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WOMAN'S WORD Women's Studies Bulletin

CONFERENCES (including calls for papers)

September 26-28, 1991

"WOMEN: WHERE ARE WE GOING? WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?"
At Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

This 5th annual women's studies conference will include papers on a variety of subjects related to gender issues, a slide and fabric art exhibit by Penny Sisto, and general session presentations by Jean Bethke Elshtain, Dorothy Spruill Redford, and Minnie Bruce Pratt. Call Mary Bricker-Jenkins at (502) 745-2692.

October 17-19, 1991

"THE ROLE OF WOMEN: THE PAST AND THE ROAD AHEAD"
At Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas.

Featuring: Ellen Goodman on "Women in Media," Elizabeth Watson on "Women in Law Enforcement," Governor Ann Richards on "Women in the Political Arena," and many others. Call Alice Specht at (915) 670-1230.

October 18-19, 1991

"ACKNOWLEDGING DIFFERENCES: CAN WOMEN FIND UNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY?" The annual conference of the North Central Women's Studies Association. At Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Call 1-800-336-5699.

October 31 - November 2, 1991
"GENDER IN ACADEME: WHO CARES?"
At the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida.

This conference will provide a forum for scholars, administrators, and students to consider one of the most compelling and longstanding issues in higher education today, the role of gender in the academy. Call (813) 974-2403.

November 14-15, 1991

"TRANSLATIONS/TRANSFORMATIONS: GENDER AND CULTURE IN FILM AND LITERATURE EAST AND WEST"

At the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii (sponsored by the University of Hawaii).

An interdisciplinary conference to explore the construction, perception, and perpetuation of gender differences within cultures and across cultures in mutually adaptive media. Contact Cornelia Moore, University of Hawaii. Webster Hall 204, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

February 14-16, 1991
"THE 6TH ANNUAL MIDWEST FEMINIST GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE"

At Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

This event offers graduate students engaged in feminist and gender studies in a broad range of disciplines the opportunity to gain conference experience,

to present their work, and to interact with their peers throughout the Midwest. Last year's conference, which was held at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, attracted three hundred participants. This year's conference is being organized and hosted by graduate students at Miami University.

CALL FOR PAPERS and presentations: Participants may present or perform, either individually or collectively, completed works or works-in-progress. The organizers intend that the conference be truly interdisciplinary and will seriously consider any and all topics related to women or gender studies. A diversity of viewpoints, voices, and ideological perspectives are encouraged. Deadline: proposals must be postmarked by November 1, 1991. Call (513) 529-4616.

March 25-29, 1992

"SOCIETY FOR APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY 1992 ANNUAL MEETING"
Theme: regional research and development: domestic and international perspectives.
At the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee (sponsored by the city of Memphis, the Mid-South Association of Professional Anthropologists, and the Society for Applied Anthropology).

A realistic and effective means for solving human problems is to treat these problems within a regional context. The 1992 SfAA meetings will therefore take an integrative, regional approach in addressing issues such as warfare, economic development, ethnic conflict, health crises, and environmental hazards as they impinge upon the lives of people living in particular regions, such as Mississippi Delta, Appalachia, the Great Plains, etc. Contact Linda Bennett (901) 278-8252.

CALL FOR PAPERS: abstracts are due October 31, 1991.

April 10-12, 1992

"NARRATIVE: AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE"

At Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

This conference is an interdisciplinary forum bringing together scholars from many different fields to discuss all aspects of narrative theory and practice. Contact Jay Clayton, English Department, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 37235.

CALL FOR PAPERS: Papers on narrative in any genre, period, nationality, discipline, and media (film, art, popular culture) will be considered. The Program Committee especially welcomes topics involving interdisciplinary methods or cross-cultural perspectives. The presentation should be in English, and the focus should be on narrative. Deadline: papers or abstracts must be postmarked by October 15, 1991.

April 30 - May 3, 1992

"MATRILINEALITY AND PATRILINEALITY IN COMPARATIVE AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE" At the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Historians of women and the family and anthropologists whose work centers on kinship have been calling for a more critical approach to the categories we use to understand the dynamics of kinship, particularly the categories matrilineal and patrilineal. The most exciting and useful analyses of kinship are often conceived at the juncture of history and anthropology. This conference will bring together a group of scholars whose research explores kinship practices and their meanings in a variety of historical and contemporary settings. Call (612) 624-6053.

May 7-8, 1992
"WOMEN AND WORK"

Eighth annual conference at La Quinta Inn in Arlington, Texas (sponsored by the University of Texas and others).

