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FUNDING STRATEGIES FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES COLLECTIONS

Resources, Politics and Management

The emergence of Women's Studies as a new interdisciplinary field in the academic curriculum has led to some controversy over how this field should be supported financially in the library. The Women's Studies Section of ACRL will be sponsoring a program at the ALA Annual Conference in Dallas on Sunday, June 25th, at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., entitled "Funding Strategies for Women's Studies Collections: Resources, Politics and Management" to address the political reality of managing these collections and to point out potential sources for funding. There will be a state-of-the-art report on the survey of all-women's studies programs and libraries in the country recently conducted by Beth Stafford (University of Illinois), followed by a discussion by a collection development expert on how best to manage internal library funds for women's studies (Dora Biblarz, Arizona State University). A professional fund-raiser at the University of Colorado Library (Margie Shurgot) will speak generally about how to do external fundraising, and the head of the Women's Studies Program at the University of Cincinnati (Hilda Smith) will describe the Friends of Women's Studies endowment established at her institution. Presentations will be followed by break-out discussions between the speakers and the audience.

Plan to join us in Dallas to hear useful ideas on developing financial support for women's studies resources at your own institution.

--Dallas Program Committee

ACRL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 5-8, 1989

Women's studies and feminist issues were recurrent motifs at the recent ACRL National Conference. The Friday afternoon plenary session was an unusual occasion to discuss within ACRL at large the notion of feminist management and the impact of the women's movement on the professions. Mary Anne Dolan, syndicated columnist and television commentator, gave an address entitled "Sins of the Fathers," from her article in the New York Times Magazine of June 26, 1988. She described how, as the first woman to rise through the ranks to become editor of a major metropolitan newspaper, she attempted to implement feminist management principles. Despite hiring many qualified women, she saw the feminist goals of humanizing the workplace sacrificed to traditional male power-grabbing competitiveness.

In some ways, Dolan criticized the women's movement and women themselves for a decline in altruistic values and the perpetuation of "the sins of the fathers." A panel of four respondents followed: Susan Brynteson, Director of the Library at the University of Delaware, discounted the idea that there is a uniquely female version of power. Richard Dougherty, Professor of Library Science at the University of Michigan, commented on isolation, mentoring, and career paths of female administrators. Debbi Hull, Vice-President for Sales and Marketing at ISI, focused on specified skills and behaviors women need to develop to progress in management. Sarah Pritchard, ACRL-WSS Vice-Chair, addressed the political and professional implications of the talk, the difference between "female" and "feminist" values, the need for change on a broader scale than just one organization, and the role of the professional association. She highlighted activities within ALA inspired by the women's movement and concluded that Dolan's experience may not have been a "failure" of

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feminism, but rather an indication that yet more feminist activism is needed.

On Thursday, the ALA Committee on Pay Equity sponsored a panel featuring Helen Josephine (Arizona State University) with an overview of pay equity, Helen Lewis (University of Connecticut) on current practices in pay equity studies, and Barbara Doyle (University of Minnesota) on the positive and negative effects of pay equity. On Friday afternoon, a group of speakers from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign discussed "Gender Gap in the Use of Library Technologies: Evidence, Implications, and Intervention." Also that day, Gretchen Lagana of Jane Addams-Hull House discussed special collections and scholarly research, and Yvonne Schofer of the University of Wisconsin-Madison described the use of the Cairns Collection (of women writers) to evaluate popular taste and the economics of publishing affecting women writers.

--Sara Pritchard
Vice Chair, WSS '88-89

WSS at ACRL NATIONAL '89

The WSS presented a program entitled "Women's Studies in Academic Libraries: Current Research and Implications for Service" on Friday, April 7, from 8:30-11:15 a.m. Joan Ariel (UC-Irvine) served as program moderator. Sue Searing (University of Wisconsin) presented a paper on "The Information Seeking Behavior of Women's Studies Researchers--a report on the CLR funded survey." Ellen Broidy (UC-Irvine) presented a paper on "Bibliographic Instruction in Women's Studies: New Twists on the Old Models," and Renee Biggs (University of Michigan) presented a paper on "Library Services for Nontraditional Students." Discussion and questions followed the session.

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.

WSS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee

The results are in from the recent logo ballot and at long last WSS has its very own distinctive logo for use on the newsletter, stationery, posters, fliers, etc. Sincere thanks are extended to Yvonne Guerra, a student worker on the staff of Judith Levitt (UC-Davis). Yvonne designed the logo and has worked with the Communications Committee in finalizing it for our use.

