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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Instead of the profound president's message you have become accustomed to, this message is merely informational.

The August meeting of PCB, cosponsored by WAWH, was a glowing success. Jess Flemion and her program committee, including Karen Offen as WAWH liaison, did an outstanding job. As we already know and others are beginning to discover, some of the most exciting new research is being done by women. And although the research is often in the field of women's history, that is not exclusively the case. As was obvious in the PCB sessions that Jess so skillfully integrated, women bring a new perspective to even the most hashed-over areas of study, which reawakens the excitement.

And that leads me to my next point of information. (Graduate students, beware: you are not allowed to use such an obvious transitional ploy unless you are President and have your own column.) By far the largest response from the last newsletter, either on the questionnaire or by note, was to my plea that women in fields other than women's history propose papers and panels. Everyone who took the time to write agreed: learning what new work is being done in women's history is exciting, but if you neither teach nor research in the field, the value is diminished. If you had such a response, you aren't alone, but now it is up to you. Propose a paper or put together a panel in your field. What better occasion to break the ice than at our 20th anniversary, when time is being set aside for a membership discussion on where we want to go in the next 20 years.

(Obvious transition #2.)

And speaking of the 1989 meeting ... I was a little surprised by the number of members attending PCB who heard Grace Larsen's terrific luncheon address on the origins of WAWH and afterwards said that they hadn't realized this was our 20th year. I thought I was on the verge of overkill in reminding everyone.

If you missed the reminders of the anniversary meeting at Asilomar (Pacific Grove) the second weekend in June 1989, then you may also have missed the fact that I am trying to put together a narrative history of the organization for that meeting. I have written to past presidents and other officers and co-founders, requesting that they write up their reminiscences of their time in office and send them to me ASAP. The questionnaire in the last issue of the Networker was meant to gather even more material from members. In case I was too subtle (not one of my better known traits), let me clarify. If you were one of the early members (1969, 70, 71, etc.), if you held office (program chair, editor, **secretary/treasurer**, President, etc.), or if you have anything you think should be included in this first narrative history, then write it up and send it to me. If you keep in contact with past officers or with members who, for whatever reason, are no longer members, pass this request on to them. In other words, HELP!!!

Jackie

CALL FOR PAPERS

The WAWH welcomes the submission of paper topics or full panels for its 20th Anniversary meeting, June 9th, 10th, 11th, 1989 at Asilomar (Pacific Grove, Monterey County, CA). Send proposals to Program Chair: Glenna Matthews, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305. Final deadline is February 15, 1989.

The 8th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, "Crossing the Boundaries in Feminist History," will be held June 7-10, 1990 at Douglas College, Rutgers University. Submit proposals in triplicate by February 1, 1989, to Jane Caplan, Dept. of History, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010, or Nancy Cott, American Studies Program, 1504A Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520.

The Journal of Women's History will begin publication in February 1989 to provide an outlet for the abundance of new historical research on women. The Journal will not espouse any particular ideological or methodological approach. Please submit three copies or a disk of your paper to The Journal of Women's History, c/o the Department of Afro-American Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405; telephone (812) 855-3874.

GRAD NEWS

I have collected information on a variety of graduate fellowships. For some I have been able to obtain due dates, but for others I have only addresses and a bit of information about the awards. These are listed in no particular order.

American Association of University Women. American Fellowships (Dissertation): The AAUW offers \$10,000 fellowships for graduate students working in any field. Applicants must have completed all course work and doctoral examinations (except the dissertation defense) by November 30, 1988. These fellowships provide funding for the final year of research and writing. This is a very competitive award: in 1988, 53 of 604 applicants received dissertation fellowships. There is a \$15 processing fee. Write to: American Fellowships, AAUW Educational Foundation, 2401 Virginia Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20037. The deadline for submission of all application materials is November 15, 1988.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships: These fellowships are also for \$10,000 and 40 are given out each year. These fellowships are designed specifically to support work on ethical or religious values; applicants must finish all pre-dissertation requirements by December 31, 1988. The awards are intended to fund the last year of research and writing. Applications must be requested by December 9, 1988; write to: Newcombe Dissertation Fellowships, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, P.O. Box 642, Princeton, NJ 08542. Completed applications must be postmarked by December 31, 1988.

