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WOMEN IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES: Research Trends and Collection Development Challenges

The first official program of the Women's Studies Section was held at ALA New Orleans on Saturday, July 9. The two goals of the program were to enable librarians to hear what faculty research trends are in various geographic areas and to share information on how to obtain materials from those regions. After a brief welcome from Ellen Broidy, then Chair of WSS, and an introduction by Pat Kreitz, 1988 Program Committee Chair, keynote speaker Dr. Kate Cloud, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, presented her paper, "Through a Glass, Darkly: Women and World Change." The status of women in developing countries and the kinds of statistical data needed to identify and to study changes in women's public and private lives were provocatively discussed.

Dr. Cloud was followed by three faculty/researchers who described current research trends in their fields and identified the kinds of primary source materials that will be needed in the next decade. Dr. Asuncion Lavrin, Howard University, discussed research trends in Latin American studies; Dr. Jyotsna Vaid, Texas A&M University, discussed research trends in South and Southeast Asian studies; and Dr. Pauline Manaka, Georgia State University, discussed research paradigms in African studies. A panel of three collection development specialists (Merry Burlingham, University of Texas at Austin, Thomas Niehaus, Tulane University, and Beth Stafford, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) described the resources available to help librarians obtain research materials for women's studies from Latin America, Africa, and South/Southeast Asia.

Evaluations from the over sixty attendees rated the program and the participants very highly. Dr. Cloud was praised as being "marvelous--well

organized, interesting, provocative, useful." The audience appreciated the way researchers and librarians were brought together and how the program provided a balance between theory and practical information.

The Women's Studies Section extends thanks to ACRL/ALA for financial assistance in producing the program, the librarian participants for the generous contribution of their time, and to the 1988 New Orleans Program Planning Committee (Pat Kreitz, Deb Biggs, Nancy Magnuson, Jacquelyn Marie, Molly Mahony, Susan Perry, and Beth Ellen Woodward) for their hard work and creativity in making the program such a success.

Anyone wishing a tape of the program should contact: ACTS, Inc., 14153 Clayton Road, Ballwin, MO 63011. (314) 394-0611.

Copies of the handouts may be obtained from Pat Kreitz, Head, General Reference Services, 208 Main Library, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. (415) 642-7600. The handouts include bibliographies of the program speakers' publications; a select list of women's organizations in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka; a selective guide, "Women in Third World Countries," which includes governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, periodicals, and purchasing sources; Niehaus' "Directory of Women's Organizations in Latin America and International Agencies That Publish Books About Women in Latin America" and "A Directory of Book Dealers for Latin American Titles."

WSS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee

Based on a decision at Midwinter in San Antonio, the committee provides follow-up contact with WSS meeting visitors via a welcome letter to promote participation in the section. This effort has aided in adding new members to our roster.

The quest for an appropriate LOGO for our section continues. During the annual meeting in New Orleans previous submissions were reviewed. All members are encouraged to join in the planning and development of a distinctive graphic design for the Newsletter masthead, brochure and letterhead. So, how many of you had art majors for roommates during college? Where are those talented women now?

The committee approved Newsletter guidelines which were developed for submission to ACRL.

1990 Chicago Program Committee

The committee will meet at Midwinter to establish a preliminary topic and structure. Input will be sought from the Executive Committee and the general membership. Tentative program ideas include: the impact of cataloging and classification on research in women's studies; preservation issues for women's studies collections and sources; introduction to the "basics" of women's studies librarianship. A final proposal will be submitted to the full ACRL Board at Annual. Committee members are: Sarah Pritchard, WSS Vice-Chair, Carol Tobin, Ruth Dickstein, and Charlotta Hensley. WSS members wishing to join the committee or suggest topics or speakers should contact Sarah during Midwinter or soon thereafter.

WSS Ad Hoc Conspectus Committee

The draft of the RLG Conspectus for women's studies was reviewed by the committee at Annual in New Orleans. Positive publicity about the meeting appeared in the LJ/SLJ Conference Daily and in Library Journal.