Carol Rudisell has volunteered to edit and reproduce the Section's brochure. The revised version will be available at Dallas.

ACRL will act as an archival depository for the Section's material for the committee and the newsletter. The Secretary will keep other archival material until it is routed to ACRL.

1990 Chicago Program Committee

The program has been tentatively entitled "Access or Impass: Meeting the Research Needs of Women's Studies." Professor Catharine Stimpson has agreed to be the keynote speaker. She will discuss the evolution and current trends in the field and will be followed by three librarians who will discuss specific areas of library response, such as developing better subject access, creating reference tools and sources, and establishing cooperative mechanisms to link collections and research centers. Contact Sarah Pritchard, Committee Chair, if you can suggest a speaker to address the broad scope of technical services issues in women's studies, both the past and the future. (303) 707-2726.

WSS Ad Hoc Conspectus Committee

Sarah Pritchard, Chair, presented the draft of the Women's Studies conspectus to the RLG Conspectus Subcommittee on Friday, January 6. The document was favorably received and was approved for a test distribution in Spring 1989 to a sample group of institutions. Final revisions will be discussed at Annual. RLG has agreed to investigate the possibility of publishing the document as a separately available item.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE & MEMBER NEWS

Shaleen Barnes, Associate Librarian, Library Communication Center, Southeastern Massachusetts University, N. Dartmouth, MA 02747, reports that a selective annotated bibliography, "Women's Studies Audiovisuals at Southeastern Massachusetts University" highlights their collection of 240+ women's studies AV materials and is available for researchers at SMU.

Ellen E. Embardo, Special Collections Librarian/Curator, Alternative Press Collection, Homer Babbidge Library, University of Connecticut, U-5sc, Storrs, CT 06269-1005, sent in a list of New Views bibliographies, many of which address women's studies topics such as reproductive rights and comparable worth. Another bibliography, Women's Sources, covers periodicals received in the Alternative Press Collection. Contact her for details and free copies.

Margaret Ericson, Assistant Music/Audio Librarian, Ithaca College Library, Ithaca, NY 14850, has compiled annual selective bibliographies entitled "Women and Music" for the Women and Music Roundtable of the Music Library Association. The Roundtable was established in 1987. Ericson is Information Coordinator of the Roundtable.

Betty Glass is now the Acting Coordinator for Online Catalog Training and User Services/Assistant Catalog Librarian at Morris Library, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois.

Jessica Grim, Librarian II, New York Public Library, General Research Division, 5th Avenue & 42nd Street, New York, NY 10018, has compiled the "Women's Studies: A Research Guide" for materials available at the Research Libraries of NYPL. After June 1989, copies may be obtained from Warren Platt at the above address.

Melba Jesudason, Public Services Librarian, College Library, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI 53706, has developed a guide to women's studies materials in the College Library. Contact her for copies.

Lois Kiggins, Readers Service Lead Worker at Madison Area Technical College, 3550 Anderson Street, Madison, WI 53704, reports that the Information Resource Center has developed an

annotated bibliography entitled "Women and Work" for distribution.

Denise M. Larrabee, Reference Assistant, Library Company of Philadelphia, 1314 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, reports that her institution is an independent research library which specializes in women's studies, as well as other subject areas. Their collection includes 18th and 19th century material on women's rights, social and health reform movements, education, domestic life, biographies of women, and women's writing. Exhibit catalogs serve as bibliographies, and a Women's Studies Subject File contains all their holdings. Contact her at (215) 546-3181 for details.

Jacquelyn Marie, Reference/Women's Studies Bibliographer at McHenry Library, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064, has produced a list entitled "Organizations/Publishers/Bookstores on Peace, Women's, Gay and Ethnic Issues in the South Pacific" based on her August 1988 trip to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. Contact her for a copy.

Sarah Pritchard and **Sarah Watstein** have recently completed their year as Council on Library Resources Academic Library Management Interns. WSS members interested in becoming interns are encouraged to apply. The program for the 1990-91 academic year requires applications to be submitted in the early fall of 1989. Contact Sarah Pritchard after June 1 at (202) 707-2726 for more details about the program.

Sue Searing, University of Wisconsin System Women's Studies Librarian, 112A Memorial Library, 728 State Street, Madison, WI 53706, has been appointed to the Professional Association Liaison Committee of ACRL. Contact her at (608) 263-5754 concerning its policies and procedures. (See "News Notes," this issue, Editor.)

