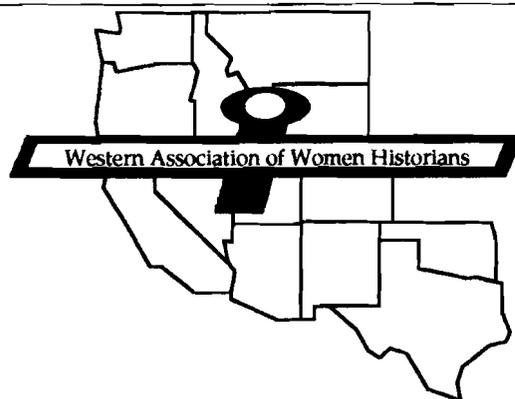

THE NETWORKER

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President's Column

Plans for our 25th anniversary are moving along. Our first activity will occur at the upcoming AHA in San Francisco. WAWH has joined with the Coordinating Committee on Women in the Historical Profession to co-sponsor the drop-in room for graduate students in the Franciscan Room at the Hilton. Coffee and light refreshments will be available. So drop in and mingle. In keeping with past practice, we are co-sponsoring the cocktail party that the CCWHP has every year at the conference.

I am also working to develop a brief review of our accomplishments over the last 25 years, which I hope to include in an expanded version of the program. I am not done, but I can say thus far, we have an impressive story, particularly given that we operate entirely as a voluntary association. I am working with Joan Moon to get materials that are stored in our archives at San Francisco State. I have written to several of you for thoughts and reflections, and I ask that you get back to me as soon as possible.

We have grown to be a large association. Our membership now numbers over 500, and it continues to grow as we reach out to new scholars. While many members live in California, fifteen states are now represented. As we have grown, we have added to the list of awards we offer and services we provide. The newsletter includes a wide range of information. The organization has changed in many ways. It is very easy for us to become an impersonal organization. But we have not. And we must not.

We must continue to offer the opportunity to share ideas about our research, writing, and teaching, even when our thoughts are only nebulous seeds. We must continue to offer helpful criticism and to celebrate the victories that help those tiny seeds to grow. WAWH still offers the special thoughtfulness that keeps us going.

I know why I think WAWH has remained the friendly association I joined fourteen years ago. But what are your thoughts on the organization? I ask those of you who have been members since the beginning to send me a few lines on your thoughts. How did you learn about WAWH and what made you decide to join? What are WAWH's special qualities? Has WAWH changed? If so, how? I also want to hear from newer members. WAWH is a special organization, but what makes it special to each of us may not be the same. May I have permission to quote you at our up-coming 25th anniversary celebration?

I have not received any pictures from past conferences, as I requested last summer, but I ask again that you keep

looking. It would be nice to include these in our commemorative program.

Paper and panel proposals are coming in for our meeting in May. And so are submissions for our prizes. But if you have not submitted yet, it is time to get busy. Members who are planning to submit a publication for a WAWH award have until February 15th. But it would certainly help the committee if you acted now. See page 3 for details....

It is time to renew your dues. We don't spend your dues to send each of you a personal reminder. Please remember that dues are renewable January 1st. So take this as your reminder to renew your dues. At the Tahoe meeting we agreed to increase the dues, and no one has written or called to oppose it. So that means the dues will be \$20 for full-time employed, \$15 for part-time/retired, \$8 for graduate students and independent scholars. Or you can decide to become a lifetime member for \$400.

I would like to thank those of you who suggested new places to send our call for papers and our awards announcements. This publicity was effective. I received several calls and letters for information in response to the widening network we are developing. I was also pleased to see that the AHA gave us a box in the November *Perspectives* announcing our call for papers. I asked them for special consideration, and they opted to print our announcement in a box — free of charge.

I also want to thank those of you who volunteered to help on various projects. If I have not called you yet, I have not forgotten you. I have also asked Sue Puz and Barb Stites to include the WAWH: LOOKING AHEAD form in this issue. I have modified it. Please complete it and mail it back to me. Thanks.

