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From the Steering Committee Chair

Dear colleagues,

It has been exactly 30 years since I attended my first WHA conference and looking back, the changes are awesome. As you would imagine, there were few women scholars present, and only two woman-centered panels: because we were in San Antonio, one was "Women and the Texas Frontier"; the other "Women in the History of the West: Teaching Strategies." Less than three years later however, the Coalition for Western Women's History was formed, and since then has been a significant force in the WHA. At this year's meeting there are four roundtables and four complete sessions devoted to women and gender in the West, as well as papers embedded in several other sessions.

Another significant change has to do with how the Coalition will elect its officers. This year there are open positions for Coalition Chair and for two seats on the Steering Committee. According to our by-laws, the current Steering Committee has nominated members for each position, and nominees' bios are in this newsletter (pages 5-7). If you wish to nominate yourself or another member for any of these positions, please contact Renee Laegreid or Lori Lahlum before September 15, when the ballots will be emailed to all members. Because our business meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 13 at 10 AM (really!), we have decided to adopt an absentee option for members who will not arrive in time for the meeting or who cannot attend this year. Thus, Lori Lahlum will send a ballot to all members in mid-September asking that, if you cannot attend the business meeting, you return your ballot to her (electronically or by regular mail) postmarked no later than Oct. 5, 2011.

In addition to the business meeting, the first day of the conference has two important sessions. The first is a "Roundtable on Teaching Gender in the West" (noon-1:30) and the other is the CWWH Roundtable "Woman Suffrage: What Difference Did It Make" (2:00-3:30). I hope to see you at both and at the annual CWWH Breakfast, Saturday morning (October 15). By the way, the first "Women's History Breakfast" was also at that 1981 meeting.

In the year since CWWH revised its by-laws, the Steering Committee has accomplished a great deal, much of which is discussed more fully in this newsletter. Here are the highlights:

- *Reorganized the Fundraising Committee as the Finance Committee, which will be the committee to make recommendations about the Coalition's long term assets.
- *Strategized about ways to provide opportunities for more Coalition members to have a voice on committees.

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GRADUATE STUDENT MEAL FUND

“Step up to the Plate”—help fund graduate student meals initiative, sponsored by the Coalition for Western Women’s History.

The CWWH invites you to “step up to the plate” and help graduate students become more actively engaged with the WHA and its affiliated groups by providing breakfast and lunch tickets. This initiative helps the WHA goal of making the annual meeting more affordable for graduate students. In reducing the costs of attending the WHA conference, we can foster relationships between younger and more established scholars and create a welcoming environment for young scholars at the annual conference.

Here is how you can help:

1. Look for the “Donation: Graduate Student Meal Fund” line on the 2011 WHA Pre-Registration Form—

either the paper version or the online registration;
2. Specify the amount you are able to contribute—any amount is welcome;
3. Encourage other members to support the Fund.

All graduate students are welcome to participate by sending an e-mail to Kathleen Underwood at underwok@gvsu.edu specifying the breakfast or lunch they wish to attend by September 10, 2011.

Names will be selected via a random drawing (the number of tickets available determined by the total amount of contributions received by the end of WHA conference pre-registration). Winning names will be posted at the WHA Registra-

tion Site, along with a ticket to the meal.

Please support the “Step up to the Plate” initiative. Providing meal tickets to graduate students is a relatively easy way to make the WHA annual meeting a little more accessible to and affordable for graduate students, and will help bring new energy and vitality into the organization.



Chair’s Message, cont.

*Provided an incentive to support the “New Logo Design” competition.

*Promoted the development of a new website, which will soon be launched (thanks to Paula Petrik, and to Mary Ann Irwin for past web work).

In reminiscing about my first conference, I also recall dancing to a live CW band at the Lone Star Brewery, and thinking “who knew historians could have so much fun?” or, as has been the case this past year as I have served as the transitional Chair of the CWWH, be so supportive and generous. Thanks to the Steering Committee and to Lori Lahlum and Renee Laegreid. Without them in my corner, very little of the above growth would have occurred.

Kathleen Underwood, CWWH Chair

CWWH @ the 2011 WHA in Oakland

Graduate Student Meal Fund

Once again, the CWWH encourages its members and friends to support the CWWH/WHA Graduate Student Meal Fund (GSMF). Donations may be made on the WHA registration form or when registering online. In the past two years, CWWH members and friends have generously supported the GSMF. Thanks to those who have donated to this worthy cause.

CWWH Business Meeting

The CWWH Business Meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Thursday, 13 October, in OCC 204.

The CWWH business meetings allows members to chart the organization's course for the upcoming year. This year's meeting is especially important because we will hold our first elections under the new by-laws. The 10:00 a.m. meeting time, however, is probably going to limit the number of people who can attend. As a result, the Steering Committee decided to implement an absentee ballot process so that all members can participate in the election. (See page 5 for additional information.)

CWWH Roundtable

Roundtable – 2:00 – 3:30 Thursday (13 October) OCC 205

Mary Ann Irwin and Susan Wladaver-Morgan organized this year's CWWH Roundtable. As a number of western states will celebrate the 100th anniversary of female suffrage in upcoming years (and some have already marked that milestone), the panelists on

the CWWH Roundtable ask: "Woman Suffrage: What Difference Did It Make?"

Silent Auction, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday (14 and 15 October)

Once again, the Coalition will sponsor a silent auction. Donate an item, volunteer your time, or bid on an item. Money raised from the silent auctions is used to fund the Armitage-Jameson Prize and the Irene Ledesma Prize. Additional information on page 4.

