, History Dept., Calif. State Univ., Chico 95929.

WAWH GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE 1987

The WAWH invites all graduate students who hold membership in the organization to enter scholarly papers in this competition. Papers should be appropriate for presentation at the annual conference. Three copies of each paper should be submitted to the prize committee by January 15, 1987. Winning papers will be read at the WAWH annual spring conference May 8-10, 1987 at the University of California, Davis. The association offers an award of \$50 to the author of each paper selected for presentation by the prize committee. The committee may choose as many as three papers. Additional information may be obtained from, and papers submitted to, Prize Committee Chair M'K. Veloz, Department of History, California State University, Hayward, Hayward, California 94524.

1987 SIERRA AWARD

In 1987 the Sierra Award will be given for the best book published by a member of the WAWH during 1985-86 in any field of history. The award will be presented at the Presidents' Dinner at the annual conference. Inquiries and submissions should be directed to: Professor Linda Popofsky, Department of History, Mills College, Oakland, California 94613. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 1987.

1987 WAWH ARTICLE PRIZE

All members of the WAWH are encouraged to submit articles published in 1985 and 1986 to the article prize committee. All fields of history will be considered; submissions should include full scholarly apparatus. The prize will be announced at the Presidents' Dinner at the annual conference. Inquiries and submissions should be directed to Professor Louise Wade, Department of History, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 1987.

WAWH GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP 1987

The WAWH Graduate Student Fellowship is open to graduate student members of the WAWH who have completed all work toward the Ph.D. degree except the dissertation. The current award is \$500. For guidelines and further information, please contact Fellowship Chair Elizabeth Griego, Mills College, Oakland, California 94613.

ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE 1989

As many of you know the WAWH will celebrate its 20th Anniversary in 1989. If everything goes as planned the conference will be held at Asilomar where the organization first met. Given the fact that we have not only survived for twenty years but have grown and prospered it is time, perhaps past time, that we begin to put together a history of the Association. With that goal in mind I would like to contact founding members and former officers of the Association. If you were an early member, an officer, or know where any of the "lost" officers are please send me names and addresses and I'll be in touch. Contact Jacqueline Barnhart, History Dept, Calif. State University, Chico, Calif. 95929.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The Coalition for Western Women's History is planning to hold a conference on "The Women's West: Race, Class and Culture" summer 1987 in the San Francisco Bay Area. A planning group, chaired by Betsy Jameson, will meet in the Bay Area in August 1986, to bring together representative academics, teachers and community-based writers working on the multicultural history of western women. If you are interested in participating, or know of others who are working in this area, contact Sue Armitage, Women's Studies Program, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington 99164-4032; (509) 335-1794.

"Women and Farming: Changing Roles, Changing Structure," the second conference on American farm women in historical perspective, will be held at the U. of Wisconsin-Madison, October 16-18, 1986. For more information contact Eugene Wilkening, 308-G Agriculture Hall, Dept of Sociology, UW-Madison, WI 53706.

CLOSE UP AT THE LABOR ARCHIVES

The Labor Archives and Research Center of San Francisco State University was founded in 1984, following years of effort by the Bay Area labor movement to establish a repository for historical documents. Over three hundred labor leaders, retirees, and university faculty and staff attended our February 13, 1986 opening to celebrate the long-awaited event.

The Center collects archival and printed materials which document the lives of Northern California working men and women and their unions. It houses, for example, records of the Bay Area Typographical Union, Local 21, the oldest continually existing union in the Bay Area, dating back to 1852 (although the records begin in 1906). Included in this collection are minutes, newsletters and membership cards as well as ribbons from various conventions. In contrast is the San Francisco State University Organizing Collection— materials from the 1950s to the present documenting the union organizing efforts at the University among faculty and staff, including leaflets and posters. Papers of unionists and friends of labor have also been collected. Among them are the papers of David Selvin, labor journalist and historian, and Norman Leonard, labor lawyer for the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

The Curator of Visual Collections and Exhibits, Karen Lewis, maintains the exhibit cases in the reading room, which feature displays of photographs, ephemera, and union documents from the Archives' collection.