In terms of policy issues, we have been approached by Betsy Perry, CCWHP President, regarding our thoughts on the subject of a family leave policy. This is an issue which will become increasingly important as more women in the profession face the double-day, work at school and work at home. And the demands of the double-day become increasingly complex as those of us in the "sandwich" generation face the needs of caring for our parents and our children. Let me know if you have interests in helping to bring together our thoughts, and I will keep you posted on the work of the CCWHP and the AHA.

Peggy Renner



WAWH: Looking Ahead...

The board of WAWH needs to know how well our organization is serving you now and what we can do to serve you better in the future. We also need to know how you might be able to serve WAWH. Please fill out this questionnaire to help us plan. If you need extra space, use an additional sheet. Send your completed form to Peggy Renner, Glendale Community College, 1500 North Verdugo Road, Glendale, CA 91208. Thank you.

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Address: _____

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• Areas of specialization or interest (teaching and/or research):

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Graduate student _____	Senior faculty _____
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• Please indicate your interest in the following topics (check as many as apply):

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- Contributing to/helping with *The Networker* _____
- Assisting the treasurer _____
- Publicizing WAWH _____
- Serving as a mentor _____
- Working with a mentor _____
- Helping to organize a mentoring program _____
- Developing a local network of:

Graduate students _____	Independent scholars _____
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Teachers in other settings _____	Retired historians _____
- Participating in such a network _____
- Serving as liaison with international organizations _____
- Serving as liaison with national organizations _____

• What topics need more coverage in the newsletter?

• What topics could stand less coverage in the newsletter?

• What kinds of programs would you like to see more of at our annual conference?

• What kinds of programs could we have fewer of at our conference?

• How could WAWH better serve your professional needs?

• What should WAWH's long-term goals be?

• Additional questions or comments:

Each of the following awards is granted at the annual conference of the Western Association of Women Historians. Authors must be members of WAWH at the time of submission. The 1994 deadline for all submissions and applications is February 15, 1994.



**Prizes
Granted
by
The
Western
Association of
Women
Historians**

Sierra Prize

The WAWH will award the 1994 Sierra Prize (\$250) for the best monograph published by a WAWH member. Eligibility for the prize is limited to two groups: those residing in California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Alaska, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Texas, or Oklahoma; and WAWH members residing in other states who have paid membership for three years (not necessarily consecutive). 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. Please send a letter of intent to submit and three copies of the book to: Dr. Francesca Miller, 908 Fordham Drive, Davis, CA 95616.

Barbara Penny Kanner Award

The WAWH will award the first Barbara Penny Kanner Prize (\$500) to the best scholarly bibliographical and historical guide to research focused on Women's or Gender history. This award is intended to promote the practice of bibliomethodology, and to reflect the critical tools of the historian's craft as they have been developed to provide research guides. Book-length submissions are preferred but substantial guides in other forms (articles or book chapters) may also be considered. Applicant must be a member of the association at the time of application. For further information and an application, please contact: Frances Richardson Keller, 6874 More Drive, Oakland, CA 94611; telephone: (510) 339-2765.

Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize

The Western Association of Women Historians will award the 1994 Judith Lee Ridge Prize (\$100) for the best article published by a WAWH member. The article must have been published in 1992 or 1993. All fields of history will be considered, and submissions must include full scholarly apparatus. Inquiries and submissions (in triplicate) should be directed to: Dr. Ellen Huppert, 1490 Willard Street, San Francisco, CA 94117; telephone: (415) 665-1529.

Graduate Student Fellowship Award

The WAWH will award the 1994 Graduate Student Fellowship (\$1,000) to a graduate student who is a member of WAWH, has advanced to candidacy, is writing the dissertation at the time of application, and is expecting to receive the Ph.D. no earlier than December of the calendar year in which the award is made. For further information and application forms, please contact: Dr. Bogna Lorence-Kot, 1315 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, CA 94611.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Conference

**WAWH
Call for Papers**

The Western Association of Women Historians will convene for its 25th annual meeting at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California on May 20 - 22, 1994. Proposals are welcome on any subject, any time period, or any region, but the program committee is especially interested in those that offer comparative analyses or perspectives. Proposals for entire panels are preferred, but individual papers are also welcomed.