The Congregational History Project will award up to seven dissertation fellowships for the 1989-90 academic year. Applicants must be candidates for the Ph.D. or Th.D. at North American graduate schools who have completed all pre-dissertation requirements by the time of application. For information and applications, contact James W. Lewis, Congregational History Project, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, 1025 E. 58th St., Chicago, IL 60637. The application deadline is January 1, 1989.

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation also offers smaller (\$1000) Women's Studies Research Grants for Doctoral Candidates. These are for doctoral students who have completed all pre-dissertation requirements in any field and who are pursuing research on women. The monies are designed to fund research expenses connected with the dissertation (travel, books, microfilming, taping, computer services). The application deadline is November 9, 1988. For application materials, write to: Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Dep't. WS, P.O. Box 642, Princeton, NJ 08542.

The National Women's Studies Association likewise offers several small awards for graduate students: Pergamon-NWSA Scholarships (for masters or Ph.D. students in any field working in interdisciplinary women's studies, with preference given to those whose research involves women of color, class, or Third World women) and Naiad-NWSA Scholarships (for students working in Lesbian studies). There are two Pergamon-NWSA awards (one for \$1 000 and one for \$500) and one Naiad-NWSA award (for \$500). For applications, write to: Caryn McTighe Musil, National Women's Studies Association, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742. They have not supplied a deadline yet for next year, but in 1988 applications were due on March 1.

The Business and Professional Women's Foundation offers several grants to doctoral candidates; these average between \$500 and \$3000. The Lena Lake Forrest Fellowship and BPW Research Grants support research which has policy implications in one of the following areas: changing employment patterns; gender, race, and class; women in organizations; work and family. The Sally Butler Memorial Fund for Latina Research supports work by and about Latinas (and which also has policy implications for the areas above). Monies are given for field expenses, computer time, printing and duplicating, transcription, supplies and postage, and travel to the research site. Last year's applications were available between September 1 and December 15 and had to be postmarked by January 20, 1988. To obtain

more information, write to: Business and Professional Women's Foundation, 2012 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Several libraries offer fellowships to graduate students who will use the institutions' holdings in their dissertations.

The Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, offers one to three month fellowships (\$1500 per month). Doctoral candidates can be at any stage of the research/writing process but must demonstrate that their work will be enhanced by use of the Huntington's collections. Last year the application deadline was December 1, 1987. Write to: Martin Ridge, Committee on Awards, Huntington Library, San Marino, CA 91108 for application procedures.

The Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley, offers awards of \$5000 (for the academic year) to utilize its holdings. Its fellowships are for UC graduate students only, who are beyond their first year of graduate study and who are engaged in research on a subject whose source materials are available at the Bancroft Library. Fellows must be registered on a UC campus during their year of study at the Bancroft. Applications are available from: The Committee on Fellowships and Graduate Scholarships, 1 California Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720. Last year all materials were due on January 5, 1988.

The Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs at Wayne State University offers a travel grant program for graduate students working on their dissertations. Awards are for approximately \$750. Applicants must show that their research will be aided by access to the Library of Labor and Urban Affairs collection. As far as I know, there is no set deadline.

The Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America also offers dissertation travel grants to facilitate the use of their holdings. For information, write to Elizabeth Shenton, Assistant to the Director, The Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Radcliffe College, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

The Pacific Coast Branch of the AHA has instituted the W. Turrentine Jackson Prize for outstanding scholarship by a graduate student. The prize will be awarded at the annual conference of the PCB/AHA to a student whose essay within the field of concentration of the Pacific Historical Review has been judged to be of outstanding quality. The essay will be published in

PHR and the author will receive \$250. Applicants can submit their essays at any time during the year to Norris Hundley, Managing Editor, Pacific Historical Review, 6339 Bunche Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

I hope this information proves useful. I would also like to remind you that I will be putting together a panel of "Dissertations-in-Progress" for the May 1989 WAWH meeting. I hope this panel will bring together graduate student members of WAWH from many campuses to discuss the prospects and problems of dissertation research and writing. Those who are interested in presenting their work-in-progress, should contact me:

