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CONGRATULATIONS TO 1996 GRADUATES: Women's Studies minors Heidi Bernhardt, Julia Lambert, Lawrie Marshman, and Christina Perez are graduating this Spring.

AND MORE CONGRATULATIONS: Renny Golden, Criminal Justice and Women's Studies, and Women's Studies Award recipient, Alice Murata, Counselor Education, have been designated to receive Faculty Excellence Awards for 1996 in recognition of their achievements and contributions to the academic community.

Shelley Bannister, Criminal Justice and Women's Studies, is one of the Research Month award recipients for 1996-1997.

Christine Perez, a Women's Studies Distinguished Student Award recipient, has been awarded a \$10,000 a year fellowship by ICEOP, a state of Illinois minority scholarship grant for graduate studies. Ms. Perez has been accepted by Loyola University's graduate program (Ph.D. in Sociology).

CALL FOR PAPERS

November 7 - 9, 1996, Morehead State University, Kentucky

HEROIC AND OUTRAGEOUS WOMEN. The 1996 Morehead State University Wilma E. Grote Symposium for the Advancement of Women will focus on heroic and outrageous women. Ideas for 1996 conference submissions include but are not limited to works that focus on 1) the endeavors of heroic and outrageous women both infamous and ordinary, from all groups and regions, 2) the discovery of the heroic and outrageous woman within ourselves, 3) grassroots and other social movements involving women and/or women's issues, 4) the development of heroic and outrageous strategies to encourage social change. All submissions will be reviewed by at least two experts on women's issues related to the paper topic. Submissions should be received by June 14, 1996. Send inquiries and abstracts to: Program Committee Chair, Cathy Thomas, Morehead State University, 206 Breckinridge Hall. Phone (606) 783-2712. Fax (606) 783-2457.

January 4 - 7, 1997, The University of Texas at El Paso

THE 10TH ANNUAL WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE provides a forum for discussion of issues relevant to women in higher education, opportunities to network, develop new contacts, and exchange information. The conference planning and proposal review committee is soliciting papers from interested individuals. Suggested paper and roundtable topics include, but are not limited to: Women In International Education; Multicultural Women's Studies; Non-Traditional and Women's Studies

Issues; Equity Issues; Women in Their Disciplines; Women's Roles in Higher Education; Minority Women in Higher Education; Support Systems for Women in Higher Education. Completed program proposals and abstracts may be mailed to: Nancy Wacker, Conference Coordinator, Professional & Continuing Education, The University of Texas at El Paso, 500 West University, El Paso, Texas 79968. Phone (915) 747-5142. Fax (915) 747-5538. Deadline for Abstract Proposals is September 1, 1996.

CONFERENCES

May 31 - June 1, 1996, Grand Rapides, Michigan

A SECOND BITE OF THE APPLE: REINTERPRETING THE EVE MYTH TO EXPLORE THE NATURE OF LOVING RELATIONSHIPS. This conference offers participants the opportunity to explore the mythic models of relationships that they tacitly accept in their lives and teach to the children. When they examine advertisements, fairy tales, and classical or mythic literature, what do these sources reveal about their relationship models and expectations? Awareness is the first step to changing one's life. Join the distinguished panel of academics and clinicians as they explore the diverse aspects of their love bonds. Through lectures and workshops the conference participants will be offered insights and ways to enjoy the transforming power of love to create and nurture mature and positive relationships. For conference information, contact: Joseph A. Warren, The Center for Inner Awareness, Inc., 1012 N. Washington, Lansing, MI 48906. Phone/Fax: (517) 484-6336.

June 7 - 9, 1996, Denver, Colorado

EMBRACING OUR ESSENCE conference features workshops and seminars with many contemporary heroines including Naomi Judd, Joan Borysenko, Elizabeth Roberts, Rachel Naomi Ramen, Shopy Burnham, Alexandra Stoddard, Ardath Rodale, and Corinne McLaughlin. These women share the distinction of considerable achievement in their respective fields and all are contributors to the book Embracing Our Essence: Spiritual Conversations with Prominent Women. If you would like more brochures or any other information about the Embracing Our Essence conference, please feel free to call (800) 851-1900 ext.220.

