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What will historians write about the 2008 presidential campaign season and the historic November election? As this year winds down, all bets are on that it will be one for the history books. In the closing months of the campaign, the presidential candidates and their running mates made frequent use of historical figures, past and present, and recent historical events and on occasion played fast and loose with historical analysis.

John McCain likened himself to the early twentieth century Republican reformer (and maverick?) Teddy Roosevelt, while Barack Obama spoke movingly about our nation's first Republican president, Abraham Lincoln. References to the baby boom generation's "culture wars" became a staple of the Republican campaign message with the Vietnam War still serving as a lightning rod. John McCain's POW status was juxtaposed against Barack Obama's current "relationship" with the former Weather Underground member and now a respected member of the academy, William (Bill) Ayers. With a month to go before Election Day, the events of another decade, the 1930s, took on added significance for the candidates, their policy advisors, and the voters. Will future historians equate the unraveling of the US economy in October 2008 with the Crash of '29 and the Great Depression? Even as I compose this note to CCWH members, *Newsweek's* November 24th cover story ("Obama's Lincoln") reinforces the notion of Abraham Lincoln as a role model for Barack Obama. From the editor's desk, Daniel Klaidman muses that "with the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth drawing near, many will see parallels between the Great Emancipator and the first African-American to gain the presidency."

Such historical comparisons are fun to make and entertaining to read, but as I re-

mind my graduate students, academic historians are hesitant to "make sense of events close to their own lifetimes" (the phrase belongs to the eminent political historian James T. Patterson). Those of us who write about the recent past tend to invoke the "twenty-year rule that leaves [the] study of the most recent past to journalists, sociologists, and political scientists" (Patterson's words).

Change was another (overused) buzz word of the campaign season. Poll after poll reported that a majority of the American people thought the country was headed in the wrong direction and that the electorate wanted a change. It remains to be seen if the shift in political power in White House and strengthening of Democratic power in Congress will produce substantive change as the problems facing this country, especially the two wars and the economy, may not be easily resolved.

As for the state of the economy, I worry about the effects of job losses, declining state revenues, and the volatile stock market on the ability of students and their families to pay for college. I worry, too, about state legislatures requiring public universities to return 5%, 10% 12% of their budgets (I recognize that private colleges and universities may also face shortfalls when their endowments shrink by 20% or 30%). At my institution, belt-tightening has begun and the most immediate impact is faculty travel to conferences. For now, faculty presenting a paper, serving as an or sitting on an editorial board may travel and for that I am grateful. I have heard from colleagues at other state institutions for whom all travel is frozen. What effect this curtailment will have on the upcoming AHA and the sessions sponsored by the CCWH remains to be seen. My wish is for a full gathering if CCWH members and friends in New York to

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CCWH NEWS

Newsletter by Email

Members now have the option of requesting an email copy of their newsletter rather than a paper copy. If you would like to request to receive an email copy of the newsletter, just email web@theccwh.org. If you have signed up for an email newsletter, please add ccwhnewsletter@theccwh.org to your email address book so you won't miss an issue.

The Coordinating Council for Women in History now advertises job announcements (\$25.00 per ad) on its website.

Please send ad copy to web@theccwh.org

Organizational Email List

A membership email list has been created to facilitate communication to members. Emails will only be sent out occasionally. If you do not want to receive occasional emails from the CCWH, let me know and I will remove you from the list. Please add ccwhmembership@theccwh.org to your address book to ensure receipt of all emails.

This new list is not the same as the distribution list for the email version of the CCWH newsletter. (See above).

~Amy Essington, Web Coordinator

Deadline for submissions for the Spring 2009 newsletter is March 1, 2009.
Send information to Anne Throckmorton at newsletter@theccwh.org

CCWH MEMBER NEWS

Mary Beth Norton is spending her sabbatical year, 2008-9, as L.A. Times Distinguished Fellow at the Huntington Library. She is writing a book that will fit chronologically between the end of Founding Mothers & Fathers (1670) and the beginning of Liberty's Daughters (1750), thus completing a trilogy on which she has been working for more than three decades.