CWWH Breakfast, 7:00—8:00 a.m. in the Oakland Room, Saturday (15 October).

Join your colleagues and friends at the annual CWWH Breakfast. The Armitage-Jameson Prize will be awarded for the second year to the author of the most significant book on western women's and gender history in 2011. The Coalition will also award the Irene Ledesma Prize to a graduate student for dissertation research. The CWWH Breakfast is so fun it makes the 7:00 a.m. start time seem bearable!

CWWH Session 10:30 – noon, Saturday (15 October)

Elaine M. Nelson and Leisl Carr-Childers organized the CWWH "branded" session on women, gender, and public history.

"The Legacy of Women and Gender in Public History: New Careers, Voices, and Perspectives in Western History"

Some people have mentioned getting together informally at the Western. We can talk about this at the CWWH business meeting and leave information about any plans at the Silent Auction booth.

Writing Group

Hilary Hallett is coordinating the Writing Group this year as chair of the Writing Group Committee. Authors of articles or book chapters will be connected with readers who will comment on their work. These pairs will meet in Oakland. Hilary may be contacting people in the upcoming days to serve as readers. If you'd like to volunteer to be a reader, please contact Hilary asap (hah2117@columbia.edu).

Mentor Group

If you are interested in being a mentor or a mentee, contact Melody Miyamoto by the end of September. Mentors and mentees typically meet at the Western. More information is available on page 12.

Membership Renewal

The CWWH membership year runs from October to October. As such, dues for 2011-2012 are due next month. Please renew your membership prior to the business meeting or renew at the business meeting. A renewal/new membership form is found on page 11 of the newsletter.

CWWH News Briefs

Logo Competition

The Steering Committee decided to put the logo competition on hold until 2012. A new call will be issued in 2012 with an award to the winning designer. The person who designs the winning logo will receive \$100, a year's membership to the Coalition for Western Women's History, and a ticket to the 2012 CWWH Breakfast in Denver.

CWWH Elections

At the CWWH business meeting, electronic voting for future elections will be discussed. If you would like to weigh in on this issue but will not be able to attend the business meeting, please contact any member of the Steering Committee. Electronic voting would allow members who are unable to attend the business meeting the opportunity to vote. Electronic voting would require a change to the by-laws.

Thanks to Kathleen!

Many thanks to Kathleen Underwood for serving a one-year term as CWWH Chair while we transitioned to the system created in the revised bylaws. She has provided invaluable service to the Coalition this past year, and hopefully she will continue to serve on committees and assist the organization in the future. She will probably be thankful that she isn't regularly receiving e-mails from the newsletter editor.

Become involved with the Coalition. See page 12 for Committees.

Silent Auction

Your help is needed.

The Coalition for Western Women's History will once again sponsor a silent auction in the book exhibit hall at the Western History Association annual meeting. Revenue generated from the silent auction helps fund the Irene Ledesma Prize (award for graduate student research) and the CWWH's newly created Armitage-Jameson Award for the best book on western women's history. The co-chairs for this year's event are Kathleen Underwood (underwok@gvsu.edu) and Leslie Working (lworking@huskers.unl.edu).

Here's how you can help.

Donate an item. A successful silent auction depends upon a variety of auction items that will appeal to people attending the WHA annual meeting. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Kathleen at underwok@gvsu.edu.

Volunteer your time. People are needed to cover the booth on Friday and Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The bidding closes at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, and winning bidders may pick up their purchases Sunday morning from 8:00 to 12:00p.m. To work at the booth, contact Leslie at lworking@huskers.unl.edu.

Bid on items. You can support CWWH by bidding on the items and by encouraging friends and colleagues to bid on items. The funds raised go to a good cause.

If you can't attend but want to donate an item. Contact Kathleen for how to ship to Oakland. Mary Ann Irwin will be the "collector" of the goods. People attending the WHA annual meeting may also ship their donated item to Mary Ann.

CWWH ELECTIONS

With last year's changes to the by-laws, the Coalition is implementing a new system for nominating the CWWH Chair and members of the Steering Committee.

The election will take place at the CWWH business meeting and all current members current may vote. Because of the CWWH business meeting time on Thursday, an absentee ballot will be sent via e-mail to current members in mid-

September. Instructions for returning the ballots will be included in the e-mail message.

The Steering Committee has nominated Linda English for Chair of the Coalition. Members may also nominate candidates at the business meeting. Additionally, there will be a space for write-in candidates on the absentee ballot.

See Linda's biography below.

Two positions are open on the Steering Committee in 2011. The Steering Committee is presenting the following slate of candidates for the Steering Committee: Amy Essington, Suzanne Kelley, Karen Leong, and Kathi Nehls. Their biographies appear on pages 6-7. Members may nominate additional candidates at the business meeting or write-in candidates on the absentee ballot.

Linda English: CWWH Nominee for Chair

Linda English received her Ph.D. in American History from the University of Oklahoma in May 2005. Before attending OU, she received her BA (in Urban Studies) and MA (in History) from the University of Calgary. She taught as a lecturer at OU and the University of Northern Colorado before accepting her current position as Assistant Professor of History at the University of Texas – Pan American.

