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NEWSBRIEFS

CONFERENCES/CALLS FOR PAPERS

Seminar Series for Academic Women Administrators—to be held at Wellesley College. Topics: Fiscal Management, Organizational Behavior; Leadership Skills; Management Information Systems; Government and University Relations. First meeting held November 3-6, 1977; others, January 6-8, March 3-5, April 7-9, and June 9-11, 1978. Further information, write to Dr. Jeanne Speizer, Project HERS, Cheever House, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA 02181.

The fifth annual Women’s Health Weekend sponsored by the Women’s Community Health Center in Cambridge, MA, is planned for late January or early February 1978. WCH is a collective of 13 women concerned with providing good health care and self-help for women. One of the purposes of the weekend is to reach out to new women, and WCH welcomes community input and participation. Women who have ideas, interests, or talents and who would like to participate, please write to Women’s Community Health Center, Inc., 137 Hampshire St, Cambridge, MA 02139, or call (617) 547-2302.

Conference on Expanding the Role of Women in the Sciences—to be held on March 6-8, 1978, in New York City. For further information, write to Conference Department, The New York Academy of Sciences, 2 East 63rd St, New York, NY 10021. (212) 838-0230.

New Perspectives on Menstruation and Menopause—an interdisciplinary conference, Spring 1978, at the University of Arizona. Send brief summaries of research for presentation to Myra Dinnerstein, Women’s Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721.

The next annual Western Social Science Association (WSSA) Conference will be held in Denver in April 1978. Paper and workshop proposals invited, especially on these topics: Women in the Work Force; Women and Therapy/Psychology of Women; Feminism and Political Philosophy; Multiple Jeopardy; Feminist Methodology; Violence Against Women; International Feminism; Racism and Sexism; Women and the Media; and Feminism and Gay Rights. Proposals from nonacademic persons welcome. Submit seven abstracts (no longer than 300 words) and a self-addressed stamped postcard to Dr. Carla Messman, Department of History, Hamline University, St Paul, MN 55104.

Call for papers to be presented at Doris Lessing and Marxism session, Fourth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, August 23-25, 1978. Send abstracts immediately to Claire Sprague, 61 West Ninth St, New York, NY 10011.

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A SOURCE OF OUR HISTORY: THE SCHLEISINGER LIBRARY

The Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library at 3 James Street, Cambridge, MA 02138, is the largest repository of source materials exclusively concerned with the history of American women. It contains over 18,000 books, over 230 major manuscript collections, and some memorabilia.

The collection originated in 1943 when Maude Wood Park (Radcliffe ‘98) donated her Woman’s Rights Collection to Radcliffe College. She was founder of the National College Equal Suffrage League that lobbied the 19th Amendment through Congress. From that initial collection sprang the Library’s central theme: women’s role in social reform. But today, the Library’s diverse materials also cover such areas as women in the professions, women’s education, women in government, and women’s organizations. Today as well, the Schlesinger is the official repository for NOW and WEAL and for the Interstate Association of Committees on the Status of Women.

Among other collections, the Schlesinger contains the largest existing number of Harriet Beecher Stowe’s letters and substantial holdings of Lucy Stone letters and Susan B. Anthony papers. Betty Friedan’s papers are here; Jane Addams’s papers are available on microfilm. Periodicals of the woman’s rights movement, such as the Woman’s Journal and Equal Rights, are represented—as are magazines of interest to women over the years, such as Godsey’s Lady’s Book and the Ladies’ Home Journal. Perhaps most surprising is the large collection of etiquette books and cookbooks. Over one-sixth of the books collected here fall into these categories. Shelved chronologically, these books, many of which cover household management, child-rearing, and other information, as well as recipes and social rules, may be used by the historiographer to obtain unique insights into women’s lives.

In addition to primary sources such as these, the Library has recently begun to collect documents on women’s history as a discipline. And although it is not a museum and has no facilities to care properly for memorabilia, the Library does boast such items as a teacup bearing the slogan Votes for Women, said to have belonged to Susan B. Anthony; Julia Ward Howe’s nightcap; and a number of suffrage banners, some of which are now on loan to the Smithsonian.

Currently the Schlesinger is broadening its activities. It is microfilming the Women’s Trade Union League papers in its collection and those in six other libraries. It is preserving oral history, focusing on interviews with Black women who have been leaders in their communities. With The Feminist Press, it has recently prepared for publication The Maimie Papers, letters written between 1910 and 1922 by Maimie Pinzer, a reformed prostitute and drug addict, to Fanny Quincy Howe, her benefactor. It has just completed a 51-minute, staff-written, slide show with sound tape, “One Half Our History: American Women, 1820 to 1970,” which it rents to individuals or organizations.