Karen Offen has several new published articles to report: "Thinking Historically about the International Women's Movement," special issue of *Sextant* (Brussels), nos. 23-24 (2007); "La Aventura del sufragio femenino en el mundo," in *Historia de una conquista: Clara Campoamor y el voto femenino*, ed. Rosa Capel Martínez (Madrid: Ayuntamiento de Madrid, Dirección General de Igualdad de Oportunidades, 2007); "Madame Ghénia Avril de Sainte-Croix, the Josephine Butler of France," in *Women's History Review* (London), 17:2 (April 2008);

"Erupcoes e Fluxas: Reflexoes Sobre a Escrita de Uma Historia Comparada dos Feminismos Europeus, 1700-1950," in *História comparada das mulheres: Novas Abordagens*, ed. Anne Cova (Lisbon: Livros Horizonte, 2008); "¿Quién le teme a las mujeres en la política? ¿Y por qué?" on CD-Rom, from the Conference XI Jornadas Nacionales de Historia de la Mujeres y IV Congreso Iberoamericano de Estudios de Género (Rosario, Argentina, August 2008); and "Feminists Campaign in 'Public Space: Civil Society, Gender Justice, and the History of European Feminisms," in *Civil Society, Public Space, and Gender Justice*, ed. Karen Hagemann, Sonya Michel, & Gunilla Budde (New York: Berghahn, 2008).

In addition her entries in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in World History* (ed. Bonnie G. Smith, 2008) include "History of Women," "Ghénia Avril de Sainte-Croix," and "Ellen Key."

Her co-authored article, with Eliza-

beth L. Colton "The International Museum of Women," in UNESCO's *Museum International*, no. 236 (59:4) Dec. 2007, appeared in a special issue "Gender Perspectives on Cultural Heritage and Museums." She has published a long review, "Dancing with the Patriarchs," of Judith Bennett, *History Matters*, in the *Women's Review of Books*, 24:4 (July/Aug. 2007); a long review of Judith Surkis, *Sexing the Citizen* on the internet site H-France Forum (May 2007); and has a review forthcoming in MS. Magazine's fall issue of Marilyn French's four-volume epic, *From Eve to Dawn: A History of Women in the World* (Feminist Press, 2008).

In her women's history blog "Clio Talks Back," Karen Offen is providing ongoing women's history content to accompany the International Museum of Women's current on-line exhibit, "Women, Power, & Politics." <http://www.imow.org/community/blog>

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

For the past six years, I've been the Executive Director of the CCWH. It's been challenging and rewarding. I've gotten to work with and developed relationships with so many CCWH board members, AHA staff members, and Berkshire Conference of Women Historians board members. I've also interacted with many of you as I sought out new board members for position openings or planned CCWH sessions at the AHA and the Berks, or when I've had the pleasure of talking with you at our sessions, luncheons, and receptions at those same conferences. We are quite a crew, women historians and women's historians, and we deserve to celebrate our significant presence in the profession. To do that, of course, we have to acknowledge and celebrate the CCWH's forty years of presence, mentoring, advocacy, and scholarly contributions.

In this issue of the newsletter you'll encounter some of the CCWH's founding members as well as those who recently joined the board. Their stories enrich our understanding of the history of the profession. We can reflect on how far women historians have come in forty years and feel grateful for the inroads we have made in professional identity, in broadening intellectual life within the AHA, in making our workplaces more female-, queer-, and family-friendly. We can celebrate the outpouring of excellent scholarship generated by women and about women, and we can take pride in the fact that the past three presidents of the AHA have been women. But if the mission of the CCWH is, as Eileen Boris wrote in this newsletter last year, "social justice for historians and by historians," we still have a great deal of work to do. For that, the CCWH needs you. We need your continued membership, we need your financial support of our graduate awards (which as you know, we doubled in value thanks to the support of the Berks and of our members), and we need your person-hours on our board.

As Sweet Honey in the Rock puts it, "We who believe in freedom cannot rest." So let us celebrate now, and at the AHA (please come to our reception and luncheon, as well as our sessions), and then, let's get back to work!

I will step down at the January 2009 AHA, and I encourage you to cast your ballot for our next Executive Director. I feel honored to pass the baton at this meeting, which will be particularly meaningful for me, not only because we will celebrate our 40th anniversary, but also because our luncheon speaker, Alice Kessler-Harris, was one of my earliest mentors. Her talk, "Women, History, and the History of Women in History," promises to take us back and forth and back again! As one of my last duties as ED, I'm happy to take your checks (\$35, made out to the CCWH) for attendance at the luncheon!!

The CCWH is a critical voice and presence in the profession as well as a significant invitation to young women considering the profession. Thanks to each of you for your continued support of all that we do.

