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For the first time in its history the Organization of American Historians (OAH) is headed by two women: Joan Hoff Wilson, Executive Secretary, and Gerda Lerner, President. Joan Hoff Wilson, Professor of History at Indiana University—Bloomington, stressing the uniqueness of two women running a professional association, believes that a precedent is being set for the future of this 11,000-member organization. Gerda Lerner, Robinson-Edwards Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin—Madison, states that as President of OAH, she is interested in “alerting the public to the fact that our historical resources are being endangered by the Reagan Administration’s proposed budget cuts.” She is the first woman President of OAH in fifty years.

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**JOB OPENINGS**

Art Historian, Instructor or Assistant Professor, to begin January 1, 1982. Tenure-track position; Ph.D. required; primary specialization in recent U.S. and world art. Duties include teaching a wide variety of graduate and undergraduate art history courses. Opportunity exists to develop new courses and to teach area of interest in seminar setting. Send curriculum vitae, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation by September 30, 1981, to: George Stillman, Chairperson, Art Department, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA 98926.

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**MS. FOR EDUCATORS**

For the academic year 1981-82, Ms. Magazine is again offering gift copies to readers of the *Women’s Studies Quarterly* for classroom use. Interested teachers should mail their requests for copies of Ms., specifying course title and number of students in class, to Ms. circulation director Liz Jacobsen, Ms. Magazine, 370 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10017.

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**WOMEN EDUCATORS AWARD**

Women Educators announces the Third Annual “Curriculum Materials Award,” to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association in New York City, March 19-23, 1982. Please send one copy of materials relating to women that have been developed for use in educational settings to: Mary Harris and Nancy Smith, Curriculum Award, Women Educators, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506. Include a one-page description of how the materials relate to sexism, sex-role stereotyping, and the image of women and girls. Entries must be postmarked by December 15, 1981.

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**TRANSFORMING INTRODUCTORY AMERICAN LITERATURE**

The Feminist Press has been awarded a grant by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) designed to transform introductory American literature courses in response to the scholarly and curricular development of women’s studies and minority studies. The grant will support three activities for which participation is invited:

1. Collection of syllabi and other curricular materials of introductory or survey American literature courses which reflect significant change; such materials will be published in a format similar to that of the Female Studies series.

2. Holding a two-week Institute in June 1982 at Yale University. The Institute will focus on such problems as the principles of selection and organization of transformed courses and anthologies. A primary criterion for the selection of participants will be the commitment of their institutions to use the project to change American literature offerings.


The project will be directed by Paul Lauter; other faculty for the Institute include Annette Kolodny and Mary Helen Washington. Interested readers are encouraged to (a) send syllabi of basic American literature courses, especially those which incorporate the scholarship of women’s studies and minority studies; and (b), if interested in participating in the Institute, begin discussion with their college or university about its willingness to make an institutional commitment to revising the teaching of American literature. For further information, write to Paul Lauter, The Feminist Press, Box 334, Old Westbury, NY 11568.
CONFERENCES/CALLS FOR PAPERS

The University of Minnesota announces a conference on Feminist Studies in Literature, to take place October 23-24, 1981. The Opening Session features Adrienne Rich speaking on the state of feminist criticism. Workshops include: Feminist Theory; Practical Criticism; Lesbianism/Eroticism; Non-Canonical Literature; Feminist Teaching of Literature; Socialism/ Marxism; Application of Feminist Analysis to Genres. Registration fee: $15. Write to Christine Mack Gordon, 207 Lind Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

The Michigan Women's Studies Association is holding its tenth annual conference April 2-3, 1982, on Women in the Family and the World: Conflict and/or Integration between Public and Private Spheres, at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Send proposals for papers, panels, or workshops, by November 1, 1981, to: MWSA Program Committee, Women's Studies, Lorch Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

Women Historians of the Midwest (WHOM) announces its Third Conference on the History of Women, April 30-May 2, 1982, at the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minnesota. WHOM is concerned both with advancing scholarship in women's history and with communicating knowledge about women's history to people who are not historians and who may not be attending schools and colleges. Its founders were early advocates of non-traditional and alternative occupations for historians. The conference program, celebrating the tenth anniversary of WHOM, should reflect these concerns. To present a paper or suggest a topic, send two copies of a one-page abstract by November 1, 1981, to: Conference on the History of Women, College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN 55105.