Sharon Snow, Manuscripts Librarian, Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Wake Forest University, Box 7777 Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109, reports that the Rare Books Dept. of the library houses the personal papers of author Maya Angelou. Angelou is a lifetime Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest. Snow has indexed the Angelou collection, which includes manuscripts, nonprint, and AV material encompassing Angelou's poetry, autobiographies and contributions to screen and theatre.

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Nina Walsh, Messing Librarian at the Mary Institute, 101 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63124, reports that the Mary Institute is a private girls' school for grades 5 to 12. The Messing Library, which serves grades 7 to 12, produces the "Women's Studies Bibliography in the Messing Library," which includes print and nonprint materials of interest to young women of junior high and high school age. Contact her for a current copy.

Nancy Washington, Assistant Director of the Library Processing Center, University of South Carolina, 1021 Wheat Street, Columbia, SC 29205, has developed a 25-page bibliography with Cathy Eckman entitled "Women and Women's Studies in the USC System: Who Are We and Where Are We Going?" Contact Washington for a free copy.

Cindy Faries, Reference Librarian and selector for Women's Studies at Penn State, will be working with individuals from the Women's Studies Program in the summer of 1989 reorganizing their small library. She would like suggestions about organizing materials, policies and procedures for lending materials, and any other useful information or tips you can give. Please send suggestions or call: Cindy Faries, E108 Pattee, Penn State University, University Park, PA 16801 (814) 865-0665.

UC-BERKELEY PRESERVES RARE GAY & LESBIAN SERIALS

The history of the gay and lesbian movements in the San Francisco Bay Area will be made available to scholars worldwide and preserved in a major microfilming project now underway at the University of California. Documentation of the reaction of the "straight" communities to the gay and lesbian movements is also included in this unique project, a cooperative venture between a private archive, the San Francisco Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Historical Society (SFBagLHS), and the UC libraries. The project will be of interest to scholars in women's and gender studies, political science, history, sociology, literature and philosophy.

Funded by the nine-campus University of California Libraries Shared Purchase Program, this project will create preservation-quality microfilm of three decades of unique Bay Area gay and lesbian journals and newsletters. The members of SFBagLHS have been slowly piecing together intact runs of Bay Area publications for many years and

the Historical Society is lending the most important titles to the book and paper conservators at the UC-Berkeley Library where the often brittle and deteriorating journals are carefully ironed flat, treated for damage and then microfilmed. The project is expected to be completed in late 1990. At the project's conclusion, sets of microfilm and an accompanying descriptive guide will be available for purchase at cost from the University of California.

Among the titles being filmed are Bay Area Reporter (1971-1988), Sentinel (1974-1988), and Coming Up! (1979-1980). Earlier publications include L.C.E. News (later called Citizens News, 1961-1967), Cruise News and World Report (1965-1967), Vector (1964-1976), Gayzette (1970-1972), Kalendar (1972-1978), Amazon Quarterly (1972-1975), Lesbian Voices (1974-1981), and Voice (later called California Voice, 1979-1984). Also included are a number of local periodicals from the early homophile and gay liberation movements, such as San Francisco Mattachine Newsletter, Daughters of Bilitis - San Francisco Newsletter, Town Talk, Committee for Homosexual Freedom Newsletter, Maverick, Mother, Vanguard, and others.

Anyone wishing further information about the project may call or write either Pat Kreitz, Head, General Reference Services, 208 Main Library, UC-Berkeley, CA 94710, (415) 642-7600; or Bill Walker, the SFBagLHS Archivist at P.O. Box 42126, San Francisco, CA 94142, (415) 648-6814.

--Patricia Kreitz

FROM THE HEAD OF THE TABLE

Essentially the "new kid" on the block as a Section, we can be proud of our accomplishments. As a group and as individuals, we have promoted ACRL goals through innovative, well-received programming and publication. Joan Ariel's Building Women's Studies Collections: A Resource Guide is one of the most successful publications ACRL has produced to date.

It is interesting to note that at the ACRL Conference in Cincinnati, in addition to the WSS Program, other sessions dealt with Women's Studies, gender, or issues having particular relevance to women.

I thank all section officers and committee members for their hard work and support. Thanks too to section members for their supportive interest. I have enjoyed working with all and meeting more librarians concerned with women's studies.