June 12 - 16, 1996, Skidmore College, New York

BORDERS/CROSSINGS/PASSAGES: WOMEN REINTERPRETING DEVELOPMENT. The seventeenth National Women's Studies Association annual conference will be held at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs. The conference will consider models and strategies for women's development across cultural, sexual, economic, national, institutional, and disciplinary borders. Broadening the concept of women and development to include multiple meanings and diverse perspectives as well as critiques, the conference will raise questions concerning the boundaries and borders -- literal and figurative--that have defined and sometimes divided women. For more information about the conference, please call (518) 584-5000, ext. 2387.

INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

FEMINIST INTERNSHIPS FOR THE SUMMER OF '96. The Feminist Majority is offering students the opportunity to be a part of an historic event. They are seeking dedicated feminist interns for the summer of 1996. Their nationally recognized intern program is expanding for a special program called Freedom Summer '96. The Freedom Summer '96 interns will join the fight in California to defeat the deceptive California "Civil Rights" Initiative. This initiative, an amendment to the California Constitution, legalizes sex discrimination and bans affirmative

action programs for women and people of color in public education, public employment and public contracting. Similar initiatives are being circulated in several other states including: Colorado, Florida, Oregon, and Washington. For information, please call Dee Martin or Christine Onyango at (703) 522-2214. Fax: (703) 522-2219.

FEMINISM & PUBLIC POLICY. The Feminist Majority and Feminist Majority Foundation also seek highly motivated college students who aspire to become leaders in the feminist movement to serve as interns in Washington, DC and Los Angeles offices. Internships, which run for a minimum of two months, are available all year round. They prefer that interns work 35-40 hours/week. From September through May, a stipend of \$70.00 per week is offered. In exchange, interns are expected to do up to 10 hours/week of clerical work. During the summer months (June- August) no stipend is offered, but there is some opportunity to earn pocket money by doing clerical work as needed. In addition, local transportation is reimbursed all year round. A number of their interns have received grants or financial aid from the schools to participate in their internship program. Before deciding you cannot afford the internship, please contact your school's financial aid office to see if they can offer any assistance. Los Angeles office: duVergne Gaines, Feminist Majority, 8105 West Third Street, Suite 1, Los Angeles, CA 90048. Phone: (213) 651-0495. Washington, DC office: Jyotsna Sreenivasan, Feminist Majority, 1600 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 801, Arlington, VA 22209. Phone: (703) 522-2214.

EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIP. Midwest-Northeast Voter Registration Education Project (MNVREP) is seeking applicants for employment this spring and summer in the following full-time permanent positions: Assistant Director of Administration & Finance; Assistant Youth Director; Assistant Research & Advocacy Director; Assistant Northeast Field Director; Latino Vote USA Student Organizer Internships. Interested persons should submit a current resume and any supportive documents available, i.e., letters of reference, transcripts, writing samples, etc. to MNVREP, 431 S. Dearborn, Suite 1204, Chicago, IL 60605. Phone: (312) 427-VOTE.