Her research and publications focus primarily on race, class, and gender during the late nineteenth century, specifically Texas and Indian Territory. Her articles include "Revealing Accounts: Women's Lives and General Stores" (*The Historian* 2002), "Inside the General Store, Inside the Past: A Cultural Analysis of McAlester's General Store" (*The Chronicles of Oklahoma* Spring



2003) and "Recording Race: General Stores and Race in the Late Nineteenth-Century Southwest" (*Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 2006). Her current project examines racial hierarchies in

Indian Territory in the late nineteenth century, particularly on white women's attitudes towards African Americans in Indian Territory. She also recently completed a biographical chapter on Oscar James Dunn, an African-American politician in Reconstruction Louisiana, for a two-volume collection on black politicians of the Reconstruction era. Currently under press review, her manuscript, "By All Accounts: General Stores and Their Communities on the Southern Plains, 1870-1890," uses general store ledgers to examine consumption practices and consumer behavior in Texas and Indian Territory during this period. In particular, she assesses how issues of class, gender, race, and ethnicity influenced commercial transactions in these regions.

Kathi Nehls: Nominee for Steering Committee

Kathi Nehls graduated with honors from the University of Central Oklahoma in 2005 and is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Georgia. Her dissertation, "Red Tape Fraternities: The Rise of Rockefeller Populism," uses public health policy development in the American West to understand how non-state actors and local knowledge shaped the modern American administrative state. She argues that the template for the twentieth-century state developed from a partnership between the USDA and the Rockefeller Foundation, rooted not in the logic of industrial capitalism, but in an 1870s Populist vision calling for an expansive federal bureaucracy to support American farm businesses. Her work focuses on the professional networks that emerged at junctures where state,

local, public, and private interests intersected with new agencies of the modern administrative state and developed the administrative capacity to shape federal policy at the grassroots.

Kathi has been recognized for both her scholarship and her teaching by the University of Georgia Department of History and Graduate school. Her work has also received support from, among others, the Rockefeller Archive Center and the Hoover Presidential Library. Her research and teaching interests focus primarily on U.S. policy history 1870-1945, Women and Gender, and American Indian history.

She is interested in serving on the steering committee in an effort to further CWWH's ongoing support of graduate students by exploring



the feasibility of developing a collaborative graduate student dissertation workshop or research colloquium in an effort to increase collegial discussion and collaboration between advanced grad students.

Amy Essington: Nominee for Steering Comm.



Amy Essington is a doctoral candidate in American History at Claremont Graduate University and a lecturer at California State University, Long Beach and California State University, Fullerton. A twentieth century social historian, I will complete my dissertation, "Segregation, Race, and Baseball: The Integration of the Pacific

Coast League, 1948-1952," this year. I have published "Baseball on the Pacific Coast: The Integration of the Pacific Coast League, 1948-1952" in the *Journal of the West* (Fall 2008) and "'She Loved Baseball': Effa Manley and the Negro Leagues," a chapter in *Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture* (McFarland, May 2001). I have also authored eight book reviews and numerous encyclopedia articles. Some of the conference at which I have presented include the American Historical Association, the AHA-Pacific Coast Branch, the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, the Organization of American Historians, and the Western Association of Wom-

en Historians. I have twelve years of experience on the executive board of WAWH, first as treasurer and then six years as the executive director. I have served the Coordinating Council for Women in History for almost five years in the positions of newsletter editor, web coordinator, and membership coordinator. I would like to be considered for a position on the CWWH Steering Committee. My research and teaching has included women and now focuses on the West. I would like to help support the study of women and gender in the North American West, the work the CWWH has been engaged in since 1983.

Karen Leong: Nominee for Steering Committee



Karen J. Leong received her Ph.D. in History at the University of California at Berkeley. Her book, *The China Mystique: Pearl S. Buck, Mayling Soong Chiang, Anna May Wong, and the Transformation of American Orientalism* (UC Press,

2005), explored how popular culture and diplomacy in the 1930s through World War II articulated US ideologies of gender, race, class, and nation. She is an associate professor of Women and Gender Studies and Asian Pacific American Studies in the School of Social Transformation and the Film and Media Studies Program at Arizona State University, where she also is a graduate faculty in History. She teaches graduate seminars in Concepts of Gender, Foundations of Feminist Thought, and Masculinities, and undergraduate courses about the Japanese American Experience and Introduction to US Racial Diversity.

Karen currently is working with Dr. Myla Vicenti Carpio in ASU's American Indian Studies Program on a

book manuscript, *American Movements: The Relocation of Japanese Americans and American Indians, 1941-1970*; they also are co-editing an anthology about the WWII internment of Japanese American internees on American Indian reservations in Arizona. In 2007 Karen received the Dan Schilling Arizona Humanities Scholar of the Year Award from the Arizona Humanities Council for educating audiences across the state about Asian Americans in Arizona and for her work on the Japanese Americans in Arizona Oral History Project. She was a founding member of the Committee on Race in the American West and currently serves on the editorial boards for *The Western Historical Quarterly* and *The Journal of American History*.

Suzanne Kelley: Nominee for Steering Comm.

Suzanne Kelley, originally from Alaska and now living in North Dakota, is managing editor for New Rivers Press, located at Minnesota State University Moorhead. New Rivers is one of only a handful of teaching presses, engaging students with hands-on experience in the publishing process, while promoting and publishing enduring literary works. Kelley teaches the publishing courses, manages the Press, and pursues scholarly research in the Great Plains, Australia, and New Zealand, discovering connections between memory and place. Her publications include book reviews in scholarly journals such as *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, *Oral History Review*, and *Agricultural History*; peer reviewed articles in *The Swedish-American Historical Quarterly* and *New Plains Review*;

and an article in *Oklahoma Heritage Magazine*. She has presented more than thirty papers in conference settings including the Western History Association, the Northern Great Plains History Conference, the Western Social Science Association (WSSA), and the Nordic Association for Canadian Studies. This fall she will present at the New Zealand Historical Association conference. Her service endeavors include co-chair of the Rural & Agricultural Studies section of the WSSA and president of the statewide organization, Preservation North Dakota. Kelley's achievements include the Mirabeau B. Lamar Excellence in Teaching Award, National Endowment for the Humanities Scholar, Edward Everett Dale Award for Outstanding Graduate Student, and the David B. Danbom Editorial



Fellowship. She holds a BS from University of Texas—Austin, a master's from University of Central Oklahoma, and a PhD in history from North Dakota State University. Kelley joined the CWWH in 2006.