--Beth Stafford

Chair, WSS, 1988-89

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

Belles Lettres has undertaken a new project called Ephemera for the publication of proceedings of women's conferences. Its scope will include keynote speakers, contributed papers and panel discussions from occasional and recurring conferences. Eventually international conferences may be included. The first volume Toward A More Inclusive Curriculum, will be available at the National Women's Studies Association Conference. (See News Notes) To order a copy or to submit proposals and suggestions for partnerships in producing additional conference proceedings, contact Janet Mullaney or Adele Gorelick at Belles Lettres, P. O. Box 987, Arlington, VA 22216, (301) 294-0278.

The Women's Collection Newsletter is produced twice during the academic year by the Special Collections Dept. of the Northwestern University Library. It is free on request. Contact Judy Lawman, Assistant Curator, Special Library, Evanston, IL 60201.

Baker & Taylor is using A Women's Thesaurus: An Index of Language Used to Describe and Locate Information By and About Women (Harper & Row) and Women in LC's Terms (Oryx Press) to revise the profile terminology coding for their approval plans.

Williamson, Susan G.; Rafter, Nicole Hahn; and Cohen-Rose, Amy, "Everyone Wins: A Collaborative Model for Mainstreaming Women's Studies," Journal of Academic Librarianship, (March 1989).

WSS member Susan Searing is a member of the Advisory Board of the new NWSA Journal, a quarterly publication of the National Women's Studies Association. She encourages all WSS members to (1) subscribe to the journal for their library and themselves, and (2) submit articles and review essays for possible publication. For more information, contact MaryJo Wagner, Editor, NWSA Journal, Center for Women's Studies, The Ohio State University, 230 West 17th Avenue, 207 Dulles Hall, Columbus, OH 43210.

McCormack, Jeanne; Walsh, Martin; and Nelson, Candace. Women's Group Enterprises: A Study of the Structure of Opportunity on the Kenya Coast. (Available from World Education, Inc., 210 Lincoln Street, Boston, MA 02111, \$20.00) Contact Candace Nelson.

Academic librarians in Arizona and Colorado participated in a Ford Foundation project to "Integrate Minority Women into the Liberal Arts Curriculum". This two-year program is sponsored by SIROW (Southwest Institute for Research on Women) which brought together faculty leaders and women's studies/ethnic studies librarians from seven universities in Arizona and Colorado to discuss how they could work together on each campus to help faculty revise their curriculum to include and integrate materials on American minority women. The librarians' workshops were organized by Ruth Dickstein, University of Arizona, and participants prepared several guides for the program. These guides include a basic list of reference sources, key indexes and abstracts, and a list of periodical titles identifying participating library holdings. This material is available upon request from Ruth Dickstein, U. of Arizona Library, Tucson, AZ 85721.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It is with regret that I end my sojourn as Editor for the WSS Newsletter. Following the early "Deb and Deb" productions, I have been involved in the editorial metamorphosis as a "co-", an assistant, and finally editor of what has become a well-received and respected national newsletter. It has truly been a group effort and the spirit of our Section is evident in each issue.

This is the first issue to bear the new WSS logo. WSS appreciates all the ideas that were submitted and everyone's patience as the process evolved in the development and selection of the final design. Again, thank you, Yvonne Guerra, for your time and talent invested in this project.

An editor is able to monitor the pulse of the section through all the activities and news items submitted for publication. Through this role I have gotten to know more members and other women's studies activists than would otherwise be possible. I will miss that ready access. Thank you for your support.

Nancy Knipe is waiting in the wings at Colorado College Library to assume the role of Editor in Dallas. Joining her as our new Assistant Editor is Laura Rein of George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. They both bring experience for the task. I know they will find it as rewarding as I have.

-Betty Glass
Editor '88-89

NEWS NOTES

Did you know that ACRL provides monetary support for librarians active in non-library professional associations? The Professional Association Liaison Committee (PALC) administers a special fund for this purpose. Typically, the grants (up to \$300) are given to librarians presenting papers at conferences, although other kinds of activities are not ruled out. ACRL members may apply after the event for reimbursement for the costs of travel, accommodations, and registration not covered by other sources.

Guidelines for requesting reimbursement will be published this spring in College & Research Libraries News. In the meantime, request more information from: Louise Sherby, PALC Chair, Asst. Director for Public Services, University of Missouri-Kansas City, General Library #107, 5100 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110-2499. (816) 276-1528.

GraceAnne A. De Candido, Senior Editor at Library Journal, 249 West 17th Street, New York, NY 10011, needs automated services librarians to review professional literature for LJ. If interested, send a sample review or other writing sample to her with your query letter.