RESEARCH ANALYSIS INTERN. Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network is seeking applicants for a Research Analysis Intern. This is an unpaid position, but school credit is possible. Intern has opportunity to work with a domestic violence coalition, learn about the Chicago domestic violence services community, and non-profit agencies. Duties: analysis of Network-wide information on police response to domestic violence calls; collection of police response forms from Network agencies and coordination of materials, reporting and results. Additional work staffing the Network's Legal Issues Committee is possible. For more information, contact Michelle Devine, Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network, 220 S. State, Suite 1208, Chicago, IL 60604. Phone (312) 360-1924. Fax: (312) 360-1927.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP INTERN is needed by The National Organization for Women (NOW). The internship is unpaid. School credit is possible. This is an opportunity to learn first-hand how to conduct a public relations campaign for a non-profit agency and to participate in a women's rights advocacy organization. Duties: write and send press releases; write, design and distribute event advertising; coordinate newsletter mailing; approach potential newsletter advertisers; recruit new members; re-establish a relationship with lapsed members. Application deadline is open. Send cover letter, resume to Laura D. Trucano-Harp, Chicago NOW, 53 West Jackson, Suite 927, Chicago, Ill 60604. Phone (312) 922-0025.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S ISSUES IN THREE SOCIETIES: SWEDEN, ESTONIA AND THE U.S.A.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City and People to People International are offering a short-term, overseas summer program which will bring you face-to-face with the social, political and economic matters affecting women's lives everyday. This course is open to professionals, graduate and under-graduate students who have an interest in understanding how gender roles are socially constructed, and how societal institutions influence our daily lives at even the most intimate level. For more information, please contact: People to People International, (816) 531-4701 or email: ptpi@cctr.umkc.edu. <http://www.umkc.edu/cctr/dept/ptpi/homepage.html>.

FEMINIST WRITERS CONTEST. The Des Plainer/Park Ridge Chapter of The National Organization For Women announces The Seventh Annual Feminist Writers Contest. Cash prizes awarded in two categories: essay and short story. The first prize is \$100.00, and the second prize is \$50.00. Deadline for entries: August 31, 1996. Entry fee: \$10.00. For contest rules and entry form, send self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Feminist Writers Contest, 648 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 258, Park Ridge, Il 60068.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST BOOKSTORE, 5233 N. Clark St. Chicago. May and June schedule of author's readings include:

- Friday, May 17, 7:30 P.M., Maxine Chernoff: *American Heaven*
- Sunday, May 19, 5:30 P.M., Mother/Daughter Revolution Group Meeting
- Monday, May 20, 7:00-8:30 P.M., In Spirit '96 Writing Workshop
- Tuesday, May 28, 7:15 P.M., Gish Jen: *Mona in the Promised Land*
- Wednesday, May 29, 7:30 P.M., Day Piercy: *Day's Creating Your Life Notebook*
- Tuesday, June 4, 7:15 P.M., Laura Kipnis: *Bound and Gagged: Pornography and the Politics of Fantasy in America*
- Thursday, June 6, 7:15 P.M., M. Evalina Galang: *Her Wild American Self*
- Sunday, June 9, 5:00 P.M., Nancy Neuman, Editor: *A Voice of Our Own*
- Wednesday, June 12, 7:30 P.M., Esmeralda Santiago: *America's Dream*
- Thursday, June 13, 7:30 P.M., Mathilda Hill, editor: *Forbidden Fires* by Margaret Anderson
- Saturday and Sunday, June 15-16, Printers Row Book Fair
- Sunday, June 16, 5:00 P.M., Vicki Leon: *Uppity Women of Ancient Times*
- Tuesday, June 18, 7:15 P.M., Lynne Sharon Schwartz: *Ruined by Reading*
- Thursday, June 20, 7:30 P.M., Kate Kaufman: *Free Your Mind: The Book for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Youth--and Their Allies*

NEW FEMINIST BOOKS AT NORTHEASTERN'S LIBRARY:

(Descriptions from the bookjackets.)

1. ***A Woman's Right to Pornography*** by Wendy McElroy (HQ471 M38 1995)

In this provocative defense of pornography, Wendy McElroy goes beyond the standard First Amendment arguments. Her arguments are based on the classic principle of "A woman's body, a woman's right." She believes that women have the right to enjoy, learn from, and participate in pornography.

2. ***Jeannie Robertson, Emergent Singer, Transformative Voice*** by James Porter and Herschel

Gower (ML420 R72 P67 1995)

Combining biography, folklore, oral history, and ethnomusicology, this book explores the life and repertoire of the Scottish traditional singer Jeannie Robertson (1908-1975) -- an artist whom Alan Lomax hailed as "a monumental figure in twentieth-century folksong." Utilizing numerous quotations from Robertson's own oral accounts of her life, James Porter and Herschel Gower trace her career as a member of the marginal nomadic group in Northeast Scotland known as "travellers," whose origin is obscure.