As part of our 25th anniversary celebra-

tion, the program committee will also develop sessions that focus on the status of women's history. Submissions covering all time periods and regions are encouraged. Individual papers are preferred.

Proposals should include four copies of one-page abstracts for each paper and four copies of a one-page curriculum vita for each person.

Please send proposals to: Kathie Sheldon, 925 14th Street, #24, Santa Monica, CA 90403. The deadline for submissions is January 7, 1994.



Grants and Awards

The California Council for the Promotion of History announces its annual competition for mini-grants. The program awards grants for projects involving historians and promoting quality history experiences for significant audiences. Applications are due **January 14, 1994**. Contact CA Council for the Promotion of History, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014.

The American Council of Learned Societies announces a program of travel grants of \$500 enabling scholars in all fields of the humanities to participate in international meetings held outside the U.S. Application deadline is **February 1, 1994**, for meetings held between June 1, 1994 and May 31, 1995. Contact ACLS Fellowship Office, 228 E. 45th St., NY, NY 10017-3398; (212) 697-1505.

The National Endowment for the Humanities publishes an overview of all of its funding opportunities. For a free copy, contact NEH *Overview*, Room 407, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.

The Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library has a junior-scholar fellowship to support scholarly research related to the U.S. Southwest prior to 1846. Send a c.v., research proposal, and letters of recommendation to Geiger Fellowship Committee, Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library, 2201 Laguna Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. Deadline: **April 1, 1994**.

Meetings

The Huntington Library Seminar in Women's Studies will hold a special Tenth Anniversary Symposium on Saturday, January 15, 1994 from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. The symposium focuses on "Reconciling Scholarship and Activism" and will feature a plenary address by Sheila Rowbotham. Two panels will explore the issue of "Reconciling the Demands of

Scholarship and Activism in Personal and Professional Life." Panelists include Lourdes Arguellas, Ellen DuBois, Sondra Hale, Jane Jaquette, Penny Kanner, Mary Kennedy, Shiela James Kuehl, Yolanda Moses, Gloria Romero, Mary Kay Tetreault, Chalmer Thompson and Mitsuye Yamada. The symposium is free. Pre-registration is required by **January 6, 1994**. For more information, contact Virginia Renner, The Huntington Library, (818) 405-2190.

Employment Information

US/Western-Southwestern History. CSU Long Beach. Tenure-track position at assistant or associate level in US history, specializing in the history of the southwest and western

US, including California, beginning Fall 1994. Background in social/cultural history of US, interactions between the Southwest and Mexico, Central America preferred. Ph.D. required. Send application, including resume, three letters of recommendation, transcripts to Prof. Sharon Sievers, Chair; History Dept., CSU Long Beach, Long Beach, CA 90840-1601. Application review will begin **January 10, 1994**. Interviews at AHA.

American Colonial and Revolutionary Era History. CSU Northridge. Assistant Professor, tenure track, beginning Fall, 1994. Applications including c.v., examples of writing and research and 3 current letters of recommendations should be sent to: Chair, AC & REH Search Committee,

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An Open Letter to WAWH Members

Dear WAWH members,

I am embarking on a fund raising project to double the funds in our awards accounts.

As we all know, we agreed to increase the amount we give for each of our awards. The total that we need to spend each spring is \$1,850. In these days of low interest rates we do not earn that much money on the savings we now have. Yes, additional revenues come in at the Graduate Student Fund Raiser that we have each year, but not enough to cover the awards.

We could spend the principal, but in short order we would spend it all. So we need to increase the principal in our savings account so that the interest it produces covers the sum we need. In simple development terms, we need to protect the principal.

I propose that you consider making a contribution to our non-profit tax exempt organization this December. For those of us who have taught part-time and now have the security of a full-time, tenured job, consider making a contribution of \$25 or \$50 for every year that you had a part-time job. For those who never taught part-time, make a \$25 or \$50 contribution for every year that you have been tenured. Or maybe someone has been particularly important to your professional career and you would like to recognize her or him. Consider contributing for each of the articles you have successfully published. Or consider creating your own criteria.