Since the Schlesinger is a research library, materials do not circulate. Some may be acquired through Interlibrary Loan by those unable to come to the Library. For those able to come, rare books and manuscripts, kept in a vault, are accessible.
through requests to staff members, but three rooms of shelved books are available for browsing. Two of these rooms provide chairs and tables; one is equipped with easy chairs and with soundproof typing booths. Working at the Schlesinger is delightful because it exudes an atmosphere of light and space.

The Library is open to the general public—the hours are 9-5 weekdays; 9-1 on Saturdays during the academic year.

JOBS


Assistant Professor in Women's Studies Program and one of the following departments: Classics, Economics, Philosophy. Ph.D. completed or near completion and scholarly interest in women's studies required. Send vita, references, and sample work to: Search Committee, Women's Studies Program, 431 White Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Two positions in Women's Studies: (1) Social Psychology/Sociology; (2) Women and Literature. Both require Ph.D. completed or near completion, with dissertation or research on topic relevant to women's studies; interest in women's studies demonstrated by research, publications, and other professional activities. Both positions full-time: (1) with possibility of tenure-track appointment; (2) temporary, possibility of one-year renewal. For either, write by February 15, 1978, including vita, three letters of recommendation, and syllabi of previous women's studies courses taught, to Dr. Marilyn J.

Sinte Gleska College has the following positions available: (1) Accounting/Management Instructor; (2) Business Management Instructor; (3) General Studies Chairperson; (4) Nursing Coordinator; (5) Adult Basic Education Director; (6) Adult Basic Education Assistant Director. For (1) and (2), write to Ms. Karen Halligan, Chairwoman, Business Education Department; for (3), Mr. Godfrey Loudner, Acting Chairperson, General Studies Department; for (4), Ms. Mary Ewing, Acting Chairwoman, School of Nursing; for (5) and (6), Mr. Francis White Bird, Vice President/Community Education Project—all at Sinte Gleska College, Rosebud Sioux Reservation, Rosebud, SD 57570.

Joint appointment to teach in Women's Studies/Legal Studies Programs. Qualifications: J.D. and/or Ph.D. or M.S.W. with experience in women's studies, law, and social work/psychotherapy/community mental health. Available January or September 1978, contingent on funding and mutual convenience of programs and candidate. Salary and rank based on qualifications. Letter and résumé to: Search Committee, Legal Studies/Women's Studies Programs, U of Mass, Amherst, MA 01003.

Leisure Services Program Coordinator, to begin June 15, 1978. Requires doctorate and at least one degree in Leisure Services/Recreation, college teaching experience, and supervision and/or administration in community recreation. Submit letter of application and résumé by January 1, 1978, to Dr. Jean Putnam, Acting Coordinator, Leisure Services Program, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA 98926.

FILMS AND SLIDE SHOWS

Farenthold: A Texas Chronicle—35-minute 16mm color documentary on political career of Frances "Sissy" Farenthold. Available for rental ($40.00 plus handling) or purchase ($375.00). The Flashettes—20-minute 16mm color documentary on an inner-city girls' track club. Rental ($35.00 plus handling) or purchase ($335.00). Both from New Day Films, P.O. Box 315, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417.

Dick and Jane as Victims, Sexism in Foreign Language Textbooks, Help Wanted—each presentation containing 140 slides with cassette narration and script lasting approximately 25 minutes. For each, rental ($35.00 plus handling) or purchase ($300.00). Write to WOWI (Women on Words & Images), Dept N, P.O. Box 2163, Princeton, NJ 08540.
LITERARY SERVICES

Touchstone is a service for poets, offering analysis of content, style, and technique; information on how to prepare poetry for publication; and at least three possible markets specific to a poet's work. Fee: $3.00 minimum, sliding scale, for up to five examples of work. Send to Robin Lou Trusty-Hiersche (author of Songs and Dances of the Woman Within), P.O. Box 06341, Portland, OR 97206.

NEW PERIODICALS

Braille Feminist Review. Write to Media Projects for the Blind, Lynn Kord, 80 N Moore St, New York, NY


Feminist Japan. A bi-monthly journal for women interested in exploring international womanhood: publication began on July 15, 1977. A yearly international edition—in English—will be available. For further information: Diane L. Simpson, 555 Main St, S1802, Roosevelt Island, NY

George Sand Newsletter. To be published three times a year for members of "The Friends of George Sand." Dues: $5 for individuals ($3 for students); $15 for institutions. For further information: Natalie Datloff, UCCIS, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11550.