3. *Hypatia of Alexandria* by Maria Dzielska, translated by F. Lyra (B667 H84 D9513 1995)

Hypatia--brilliant mathematician, eloquent Neoplatonist, and a woman renowned for her beauty--was brutally murdered by a mob of Christians in Alexandria in 415. She has been a legend ever since. In this engrossing book, Maria Dzielska searches behind the legend to bring the reader the real story of Hypatia's life and death, and new insight into her colorful world.

4. *Jane Austen and Discourses of Feminism* edited by Devoney Looser (PR4038 F44 J36 1995)

Received understandings of Jane Austen and her novels have been revised most forcefully in feminist scholarship. *Jane Austen and Discourses of Feminism* reassesses and furthers this critical project. Grappling with literary theoretical innovations concerning gender, genre, nationalism, class, and sexuality, this collection presents new possibilities for understanding Austen's contributions to literary history.

5. *Jane Austen the Novelist* by Juliet McMaster (PR4037 M35 1996)

Jane Austen the Novelist brings together the finest essays, past and present, by a leading Austen scholar on one of our greatest authors. Elegant, authoritative and eminently readable, they begin with an exploration of Jane Austen's place in our culture. Six works are discussed in the author's analyses of hospitality and love, the social and erotic ties that bind (or divide) Austen's characters.

6. *The Dream and the Dialogue, Adrienne Rich's Feminist Poetics* by Alice Templeton (PS3535 I233 Z89 1994)

In this study, Alice Templeton looks at the ways in which feminist thinking has influenced Rich's poetics while, simultaneously, her poetic practice has shaped her feminist conceptions. Templeton begins by exploring the tensions between epic, eulogistic, and lyric claims made in the poems collected in *Diving into the Wreck* (1973). She then examines the strategies Rich uses in subsequent collections to test and refine her feminist thinking. Templeton focuses, in particular, on the "dialogic moments" of cultural participation that Rich's poetry provides for the poet and the reader. These "moments," Templeton argues, can dispel myths of social determinism even as they implicate readers in an ethically charged communal bond.

7. *Women and Revolution in Africa, Asia, and the New World* edited by Mary Ann Tetreault (HQ1236 W6364 1994)

This book evaluates the effect of political upheaval on the way that women live and on the most basic of social organizations--the family. In sixteen spirited presentations, contributors from around the globe--most of whom have completed field work in the countries about which they write--examine the status of women before, during, and after revolutionary movements. Their case studies reveal a striking commonality in the degree to which the contributions of women are systematically suppressed and "forgotten" in post-revolutionary settings, regardless of whether these movements were led by liberal, socialist, or elite forces.

8. *The New Victorians, A Young Woman's Challenge to the Old Feminist Order* by Rene Denfeld (HQ1190.5 U6 D46 1995)

Why do so many young women who believe strongly in equal rights refuse to call themselves feminists? Does feminism's counterproductive obsession with date rape, pornography, and goddess religions alienate young women--and lead the movement toward a dangerous alliance with the religious right? Is the agenda of today's women's movement uncomfortably similar to a victorian crusade for repression? Rene Denfeld, a young woman born a year after the foundation of the National Organization for Women, says feminist leaders are out of touch. [She proposes that] this decade's hypersensitive feminist--fearful, disillusioned, and adamantly anti-male--bears a strong resemblance to the dainty, sheltered, chaste Victorian lady of a century ago.

9. *Lesbian Choices* by Claudia Card (HQ75.5 C36 1995)

Lesbian Choices is written with a grace and clarity that readers inside and outside academia will appreciate. Claudia Card's lucid presentation of complicated philosophical and ethical concepts offers a better understanding of the explosive issue of gender construction in our society. *Lesbian Choices* is recommended reading for anyone interested in lesbianism, feminism, ethics, and philosophy.