Frontiers: a Journal of Women Studies welcomes unsolicited manuscripts. Personal essays, reviews, criticism and letters may be submitted in any format. Articles under 30 pages are preferred.

"Feminist Transformations" is the theme of the 11th Annual Conference of the National Women's Studies Association, June 14-18, 1989, at Towson State University, Baltimore, MD. There is an active Librarians' Task Force that meets during the conference, as well as papers and panels of interest to librarians.

The Stockton State College Library in Pomona, New Jersey, has been awarded a grant by the U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities in conjunction with the Atlantic City and Atlantic County Public Libraries. The grant will be used to examine women's experiences and self-definition in connection with America's involvement in 20th century wars. A program will be presented at the sponsoring institutions in October and November 1989 to illustrate how American women confronting the issues of war and peace have been depicted in creative writing and the arts.

The grant will be directed by Eileen Dubin, who

has been Director of Library Services at Stockton State College. On April 1, Dubin assumed the position of Assistant Director of Public Services and Collection Management at Case Western Reserve University Library, 11161 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44160. Contact her at (216) 368-2990 for more details about the program.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Michigan State University Women's Studies Program and the Modern Literature Conference are sponsoring a conference, "Re-Vision Knowledge and the Curriculum: Feminist Perspectives" from April 19-22, 1990, at MSU in East Lansing, MI. A call for papers is being issued for either a single 20-minute paper or an entire session on such topics as pedagogy, developmental theory, global diversity and the intersection of race, class, ethnicity and gender. Lori Goetsch, Women's Studies Bibliographer at MSU, is interested in coordinating a session on libraries/librarians' roles in curriculum building and integration. If you have an idea for a paper you would like to present, contact Lori at Main Library, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1048, (517) 353-8705. Deadline for proposals is September 15, 1989. Lori will be at Annual if you wish to contact her for further information about the conference.

ACRL-WSS SOCIAL HOUR AT ANNUAL

Due to the unsurprising success of our first effort at Midwinter, WSS will host a social hour at Annual. New members and anyone else interested in women's studies are cordially invited to come meet Section members and guests from other ALA organizations. The event is open to all. You do not have to be a member of the Section.

The gathering will be from 4:30-7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 23, 1989, in the lobby bar of the Loews Anatole Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway. (It is one of the convention hotels, so an ALA shuttle may get you there if they are operational Friday afternoon.) Again, look for WSS Executive Committee members who will serve as "greeters" and will introduce you to kindred spirits.

Take advantage of this opportunity to make WSS history at our FIRST ANNUAL SOCIAL HOUR. Let the dust of your arrival settle before the hectic conference schedule begins. Say, "Y'all come," to colleagues, friends and/or prospective members, because y'all welcome!

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THINGS TO SEE IN DALLAS

Dallas Museum of Art
1717 N. Harwood
(Open Tues.-Sun.; wheelchair access: some fees)

Dallas Zoo
621 E. Clarendon Drive (South on I-35)
(Open daily; parking fee)

John F. Kennedy Memorial Plaza
Main, Commerce & Market Streets

Mesquite Championship Rodeo
I-635 at Military Parkway in Mesquite
(Fri./Sat., April-Sept., phone 285-8777)

State Fair Park
2 miles East via I-30
(Phone 565-9931; handicapped access)
Features include:
--Age of Steam Railroad Museum (Open Thurs.-
Sun., \$2 fee)
--Dallas Museum of Natural History
(Open daily, free)
--Dallas Aquarium
(Open all day Mon.-Sat.; Sun. aft., free)

Reunion Tower (for a view of Dallas)
400 block S. Houston
(Daily 10 a.m.-Midnight, phone 741-3663; fee)

Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden
Off Garland Rd. NE Dallas.
(Thurs.-Sun., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; \$3 fee)

ACRL WOMEN'S STUDIES SECTION ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Friday, June 23, 1989

2:00-4:00 p.m.

WSS Executive Board

Saturday, June 24, 1989

9:30-11:00 a.m.

Chicago Conference Planning Committee

Sunday, June 25, 1989

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

WSS Conference Program

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Communications Committee

Nominating Committee

Technical Services Committee

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

Monday, June 26, 1989

9:30-11:00 a.m.

WSS General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 27, 1989

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Conference Program Co-Sponsored by COSWL, FTF, RBMS, and WSS

2:00-5:30 p.m.

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