CWWH Schedule at the WHA

Thursday, October 13

Business Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in OCC 204

CWWH Roundtable at 2:00 p.m. in OCC 205
"Woman Suffrage: What Difference Did It Make?"

Moderators:

Robert W. Cherny, San Francisco State University
Mary Ann Irwin, California Community College System
Ann Marie Wilson, Harvard University

Panelists:

Janice Lynn Dilg, Portland State University
Sue Englander, City College of San Francisco
Jarrod Harrison, Social Studies Department Chair, Carlmont High School

Teresa Hurley, Senior Paralegal, Morrison and Foerster, San Francisco
Sandra L. Henderson, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Michelle Kleehammer, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Rebecca Mead, Northern Michigan University

Friday, October 14

Silent Auction, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall

Saturday, October 15

CWWH Breakfast at 7:00 a.m. in the Oakland Room

Silent Auction, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall

CWWH Session at 10:30 a.m. in OCC 208

"The Legacy of Women and Gender in Public History: New Careers, Voices, and Perspectives in Western History"

Co-moderators:

Virginia Scharff, University of New Mexico
Janet Fireman, California History

Panelists:

Mary Pavelsky, University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Leslie Working, University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Center for Digital Studies in the Humanities
Kristin Ahlberg, Office of the Historian, Bureau of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of State
Sonia Dickey, Lore of the Land, Inc.
Dorothea Crosbie-Taylor, Oakland Museum of California
Leisl Carr-Childers, University of Nevada-Las Vegas

Member News

Peter Boag is a candidate for the Western History Association Council and **Margaret Jacobs** is a candidate for the Western History Association Nominating Committee.

Congratulations to **Sherry Smith**. She won the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians' best article prize for "Reconciliation and Restitution in the American West," which appeared in the *Western Historical Quarterly*, Spring 2010. Sherry believes this is the first time a "western history" article has won.

On July 4, 2011, **Melody Miyamoto** and Jeff Walters married in Hawai'i. Melody and Jeff met when she worked at the CWWH booth selling raffle tickets at the 2002 Colorado Springs Western and Jeff worked at the AAUP booth. Jeff bought a ticket, and the rest, as they say, is history.



Melody Miyamoto and Jeff Walters, Hawai'i.

New Member Introduction

Linda Heidenreich, is an Associate Professor with the Department of Women's Studies at Washington State University. She is author of "*This Land Was Mexican Once*": *Histories of Resistance from Northern California*. Her articles have appeared in journals such as the *Journal of Chicana/Latina Studies*, *Aztlán*, the *Journal of Latinos in Education* and the *Journal of American Ethnic History*. Her poetry, sometimes under the pen name of oneangrygirlfag has been published in *Lean Seed*, *Sanctified*, and *Sinister Wisdom*. She is also co-founder of Queer SQouts, a queer service and activism association and INCLSA, the Inland Northwest Chicana/o Latina/o Studies Alliance.

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Member News, cont.

Joan Jensen completed a fellowship at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, on the subject of Frances Densmore and the history of anthropology. Her article "Frances Densmore Gets the Depression Blues" appeared in the summer issue of *Minnesota History* DESPITE the shutdown that paralyzed the Minnesota government during much of July. And she wrote a foreword for *Her Stories: Women's Experiences on the North American Plains*, edited by **Renee M. Laegreid** and **Sandra K. Mathews** and which will be published in fall 2011 by Texas Tech University Press.

Valerie Sherer Mathes had two articles appear in print this year. With Phil Brigandi, "The Mischief Record of "La Gobernador" Amelia Stone Quinton, Charles Fletcher Lummis and the Warner Ranch Indian Removal" appeared in the Winter/Spring 2011 issues of the *Journal of San Diego History*. Also early this year, *American Baptist Quarterly* published her article, "Mary Lucinda Bonney and Amelia Stone Quinton, Founders of the Women's National Indian Association" in the Winter 2009 issue.

Caroline Schimmel will be doing an exhibition and catalogue of highlights from her personal collection of "Women in the American Wilderness" in 2013 at SMU (where she will be the un-GWBush-Library highlight) and St. Louis Merchantile Society. The title of the exhibition is: OK I'll Do It Myself.

Congratulations to **Renee Laegreid**. She has been awarded the Dorothy Weyer Creigh Distinguished Chair in History. And as of July 1, she began serving as

Chair of the History Department at Hastings College.

Although not a designated CWWH session at the Western, a number of members and friends are participating on the "Women and the WHA at 50 Years" roundtable. This session is at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday in the Junior Ballroom. Participants include: Janet Fireman, **Sue Armitage**, Shirley Moore, Barbara Reyes, **Renee Laegreid**, and **Melody Miyamoto**. Come and share your experiences in the WHA at the session.

Michael Lansing, **Karen Leong**, and **Melody Miyamoto** are members of the 2012 WHA Program Committee

A number of CWWH members have books out in 2011. So, a lot of good reading on western women's and gender history.