If the rates I suggest are too high, then lower the sum to what you can afford. But please contribute to our Awards Endowment Fund so that we can cover the cost of the awards. Send your contribution to our treasurer, Karen Lystra, 421 W. Malvern Ave., Fullerton, CA 92632-1445.

I am also putting together a committee that will take on the task of reaching out to the larger community to find resources. There are many women's organizations who support in principle what we are doing and might be willing to support us financially. If you can help, please let me know. — *Peggy Renner*

GRAD NEWS

I'm happy to announce that I've received a steady stream of responses to WEB. I now have a sufficient number of forms to create the computer data base. Expect to have WEB up and online early next year. If there are any experts on computer networks and e-mail, living in the L.A. area, who could give me some advice over the telephone, I'd appreciate talking with you. I can be reached at (310) 495-2688.

Thanks to all of you who responded to my mailing. I now have graduate student contacts at San Diego State, UC Irvine, UCLA, Univ. of New Mexico, Portland State, and the Univ. of Washington. I hope to hear from more of you soon.

Regina Lark asked me to remind graduate students who are going to the AHA Conference to sign up to staff the Graduate Student Lounge at the conference. Four hours (negotiable) of volunteer time gets you into the conference free. Contact Regina at (213) 740-8132.

Sue Englander and Becky Mead at UCLA report that an organizing

drive for SAGE, the Student Association of Graduate Employees, is under way at UCLA. SAGE seeks to represent grad. student RAs, TAs, readers. Issues of concern include wages and over working conditions. Graduate student organizing on UC campuses has been spreading. Berkeley students formed the first union about 5 years ago, and Davis's grad. student union recently got recognition from the university. At UCLA, SAGE is currently conducting a card-signing campaign. If you are a grad. student employee at UCLA and would like to sign up or get involved, or if you are a student at another university and would like to get information about organizing a union campaign, contact Sue Englander at (213) 650-3045.

SCALLOPS (Graduate Women Scholars of S. CA) news: Members are preparing their third presentation at the monthly Feminist Research Colloquium at San Diego State, SCALLOP's home base, on "My Research, Myself." Many members

will have biographical articles in the forthcoming *Women and World History*. Sue Gonda reported a great October meeting, the first annual student-professor get-together.

Lynn Sharp at UC Irvine reports that History Department students are hosting a conference on "Violence and the Democratic Tradition in France" February 11-13, 1994.

At USC, a number of graduate students working on their dissertations have begun monthly meetings to critique each other's ongoing work. We hope that these meetings will help counteract the isolation students often experience in solitary research and dissertation writing.

It's time to start working on proposals for presentations for upcoming conferences. Most important is the WAWH Conference, May 20-22. Since this will be the occasion of the organization's 25th anniversary, it's an especially good time for graduate students to make a strong showing. Proposal deadline is January 7, 1994. Don't forget to make use of WEB if you need help assembling a panel. — Emily Rader

New Informational Network Formed

Welcome to WEB, an informational network sponsored by the Coordinating Committee on Women in the Historical Profession/Conference Group on Women's History, the Western Association of Women Historians, and the History Department of the University of Southern California. Open to all scholars with an interest in history, this service will help to locate matching paper proposals so that completed panels can be proposed to conference program committees. With or without a computer, you are invited to enjoy the benefits of a computer-recorded network that will help you to find colleagues with similar interests. Simply fill out and return the following form to: Emily Rader, USC History Department, University Park, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0034.



WEB

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

FAX or e-mail:

Region of Interest (circle one): Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, North America

Country within region:

Time period of your interest:

Title or topics of proposed papers:

Willing to travel to conference to present papers? Yes No

More FYI ...

Dept. of History, CSU Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge, CA 91330-8250. Priority will be given to applications received by January 15, 1994; position open until filled, but no later than February 15, 1994. Interviews at the AHA.