Celebrate ten years of feminism in the Popular Culture Association (PCA) at its Twelfth Annual Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, April 14-18, 1982. Write to Susan Koppelman, 6301 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63130, for a listing of feminist panels being offered: multimedia presentations and papers are needed to complement sessions. To propose a feminist paper or panel write to Emily Toth, PCA/ACA Women's Studies Area Chairperson, Dept of English, Penn State U, University Park, PA 16802. PCA has a tradition of openness and receptivity to new and exciting approaches to knowledge. All program participants must be members of either PCA or the American Culture Association (ACA). For membership and display space information write to: The Center for the Study of Popular Culture, Bowling Green State U, Bowling Green OH 43403.

Feminist Research in the Eighties is the theme of a September 26-27, 1982, conference at Northern Illinois University, in DeKalb. The conference will highlight completed research but will also feature sessions on research in progress. Papers are being solicited on all topics, but particularly the following: Communication and Languages, The Corporate World, Feminist Fury and the Women's Movement, Health Care Systems, Lifestyle and Lifespan, Literature, Mental and Physical Well-Being, Networking, Race and Class, Women and Crime, and Women and the Law. Send papers by January 15, 1982, to Judith Bischoff, 232 Anderson Hall, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL 60115. For information on research-in-progress sessions contact Linda Tafglin, 610 Sycamore Rd, Dekalb, IL 60115.

For the Twentieth-Century Women Writers' International Conference to be held November 4-7, 1982, at Hofstra University, papers are solicited that treat the work of writers whose literary efforts were consequential in themselves and enriched particular literary traditions around the world, including the non-Western. Selected papers of the Conference will be published. For further information, write to: Natalie Datlof and Alexej Ugrinsky, Conference Coordinators, UCCIS, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11550.

NEW PROJECTS

QED: FEMINIST MATHEMATICS

Quality Educational Design (QED) has developed several interactive computer programs to teach elementary mathematics in a reinforcing, nonjudgmental, and delicately humorous manner. Designed with returning women students in mind, the programs stress comprehension of concepts. Titles and subtitles include: "Pairs and Squares," "The Rectangle Game," "The Sieve of Eratosthenes," "Frac-Tac-Toe," "Divide and Conquer," "Curious Measurements," "Factor Fracture," "Take a Walk," "Division the Safe Way." For more information write to QED, PO Box 12486, Portland, OR 97212.

FEMINIST BRAILLE

Blind or physically disabled women can receive feminist and lesbian books, periodicals, and other information on women's issues from the Womyn's Braille Press, Inc. WBP offers materials on four-track cassette and in braille, on loan or for purchase. It also produces a quarterly newsletter in Braille, in print, and on tape. Subscriptions are on a sliding-scale fee. Volunteer readers and contributions are needed. For a sample newsletter, to volunteer, or for further information, write to: Womyn's Braille Press, Inc., PO Box 8475, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

PRO-CHOICE PAMPHLET

Women who have had abortions are asked to contribute thoughts and feelings experienced after their abortions to a pro-choice pamphlet being compiled by Helen Forelle, author of Conversations in a Clinic. The pamphlet will be used to counteract misleading and exaggerated claims by "pro-life" activists. Mail correspondence (no name please) to Helen Forelle, PO Box 326, Harrisburg, SD 57032.
PUBLICATIONS

The University Council for Educational Administration announces the publication of the Journal of Educational Equity and Leadership (J EEL), dedicated solely to the enhancement of educational equity for women and minorities. J EEL publishes articles of 10-20 typed pages, using APA style. Editorial decisions usually require 4-6 weeks. For further information or to submit a manuscript write to: Arlene Metha, Associate Editor, J EEL, 108 Farmer Bldg, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85281.

The American Transcendental Quarterly is soliciting manuscripts for a special issue on unrecognized women writers in nineteenth-century New England. Critical essays and notes, papers using nineteenth-century diaries and journals, and other contributions of literary/cultural interest on "minor" or previously unpublished women will be considered. Manuscripts should not exceed 30 pages, and should be prepared in accordance with the MLA Handbook, with contributor's name and affiliation typed only on a cover sheet. Deadline for contributions is December 1, 1981. Address all correspondence to: Women's Issue, ATQ, Dept of English, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881.

The American Association of University Women has recently published Professional Women's Groups, a 12-page listing of women's caucuses, commissions, and committees in various academic and professional associations. Send $1.00 to AAUW, 2401 Virginia Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

The Women's Action Alliance, Inc., announces the publication of Women's Centers in New England: An Annotated Directory, providing up-to-date information on the services, programs, publications, resources, and special facilities of women's centers throughout the region. The directory focuses on community-based centers, but also includes campus-based centers which provide service to community women. Copies are available at $5.50 each from the Women's Centers Project of the Women's Action Alliance, 370 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10017.