WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN HISTORIANS

37th Annual Conference

Black Canyon Conference Center
Phoenix, AZ

April 29-May 1, 2005
Welcome to the 37th Annual Conference of the Western Association of Women Historians. Since 1969, the WAWH has held an annual conference each spring. From Asilomar to the Huntington, from Portland to Phoenix, historians have gathered each year to support historical scholarship in a friendly environment.

The 2005 conference in Phoenix is only the second time that the WAWH has traveled outside of California. As April turns to May, weather in the southwestern desert should be welcoming.

The Black Canyon Conference Center is a full service conference center located in the Black Canyon corridor on the west side of Phoenix. The nearby Courtyard by Marriott, a short walk across the parking lot, will serve as our accommodations. Both facilities are a short ride from the airport and located near the Metro Center Mall and near several restaurants and other businesses.

Conference attendees are not required to be members of the WAWH, but if you would like to become a member, you will become part of an organization which promotes the interests of women historians both in the historical profession and in the field of history. Everyone is welcome to become a member. You will receive three newsletters and the conference program each year. You will also have the option to join an organization email list and purchase a membership directory.

Enjoy the conference.

Amy Essington
Executive Secretary, Ad Hoc
**What is the WAWH?**

The Western Association of Women Historians was founded in 1969 to promote the interests of women historians both in academic settings and in the field of history generally. Drawing scholars from the Western states and now serving 400 active members, the WAWH is the largest of the regional women’s historical associations in the United States.

The WAWH holds an annual spring conference for the presentation of scholarly work, new research, and the discussion of teaching methods, writing, and other issues of importance to women scholars. Sessions devoted to the work and interests of graduate students are encouraged. Four prizes are presented annually at the Awards Banquet.

Recent conferences have been held at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove (May 1999), The Huntington Library (June 2000, April 2002), Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon (May 2001), University of California, Berkeley (June 2003), and University of California, Santa Barbara (2004).

The WAWH encourages the participation of independent scholars who consistently play an integral role in the organization. In addition to academic historians, WAWH also welcomes literary scholars, art, theater, and film specialists. A directory of all current members, with addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and research interests, is printed each year.

The organization’s web site is: www.wawh.org
**WAWH Executive Board 2003-2005**

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GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Registration
Please return the enclosed registration form and payment to:

WAWH
Amy Essington
7043 E. Hanbury Street
Long Beach, CA 90808-2321
Email aessington@verizon.net if you have any questions.

A printable registration form is also available online at www.wawh.org.

THE PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS POSTMARKED BY TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2005.

Late registration will not be accepted. On-site registration will be available.

Cancellation Policy
Full refunds will be issued for cancellations received by the conference registrar by Friday, April 15, 2005 at 5pm. Refunds will be not issued thereafter.

All conference and membership information can be found online at www.wawh.org.
GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

2005 Conference Airlines

United

United Airlines is an official airline for the 2005 conference. To receive a 5-10% discount on your airfare to Phoenix, please call United Airlines at 800-521-4041 (a special line for meetings and not the regular reservation line) and mention code #530CC, Monday through Sunday, 7:00 am to 12:00 midnight (ET). Discounts apply to travel between April 26 and May 4, 2005. Mileage Plus members will receive full credit for all miles flown. For every 40 people that make reservations through the meeting line, WAWH will receive a free round-trip ticket.

America West

America West is an official airline for the 2005 conference. To receive discounts on your airfare to Phoenix, you may 1) call 800-548-7575 Monday through Friday 6:00am-6:00pm MST, or 2) book online at Americawest.com by entering the CAMS code AP6652 into the e-certificate window on the air reservations page. If prior than 60 days, enter AP6652T as the CAMS code for an additional discount. Discount applies to travel made between April 24 and May 6, 2005. For every 40 people that make reservations through the meeting line, WAWH will receive a free round-trip ticket.

NB: Arizona does not use daylight savings time. After April 3, Arizona will be the same as PDT.
Conference Hotel

Conference participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodations.

Courtyard by Marriott, Phoenix North
9631 North Black Canyon Highway
Phoenix, Arizona 85021
Phone: 602-944-7373
Fax: 602-944-0079
Toll-Free: 1-800-321-2211

$109 per night, plus 12.07% tax
Conference rate available April 29th and 30th, 2005
To secure conference rate, identify yourself as part of the WAWH.

Complimentary on-site parking is available.
The hotel is located near the Metro Center Mall and near several restaurants and other businesses.