A revised draft was submitted in September to the RLG Conspectus Subcommittee and will be on the agenda at their Midwinter meeting on Friday,

January 6. If approved, the women's studies conspectus will become an official publication of the Research Libraries Group and will be distributed to all RLG member libraries, as well as being available to other libraries and individuals through RLG offices.

At Midwinter the section can discuss what role it wishes to play in the continued development of the Conspectus. Bring your ideas to the general section's business meeting on Monday, January 9, or send comments to Sarah Pritchard, Firestone Library, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08540.

ACRL-WSS SOCIAL HOUR AT MIDWINTER

WSS will host a social hour at Midwinter to welcome new members, seasoned veterans, and anyone interested in women's studies and women's activities in ALA. The event is open to all. You need not be a member of the section.

The gathering will be from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 1989, in the Shoreham Hotel in the Garden Court. We do not have a formal reservation in this area. We'll congregate near one side of the general hotel lounge on the main floor. Look for WSS Executive Committee members who will serve as "greeters," directing and introducing you.

This will be another first for WSS. Come and meet fellow members and prospective members. Learn more about the section and other women's groups in ALA. Bring along your friends and colleagues who are footloose on a Friday evening in D.C.

The Association of College & Research Libraries Women's Studies Newsletter (ISSN 0895-691X) is a semi-annual publication of the Women's Studies Section of ACRL. It is a communications vehicle for section members and other interested individuals. Short articles on topics of interest to the membership will be reviewed for publication. Longer articles are welcome, but should be discussed with an editor in advance. Inquiries may be made to the Editors: Betty Glass or Nancy Knipe c/o ALA/ACRL, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. The WSS Newsletter is published twice annually in June and December. Editorial deadlines for each issue are April 15 and October 15 of each year. This newsletter is available to all section members at no additional charge. Policy for purchase by non-section members is currently under review.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE & MEMBER NEWS

Deb Biggs, Librarian at the Center for Continuing Education of Women, University of Michigan, 350 S. Thayer St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104-1608, has a library brochure available upon request.

She also has a quarterly acquisition list available upon request and would like to know if anyone else produces an acquisition list that you are willing to mail upon request.

Virginia Daley has been appointed to the new position of Women's Studies Archivist at the William R. Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, NC 27706. The Women's Archives will focus on Southern women's papers and collections but will not exclude material by other women.

The Perkins Library recently acquired the personal papers of writer and feminist Sallie Bingham, who is also funding the Women's Studies Archivist position for 1988-89.

Cindy Faries, Assistant Librarian, General Reference, E108 Pattee Library, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802, is the new fund administrator for Women's Studies. Previously, women's studies material had been collected under a general Humanities and Social Sciences fund.

Jacquelyn Marie, Women's Studies Librarian at McHenry Library, University of California at Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, journeyed "down under" to the IFLA Conference in Sydney, Australia, this summer. While there, she attended a one-day preconference on "Women and the Power of Information" sponsored by the Australian Status of Women in Librarianship group. She also collected materials on women's issues in Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji (including native women).

In Suva, Fiji, she was an observer at the South Pacific Regional Women's Conference sponsored by the South Pacific Commission and acquired more material destined for the McHenry Library.

Beth Stafford, WSS Chair, reports that work is progressing nicely on the directory manuscript based on data drawn from the Women's Studies in Academic Libraries Survey conducted by WSS in 1987.

Carol Thompson, Reference Services Librarian, Bracken Library, Ball State University,

Muncie, IN 47304, has developed a women's studies handout for the BSU Libraries. Copies may be obtained from: Office of Library Instruction, Bracken Library, BSU, Muncie, IN 47306.

She is currently working on a bibliography of personal narratives by women in the ministry.

D.C. FROM A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE

Clara Barton National Historic Site
5801 Oxford Road
Glen Echo, MD (8 miles NW of D.C.)
(Open daily, Free)

This 36-room home built in 1891 was once headquarters for the American Red Cross. It features unusual architecture and many of Barton's personal belongings.

National Museum of Women in the Arts
1250 New York Avenue NW
(Open Tues.-Sat. 10-5; Sun. 12-5, Free)

Founded in 1981, the Museum has a collection of over 500 works, including paintings, sculpture, pottery, prints, drawings, books, and photographs from the Renaissance to the present.