Though the collection is not large at present, we have been approached by a steady stream of individuals and organizations interested in donating their personal labor holdings. We are in the middle of a systematic survey of fifty local unions from the Bay Area, indicating what has been preserved, how it is currently being stored, and what might be transferred to the Archives. The local unions surveyed thus far have been excited by the interest shown in their history and grateful for advice on records management. Sixteen unions and councils have been completed.

Our major constraint is space: we are currently housed in the Sutro Library on the San Francisco State University campus and are rapidly outgrowing the limited quarters.

The Archives will also serve as a clearinghouse for research on Northern California labor. We are compiling a union list of primary sources relating to California labor, which will be updated periodically. We are surprised to find these collections as far east as Atlanta, and many are at the Historical Society of Wisconsin and Wayne State University.

Other long-term goals for the Archives include developing education cumcula for the public schools based on the collection, establishing an oral history project, and offering a speaker's bureau for high school and college classes.

The Archives is governed by an Advisory Board composed of labor leaders, archivists and librarians, and representatives of the academic community. The staff reports to the director of the San Francisco State University Library and is an integral part of the CSU library system.

The Archives is open by appointment, and individual and group tours are available. For a brochure and future information, write to Lynn A. Bonfield, Director, Labor Archives and Research Center, 480 Winston Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132 or call (415) 564-4010.

— Lynn Bonfield

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members:

- Mary **Kenon** Breazeale: California State University, Northridge; art history, 19th and 20th centuries.
- Zelda Bronstein: University of California, Santa Barbara; American literary and cultural history.
- Linda **Fischer**: University of California, Riverside; American history, colonial period to the present
- Carole Collier Frick: University of California, Los Angeles; Renaissance Italy, women and family.
- Barbara **Hallman**: California Polytechnic State University; 15th and 16th century Italy, Church history.
- Michaela** Marie Heeb: California State University, Northridge; psychology and anthropology, aggression in primate societies.
- Lorraine Helms: Stanford University; theater history, English Renaissance theater.
- Ann F. Hobbs
- Julie A. Jones: San **Diego** State University; Jacksonian U.S., antebellum history.
- Elizabeth Keyser: University of California, Santa Barbara; 19th century American fiction, women's and children's literature.
- Maureen Moore: San **Diego** State University; **U.S.** history, reform, immigration.
- Kathy Ogren: University of Redlands; American social, cultural, and intellectual history; women's history; jazz performance and women and performance.
- Anna C. Rivera: San **Diego** State University.
- Narda Schwartz: women's studies, feminist literary criticism.
- Dorothy W. Smoker: Pasadena and Hawaii.
- Gina **Strumwasser**: California State University, Fresno; art history, Renaissance Baroque.
- Emily Teipe: University of California, Riverside.
- Joi Cardinal **Weston**: California State University, Northridge; 19th century British studies, women dons at Oxford.
- Rosalyn Zakheim: Senior Attorney, Court of Appeal, State of California, Second Appellate District (**Los Angeles**), Chair of Oral History Project of the Women Lawyers Assoc. of Los Angeles.
- Ann K. Johnson: University of Denver; American history, women's history.

It's easy to join **WAWH!** Just send your dues check to: Georgiana Davidson, **Secretary/Treasurer**, 1623 Francisco St., Apt B, Berkeley, CA 94703. Please include a little information about your research and teaching interests, and if you have an academic **affiliation** let us know that too. A current phone number is also appreciated. New members receive all the issues of *The Networker* for the year of their membership, including back issues.

Dues are: **\$15.00** full-time employed; **\$10.00** part-time employed; **\$5.00** graduate students and independent scholars.

Contributions to the Graduate Student Fellowship Fund are also much appreciated.

CALL FOR PAPERS

— *Frontiers*, a journal of women studies plans an upcoming issue on the subject "Women in the American South," and is soliciting scholarly articles and personal essays on the topic. They are particularly interested in the subjects of older black women, black and white women's relationships across class and racial lines, Southern women's work, Southern women and the sense of family and family bonds, Yankee women in the south, education for girls and women in the South, and many others. They will also consider short fiction and poetry and particularly encourage photography and art submissions. Send all submissions and queries to: **Frontiers**, Campus Box 325, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309 by October 31, 1986.