W.P. Whitsett Chair in California History. CSU Northridge. Appointment will be made at the Full Professor level. The Whitsett Professor will teach two courses each semester devoted to California history, conduct scholarly research in California history, and encourage activities in California Studies both inside and outside the University. Position is open until filled, with the hope to appoint as early as Fall 1994. Applicants should send a letter of application and vita to Dr. Thomas R. Maddux, Chair; Dept. of History, CSU Northridge, Northridge, CA 91330-8250. Tel (818) 885-3566; Fax (818) 885-3614.

Calls for Papers

The California American Studies Association invites proposals for "Cities on the Edge," May 6-8, 1994 in San Diego. Possible topics might include conflict, violence, race,

gender, and power. Send a 500-word proposal and c.v. to David Peck, Dept. of English, CSU Long Beach, Long Beach, CA 90840; (310) 985-4226. Deadline is January 15, 1994.

The National Coalition of Independent Scholars seeks papers for its conference, "Independent Scholars: Finding an Audience," October 21-23, 1994 at Mills College. Contact Alice Marquis, 8963 Caminito Fresco, La Jolla, CA 92037 by April 1, 1994.

The 1995 annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Washington, March 30-April 2, invites proposals for sessions, panels, workshops, and papers. The theme is "American History as Public Discourse." Proposal must include: Name, address, phone and, if available, fax and e-mail; a precis no longer than 500 words (single spaced) stating focus, thesis, methodology, and significance of the session, panel, workshop, paper or poster session; a one page prospectus of each paper / presentation within a proposed session; and a *short* summary vita for each participant. Proposals to Michael H. Frisch, Dept. of History, Park Hall, SUNY-Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14260; Tel: (716) 645-2181; Fax: (716)645-5954. Deadline is February 1, 1994.

Member News

Barbara Bair and Susan Cayleff announce publication of *Wings of Gauze: Women of Color and the Experience of Health and Illness*, a multi-disciplinary anthology, by Wayne State University Press.

Margaret Beemer is teaching Women & Religion, Native American Religions, and Religions in Western Civilization in the Religious Studies Department at CSU, Chico.

Rochelle Gatlin's article "A 'Society of Outsiders': Union W.A.G.E., Working-Class Feminism, and the Labor Movement," has been published in a new anthology edited by Ronald C. Kent, Sara Markham, David R. Roediger, and Herbert Shapiro. The anthology, *Culture, Gender, Race, and U.S. Labor History*, is published by Greenwood.

Dorothy Hewes presented a paper on "Family Roles in America's Utopian Communities from the 1820s to the 1920s" at the International Standing Work Group for the History of Early Childhood Education, in Sopron, Hungary.

Allison Klairmont Lingo announces inclusion of her article "Print's Role in the Politics of Women's Health Care in Early Modern France," in *Culture and Identity in Early Modern France*, edited by Barbara Diefendorf and Carla Hesse, published by University of Michigan Press, 1993.

Margaret E. Rose, CSU Bakersfield, wrote a biographical entry on Dolores Huerta for *Notable Hispanic American Women*, a new reference work edited by Diane Telgen and Jim Kamp, and available from Gale Research.

And from CSU Northridge, Reba Soffer, the new President of the North American Conference on British Studies, announces that her book, *Discipline & Power, The University, History and the Making of an English Elite, 1870-1930*, will be published by Stanford University Press in 1994.

Call for ...Entertainers!?

In 1994, the Western Association of Women Historians is celebrating its 25th anniversary. For many of us, the WAWH represents academic professionalism. Our conferences are places where constructive criticism is offered in the safest and most comfortable way. To honor women historians and to prove that WAWH is a safe-harbor to present new material we've decided to have a "show" at our annual Friday night dinner at the Spring, 1994 Conference.

Many of us have "hidden" talents that have heretofore gone unnoticed by our academic colleagues: singers, dancers, pianists, comedians, performance artists, lyricists.... You name

it, I'll bet we've got it in WAWH! The Friday night *extravaganza* could be a fun time to highlight some of your other skills, apart from the usual



scholarly article.

If you or any other member of WAWH want to participate in the festivities, either singly (like Susan Wladaver-Morgan), or as a group, let me know. I can be reached at (213) 740-8132 (days); (818) 712-9437 (evenings); (213) 740-5122 (fax).

Regina Lark

Conference Coordinator

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