CALL FOR PAPERS, presentations, panels: Possible topics would be sexism, racism, equity, harassment, stereotypes, career tracking, leadership styles, networking, mentoring, child care, benefits, workplace diversity in various settings (corporate, small business, nonprofit, government, academic) and fields (business, professions, arts, science, academia, public service). Deadline for proposals: December 10, 1991. Call Silvia Lesko at (817) 273-2581.

June 11-13, 1992

"THE 9TH BERKSHIRE CONFERENCE ON THE HISTORY OF WOMEN: TRANSFORMATIONS: WOMEN, GENDER, POWER"

At Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York.

This is the major conference on women's history in the United States.

CALL FOR PAPERS: The Program Committee welcomes proposals addressing the relations between feminist history and social and political practice and papers taking an interdisciplinary or comparative approach crossing national, cultural, racial, or ethnic lines. The conference encourages international participation and perspectives. Proposals for panels are preferred; individual papers will also be considered. Deadline for submissions: February 1, 1992. Call Barbara Harris at (919) 962-3908.

CALLS FOR PAPERS for publication or reference

Topic: lesbian battering.

The Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women is currently soliciting unpublished papers, reports, or essays on lesbian battering. As a part of the coalition, the Task Force on Lesbian Battering is coordinates the efforts to publicize and educate lesbians and heterosexuals on this growing problem in the lesbian community.

Task Force on Lesbian Battering, Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women, Physicians Plaza, Suite 201, 570 Asbury Street, St. Paul, MN 55104.

Topic: intellectual harassment of lesbians.

"Censorship and Self-Censorship: Anti-Feminist Harassment in the Academy" is the title of a collection being compiled by the Commission on the Status of Women in the Profession, a committee which is part of the Modern Language Association. One section of the collection will be devoted to the topic of the intellectual harassment of lesbians. Some examples of intellectual harassment are: ridicule, heckling, political baiting, harassment in the publishing and review process, homophobic slurs, damage to lesbian books and posters. physical threats, refusals of support, and the various forms of silencing.

Greta Gaard, Department of Composition. 420 Humanities Building, University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN 55812.

Topic: any topic which personally explores the woman of color's positive cultural self-image.

The book of poetry, essays, and short stories is tentatively titled Enjoying the Darkness. Possible topics: family, hair/dress, politics, education, children, cooking, extended family, career/job, religion, music, arts/theatre, community activity, relationships, nature, holidays, ceremonies/traditions,

travel, books, history, secret pleasures, death, art, childbirth, mothers, woman-ness.

Gloria J. Browne, 2589 The Meadows, Montgomery, AL 36116,

PERFORMANCES

"A Room of My Own," a play by Sharon Sassone, September 12 - October 12, 1991, at A Stage of One's Own Theatre Company, 2051 W. North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60647, (312) 276-4006.

A harried young wife and mother - who is also an aspiring novelist - finds that while reading Virginia Woolf's book A Room of One's Own, she conjures up Woolf's spirit into her kitchen.

Can't Stand Up for Falling Down, a play by Richard Cameron, September 12 - October 20, 1991, at the Strawdog Theatre, 3829 N. Broadway, Cnicago, Illinois 60613, (312) 528-9889.

In this drama, "three young women relive and recount the experience of growing from innocent girlhood to desperate womanhood in the shadow of one man's cruelty."

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Associate or full professor, a joint appointment between Women's Studies and the Department of Psychology (Social and Health Sciences), at Duke University. Deadline: December 1, 1991. Call (919) 684-5683.

Faculty position in the Women's Studies Program at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Applicant's teaching and scholarly/creative work should focus on women of color. Review of applications will begin on October 15, 1991. Contact: Search Committee, Women's Studies Program, Campus Box 246, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado 80309-0246.

Three joint appointments in the appropriate department and Women's Studies, at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Applicants from all disciplines within the humanities and the social sciences are eligible. Processing of applications will begin October 15, 1991. Search Committees, Women's Studies, University of Arizona, Douglass 102, Tucson AZ 85721.

Director, Center for Women's Studies, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio Applications must be received no later than November 15, 1991. Contact Judith Mayne, Center for Women's Studies, 207 Dulles Hall, 230 W. 17th Avenue, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210.

Internship for fall term, at the Illinois Pro-Choice Alliance Educational Fund, 20 E. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604. Duties include library research and conference coordination.

For more information on any of these items, contact the Women's Studies office at extension 3308.

Topic: any topic which personally explores the woman of color's positive cultural