Sewall-Belmont House
144 Constitution Ave. NE
(Open daily except Mon., Free)

This National Historic Landmark is a memorial to Alice Paul, founder of the National Woman's Party and author of the ERA. It contains a museum of suffrage and equal rights activities as well as a portrait gallery of the contemporary women's rights movement.

MIDWINTER FEMINIST TASK FORCE MEETINGS

Saturday, January 7, 1989, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 8, 1989, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 10, 1989, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

MIDWINTER COSWL MEETINGS

Saturday, January 7, 1989, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 8, 1989, 2:00-5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 10, 1989, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

A Woman's Thesaurus: An Index of Language Used to Describe and Locate Information By and About Women has been cited by the Library Journal's Book Review editors as one of the fifteen best reference books of 1987: (Available from Harper & Row, \$34.50)

The ALA Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship's Bibliography Subcommittee is publishing a 5-year cumulation of annual bibliographies on the status of women in librarianship, covering years 1982-1986, which updates the On Account of Sex bibliography.

Frontiers announces the publication of two issues: Volume Ten #1 (Summer 1988) includes photographs by Francesca Woodman; Volume Ten #2 (Fall 1988) is a special theme issue, "Women and Worth" and includes photographs by Cathy Cade and an essay by Minne Bruce Pratt.

Pritchard, Sarah. "Linking Research, Policy, and Activism: Library Services in Women's Studies," The Reference Librarian, no. 20, 1987 (pp. 89-103).

_____. "Trends in Computer-Based Resources for Women's Studies," Feminist Teacher, Fall 1988.

Three new numbers are available in the Wisconsin Bibliographies in Women's Studies series:

"Women, Race, and Ethnicity: A Bibliography in Progress," no. 51 (June 1988), is a selective, inter-disciplinary guide to print and AV materials on minority women in America. Susan Searing welcomes critical feedback from WSS members on this "first draft" edition.

"Working Women in the United States: Books on Historical and Contemporary Issues," no. 52 (June 1988), is a six-page reading list prepared for the Leadership Institute for Trade Union Women.

"New Reference Works in Women's Studies, 1987/88," no. 53, cumulates citations to books reviewed in the four issues of volume 9 of Feminist Collections.

Single copies of any or all of these new bibliographies may be obtained from Susan Searing, University of Wisconsin System Women's

Studies Librarian, 112A Memorial Library, 728 State St., Madison, WI 53706. (608) 263-5754.

Re-Visions, the journal of the Michigan State University Women's Studies Program, is available from the program office, 301 Linton Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1044. Each issue focuses on a particular theme, such as women's biography and personal writings and women in science.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER READERS

The **BELKAN Autobiography Project** is currently underway at the Institute for Research on Women and Gender at Stanford University. Susan Groag Bell and Barbara (Penny) Kanner, the co-directors of the project, have received a two-year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to publish an annotated bibliography of British women's autobiographies written or published between 1790-1950.

More volunteer (unpaid) readers are needed to read some 2,000 books and manuscripts and to help develop the annotations for inclusion in the BELKAN Database. If interested in participating, contact Professors Bell and Kanner at The Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Serra House, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

With the changing of the editorial guard, there is a new look for the **WSS Newsletter**. Assistant Editor, Nancy Knipe, and Colorado College Library staff member, Jo Mohan, have mastered the myriad software joys of desktop publishing to produce this issue in Colorado Springs.

In this issue, on the following page, is the **WSS Information Exchange** form. Anyone with announcements for the women's studies community is encouraged to use the form for inclusion in the next issue. Thanks to all contributors for supporting the Newsletter!!

--Betty Glass
Editor, '88-'89

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INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Name: _____

Title: _____

Institution/Address:

Please let us know what Women's Studies materials you've developed: projects, papers, publications, position changes you've completed. We'd like to publish your news in the **Women's Studies Section Newsletter!** Examples of what we're looking for include: bibliographies and handouts you've produced, papers you've published or presented; and any other news of interest to WSS members.

