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WOMEN'S STUDIES UPDATE

On the afternoon of December 3, 1993, Women's Studies held a reception celebrating 20 years of Women's Studies at Northeastern and honoring and recognizing the achievements of our women faculty, staff, and students. The following women received the Women's Studies Award:

Tina R. Daniels, Director of the University's Alumni Affairs Department, has expanded the programming for Northeastern's alumnae, has mentored female minority students, has assumed a leadership role with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (the only woman of color) and has demonstrated a strong commitment to the women students on campus.

Nancy Green, Professor of Educational Foundations and Women's Studies, has published widely, always focusing on feminist pedagogy and women's role in education. Her association with Women's Studies and its Core Faculty is long and speaks of her dedication to feminism and its principles. As she has said, "Almost all the teachers I work with are women, and I see my efforts at helping them gain strength and visibility as gender-related."

Jorjet Harper, an outstanding graduate student in Northeastern's MA in Composition program and a respected journalist in Chicago's lesbian community newspapers, has identified herself as an important voice outside of academia. Her paper, "Lesbian and Gay Discourse, Social Construction, and a Rhetoric of Concealment" has been accepted for presentation at the Conference on College Composition and Communication next March, a high honor for her.

Shirley Rovner, Faculty Senate, has been a dedicated member of the Women's Studies Advisory Board for over 17 years. Her support of and her service to the Women's Studies Program has been of great assistance to the coordinators of the program and has enhanced the work of Women's Studies. She has never missed an opportunity to promote the program and talk to students about the W.S. courses and faculty. Always a feminist, she lives her principles as she proceeds with her daily work.

Susan Stall, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies, has served on the Women's Services Board and has been actively involved in the Women in Organizing Project for Women United for a Better Chicago and the Woman's Leadership Development Project for the Native American Education Services (NAES); her research on women in public housing has been presented frequently and has been published in a recent anthology. Dr. Stall continually works to promote the status of women at the university and the community.

Women's Studies congratulates these women in their achievements.

CONFERENCES

January 13-15, 1995, Cambridge, MA. Pre-Registration Deadline December 1, 1993. **BLACK WOMEN IN THE ACADEMY: DEFENDING OUR NAME, 1984 - 1994.** This conference

will focus on a large number of concerns central to Black women's lives inside and out the academy such as: "Roundtable: Black Feminist Films", "Black Women, White Women: Redefining Women's Studies", "Image, Talk, Diction, and Syntax: Language in the Doctoral Experience", "Black Lesbians, Academe", "Sexuality and the Inner Lives of Black Women", and "Black Women Historical Figures and Interpretation". For more information contact: MIT Conference Services Office, Room 7-111, Cambridge, MA 02139-4307, (617) 253-8889.

May 19-22, 1994, Santa Cruz, CA

INTERNATIONAL GODDESS FESTIVAL. The focus of this festival of spirituality, culture, and music is to lift up your souls under the Full Moon. Activities will include provocative spiritual, political workshops, make ocean visits, and purifications. At camp you can enjoy a swimming pool, a rope course, hiking trails and at night a high ritual, followed by concerts by women artists. For more information contact: Women's Spirituality Forum, P.O. Box 11363, Oakland, CA 94611, (510) 444-7724.

May 30-July 1, 1994, College Park, MD. Application Deadline March 1, 1994

SAPPHO AND LADY MARY WROTH: MAJOR WRITERS OF CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY AND THE ENGLISH RENAISSANCE. The focus of this institute will be on the comparative reading of texts by Sappho and Lady Mary Wroth, locating these texts within larger historical contexts and exploring evidence for female literary communities. *Participants are limited to full-time faculty teaching in colleges and universities in the United States.* Each participant will receive a stipend of \$1,250 as well as subsidies to defray the costs of travel to the institute, room, and board. For more information contact: Sappho/Lady Mary Wroth, Center for Renaissance and Baroque Studies, 1120 Francis Scott Key Hall University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742-7325, (301) 405-6830.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Submissions due: December 15, 1993 Conference: September 1994

THE BLACK WOMAN, HEALTH, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT. The 2nd International Conference on Women in Africa and the African Diaspora: Bridges Across Activism and the Academy. For more information contact: Prof. Obioma Nnaemeka, French and Women's Studies, Indiana University, 425 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202-5140, (317) 278-2038

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Submissions due: December 20, 1993

The **MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF GENDER AND LAW** explores alternative legal theories and practices on issues concerning gender bias and inequality in the law. The next issue (May 1994) will be dedicated to discussions on the war in Bosnia and its relationship to international human rights, particularly women's rights. In addition, submissions on the entire range of issues dealing with gender and the law are needed for future issues. For more information contact: Aylice M. Toohey, Solicitation Coordinator, Michigan Journal of Gender and Law, University of Michigan Law School, Hutchins Hall, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, (313) 763-7378.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **ABIGAIL QUIGLEY MCCARTHY CENTER FOR WOMEN'S RESEARCH, RESOURCES AND SCHOLARSHIP** at the College of St Catherine announces its **Fifth Annual Abigail Associates Grants** to support research on women. The grants are as follows:

Two grants from a disbursement of \$3,000 to support research on topics related to the development of self-esteem in women and girls.