Directions to the Hotel

From Phoenix Airport
Hotel direction: 16.0 mi NW
Driving directions: Exit I-17 & I-10, Continue On I-17 To Dunlap Exit (approximately 11 miles), Continue 1/2 mile North on access road. Black Canyon Freeway to Hotel.

Bus service, fee: $1 USD (one way)
Estimated taxi fare: $24 USD (one way)

Bus Station
Greyhound Bus Station (15.9 mi)
Shuttle service, for a fee
Conference Center

Black Canyon Conference Center
Black Canyon Conference Center
9440 N. 25th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85021
Phone: 602-944-0569
Fax: 602-944-1774
www.blackcanyonconferencecenter.com

Directions to the Black Canyon Conference Center

Driving
From the Black Canyon Highway (I-17) Northbound, take the Dunlap exit East, or right. Turn left at the first light, 25th Avenue, and it is on your left. From I-17 Southbound, take the Peoria exit east or left. Turn right at the 1st light, 25th Avenue, and it is on your right.

From the Phoenix Airport
Take the I-10 West exit out of the Airport. From the I-10, take I-17 North. Take the Dunlap exit East, or right. Turn left at the 1st light, 25th Avenue. It is on your left.

By Public Transportation
The Center is accessible by Valley Metro Bus on the Red Line, or the #90 Line

Parking
Complimentary Parking is available on site. The hotel is located across the parking lot from the Black Canyon Conference Center.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WAWH 2006 Conference
May 5-7, 2006
Asilomar Conference Center
Pacific Grove, California

The 2006 conference will be the first year we try a new Friday/Saturday only conference schedule.
The conference will open with Friday lunch, followed by Friday afternoon sessions, Friday evening activities, Saturday morning and afternoon sessions, and Saturday evening activities which culminate into the Award banquet on Saturday night.
The conference center, located in sight of the Pacific Ocean, was the location of the first WAWH conference.

WAWH 2007 Conference
May 4-5, 2007
Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice
University of San Diego
San Diego, California
Come to sunny San Diego as we expand our southern California meeting location south of Los Angeles. We will have beautiful views and good San Diego weather for our yearly conference.

WAWH 2008 Conference
May 16-17, 2008
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
Bring your passports!
Join us in beautiful British Columbia for our first venture outside of the United States.
CONFERENCE INFORMATION OVERVIEW

NB: Arizona does not use daylight savings time. After April 3, Arizona will be the same as PDT.

All activities will be held at the Black Canyon Conference Center.

The Courtyard by Marriott is located across the parking lot from the Black Canyon Conference Center.

If you have any questions, please see the registration table in the Lobby of Black Canyon Conference Center, outside of Black Canyon Ballroom.

Registration Tables will be open:
- Friday 5:00 pm-7:15 pm
- Saturday 8:00 am-4:30 pm
- Sunday 8:00 am-12:15 pm

All food and drinks served for breaks, breakfast on Saturday, lunch on Saturday, and breakfast Sunday are included in the costs of your registration. Food will be located in locations in the conference center.

Breakfast will be served beginning at 7:45 am Saturday and Sunday morning at the conference center. The cost is included in your registration fees.

2005 Membership Directories and the *History of the WAWH* (1994) are available for purchase at the registration table.
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE SUMMARY

Friday, April 29

6:00-7:00 pm Opening Reception
7:00 pm-9:00 pm Opening Program

Saturday, April 30

9:00 am-10:30 am Section I
10:45 am-12:15 pm Section II
Keynote
12:15 pm-1:15 pm Lunch
1:30 pm-3:00 pm Section III
Special Session
3:00 pm-4:30 pm Section IV
4:45 pm-5:45 pm Business Meeting
6:00 pm-7:00 pm Graduate Student Reception and Fund Raiser
7:00 pm-9:00 pm Awards Banquet

Sunday, May 1

9:00 am-10:30 am Section V
10:45 am-12:15 pm Section VI
Friday, April 29

1:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting
Location: Echo Canyon

6:00-7:00 pm Opening Reception
Buffet Supper
Food, drinks, and stimulating conversation!
Location: Patio Dining Area

7:00 pm-9:00 pm Opening Program
“Roundtable: Capturing the Muse: Scholars Analyze their Recent Works”
Chair: Nupur Chaudhuri, Texas Southern University
Patricia Preciado Martin, Independent Scholar
Discussing Beloved Land: An Oral History of Mexican Americans in Southern Arizona
(University of Arizona, 2004)
Devon Abbott Mihesuah, Northern Arizona University, and
Angela Wilson, Arizona State University
Discussing Indigenizing the Academy: Transforming Scholarship
(University of Nebraska Press, 2004)
Carol Williams, University of Lethbridge
Discussing Framing the West: Race, Gender, and the Photographic Frontier in the Pacific Northwest
(Oxford University Press, 2003)
Comment: The Audience
Location: Patio Dining Area
Saturday, April 30 - Section I: 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

