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CONFERENCES

The Ninth National Conference on Women and the Law will take place April 6-9, 1978, in Atlanta, GA. Attendance of at least 3,500 is expected, including women law students, lawyers, judges, political figures. Over 200 workshops will deal with such topics as employment discrimination, women in mental and penal institutions, battered women, Third World women, and lesbian concerns and the law. Workshop leaders and keynote speakers will be prominent women known for professional expertise and leadership. For further information, contact the Women's Center, Institute for Minority Studies, Wesley at (212) 554-2705, or Roz Schram at (201) 566-3274.

Sociologists for Women in Society, New York Metropolitan Chapter, announces its Spring Conference, to be held April 8, 1978, at Marymount College, New York City. The theme will be Women in Health. For more information contact Yolanda Wesley at (212) 554-2705, or Roz Schram at (201) 566-3274.

The Sixth Annual Conference on Ethnic and Minority Studies will be held April 19-22, 1978, in La Crosse, WI. The theme of the conference will be "Minority Women and Ethnicity." Contact Dr. George E. Carter, Director, Minority Studies, Institute for Minority Studies, 101 Main Hall, University of Wisconsin/ La Crosse, La Crosse, WI 54601.

A Conference in Medieval Studies will take place at the State University of New York at Stony Brook on April 22, 1978. There is particular interest in papers on Dissent and Protest, Women in Medieval Society, and Philosophy and Theology. Participation from graduate students and younger faculty encouraged. To participate, contact Helen Lemay or Joel Rosenthal, Department of History, or Victoria Lebovics, French Department, SUNY/Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794.

The National Conference on Human Relations in Education will take place on June 18-22, 1978, at the Radisson Hotel and Center, in Minneapolis, MN. For further information, write to Donald L. Hadfield, Conference Coordinator, 719 Capitol Square Building, 550 Cedar St, St Paul, MN 55101.

The Fourth Berkshire Conference on Women's History will take place at Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, on August 23-25, 1978. Persons wishing to receive the program, which includes local arrangements, should send their names to Dr. Gabrielle Spiegel, Department of History, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742. Programs will be mailed in Spring 1978.

CALL FOR ESSAYS

Essays are solicited for a book-length anthology on "The Female Gothic." Any period, genre, nationality, or critical method, but essays should be analytical as well as descriptive discussions of female authors who have written in the gothic tradition. Possible topics include treatments of popular, serious, or modified use of the gothic; female consciousness and symbols; lost gothic works by women. Inquiries welcome, or send abstract or manuscript (20-25 pages) by April 15, 1978, to Juliann E. Fleenor, Department of English, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH 53606, or Beth Greenfield, Department of English, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

CALL FOR APPLICANTS

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has announced research grants of $500-$1000 for doctoral candidates pursuing work in women's studies. Applicants must be in a doctoral program at a U.S. graduate school, and must have completed all pre-dissertation requirements. Applications are due April 15; supporting documents must be received by May 5. Awards will be announced about June 5. For further information write to Judith L. Pinch, Program Director—Research Grants for Doctoral Candidates in Women's Studies, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Box 642, Princeton, NJ 08540.

Tuition-free proposal-writing workshops will be held in 28 sites around the country during the spring of 1978. Funds are provided by the Women's Educational Equity Act Program of the U.S. Office of Education to give technical assistance to individuals and organizations wanting to write, obtain funds for, and manage their own women's equity project. A special effort is being made to reach people who are committed to women's equity, who have not had access to public and private funding sources, and who represent as wide a range as possible of geographic, ethnic, racial, economic, age, and social groupings.

Public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, and individuals with projects aimed at eliminating sex bias in any area of education are eligible to apply for contracts and grants. To receive details about workshops in your area, send your name and address to W. Pearl Howell, Project Associate, WEETA, Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development, 1855 Folsom St, San Francisco, CA 94103.

FILMS AND SLIDE SHOWS

Two new films on nonsexist education: The Sooner The Better, designed for teachers of preschool children, explores problems of sex-stereotyping, illustrates the essentials of a nonsexist classroom, and describes and demonstrates specific teaching ideas aimed at expanding horizons
NEW PUBLICATIONS

Two reports from the Project on Equal Education Rights (PEER), a project of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund: (1) Stalled at the Start: Government Action on Sex Bias in the Schools documents HEW’s failure to enforce Title IX. Report focuses on HEW actions (or inactions) affecting primary and secondary levels only. Interesting, informative booklet available for $1.00 from PEER, 1029 Vermont Ave, NW, #800, Washington, DC 20005.

(2) Anyone’s Guide to Filing a Title IX Complaint covers such questions as who can file a complaint against HEW, when and how, and, in general, what a complainant has a right to expect from HEW. It is available free of charge from the same address.

Special issue of Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies devoted to Women’s Oral History includes lives of Chinese women immigrants, Black women pioneers, Native American and Chicana women, suffrage leaders, and others, spanning the period from the 1860s to the 1960s. Themes for future issues include Fantasy and Futures, Women and Sports, Mothers and Daughters, and Literature of the Women’s Movement. Single copies, $3.25; volume subscription (3 issues), $9.00. Write to Frontiers, Women Studies Program, Hillside Court 104, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309.

Brown Sister explores the experiences and relationships of Third World women vis à vis white society, Third World men, and themselves. Begun three years ago as a creative effort among a group of Black women at Wellesley College, Brown Sister has expanded to serve as a forum for Third World women of all nationalities and is now looking toward national expansion. It will appear twice yearly, in the spring and fall, with critical essays, personal writings, poetry, and drawings that reflect political and sociological conditions of Third World women. Subscription, $2.50 per year. To subscribe or to submit material, write to Brown Sister, Schneider Center, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA 02181.

Wife Beating: A Selected Annotated Bibliography is a 57-page booklet listing and describing books, pamphlets, periodicals, newspaper articles, government publications, films, and agencies offering information about wife beating. Useful for laypersons, libraries, organizations, researchers. To obtain, send $3.00 to

Current Bibliography Series, PO Box 2709, San Diego, CA 92112.

Confronting Racism and Sexism: A Practical Handbook for Educators, by Nancy Schniedewind, is a 340-page sourcebook containing a section on Integrating Personal and Social Change; a Racism and Sexism Training Program with 15 sets of activities that educators can experience together to heighten their awareness of personal and institutional racism and sexism; Tools for Teachers (10 curriculum units on racism and sexism written by and for K-12 teachers); and a Nitty-Gritty Bibliography of useful materials, books, media resources, organizations.

Committed to Change: A Cooperative Game, by Ellen Davidson and Nancy Schniedewind, is a board game designed to teach about women and minority group people who have contributed to American history. Ages 12-adult; useful for classroom settings. Both available, at $5.00 each, from Common Ground Press, 155 Plains Rd, New Paltz, NY 12561.

PROGRAMS IN TROUBLE

On February 3, 1978, the Board of Education directors of the Berkeley (California) Unified School District voted to eliminate from their school system the Women’s Studies Program, the Ethnic Studies Program (Chicano, Asian American, and African American Studies), and the position of Title IX Coordinator. Although several other school programs were cut back, only these three were completely eliminated. During the past year, the Women’s Studies and Ethnic Studies Programs had worked closely together to develop cross-cultural materials on women for use in history classes in grades 8-12. This kind of research and development of materials, along with inservice education of teachers, will be eliminated with the programs. Those who wish to express support for the reinstatement of these programs or to request further information should write to Susan Groves, Women’s Studies Program/Title IX, Berkeley Unified School District, 1720 Oregon St, Berkeley, CA 94703.