NEW BOARD MEMBER: OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Neici Zeller has recently joined the board as Outreach Coordinator. She just completed her Ph.D. in Latin American History and Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her work focuses on gender during the Trujillo regime in the Dominican Republic, and she has recently accepted the position of Assistant Professor of History at William Patterson University in New Jersey and can be reached at zellern@wpunj.edu. Zeller replaces Nancy Robertson.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Greetings from the CCWH Membership Coordinator. Just a reminder that as of January 2009, the CCWH membership cycle will move to a calendar year. Our entire membership will need to renew by the beginning of January. Many of you have already sent your renewal forms in for the 2009 membership year. Many thanks! I am looking forward to hearing from the rest of you soon. (A membership renewal form is on p. 12 of this newsletter.)

~ Julie Gallagher

Submit your members news for the next issue. Do you have a new book, article, conference presentation, graduation, recent promotion, service, teaching award, or other professional news to share with the CCWH membership? Send it to newsletter@theccwh.org for publication in the next newsletter.

WEBSITE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

This summer, I switched from the position of newsletter editor to web coordinator. First, I want to thank Rebecca Nedostup who managed the web site before me. She ensured a smooth tradition, investigated new companies to host the web site, and oversaw the transition to the new host. There have been a few changes to the web, but most of them are in the background and you will not notice them. I hope we can utilize the web more and more as a means of communication among the members, the profession, and the public. To begin this process, I have created two email lists. The first is a membership email list. I added everyone who had an email in the membership database and I sent out a message about the new list. Emails will only be sent out occasionally. If you do not want to receive emails from the CCWH membership list, let me know and I will remove you from the list. Please add ccwhmembership@theccwh.org to your address book to ensure receipt of all emails. This new list is not the same as the distribution list for the email version of the CCWH newsletter. The second list is to distribute the newsletter by email, or ccwhnewsletter@theccwh.org. Please add that address to your address book if you have selected to receive your newsletter by email. You can choose to receive the newsletter by regular email or by email and you may change your option at any time. The email option does save the organization the cost of printing and postage. One of my first goals is to create PDFs of the old newsletters and post them online. This is way to preserve the history of the organization and a way for us to remember all of the profession-changing work of the members and the organization over the past forty years. If you have any thoughts about what else the website might include, please let me know. ~ Amy Essington, web@theccwh.org

2008 BERKSHIRE CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

Last June, I traveled to Minneapolis with thousands of others to attend the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women. The Berks is overwhelming in its size, scope, and scholarship. There are so many people to talk to, are so many great sessions, and so much to take in.

The CCWH had a presence at the conference. The CCWH co-sponsored the Dessert Reception on Thursday evening. The Berks helps to fund the CCWH/Berks Graduate Student Award, which was part of the description of the CCWH in the Berks program. Having been involved with the CCWH as well as the Western Association of Women Historians, the Berks was also a place to meet with old friends, a benefit of participating in smaller groups like the CCWH, and make new ones.

I also presented as part of the roundtable "Work and Family: The Perspective from Graduate School Roundtable." Building on a panel from the 2007 WAWH conference, the Berks session was reconstituted with participants from across the country. The profession has discussed the affects of balancing work and family for tenure-track professors, but that discussion needs to move to graduate students who face the same issues and try to manage their student status. The hope of the panel was to begin a discussion on leave policies for graduate students for pregnancy, adoption, or health reasons. Graduate students trying to balance school, work, and family frequently find themselves making choices about each driven not by the option that is best for them, but by their student status because it may impact their employment, health insurance, or student loan payments. Noralee Frankel, Assistant Director, Women, Minorities, and Teaching of the American Historical Association, participated in the conversation and has since posted a listing of leave policies at major institutions on the AHA's Graduate Student web page, <http://www.historians.org/grads/index.cfm>.

If you have information about the policies of your institution, please contact Noralee at nfrankel@historians.org. The Berks was both exhausting and invigorating and I will definitely plan on attending the 2011 conference.

~ Amy Essington

NEW YORK 2009: CCWH AT THE AHA

The CCWH is hosting an impressive line-up of events at the American Historical Association's annual meeting in New York City scheduled for January 2-5. The following is a list of events which the CCWH is sponsoring or where CCWH members are participating:

Friday, January 2

5:30- 7:30 Board Meeting, CCWH, Hilton Harlem Suite

Saturday, January 3

9:30-11:30 a.m. joint session with the AHA Professional Division and the AHA Committee for Graduate Students.