Sherry Katz
916 Neilson St.
Albany, CA 94706

JOBS

HISTORY: Tenure-track, assistant professor level appointment in American diplomatic history, preferably with an East Asian emphasis, beginning fall semester 1989. Ability to teach U.S. survey is essential. Ph.D. required by August 1989. Salary range: \$28,884 - \$34,752. Send letters of application, resume, and dossier by November 1, 1988 to:

Dale Steiner, Chair
Department of History
California State University, Chico
Chico, CA 95929-0735

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WOMEN'S STUDIES: Pitzer College, a member of the Claremont Colleges, invites applications for a tenure track appointment in Women's Studies, at the assistant professor level. For the first five years, the appointee will hold a MacArthur Chair in Women's Studies. The position calls for someone whose training, research, and teaching interests focus on women of color and whose work would foster both critical analysis and appreciation of the cultural, political, and socioeconomic situations of women of color in the United States. A Ph.D. is preferred. Candidates trained in any of the social sciences, including history, will be considered. While the primary appointment will be in Women's Studies, a joint appointment in a second discipline is possible. Send curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, and other relevant materials to Alfred H. Bloom, Dean of Faculty, Pitzer College, Claremont, CA 91711-6110. Candidates are urged to apply by October 31, 1988.

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

The Wayne State University Dept. of History and the Walter P. Reuther Library will sponsor the 10th Annual North American Labor History Conference at Wayne State University, October 20-22. The program will include sessions dealing with Canadian and European labor history as well as American. For information, contact Christopher H. Johnson, Dept. of History, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202; telephone (313) 577-2525.

The American Studies Association will hold its annual convention at the Miami Beach Fontainebleau Hilton on October 27-30. The theme of the sessions and workshops will be "Creativity in Difference: The Cultures of Gender, Race, Ethnicity, and Class." For more information, contact John Stephens, Executive Director, American Studies Association, 2100 Taliaferro Hall, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742; telephone (301) 454-2533.

The Center for the Study of Women at UCLA announces a conference on graduate training in U.S. women's history. The conference will be at the Johnson Foundation Wingspread Conference Center, Racine, Wisconsin in October 1988. Conference participants will be drawn primarily from scholars who train Ph.D. students in U.S. women's history. For more information, contact Kathryn Kish Sklar, Department of History, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

WAWH TREASURER'S REPORT Fiscal Year 1987-1988

In fiscal 1987-88, the WAWH had an adjusted beginning balance of \$5,879.27. Income came largely in the form of membership dues (\$2350), conference fees (\$5048), donations toward the article award (\$500) and the graduate student fellowship fund (\$401). Offsetting these were such expenses as producing the newsletter (\$1790), subscriptions (\$210), conference expenses, including the Sierra Prize (\$5916), deposits for the 1989 conference (\$990), the article award (\$100) and the fellowship (\$500). The ending balance was \$3,960.62.

The graduate student fellowship represents the interest of the grad student fellowship fund (GSFF); the balance in the account as of June 1988 was \$7438. In calendar year 1987, the fund earned \$413.59; as of July 1988, it had earned \$152.96. Donations to the fund represent the principal on which interest will be earned.

Our treasurer has drawn the following conclusions from these figures:

1. Dues still cover general operating expenses, but leave little to credit toward the various prizes awarded.

2. If the Sierra Prize is costed against conference expenses, the organization is not charging enough for the conference. Even if that prize is costed against general operating expenses, conference fees do not quite cover costs (\$369 in the red).

3. Interest on the GSFF account is not sufficient to cover the \$500 award granted annually. As shown, in 1987 with higher interest rates, the account earned \$413.59. This year it will earn just over \$300, due to the decline in interest rates.

4. In sum, regardless of what expenses are costed where, the organization needs to raise an extra \$500 a year to continue in the black.

