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
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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- 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.

**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 Lorenc-Kot, 1315 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, CA 94611.

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**Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Conference**

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 celebration, 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 Arguelles, Ellen DuBois, Sondra Hale, Jane Jaquette, Penny Kanner, Mary Kennedy, Sheila James Kuehl, Yolanda Moses, Gloria Romero, Mary Kay Tetreault, Chalmers 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, and 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 recommendation should be sent to: Chair, AC & REH Search Committee, CSU Northridge, Stevens Hall, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014.

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 $4,850. 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 position. For those who never taught part-time, make a $25 or $50 contribution for every year that you had a part-time position. For those 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

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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.

Name:
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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.

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The 1995 annual meeting of the Organization of American Histori-

ans, 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.


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 fark
Conference Coordinator

Member News


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


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.


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.
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