1. **Cultures of Activism: Women, Race, and Political Consciousness, 1920-1960**
   Chair: Shana Bernstein, Southwestern University

   Susan Bragg, University of Washington,
   “Race Women, Crisis Maids, and NAACP Sweethearts:
   African American Women’s Auxiliaries and NAACP
   Activism in the Early Twentieth Century”

   Elizabeth Escobedo, University of Texas at San Antonio,
   “Rosita the Riveter: Mexican American Women at Work
   for the War and their Community”

   Gina Marie Pitti, Arizona State University
   “When the Church Ladies Came to Town: Leta Elizondo, Maria
   de la Luz Sanchez, and Other Mexicanas in San Jose, 1945-1960”

   Comment: Kim Warren, University of Kansas

   Location: Boulder Room

2. **Gender, Politics, and Social Change in Latin America**
   Chair: Asuncion Lavrin, Arizona State University

   Nicola Foote, University College London
   “Race and Gender in the Construction of the Ecuadorian Nation”

   Jadwiga E. P. Mooney, University of Arizona
   “Radio Technology, Political Participation, and the
   Gendered Dimensions of Change in Latin America:
   Assessing Historical Change and Historiography”

   Patricia Harms, Arizona State University
   “The Men Left, the Women Stayed: The Role of Gender in
   Pre-Revolutionary Guatemala, 1931-1949”

   Comment: Kimberly Gauderman, University of New Mexico

   Location: Coyote Room
3. A GENDERED HISTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS
Chair: Carole Srole, California State University, Los Angeles
Annie Russell, Graduate Theological Union
“Faces of Religion and Social Reform in America: The Philanthropic and Spiritual Work of Emily Malbone Morgan”
Tom Olson and Eileen Walsh, University of Texas at El Paso
“Handling the Sick: A Revisionist Approach to Nursing History, 1892-1937”
Carol Feinberg, University of California, Santa Barbara
“‘Family Values’ in Focus: A Case Study of Organization Building, Antifeminism, and Public Policy Activism”
Comment: Carole Srole
Location: Horseshoe Room

4. MEMORY, IDENTITY, AND VIOLENCE: STUDIES IN REVOLUTIONARY AND CIVIL WAR AMERICA
Chair: Susan E. Gray, Arizona State University
Terri L. Snyder, California State University, Fullerton
“Stories of Suicide: Cultural Identity and Self-Murder in Revolutionary Virginia”
Sharon E. Wood, University of Nebraska at Omaha
“Whose Memories Make History? Slavery, Loyalty, and a Civil War Story”
Comment: Susan E. Gray
Location: Joshua Tree Room
SUNDAY, APRIL 30 - SECTION II: 10:45 AM-12:15 PM

Welcome: Patricia Cline Cohen, President, Western Association of Women Historians

Keynote Address:

“Boundaries and Blinders in History: Revisiting the 1920s Generation”

Nancy Cott
Harvard University

Location: Black Canyon Ballroom

12:15 pm-1:15 pm Lunch
Lunch is included in your registration costs.

Location: Food available in the Lobby
Seating available in the Black Canyon Ballroom
Saturday, April 30 - Section III: 1:30PM-3:00 PM

Introduction: Gayle Gullett, Chair, 2005 WAWH Program Committee

Special Session:

“The Challenge of Borders: Remembering Gloria Anzaldúa in a Time of Anti-Immigrant Movements”
Chair: Lydia Otero, University of Arizona
Cordelia Candelaria, Arizona State University
“Voces’ of America from Sea to Shining Si”
Karen Anderson, University of Arizona
“Protection Rackets: Gender, Culture, Kinship, and the Politics of Race”
Raquel Rubio-Goldsmith, University of Arizona
“We the People”: Institutionalizing Migrant Abuse

Comment: The Audience

Location: Black Canyon Ballroom
5. VISIONS OF WOMEN’S ACTIVISM: CALIFORNIA POLITICAL AND SOCIAL REFORMERS IN THE EARLY TWENTIETH-CENTURY

Chair: Eileen V. Wallis, California State University, Fresno
Beth Slutsky, University of California, Davis
Kristine Ashton Gunnell, Claremont Graduate University
“Women’s Worries: Katherine Philips Edson and the Limits of Women’s Political Activism in California, 1913-1933”
Anne Rapp, DePaul University
“A Marginalized Voice for Social Justice: Charlotta Bass”
Comment: Alexandra Epstein, University of California, Davis