Sandra Schackel is pleased to announce the publication of her third book, *Working the Land: The Stories of Ranch and Farm Women in the Modern American West*, published by University Press of Kansas in May. *Working the Land* is a collection of oral histories from women in six western states who reveal their connections to family farms and ranches and the ways in which they have managed to maintain their ties to the land. The thirty plus women, Anglo and Hispanic, rich and poor, range in age from 24 to 83; their interviews reveal that these women have had a much more active role in defining what we know as the modern West.

Re-Dressing America's Frontier Past by **Peter Boag** will be released in October by the University of California Press. But by the time you

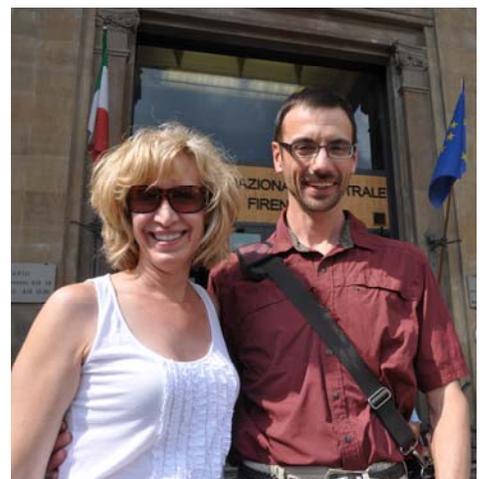
read this newsletter, it should be available.

Members **Renee M. Laegreid** and **Sandra K. Mathews** edited *Her Stories: Women's Experiences on the North American Plains*, which is out with Texas Tech University Press this fall. Look for it at the Texas Tech Press booth!

A History of New Mexico Since Statehood by Richard Melzer, Robert Torrez, and **Sandra K. Mathews** came out in late July with University of New Mexico Press.

Valerie Sherer Mathes' history of the Women's National Indian Association's missionary work in California is with the type setter at Texas Texas U. Press and is due out early in 2012.

Norwegian American Women: Migration, Communities, Identities, edited by Betty Bergland and **Lori Lahlum**, was released by Minnesota Historical Society Press this past spring.



CWWH members don't just run into each other at conferences. Renee Laegreid and Peter Boag met at the Italian National Library in Florence.

Join CWWH

CWWH welcomes the membership of anyone interested in the history of women and gender in the North American West. New members may join at any time. An application form can be found on page 11 or at: www.WesternWomensHistory.org/mbrshp.htm.

Our membership year runs October to October, from annual meeting to annual meeting (which is held in conjunction with the WHA's annual meeting). We encourage members to renew their membership by com-

ing to the CWWH annual meeting, especially the CWWH Breakfast. Dues are pro-rated to members' annual income. No one will be excluded from membership in CWWH because of inability to pay.

Dues schedule:

Students: \$15

Income under \$40,000: \$30

Income over \$40,000: \$45

Institutions: \$100

Membership dues and contributions to the Armitage-Jameson Prize fund or the Irene Ledesma Prize fund should be sent to:

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Women and the WHA at Fifty Years

While not a CWWH session, there are a number of CWWH members on the “Women and the WHA at Fifty Years” roundtable. Moderator Elaine Nelson has done a lot of research on women and women’s history in the WHA, and this research is being provided to members of the roundtable. Consider attending this event.

Saturday (15 October), 2:00–3:30 p.m. in the Junior Ballroom 1.

Moderator: Elaine M. Nelson, University of Minnesota, Morris

Panelists: Janet Fireman, *California History*
Sue Armitage, Washington State University, *Emerita*

Shirley Ann Wilson Moore, California State University, Sacramento

Bárbara O. Reyes, University of New Mexico

Renee Laegreid, Hastings College

Melody Miyamoto, Collin County Community College, Texas

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Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

By providing CWWH with your e-mail and street address, you agree that CWWH may contact you for purposes of requesting or sharing information about your professional activities and those of the CWWH. CWWH will not distribute this information outside the organization.

/ Please check this box if you do not wish CWWH to share your email address with other CWWH members.

Telephone: _____

FAX: _____

Affiliation: _____

New Member _____ or Renewal _____

Annual Dues (Dues are the same in U.S. and Canadian dollars.):

Students.....	\$ 15.00	
Income under \$40,000.....	30.00	
Income \$40,000 and over.....	45.00	
Institutions.....	100.00	
Contribution:		
Armitage-Jameson Award.....	\$ _____	
Irene Ledesma Prize.....	_____	
Unrestricted.....	_____	
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		\$ _____

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 Renee Laegreid, Ex. Officio

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 Recorder: Lori Lahlum (2012)

Irene Ledesma Prize Committee

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 Michael Lansing (2012)
 Cynthia Culver Prescott (2013)

Armitage-Jameson Prize Committee

Peter Boag, Chair (2011)
 Charlene Porsild (2012)
 Karen Leong (2013)

2011 Silent Auction

Kathleen Underwood, Co-Chair (2011)
 Leslie Working, Co-Chair (2012)
It would be ideal to find someone to work on the 2012 silent auction at the Oakland meeting. This person along with Leslie will co-organize the 2012 silent auction in Denver. Any volunteers?