GRAD STUDENT FELLOWSHIP FUND

As is clear from the treasurer's report, donations to the Graduate Student Fellowship Fund are needed in order to be able to take the award out of the interest on the fund, not out of the principal or general operating budget. Those who have not attended the fund-raising wine and cheese parties at our annual conferences -- and even those who have -- may wish to contribute \$10 or \$15 (tax-deductible) to support this worthwhile part of WAWH's mission.

WHERE DUES ARE CREDIT

The dues mailing I sent out in June and July has reaped a healthy harvest. Thanks to all who responded so promptly. The WAWH treasury can certainly use the cash!

The year shown on your mailing label reflects the last year for which we show dues to have been paid. My records are up to date as of August 20th, so if you haven't yet sent in your 1988 dues, please do so. We plan to start purging the names of those whose dues are not reasonably current; if you want to continue to receive the WAWH newsletter and to maintain your association with our organization, please make sure your dues are up to date. Please use the membership form on the back of the newsletter when renewing.

Lorrie O'Dell

IN MEMORIAM

Sylvia Harcstark Myers, a member of WAWH since 1977, died on June 28, 1988, of a heart attack. She was a noted scholar in 18th-century English literature, with an emphasis on women writers.

She held degrees from Brooklyn College, Cornell University, and the University of California, Berkeley. She taught in the English departments at several colleges and universities in California, and was an affiliated scholar at the Center for Research on Women and Gender at Stanford and the Institute for Historical Study. Her most recent book, The Bluestocking Circle: Women, Friendship and the Life of the Mind in Eighteenth-Century England, will be published by the Oxford University Press.

REMEMBER WHEN

As things ease a little in the job market, some of us might forget what it was like on the part-time or temporary rolls. To remind us that we still have a long way to go, I recommend "When Solutions Become Problems: Taking a Stand on Part-Time Employment" in Academe, June 1988.

Jackie

WAWH PRIZES AND AWARDS

1989 SIERRA AWARD

The WAWH will award the 1989 Sierra Prize of \$100 for the best monograph by a WAWH member at its annual meeting in June 1989. Authors must be WAWH members; the book must be a monograph based on original research (not an anthology or edited work); the prize is open to all fields of history. Send three copies no later than March 1, 1989 to Tanis Thorne, Chair, Sierra Prize, History Department, UCLA, 405 Hilgarde Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

JUDITH LEE RIDGE PRIZE

All members of the WAWH are encouraged to submit articles published in 1987 and 1988 to the article prize committee. All fields of history will be considered; submissions must include full scholarly apparatus. The prize, named for the daughter of Martin and Sally Ridge, will be announced at the President's Dinner at the 1989 annual conference. Inquiries and submissions (in triplicate) should be directed to Marguerite Renner, Chair, 775 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91104. The deadline is March 1, 1989.

1989 GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

WAWH annually offers a fellowship of \$500 to a graduate student for work on a doctoral dissertation in history. To be eligible, a student must be advanced to candidacy and expect to receive a Ph.D. no sooner than December 1989. Candidates for the 1989 award must submit a completed application by March 1. For information and applications, please contact the chair of the graduate student fellowship selection committee, Paula Eldot, Department of History, California State University at Sacramento, Sacramento, CA 95819. Applicants must be members of WAWH. Please address inquiries to the association's secretary, Lorrie O'Dell, 602 Calmar, Oakland, CA 94610.

NEW MEMBERS

The WAWH welcomes these new members, who continue to represent a wide variety of backgrounds and interests.

Ruth M. Alexander, assistant professor, Colorado State University, studying U.S. women's history, female adolescence, sexuality, and sex delinquency.

Nancy Page Fernandez, independent scholar, researching domestic technology and household labor.

Nancy Fitch, Cal State University, Fullerton, studying European and women's history.

Leslie A. Flemming, associate dean, University of Arizona, studying modern South Asian women's history, especially American women missionaries in South Asia.

Elizabeth Hillman, graduate student, San Jose State University, in art history.

Luanne Paul King, independent scholar and self-employed writer/producer (Luanne Paul Productions), studying Harriet Quimby, the U.S. Progressive era journalist, music and drama critic, and pioneer aviator.

Donna Mungen, Cal State University, Northridge, in African-American Studies.