Location: Boulder Room

6. WOMEN ACT OUT: POLITICS AND MORALITY IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY WOMEN’S REFORM MOVEMENTS

Chair: Elisabeth I. Perry, Saint Louis University
Tonia M. Compton, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
“Arousing Public Sentiment: The Ladies’ Anti-Polygamy Society as a Political Organization
Joann M. Ross, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
“Women’s Voices: Politics and Morality in the Debate Over Slavery, 1850-1860”
Leslie Working, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
“Appealing to Town and Country: Nebraska Women’s Reform and Political Involvement”
Comment: Karen J. Blair, Central Washington University

Location: Coyote Room
Saturday, April 30 - Section IV: 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

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7. Subject/Object: The Female Criminal and Contests over Image, Gender, and Rehabilitation

Chair: Kathleen Cairns, California State University, Sacramento
Elisabeth Ritacca, University of California, Davis
“"Society Hasn’t Changed as Much as You Have”:
Discourse on Rehabilitation and Criminal Image Among Indiana Women’s Prison Inmates of the 1950s”
Dominique T. Chlup, Texas A&M University
“A Double Standard of Justice: Resisting the Status of Gendered Inmate, the History of the Educational Programs at the Massachusetts Reformatory for Women, 1930-1960”
Keira V. Williams, University of Georgia
“In a Lake of Fire”: Discourses of Female Criminality and the Legal Defense of Susan Smith”
Comment: Kathleen Cairns
Location: Horseshoe Room

8. Women, Gender, and Work

Chair: Lois Helmbold, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Christina Gessler, Independent Scholar
“I Have Used Up My Nervous Strength”: Mother-work in Late-Nineteenth-Century Rural New England”
Robin Flinchum, Journalist
“Woman of the Underworld: Work and Identity in the Death Valley Mining Camp Red Light Districts”
Michelle Morgan, University of Wisconsin-Madison
“A Field of Great Promise”: The Migration of Teachers to the Urban Far West, 1890-1930”
Comment: Lois Helmbold
Location: Joshua Tree Room
SATURDAY, APRIL 30 - EVENING ACTIVITIES

4:45 pm-5:45 pm
Business Meeting
Open to all.
Current WAWH members eligible to vote
Location: Bolder Room

6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Graduate Student Reception and Fund Raiser
All are welcome.
Come and mingle with conference attendees.
A hat will be passed to collect for donations for the Founders’ Dissertation Fund.
Donations may be made with registration.
Donations are not required for attendance.
Location: Patio Dining Area

7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Awards Banquet
Dinner
Presentation of Awards and Prizes:
Judith Lee Ridge Prize
Sierra Book Prize
Barbara “Penny” Kanner Prize
Founders’ Dissertation Fellowship
Separate ticket required. A few may be available onsite.
Check with the registration desk.
Location: Black Canyon Ballroom
WAWH Awards and Prizes

Judith Lee Ridge Prize
Prize of $100 given for the best article in the field of history published by a WAWH member. Open to all fields of history.

Sierra Prize
Award $250 for the best monograph in the field of history published by a WAWH member.
Open to all fields of history.

Barbara “Penny” Kanner Prize
Award of $500 given for the best scholarly bibliographical and historical guide to research focused on women or gender history and autobiography in historical context. The award should reflect the craft of history as developed and interpreted in individual lives.
(Bibliographical and autobiographical awards given in alternate years).

Founders Dissertation Fellowship
Fellowship of $1,000 awarded to a doctoral student to assist with dissertation work.

Check http://www.wawh.org for detailed information on awards and prizes.
SUNDAY, MAY 1 - SECTION V: 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

9. CHALLENGING GENDERED/RACIAL NOTIONS OF CITIZENSHIP
Chair: Eileen Boris, University of California, Santa Barbara
  Martha I. Pallante, Youngstown State University
  “Gender, Race and Servitude: Changing Conceptions of Status in the Seventeenth Century”
  Yvonne Montoya, University of Arizona
  “Asina nos criaron: Contesting the Narratives and Claiming Place in the Atomic Age 1912-1955”
  Rebecca Hartman, Eastern Oregon University
  “The Best Possible Living: Women’s Work and the Economic Success of ‘Uncle Sam’s Farmers’”
  Comment: Eileen Boris
  Location: Bolder Room