— The Oral History Association will meet on the Queen Mary in **Long Beach, CA**, on October 23-26, 1986. The conference is entitled "The Transformation of the West," and possibly will include papers on oral histories of western women. For more information, contact Sherna **Gluck**, 19988 Observation Drive, Topanga, CA 90209.

— The Western History Association will hold its 27th annual meeting in **Los Angeles** October 7-10, 1987. The program committee is particularly interested in sessions that deal with new directions, themes and methodologies in the study of the American West. Send ten copies of proposals (maximum one typed page with brief vita) by August 15, 1986, to Paul Andrew **Hutton**, Chair, Department of History, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131. Proposals for the entire sessions are encouraged.

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— The Educational TV and Film Center of Washington, DC recently announced release of a new film entitled "The Global Assembly Line." The movie, directed by Lorraine Gray, is a 58-minute documentary filmed in electronics and garment factories, homes and communities in the United States, Mexico's northern border and the Phillipine Islands. It follows with detail and intimacy the lives of working women and men in the "free trade zones" of developing countries and examines manufacturing industries which close their labor-intensive operations in the U.S. to search the globe for lower-wage workforces. The film is available from New Day Films, 22 Riverview Drive, Wayne, NY 07470-3191, telephone (201) 633-0212.

— **P. H. McCarthy**, former San Francisco mayor and leader of the city's building trades unions at the turn of the century, is the focus of an exhibit which opened at the Labor Archives and Research Center at San Francisco State University on June 5. The exhibit includes photographs, correspondence, newspaper clippings and other mementos of **McCarthy's** colorful life. A program on New Deal art is scheduled for October, and later in the year the International Workers of the World will be the subject of another exhibit. For further information, contact Lynn Bonfield at 480 Winston Drive, San Francisco.

— For the 75th anniversary of voting rights for California women, there will be a major exhibit at the California History Center at De Anza College, Cupertino, CA, co-sponsored with the Women's Heritage Museum project. The exhibit, titled "California Woman Suffrage," will touch upon the ways that women worked to gain suffrage and other rights. It will open October 11, 1986, the day the amendment to the California constitution passed in 1911, and run through National Women's History week in March 1987. If you know of available artifacts, please write Women's Heritage Museum, 1509 Portola, **Palo Alto**, CA 94306.

— The Women's History Network is compiling a list of specific monuments to women in each state and community, special museums or art collections devoted exclusively to women and women's work, historic women's homes, sites and plaques, and ask that anyone knowing the location of such sites contact them. They plan to use the information in several upcoming projects, including a listing in the Community Resources Planning Guide for National Women's History Month, referrals for people and media, and eventually a special publication. Send information to: Network News, National Women's History Project, P.O. Box 3716, Santa Rosa, CA 95204.

— Several traveling exhibits available for use within individual communities might be of interest to readers and organizations. "A Gallery of Women" features stories of quiet and unassuming women of merit on four doubled-sided, freestanding plexiglass panels. Each panel is organized around one of four themes: Imagination, Strength, Determination and Daring. The final panel of the gallery focuses on contemporary women of different ethnic and social backgrounds. The exhibit occupies a 20' x 20' floor space and is available without charge from Galloway, Begil and Assoc. 1904 Sherman, Suite 203, Denver, CO 80203.

"Generations of Women" is comprised of family photographs and narratives in which women of various historical periods, ages, social classes, ethnic and national groups are captured in portraits and candid shots taken in this country and abroad from the 1860s to the 1970s. They are grouped in five thematic groups and have been exhibited in over a hundred locations since they were assembled by the Women's Studies students and staff at Jersey City State College. Rental arrangements are flexible and fees vary. For information, contact **Dorid Friedenshon**, Women's Studies, Jersey City State College, Jersey City, NJ 07305.