Anne Marie Pois, instructor, University of Colorado, studying American women's history and 20th-century peace and reform movements.

Tara Sethia, visiting scholar at UCLA, studying colonialism and its impact on the colonized world, India, Southeast Asia, and business history.

Carole Srole, assistant professor, Cal State University, Los Angeles, in U.S. women's and labor history.

Linda Protus Thomas, independent scholar.

Darlien Underwood, student.

Rhona Zaid, graduate student, UCLA, in medieval and Renaissance Europe.

AMONG THE MISSING

We still lack current addresses for the following members of WAWH:

A.D. Griffin Arnold
Carole Collier Frick
Alette R. Hill
Judy Kutulas
Michaela Ruppert
Jill Watts
Ruth Yeazell

Please send any information on their whereabouts to Lorrie O'Dell, 602 Calmar, Oakland, CA 94610.

MEMBER NEWS

Ruth M. Alexander has an article forthcoming in the December 1988 issue of the Journal of American History, entitled "'We Are Engaged as a Band of Sisters': Class and Democracy in the Washingtonian Temperance Movement."

Jane Apostol has an article in the Southern California Quarterly 70 (Spring 1988): "Why Women Should Not Have the Vote: Anti-Suffrage Views in the Southland in 1911."

Michele Root Bernstein is working on a historical novel set in the French Revolution.

Margaret Washington Creel is now an associate professor of history at Cornell University. Her present research is on the Northern California Afro-American community, 1945-1970.

Leslie A. Flemming is currently completing a collection of essays on North American women missionaries in Asia, to be published by Westview Press.

Rochelle Gatlin presented a paper on Union W.A.G.E. and working-class feminism in the 1970s at the Pacific Coast Branch/AHA Conference in August 1988.

Jeanne Harrie has an article titled "Renaissance Hermeticism as a Formula for Peace: Some Responses Along Confessional Lines," in Renaissance Rereadings: Intertext and Context (University of Illinois Press, 1988.)

Dorothy Hewes has an article, "Depuis les 'Dames en epis de mais' jusqu'aux 'Bebechous' -- La commercialisation des poupees americains" in E.

Plaisance (editor) Jouet et Jeu dans l'histoire de l'education de la petite enfance (Paris: Universite Rene Descartes, 1987). She also presented two papers in Joensuu, Finland in July of 1988: "Organic Education in the Public Schools of Nineteenth Century America," at the International Standing Conference for the History of Education and "Kindergarten Teacher Training in the United States from 1870 to 1920," at the International Standing Working Group for the History of Early Childhood Education.

Elizabeth Hillman has a grant from American Association of University Women.

Judith M. Hughes expects her new book, Reshaping the Psychoanalytic Domain: The Work of Melanie Klein, W.R.D. Fairbairn, and D.W. Winnicott to be published by the University of California Press in the Spring of 1989.

Gloria Ricci Lothrop's article "West of Eden: Pioneer Media Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson in Los Angeles," appeared in the Journal of the West (April 1988).

Mary Jane Meeker offers slide lectures on a variety of subjects, focusing especially on the visual arts in Indiana.

Linda C.A. Przybyszewski published "Judge Sawyer and the Chinese: Civil Rights Decisions on the Ninth Circuit," Western Legal History (Winter/Spring 1988). She also presented a paper at the Law & Society Meeting in Vail, Colorado in June 1988: "A Neglected Man and Method: Studying John Marshall Harlan the Elder." It was fun.

Margaret Rose has been selected as an Affiliated Scholar for 1988-89 at the UCLA Center for the Study of Women.

Kathleen Sheldon has completed her dissertation on "Working Women in Beira, Mozambique," at UCLA and will be a lecturer in women's studies at California State University, Long Beach.

Eliane L. Silverman is on a two-year secondment to government, from the University of Calgary. She is now serving as the Director of Research, Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, in Ottawa.

Retha M. Warnicke's new book, The Rise and Fall of Anne Boleyn: Family Politics at the Court of Henry VIII, is forthcoming from Cambridge University Press.

Kristin Webb has received a Bancroft Fellowship for 1988-1989.

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