Wednesday Roundtable Committee

Lori Lahlum, Chair (2011)
 Sandy Schackel (2012)
 Gordon Bakken (2013)

CWWH-WHA Session Protocol Committee/2012 Branded Session

Dee Garceau, Chair (2011)
 Mary Ann Irwin (2012)
 Renee Laegreid (2013)

Writing Group

Hilary Hallett, Chair (2011)
 Renee Laegreid (2012)

CWWH Logo Committee (2010-2012)

Suzanne Kelley, Chair
 Renee Laegreid
 Melody Miyamoto

Membership Committee

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 Elaine M. Nelson
Need one member.

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 Emily Wardrop
 Suzanne Kelley

Joining a committee is a wonderful way to become more involved with the Coalition. Contact Lori Lahlum, CWWH Recorder, if you would like to serve on a committee for 2011-2012.

Become a Mentor or a Mentee

CWWH Mentor Program
 Open to All CWWH Members



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 Advancing scholarship on Women in the West since 1983

For more information or to volunteer
 Contact Melody at
melodymmiyamoto@gmail.com

CFP: Northern Great Plains History

Fargo, North Dakota

26-29 September 2011

North Dakota State University, Minnesota State University Moorhead, and Concordia College will host the 47th Northern Great Plains History Conference at the Radisson Hotel in Fargo, North Dakota, September 26-

29, 2012. Proposals for papers or sessions in any area of history are welcome. Please send a brief abstract and vita by April 2, 2012 to Mark Harvey, Department of History, North Dakota State University, Dept. 2340, P.O. Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108-6050.

E-mail: Mark.Harvey@ndsu.edu

CWWH members may also contact Lori Lahlum (lori.lahlum@mnsu.edu). She will try to organize CWWH co-sponsored sessions for the NGPHC. This conference is very friendly for students (graduate and undergraduate).

CFP: Western Association of Women Historians

44th Annual Conference

Doubletree Hotel, Berkeley
Marina

Berkeley, California

May 3-5, 2012

The WAWH invites faculty members, graduate students, independent scholars and others for a collegial, stimulating, and professional weekend of history and networking.

The program committee welcomes proposals for panels or single papers on *any* historical subject, time period, or region. All fields and periods of history are welcome, as are workshops or roundtables on issues of interest to the historical profession. Proposals for complete panels preferred, but individual papers also welcome.

Please use submission forms and guidelines at www.wawh.org

2012 Program Committee Chair:

Patricia A. Schechter, Portland State University, wawhconference2012@wawh.org

Proposals must be postmarked
September 15, 2011

WAWH offers a prize for the best conference paper presented by a graduate student.

Current (2011-2012) WAWH membership and 2012 conference pre-registration are required of all program participants. Panel organizers should communicate this requirement when asking panelists to participate.

WAWH Membership runs from conference to conference.

The Western Association of Women Historians was founded in 1969. Drawing scholars from the Western states, the WAWH is the largest of the regional women's historical associations in the United States.

Membership is open to all.

Conference Calendar

September 21-24, 2011: Northern Great Plains History Conference, Mankato MN

October 13-16, 2011: Western History Association Annual Meeting, Oakland

November 11-12, NACCS Pacific Northwest Regional Conference, Pullman, WA

April 19-22, 2012: Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI

May 3-5, 2012: Western Association of Women Historians Conference, Berkeley

September 26-29, 2012: Northern Great Plains History Conference, Fargo, ND

October 4-7, 2012: Western History Association Annual Meeting, Denver

CFP: Chicana/o Studies Matters: The Birth and Rebirth of Raza Studies North of Aztlán

NACCS Pacific Northwest Regional Conference

with the Inland Northwest Chicana/o Latina/o Studies and Alliance and the Pacific Northwest Center for Indigenous and Mestizo Research

Friday-Saturday, November 11th-12th 2011,

Washington State University, Pullman

The National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) Pacific Northwest FOCO., with the Inland Northwest Chicana/o Latina/o Studies and Alliance and the Pacific Northwest Center for Indigenous and Mestizo Research, requests paper and panel proposals for its regional conference to be held at Washington State University, Pullman.

Interdisciplinary papers, panels and workshops that address the following topics are especially welcome:

1. Chicana/os Latina/os and the Environment
2. Chicana/o Cultures in the Northwest
3. Queering the far North of Aztlán
4. Creating Latino/a Visibility and/or Challenging White Dominance
5. Raza and Immigration and Struggles for Citizenship
6. Latina/o Labor and Politics in the Pacific Northwest
7. Status of Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies in the Northwest

Chicana/o Latina/o Access to Education, Reforming The Educational Systems Of The Northwest

Papers should be 20 minutes, panels will be one hour and half (including questions). Students, Faculty, and Community members are all encouraged to submit.

Proposals: Send an abstract of no more than 150 words. Include a list of contacts (phone, email, snail mail) for all panelists and chairs. For complete panels, include an abstract for the full panel as well as for each panelist. State whether the proposal is for a paper panel, workshop, or round table. Deadline for proposals: September 30, 2011.

Send proposals and inquiries to:

Linda Heidenreich (Zuñiga)

lheidnr@wsu.com

In the subject line write "NACCS FOCO 2011"

Job Announcements

US West and Public History: New Mexico State University

The Department of History at New Mexico State University invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor in US West and Public History. Responsibilities include developing and teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in the history of the US West and Public History and administering the department's public history program. In addition to courses in fields of specialization, teaching both halves of the survey courses in United States history is desired. Applicants must have PhD in hand by August 2012. A demonstrated commitment to teaching, evidence of an active research program, and a willingness to contribute to the intellectual community of a vibrant public university are crucial. Submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, transcripts, and a list of references with contact information. Formal screening will begin Dec. 1, 2011. Applications received after this date may be considered.