IN CASE YOU MISSED THESE...

Room of One's Own is a Canadian feminist journal of literature and criticism that has been publishing since Spring 1975. Subscriptions $6 in

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Stereotypes, Distortions and Omissions in U.S. History Textbooks includes 153 quotations from 13 widely-used junior and senior high school texts; critiques and corrections of the distortions; and references and citations from reliable, recent sources. The report deals with the history of Asian-Americans, Blacks, Hispanic-Americans, Native Americans, and women. $7.95, from the Council on Interracial Books, 1841 Broadway, New York, NY 10023.

The House that Jill and Jack Built, a manual for teachers of K-3, was produced by a pilot carpentry project in the John Muir Elementary School in Berkeley. Free from Susan Groves, Women's Studies Program, Berkeley Unified School District, 1720 Oregon St, Berkeley, CA 94703. Ask for the list of publications also produced by the Women's Studies Project.
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Battered Women: The Hidden Problem, a report of a study conducted by a citizen’s committee that included interviews, and a review of the literature on battered women and family violence. $4 (plus .75 for additional bibliography) from Community Planning Organization, Inc., 333 Sibley St, St. Paul, MN 55101.

Publications of the Program on Women at Northwestern University include Women and Health Care by Sheryl K. Ruzek; The Health of Women at Work by Vilma R. Hunt; The Place of Volunteerism in the Lives of Women by Arlene Kaplan Daniels; Women and Work: An Issue in Honor of Caroline B. Rose, edited by Arlene Kaplan Daniels; and Feminist Perspectives: the Sociological Challenge, edited by Lillian B. Rubin. Write for catalog to the Program on Women, Northwestern University, 619 Emerson St, Evanston, IL 60201.

Feminism in the Mid-1970s by Maren Lockwood Carden reports on “The Non-Establishment, the Establishment, and the Future.” Written originally as an inhouse report to The Ford Foundation, the 64-page pamphlet is available at $2.95 from P.O. Box 1919, New York, NY 10001.

Women in the Visual Arts, a special issue of Visual Dialog, contains reviews of women’s art organizations, the status of women in art, interviews with artists, as well as reviews of feminist art exhibitions. $3.50 to Roberta Loach, Editor, 1380 Country Club Dr, Los Altos, CA 94022.

Directory of New Jersey Women Artists lists 307 artists on file with Douglass College library. Free—send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to the Mabel Smith Douglass Library, Chapel Dr, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.


An Annotated Bibliography of Women Writers, third edition, and now 212 pages. $3.50 from the Women and Literature Collective (formerly Sense and Sensibility), Box 441, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Catalog of The Sophia Smith Collection (Women’s History Archive), second revised edition, 78 pages, illustrated and indexed. $3 postpaid from Sophia Smith Collection Publication Fund, Smith College, Northampton, MA 01063.

DIANA PRESS VANDALIZED

As this issue was going to press we received news that Diana Press, one of the oldest lesbian/feminist presses in the country, had been vandalized. An estimated $20,000 worth of damage was done by intruders, most of it to their production files for upcoming books. We urge feminists and feminist institutions to send contributions to Diana Press, 4400 Market Street, Oakland, CA 94608.

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NEWS FROM SPAIN

The June elections in Spain, the first to be held since the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39, called considerable attention to the role of women in Spanish society. In Madrid, the capital, political posters overtly appealed to the feminist vote both with slogans and with women candidates. The PCE (Communist) proclaimed itself to be the party of the liberation of the woman, and the FDI (leftist coalition) campaigned for nondiscriminatory divorce laws, equal rights, and family planning. Even the Alianza Popular, the rightist party, printed missions related to legal reform.

Women lawyers also met on the eve of the elections and passed 53 resolutions with respect to the status of women. Along with specific legal reforms, they called for an equal rights section to the new Spanish constitution and equal participation of women both in the development of that constitution and on all commissions related to legal reform.

While it is unlikely that all of the politicians seeking the women’s vote were truly committed to improving the status of women in Spain, it is also unlikely that some reforms will not soon materialize. The most immediate changes will undoubtedly relate to the separation of Church and state, with a resultant easing of restrictions on divorce and contraception.