10. NARRATIVES OF EMOTION: WIVES AND WIDOWS CONSTRUCT AND RE-CONSTRUCT THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC
Chair: Alice Fahs, University of California, Irvine
  Sarah Swedberg, Mesa State College, Colorado
  “Women’s Emotional Suffering in the Early American Republic”
  Lee Chambers, University of Colorado
  “Great was the benefit of his death”: The Political Uses of an Ante-Bellum Widow’s Pain”
  Carolyn J. Lawes, Old Dominion University
  “A Family in Crisis: The Short Life and Long Death of Rebekah Dean Salisbury”
  Comment: Alice Fahs
  Location: Coyote Room
11. A MAN’S WORK IN A WOMAN’S WAY
Chair: Karen Leong, Arizona State University
Francinne Valcour, Arizona State University
Elyssa Ford, Arizona State University
“Keep the Lights Burning: The Story of Maine’s Women Lighthouse Keeps”
Sarah Bohl, Arizona State University
“Estelle Reel: A Woman in Early Wyoming Politics”
Comment: Karen Leong
Location: Horseshoe Room

12. THE POLITICS OF LOVE, LAUNDRY, AND LEMON SOUFFLÉ IN THE LAND OF GOLD: PLACING WOMEN IN CALIFORNIA HISTORY AND CALIFORNIA IN WOMEN’S HISTORY
Chair: Elizabeth Clement, University of Utah
Edie Sparks, University of the Pacific
“Airing Dirty Laundry: A History of Racial and Gender Conflict in San Francisco’s Laundry Industry”
Allison Varzally, California State University, Hayward
“‘Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?’: The Importance of Intermarried, Minority Women to the History of California”
Jessica Weiss, California State University, Hayward
“Postwar Femininity, Bay Area Style: Gender and Public Life, 1957-1964”
Comment: Elizabeth Clement
Location: Joshua Tree Room
SUNDAY, MAY 1 - SECTION VI: 10:45 AM-12:15 PM

13. LOOKING AT CULTURAL PRODUCTIONS AND SPECTACLE
Chair: June Sochen, Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago
   Nancy Page Fernandez, Cal Poly Pomona
   “Playing Shirley Temple: The Sinn Family Orchestra and American Vaudeville, 1931-1936”
   Ann Hibner Koblitz, Arizona State University
   “Southwestern Archaeologists and Constructions of Hohokam Militarism”
   Comment: June Sochen
   Location: Bolder Room

14. ROUNDTABLE: TESTIMONIOS TUCSONENSES: A PUBLIC HISTORY PROGRAM IN BARRIO HOLLYWOOD
Chair: Mary Ann Villarreal, University of Utah
   Karen Lutrick, University of Arizona
   “Overview of the MAS Public History Project”
   Cecilia Madrid, University of Arizona
   “The Demographics of Barrio Hollywood, ‘Where Everyone is a Star’”
   Angelina Borbon, University of Arizona
   “Barrio Hollywood: Culture and Homeland”
   Natalia Geoffroy, University of Arizona
   “Where are the Manzo Apaches in Barrio Hollywood?”
   Rosey Eros, University of Arizona
   “Dance as an Empowering Ritual for Chicanas”
   Tina C. Mendoza, University of Arizona
   “Military Service in Vietnam and Collective Claims to Citizenship”
   Comment: Mary Ann Villarreal
   Location: Coyote Room
15. CROSSING GENDERED BOUNDARIES
Chair: Jill Fields, California State University, Fresno
Catherine De Luca, University of California, Riverside
“Guglielmina Schianteschi (1463-1536): A Tuscan Countess & Florentine Citizen”
Elizabeth Regosin, St. Lawrence University
“The Skirt Who Wore Men’s Clothes: An Examination of Gender Identity and Separateness in the Autobiography of a Nineteenth-Century Cross-Dresser”
Jane E. Dabel, California State University, Long Beach
“A superior colored man…and a Scotch woman”: Interracial Marriages in New York City, 1850-1870”
Comment: Jill Fields
Location: Horseshow Room

16. FIRST RELATIONSHIPS: THE ROLE OF FEMALE SPOUSES FROM THE GOVERNOR’S MANSION TO THE FOREIGN MISSION
Chair: Carol Jackson Adams, Ottawa University
Nancy Beck Young, McKendree College
“The Evolution of Executive Marriages in American Politics: Presidential and Gubernatorial Spouses”
Kristie Miller, Independent Scholar
“The Foreign Service Wife: America’s First Ladies Overseas”
Katherine A. S. Sibley, Saint Joseph’s University
“Florence Kling Harding and the Harding Presidency”
Comment: Catherine Forslund, Rockford College
Location: Joshua Tree Room