Dr. Ken Hammond, Chair

US West/ Public History Search Committee

Department of History, MSC 3H

PO Box 30001

New Mexico State University

Las Cruces, NM 88003

khammond@nmsu.edu

Website: <http://www.nmsu.edu/~histdept/>

U.S. History, Women, Gender and Sexuality, pre-1900

The Department of History at Emory University invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor of U.S. history with expertise in the history of women, gender and sexuality. Chronological interest could range from the colonial era to 1900. The department is particularly interested in candidates whose work intersects with the department's strengths in the history of race, slavery, the American South, and religion. Ph.D. and strong credentials in teaching and scholarship required. Ability to contribute to both the undergraduate and graduate programs in U.S. history is essential. Letter of application, c.v., and three confidential letters of recommendation should be sent to: U.S. Search Committee, Department of History, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322. Review of applications will begin October 15, 2011. Preliminary interviews will be conducted at the AHA. Emory University is an AA/EOE.

Hispanic Borderlands. Position No. 050798. The Robert H. and Nancy Dedman Chair in History, Southern Methodist University. The William P. Clements Department of History at Southern Methodist University invites nominations and applications for the Robert H. and Nancy Dedman Chair in History, an appointment that begins fall semester 2012. We seek a distinguished teacher-scholar at the rank of associate or full professor in the field of Hispanic borderlands during any period, including Spanish, Mexican, U.S. period to the present to fill this endowed chair. Inquiries, nomina-

tions, and applications should be sent to Professor Sherry Smith, Clements Department of History, Southern Methodist University, PO Box 750176, Dallas, TX 75275-0176. To ensure full consideration for the position, the application must be received on or before October 1, 2011, but the committee will continue to accept applications until the position is filled. The committee will notify applicants of its employment decision after the position is filled. SMU will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability or veteran status. We particularly welcome applications from minority and women scholars. SMU's commitment to equal opportunity includes nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Hiring is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background check. For more information go to website <http://www.smu.edu/history>.

Job Announcements

Lewis & Clark College

The Lewis & Clark College Department of History invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professorship in U.S. History beginning Fall 2012. The department seeks a candidate who can teach introductory nineteenth and twentieth century survey courses as well as topical or thematic courses such as Civil War/ Reconstruction, U.S. West, African-American History or African Diaspora, American Indian/Native American History, and Built Environment/ Landscape. Ability to contribute to Gender Studies, Ethnic Studies and/or Environmental Studies programs is desirable. Candidates must complete the Ph.D. before September 2012. Potential for excellent teaching and continued active scholarship within the context of a liberal arts college is essential. The teaching load is five courses per academic year and includes regular participation in the College's first-year general education course. Review of applications will begin on November 15, 2011 and continue until the position is filled. Send by email a letter of application, curriculum vitae, a statement of teaching philosophy, evidence of effective teaching, graduate transcripts, and three letters of recommendation (sent directly by recommenders/under separate cover) to Andrew Bernstein, Chair, Department of History (history@lclark.edu). If necessary, some or all materials may be sent by post to MSC 41, Lewis & Clark College, 0615 SW Palatine Hill Road, Portland, OR 97219. Lewis & Clark College, an Equal Opportunity Employer, is committed to preparing students for leadership in an increasingly interdependent world and affirms the educational benefits of diversity (see [http://](http://www.lclark.edu/dept/about/diversity.html)

www.lclark.edu/dept/about/diversity.html). We encourage applicants to explain how their teaching at Lewis & Clark might contribute to a learning community that values diversity. Lewis & Clark will conduct background checks on finalists for the position.

20th Century US Women's and Gender History: Grinnell College

Tenure-track position in the Department of History (20th-Century U.S. Women's & Gender History), starting Fall 2012. Assistant Professor (Ph.D.) preferred; Instructor (ABD) or Associate Professor possible. Grinnell College is a highly selective undergraduate liberal arts college whose history department teaches fundamental skills in the framing of historical questions, the pursuit of independent research, and the eloquent and persuasive presentation of ideas. The College's curriculum is founded on a strong advising system and close student-faculty interaction with few college-wide requirements beyond the completion of a major. The teaching schedule of five courses over two semesters will include a section of the department's introductory course, an advanced seminar on a topic of the instructor's choice, and intermediate-level courses that include U.S. Women's History and other courses in the candidate's areas of expertise. Every few years one course will be Tutorial (a writing/critical thinking course for first-year students, oriented toward a special topic of the instructor's choice).

In letters of application, candidates should discuss their interest in developing as a teacher and scholar in

an undergraduate, liberal-arts college that emphasizes close student-faculty interaction. They also should discuss what they can contribute to cultivate a wide diversity of people and perspectives, a core value of Grinnell College, how they can add to the department's transnational and global perspectives on history, and how they might collaborate with the Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies major. To be assured of full consideration, all application materials should be received by November 4, 2011.

Please submit applications online by visiting our application website at <https://jobs.grinnell.edu>. Candidates will need to upload a letter of application, curriculum vitae, a writing sample, graduate school transcripts (copies are acceptable), and provide email addresses for three references. Questions about this search should be directed to the search chair, Professor Sarah J. Purcell, at [HistorySearch@grinnell.edu] or 641-236-4628.

Grinnell College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer committed to attracting and retaining highly qualified individuals who collectively reflect the diversity of the nation. No applicant shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, religion, creed, or disability. For further information about Grinnell College, see our website at <http://www.grinnell.edu>.

Contact: Professor Sarah J. Purcell, at HistorySearch@grinnell.edu or 641-236-4628.