One grant of up to \$2,500 to support research on the contribution of women from the Catholic tradition to public policy and/or service.

The deadline for submission is **April 22, 1994**. For further information contact: Catherine Lupori, Director, The Abigail Quigley McCarthy Center for Women, 2004 Randolph Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota 55105, (612) 690-6736.

The **HENRY A. MURRAY RESEARCH CENTER** of Radcliffe College is pleased to announce the availability of grant funds for postdoctoral level research drawing on the Murray Center's data resources and for doctoral dissertations. The Center also offers a visiting scholars-in-residence program. The Center is a national repository of social and behavioral sciences data for the study of lives over time with a special focus on the lives of women. Descriptions of the data sets housed at the Center are presented in the **Guide to the Data Resources of the Henry A. Murray Research Center**, which can be purchased for \$15. Scholarships available are:

Jeanne Humphrey Block Dissertation Award Program. The application deadline is **April 1**.

Henry A Murray Dissertation Award Program. The application deadline is **April 1**. For more information contact: Grants Administrator, Radcliffe College, Ten Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138, (617) 495-8140.

The **FELLOWSHIP OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL** administers graduate fellowship programs and the postdoctoral fellowship program. Fellowships available are:

Ford Foundations Postdoctoral Fellowships for Minorities. The application deadline is **January 7, 1994**.

For more information contact: Office of Scientific and Engineering Personnel, National Research Council, Fellowship Programs, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington, D.C. 20418.

The **VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM** at the Institute for Research on Women (IRW) promotes innovative scholarship on women and gender through its interdisciplinary forums, lectures and conferences. The Visiting Scholar Program provides an opportunity for postdoctoral scholars to take advantage of Rutgers's unique resources in the study of women and gender. Although Visiting Scholar appointments are unsalaried, they carry all faculty privileges. Postdoctoral scholars working in any discipline may apply. The deadline for submission for **Fall 1994 is January 1, 1994**; for **Spring 1995 is April 1, 1994**. For further information contact: The Institute for Research on Women, The State University of New Jersey, Rutgers, Douglas Campus, 27 Clifton Ave., P.O. Box 270, New Brunswick, NJ, 08903-0270, (908) 932-9072.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

FACULTY, WOMEN STUDIES PROGRAM. The University of Colorado is seeking a tenure-line faculty within the Women Studies Program. Preference will be given to candidates at the assistant level, but candidates at all levels will be considered. In addition, special consideration will be given toward applicants whose teaching and scholarly/creative work includes U.S. women of color and international and cross-cultural studies. Candidates should be willing to teach at all levels, and their publishing records should be commensurate with their experience. For more information contact: Chair, Search Committee, Women Studies Program, Campus Box 246, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309-0246.

DEPARTMENT CHAIR, WOMEN STUDIES PROGRAM. The Arizona State University West (ASU West) is seeking a coordinator of the Women's Studies Program. The Coordinator will have a ten month appointment, and will also teach one course per semester in Women's Studies. Applicants must have earned doctorate or terminal degree in related field; ability to be appointed as a tenure associate or full professor in Women's Studies; demonstrated ability in academic and administrative leadership with experience in Women's Studies or related areas such as Ethnic Studies. *Application Deadline January 15, 1995. Position Starting Date August 1, 1994.* For more information contact: Dr. Afsaneh Nahavandi, Search Chair, Women's Studies Coordinator Search Committee, c/o Women's Studies - Arizona State University West, P.O. Box 37100 - Phoenix, AZ 85069-7100, (602) 543-3300.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, WOMEN STUDIES PROGRAM. The San Jose State University is seeking an assistant professor, tenure track with specialization in women of color, US or US/international. Must have acquired Ph.D. by 8/94 in ethnic studies, women studies, or any social science discipline. Application deadline: December 1, 1993. For more information contact: Dr. Lois Rita Helmbold, Coordinator, Women Studies Program, SJSU, San Jose, CA 95192-0123, (408) 924-5591.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday evenings, at 7:00 P.M., November 1, 1993 - January 31, 1994.

MASKS, is a visual and poetic exploration of women existing beyond the basic premise of mere survival. A one-woman show performed by Tina Steel. For more information contact: Cafe Voltaire's Underground Theatre, 3231 N. Clark, (312) 583-5884.