10. *Visible Women in East Coast Malay Society: On the Reproduction of Gender in Ceremonial, School and Market* by Ingrid Rudie (HQ1750.6 R83 1994)

Change and continuity in gender relations in a rapidly developing society is the main theme of this book. The author has undertaken two periods of fieldwork in Kelantan, an Islamic stronghold in Malaysia, the first in 1965 and the follow-up study was to investigate the change in gender relations especially concerning the women who, in 1965, owned, inherited, bought and sold land, dominated the bazaar market and held a firm grip on family economy and family politics. The book offers an important methodological and theoretical contribution to the study of gender relations and the construction of personhood in a complex and changing society.

11. *Teacher of the Inner Chambers, Women and Culture in Seventeenth-Century China* by Dorothy Ko (HQ1767 K6 1994)

Rejecting popular image and accepted scholarship on the status of women in premodern China, this pathbreaking work argues that literate gentrywomen in seventeenth-century Jiangnan were far from oppressed or silenced. As writers, readers, editors, and teachers, these women created a rich culture and meaningful existence from within the constraints of the male-dominated Confucian system. The author reconstructs the social, emotional, and interstices between ideology, practice, and self-perception.

12. *Freudians and Feminists* by Edith Kurzweil (BF175.5 F45 K87 1995)

Twenty years ago, few observers would have foreseen that some feminists would once again turn to Freud. But in recent years, the adoption by American feminists of French concepts--especially the ideas of Lacan--has led to new approaches in feminist theory and psychology. This book traces the intellectual history of the interaction between feminists and Freudian thought, charting psychoanalytic theories through the years to show how specific notions were adapted, readapted, and discarded by successive generations of feminists.

13. *Gentle Warriors, Clara Ueland and the Minnesota Struggle for Woman Suffrage* by Barbara Stuhler (JK1911 M6578 1995)

This book tells the moving story of the final phase of the Minnesota women's struggle

for the vote under the leadership of the remarkable Clara Ueland. Clara Ueland, socially prominent wife of a successful Minneapolis attorney and mother of seven children, became president of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association in 1914. To that challenge she brought considerable skills acquired as a teacher, a household manager, and a community activist. She was a new woman of her time: politically astute, enormously competent, and widely respected. Under her leadership, enthusiastic, persistent suffragists were organized in some five hundred towns throughout Minnesota by 1919--the year the state legislature ratified the Nineteenth Amendment.

14. *Karen Horney, A Psychoanalyst's Search for Self-Understanding* by Bernard J. Paris (RC438.6 H67 P37 1994)

Karen Horney (1885 - 1952) is regarded by many as one of the most important psychoanalytic thinkers of the twentieth century. Her early work, in which she quarreled with Freud's views on female psychology, established her as the first great psychoanalytic feminist. In her later years, she developed a sophisticated theory of her own which provided powerful explanations of human behavior that have proved to be widely applicable. Yet through these years of intellectual achievement, Horney struggled with emotional problems. This engrossing study of Horney's life and work draws on newly discovered materials to explore the relation between her personal history and the evolution of her ideas.

15. *Feminism as Radical Humanism* by Pauline Johnson (HQ1190 J61 1994)

In *Feminism as Radical Humanism*, Pauline Johnson calls for a reassessment of feminism's relationship to modern humanism. She argues that despite its very thorough and necessary critique of mainstream formulations of humanist ideals, feminism itself remains strongly committed to humanist values.

16. *Herstory, Women Who Change the World* edited by Ruth Ashby and Deborah Gore Ohrn (HQ1390 H41 1995)

The 120 biographical sketches in *Herstory* shed new light on women both familiar and little known, while exploring the complex forces that shaped their lives. These women represent the full range of female experience, from those who revolutionized traditional "women's work," such as Fannie Farmer, to remarkable women warriors, from the legendary Trung sisters of first-century Vietnam to Guatemala's Rigoberta Menchu, currently battling for native rights. Historical essays place these women in the context of their times, while sidebars highlight women's wit, wisdom, and work around the globe. For young women searching for where we have been and what we can become, or for anyone interested in the undiscovered wonders of world history, *Herstory* is a illuminating journey.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ITEMS LISTED
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