"Women of Courage" features Judith Sedwick's photographs of participants in the Black Women Oral History Project of the Schlesinger Library. It appeared in the San Francisco City Hall in June 1986 and can be seen in the California Museum of Afro-American History and Culture in **Los Angeles** in **December**. For more information contact Ruth Hill, Audio-Visual Coordinator of the Schlesinger Library, 3 James Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

"My Daughter the Scientist" is a fascinating exhibit on the role of women in science and engineering which explores the challenges and excitement of those careers and the attitudes which affect a woman's participation. The thoroughly interactive 3,000 square foot installation focuses on historic and contemporary achievements, social influences and barriers affecting entry and success in the fields, and provides encouragement for young girls to consider such careers. For more information contact David Ucko, Programs Division Chair, Museum of Science and Industry, 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60637.

"Women of Sweetgrass, Cedar and Sage" is the first exhibit devoted entirely to the contemporary art of Native American women. The shop opened at the Gallery of American Indian Community in **New York City**. Scheduling information and their beautifully designed catalog are available from **Atlal**, **Attn: Erin Younger**, 402 West Rossevelt Phoenix, AZ 85003.

The Archival Center of the Archdiocese of **Los Angeles** is located in Mission San Fernando and was dedicated on September 13, 1981 in response to the Catholic Church's obligation to collect and preserve those documents and other records associated with the human activities which comprise California's Catholic heritage. The basic function of the new Archival center is to collect, preserve, study and interpret any and all documents, diaries, manuscripts, brochures, photographs and other items related to the Catholic faith in California. The center presently contains a library, and historical museum and should not be

overlooked by those researchers on subjects falling under the Archival Center's collections policy.

— The Huntington Library Women's Studies Seminar has just completed its second year of programs pursuing the theme "Rethinking Women," and will be planning the 1986-87 series over the summer months. Penny **Kanner**, chair of the seminar, announces that a report on the proceedings of past seminars, together with **exerpts** from the formal papers presented, is now available in pamphlet form for \$6.50. For further information, contact Suzanne Hull, The Huntington Library, 1152 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108.

MEMBER NEWS

BARBARA PENNY **KANNER** has received a UCLA appointment as Research Associate to the new Center for the Study of Women, established at UCLA last year. The Center is sponsoring her **two-volume** guide to research which she expects to complete this year entitled *Women in English Social History, 1800-1914*. It will be published by Garland Publishing, Inc. in New York

JOYCE DUNCAN FALK recently prepared "A Guide to Historical Literature and Other Issues in History Bibliography," on behalf of the Association for the Bibliography of History. It was submitted to the Research Division of the AHA and copies are available from Jane Rosenberg, c/o Council on Library Resources, 1785 Mass Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036.

JOAN M. JENSEN will be visiting professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, during spring 1987.

PAT NEILS writes she will be spending four to six weeks in the Republic of China visiting and lecturing at various universities on Chinese-American intercultural relations during fall 1986.

MARGARET DELACY has received a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies for 1987 to complete work on an upcoming book detailing medicine and society in Eighteenth Century England.

SARAH SHARP recently completed lengthy oral history interviews with notable Californians Edwin Reinicke, Wilson Riles and Charles Warren on important aspects of state government and politics, education programs and environmental policy from 1960 to 1975. They are among twenty-seven oral histories she has conducted for the 115-intervieweeseries on the administration of Governor Ronald Reagan now nearing completion at UC Berkeley. In September Sarah will assume new responsibilities at Bowling Green State University as assistant professor of U.S. History and **co-chair** of the graduate program in public history.

SHIRLENE **SOTO** is currently working on a manuscript detailing the role of women in the Mexican Revolution for publication in 1987 by the Arden Press. She recently completed a year as a Postdoctoral Scholar at UCLA and will return to teaching in the Department of Chicano Studies at California State University, Northridge, this fall.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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Patricia Lyn Scott and Maureen Ursenbach Beecher have compiled a bibliography of works published on mormon women 1977-1985 which appears in the 1985 volume of the *Journal of Mormon History*.

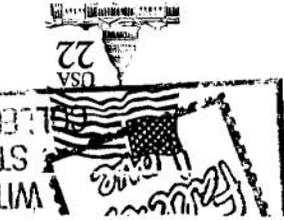
The National Women's Health Report recently began publication and focuses on the facts, current health issues and preventative medicine aspects of women's health. Cost is **\$15.00/year**. To subscribe write National Women's Health Report, P.O. Box 25307, Georgetown Station, Washington, DC 20007.

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