Website: <https://jobs.grinnell.edu>

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19th or 20th Century US History: Mississippi State University

U. S. History. Assistant Professor. The Mississippi State University Department of History invites applications for a tenure-track appointment in U. S. History, 19th or 20th century, beginning August 2012. Successful applicant must be able to participate decisively in one or more of the department's three Nodes of Excellence: Agriculture, Rural and Environmental History; International Security/Internal Safety; and History of Science and Technology. Teaching responsibilities are two courses per semester. Offerings include undergraduate and graduate courses in the area of expertise, a turn in the American history survey course, and graduate seminars. Demonstrated ability to contribute to the department's vibrant intellectual life is especially favored.

A Ph.D. by time of appointment is required. Evidence of successful teaching and publications are preferred.

Salary is commensurate with qualifications. Applications will begin to be scrutinized on October 28. Please include e-mail address to facilitate contact.

Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation to Professor Alan I Marcus, Head, Department of History, Mississippi State University, Mailbox H, Mississippi State, MS 39762. You may also apply and send your documentation via email at aimarcus@history.msstate.edu.

Candidates must complete the Personal Data Information Form at jobs.msstate.edu.

Minorities and woman are encouraged to apply. Mississippi State University is an AA/EOE.

Contact:

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Dean, Faculty of Native Studies

The University of Alberta invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean, Faculty of Native Studies. The appointment, for an initial five-year term, begins July 1, 2012.

The University of Alberta in Edmonton is one of Canada's top teaching and research universities, with an international reputation for excellence across the humanities, sciences, creative arts, business, engineering, and health sciences. Home to more than 38,000 students and 15,000 faculty and staff, the University has an annual budget of more than \$1.4 billion and attracts \$536 million in sponsored research revenue. It offers close to 400 rigorous undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs in 18 faculties on five campuses—including one rural and one francophone campus. The University has approximately 230,000 alumni worldwide. Edmonton, the provincial capital, is a vibrant, friendly city of more than a

million people, offering a rich cultural and recreational life. The largest of the U of A's five campuses is situated adjacent to the spectacular North Saskatchewan River Valley and is less than a four-hour drive from the Rocky Mountains.

Native Studies, the only degree-granting academic unit of its kind in Canada, distinctively combines Aboriginal community knowledge and concerns with the scholarly standards and methods of a research University to offer relevant interdisciplinary education in a rigorous, respectful, academic environment. This is a student-centred Faculty that provides a common ground for students to learn, research, explore and critically examine the historical and contemporary relations and broader societal issues that concern Native peoples and communities.

The student body of the Faculty reflects a mixture of both Native and non-Native students.

The Dean is responsible to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) for the supervision and administration of all operations of the Faculty, including the budget and fund development. In addition to the role of senior officer of the Faculty, the Dean also serves as a senior administrator of the University.

Candidates must possess an earned doctorate and be eligible for appointment at the rank of associate professor or of full professor. Also required are: a proven record of contribution in academic and research fields related to Native Studies; a proven commitment to excellence in teaching and research; administrative experience at a senior level; and a demonstrated ability to build and

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maintain relationships at various levels, especially with Aboriginal communities. Candidates must have a record of excellence in leadership and experience in fundraising and external relations.

Consideration of candidates will begin in September 2011.

For more information, please see Competition No. A103114651 at www.careers.ualberta.ca.

Written nominations, applications or expressions of interest may be submitted in confidence to:

Janet Soles or Tim Hamilton
Odgers Berndtson
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Georgia Southern University: Public History

The Department of History in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences invites nominations and applications for the tenure-track position of Assistant Professor of History with an emphasis in Public History. Georgia Southern University (www.georgiasouthern.edu), a member institution of the University System of Georgia and a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, is one of Georgia's premier universities. A residential university serving nearly 20,000 students in fall 2010, Georgia Southern is recognized for providing all of the benefits of a major university with the feeling of a much smaller college. Founded in 1906, the University offers more than 100 campus-based and online degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels

through eight colleges. In 2011, Georgia Southern was named the fourth most popular university in the country by *U.S. News & World Report's* "Top 20 Most Popular Universities." The nearly 700-acre park-like campus is located in Statesboro, a classic Main Street community near historic Savannah and Hilton Head Island.

Within this setting, the Department of History offers a student-centered degree program that blends traditional and contemporary approaches, emphasizing global perspectives while recognizing the value of local and regional history. Students are mentored by a faculty of dedicated teacher-scholars, who are nationally and internationally known in their fields of expertise. The Department of History has 26 faculty members and offers both B.A. and M.A. degrees in history.

Position Description. Reporting to the Chair of the Department of History, the position of Assistant Professor of History with an emphasis in Public History requires teaching, service, and research responsibilities as well as a terminal degree. The faculty member will teach upper-level and graduate courses in Public History, sections of the U.S. survey, and other courses as needed, such as Historical Methods and the Senior Seminar. In addition to pursuing an active research agenda, the successful candidate is expected to advise students and contribute to departmental governance. The position is a 9-month appointment, tenure-track appointment and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:

*Earned doctorate in History or Public History by August 1, 2012

*Ability to develop and manage internships/partnerships with area museums/historical societies/community partners

*Demonstrated research in Public History

Preferred Qualifications:

*Interest in interpretation of historical sites

*University-level teaching experience

Screening of applications begins November 1, 2011 and continues until the position is filled. The position starting date is August 1, 2012. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; and the three letters of professional reference. Other documentation may be requested. Only complete applications will be considered. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation.

Contact:

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