"WOMEN AT THE DOOR" a series of staged readings by Chicago Women Playwrights, directed by Chicago Women Directors. Performances will be on Sunday afternoons at 2:30 P.M. beginning November 28th through December 19th.

December 5th S. J. Orrick & Sandra Grand

"Chapter and Verse"

December 12th Anne McGravie & Karen Kessler

"Wrens"

December 19th Claudia Allen & Marlene Zuccaro

"Just Desserts"

For more information contact: Famous Door, Jane Addams Center, 3212 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL (312) 404-8283.

WOMEN & CHILDREN FIRST BOOKSTORE book signing and/or readings for this month will include the following:

December 2nd Lisa Buscani and Jeanne R. Towns

December 7th Margaret Atwood, *Why Dogs Are Better Than Men*

For more information contact: Women & Children First Bookstore, 5233 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640, (312) 769-9299.

MOUNTAIN MOVING COFFEEHOUSE, for Womyn and Children, activities for this month will include the following:

December 11th 12th Annual Mid-Winter Crafts Festival

December 18th Lynn Thomas

For more information contact: Mountain Moving Coffeehouse, P.O. Box 257678, Chicago, IL 60625-7678, (312) 685-8310.

JARNDYCE - The Antiquarian Booksellers recently published two catalogues devoted to works by, about and for Women concentration on fiction from 1800 - 1920 by such authors as Jane Austen, Mrs. Braddon, Charlotte Bronte, Mrs. Gaskell, Mrs. Hermans, Vernon Lee, and Charlotte Yonge among many others. For more information contact: Jarndyce, 46, Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury, London WC1B 3PA, (071) 631-4220.

PRAIRIE MOON, LTD, presents Feminist Theologian, Dr. Rosemary Radford Ruether, author of *Gaia and God*, *Sexism and God Talk*, *Womanguides*, and *Women, Church, Theology and Practice* on Saturday, December 4, 1993, at 3:00 P.M. for a book signing and a discussion of her works. For more information contact: Praire Moon, Ltd., 8 N. Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60005, (708) 342-9608.

MASTER OF ARTS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES. The University of Northern Iowa's Master of Arts in Women's Studies curriculum is designed to meet the needs of students with an interest in a program of gender-focused research. The thirty-four hour program (thesis required) includes a core sequence of five courses that introduces students to feminist theory, representative research on gender, and pertinent research methodologies. For more information contact: Dr. Martie Reineke, Graduate Program in Women's Studies, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0501, (319) 273-6233.

FEMINIST PERSPECTIVES ON EATING DISORDERS, edited by Patricia Fallon, Melanie A. Katzman, and Susan C. Wooley. This work utilizes a feminist perspective to illuminate and explore the relationship between the anguish of eating disorder sufferers and the problems of ordinary women. To provide a sociocultural context, the book reviews the histories of fashion, male conceptual and artistic representations of the female body, appearance norms for women, and predominately female maladies and discusses current body image problems. For more information contact: Guilford Publications, Inc., Dept W, 72 Spring St., New York, NY 10012, (800) 365-7006.

MEETING AT THE CROSSROADS: THE LANDMARK BOOK ABOUT THE TURNING POINTS IN GIRL'S AND WOMEN'S LIVES, by Lyn Mikel Brown and Carol Gilligan. This

is a resource book for courses in psychology, women's studies, education and childhood development. The book gives some explanation to the question "What, on the way to womanhood, does a girl give up?" One hundred girls gave voice to what is rarely spoken and often ignored: that the passage out of girlhood is a journey into silence and disconnection, a troubled crossing when a girl loses a firm sense of self and becomes tentative and unsure. The changes mark the edge of adolescence as a watershed in women's psychological development. Available in bookstores nationwide.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF GENDER, edited by Anne E. Beall and Robert J. Sternberg. This book takes a look at the psychology of gender from a variety of theoretical perspectives ranging from evolutionary to social constructionist account. Providing comprehensive coverage of different gender theories, and compiling these theories in an intelligent and relevant framework for examination, on such topics as: To what extent does gender influence ones behaviors, thoughts, and feelings? Do heredity and environment interact in shaping gender differences? For more information contact: Guilford Publications, Inc., Dept W, 72 Spring St., New York, NY 10012, (800) 365-7006.

RECONCEIVING WOMEN: SEPARATING MOTHERHOOD FROM FEMALE IDENTITY,

by Mardy S. Ireland. "Finally, a book about women who are not mothers---normal women who by choice or happenstance remain childless. If you want to understand who these women are, what they think and feel, how deeply the ideology of motherhood has infected our thinking about women and feminist, read Mardy Ireland's insightful and sensitive analysis." (Lillian Rubin). For more information contact: Guilford Publications, Inc., Dept W, 72 Spring St., New York, NY 10012, (800) 365-7006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE,
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