If you're willing to share your fine work with the membership, please include complete details on how interested WSS members may obtain copies. The space below and on the back, if needed, is provided for you. Thanks!

Please return to: Betty Glass, Editor
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Carbondale, IL 62901-6632

NEWS NOTES

The WSS proposal for a two-part program at the ACRL Fifth National Conference was accepted. Plan to be in Cincinnati, April 5-8, 1989, to take part in these sessions devoted to "Women's Studies in Academic Libraries." Joan Ariel (Univ. of California, Irvine) will moderate a panel on "Current Research and Implications for Service." Susan Searing (Univ. of Wisconsin System) will report the results of a study that mapped the information seeking behavior of women's studies researchers. Ellen Broidy (Univ. of California, Irvine) will address the particular challenges for bibliographic instruction in women's studies. Deb Biggs (Univ. of Michigan) will present the perspective of an information, research and counseling center for non-traditional students. Focusing on women's studies, the panel will illuminate the central role of academic libraries in encouraging interdisciplinary scholarship and innovation in curricular and research agendas.

The second part of the program will be an open forum for sharing experiences, problems and solutions in the areas of collection development, faculty liaison, reference service, bibliographic instruction, subject cataloging, and classification. Faculty from the University of Cincinnati's Women's Studies Program will be invited to join us.

The National Women's Studies Association's eleventh annual conference, "Feminist Transformations," will be held at Towson State University in Baltimore, MD, from June 14-18, 1989.

The Michigan State University Women's Studies Program is planning a program on "Re-Visioning Women's Studies Curriculum" which is to be held in the spring of 1990. Details on speakers is forthcoming. For more information, contact Lori Goetsch, MSU Library, East Lansing, MI 48824-1048. (517) 353-8705.

The National Council for Research on Women has received a three-year grant from the Pew Charitable Trust to develop a work-in-progress database in collaboration with the Research Libraries Group and the Schlesinger Library, a Council member center and special member of RLG. The new database will be available in mid 1989 and will be accessible online in RLIN, the Research Libraries Information Network. A Women's Thesaurus will be the primary source of terms and keywords used to describe citations submitted to the database.

The University of Tulsa Comparative Literature Symposium, titled "Redefining Marginality," has changed dates. The new dates of the conference are March 30-31 and April 1, 1989.

GO FOR PROFESSIONAL GOLD!!

ACRL has a variety of award programs to recognize special achievements and outstanding publications in academic or research librarianship.

Details about how you or a valued associate may be eligible for these annual awards may be obtained from the Association of College and Research Libraries, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

FROM THE HEAD OF THE TABLE

Study of gender issues has become a salient feature of a wide variety of academic disciplines, reflecting the profound impact that women's studies has had in a relatively short period of time. It's clear that interest in women's studies is still increasing--among academics, grass-roots workers and organizers, as well as among librarians.

While WSS is composed mainly of librarians in academic settings, membership is open to all librarians with an interest in the field. Much women's studies education and research is accomplished by grass-roots groups or independent scholars as well as by those in academic or research environments. Therefore, the Section aims to stay conscious of our roots and aware of challenges as they arise.

One of several projects the Section has already sponsored is a survey of library services, vis-a-vis women's studies, in U.S. institutions of higher education. Partial results of that survey will be included in our Dallas Conference program. A more complete examination of results will appear in library literature in 1989.

Another Section activity is a survey on how LC subject headings are used in the area of women's studies which our Technical Services Committee is currently designing.

We welcome you to share your ideas and concerns with us at our Midwinter Meetings and beyond.

--Beth Stafford
Chair, WSS '88-'89

ACRL WOMEN'S STUDIES SECTION MIDWINTER MEETING AGENDA

Friday, January 6, 1989

2:00-4:00 p.m.

WSS Executive Board

Saturday, January 7, 1989

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Dallas Conference Planning Committee

Technical Services Committee

**Please check the Conference
Program for meeting locations.**

2:00-4:00 p.m.

ACRL Conference Committee

Communications Committee

(Followed by a Newsletter Committee
meeting)

Monday, January 9, 1989

9:30-11:00 a.m.

WSS General Business Meeting

Betty Glass/Nancy Knipe, Editors
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