Interviewing in the Job Market in the Twenty-First Century, Hilton New York, Trianon Ballroom

2:30-4:30 p.m., open forum, joint with AHA Professional Division, AHA Committee on Minority Historians, Committee on Lesbian and Gay History, Taskforce on Disabilities: *Discrimination/Harassment On the Job*, Hilton Gramercy Suite B
Chair: David Weber, Vice President, Professional Division, Southern Methodist University

CLGH: Karen Krahulik, Brown University

CCWH: Kathleen Berkeley, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

Taskforce on Disabilities: Catherine Kudlick, University of California, Davis

CMH: Muriel McClendon, University of California, Los Angeles

PD: Leisa Meyer, College of William and Mary

5:30-7:30 p.m. CCWH Reception, Hilton Madison Suite

Sunday, January 4

11:30- 1:30, roundtable, joint with the AHA, *Forty Years in the Academy: The Coordinating Council for Women in History, Women Historians, and Women's History*, Sheraton Empire Ballroom East

Chair: Hal Langfur, University at Buffalo

Participants: Eileen Boris, University of California Santa Barbara

Kathleen C. Berkeley, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

Renate Bridenthal, Graduate Center, CUNY

Janet Afary, Purdue University

Nupur Chaudhuri, Texas Southern University

Natalie Zemon Davis, University of Toronto

Barbara Winslow, Brooklyn College, CUNY

12:15-1:45 p.m. CCWH Luncheon, Hilton Mercury Rotunda

Presiding: Carolyn Brown, Rutgers University-New Brunswick, and co-president, CCWH

Kathleen Berkeley, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, and co-president, CCWH

Address: "Women, History, and the History of Women in History" *Alice Kessler-Harris*, R. Gordon Hoxie Professor of History, Columbia University

Award Presentations:

CCWH/Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Graduate Student Fellowship

Ida B. Wells Graduate Student Fellowship

Catherine Prelinger Scholarship

Tickets (\$35) should be purchased from Jennifer Scanlon, Gender and Women's Studies, Bowdoin College, 7100 College Station, Brunswick, ME 04011 no later than December 24, 2007. Make checks payable to CCWH. A small number of tickets will be available on site.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY NETWORK CALL FOR PAPERS

The 18th annual WHN conference will be held on Sept. 11–13, 2009, at St. Hilda's College, Oxford. The theme is "Women, Gender, and Political Spaces: Historical Perspectives," and plenary speakers include Vera Baird (QC, MP), Olwen Hufton (Oxford), and Linda Kerber (Iowa). Conference sub-themes include: gender and institutional politics; women's movements and identity politics; negotiation of power and authority within the family; community and neighbourhood empowerment; politics of the workplace; and gender and cultural production. For information, see the WHN website: <http://www.womenshistorynetwork.org/annualconf.html>

The program committee is happy to take proposals for single papers and match them up to create panels that deal with a topic or question in various times and places. The organization of the conference into "streams"—sequences of panels—facilitates continuing discussion and makes the intellectual experience more coherent than it is at many U.S. conferences. Non-members and first-time participants are welcome to present papers.

The Women's History Network, based in the United Kingdom, describes itself as "an organisation for anyone with a passion for researching, writing, reading, and sharing women's history." WHN members include not only academic faculty but also (post)graduate students, librarians, secondary school teachers, and independent historians, reflecting both the continuing marginality of the field in British academia and the liveliness of popular history in the UK. Its annual conference attracts about 100 participants from the UK, Europe, Africa, South Asia, and the U.S., with a strong contingent of medievalists, early modernists, and post-colonialists. The campus-based gathering is lively and intimate, with time for discussion of politics and culture.

IFRWH CALL FOR PAPERS

The International Federation for Research in Women's History (IFRWH), in conjunction with the 21st International Congress of Historical Science, will hold its next conference August 22-28, 2010. The general theme is: "Unequal Sisters: Women, Gender, and Global Inequalities in Historical Perspective." The aim of this theme is to focus on and further explore women's history from a global and non-Western perspective. Within that frame we are looking for papers that deal with a variety of material and nonmaterial inequalities and hierarchies – such as those related to class, gender, "race," caste, sexuality, ethnicity, religion, education, age, or health – that have affected women's lives in and across all parts of the world and in different historical periods. We also hope to explore the many ways in which women have challenged or fought these inequalities and hierarchies.

We welcome papers that rethink relations and interconnections between women and women's organizations in different regions and parts of the world and encourage panels with an international composition that explore topics, concepts, historical events, and/or the role of organizations and individuals from a variety of locations and perspectives.

DEADLINES AND OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION:

- The deadline for submitting proposals is December 31, 2008.
- Paper proposals: Please submit a one-page abstract with a title, short description of the paper and its relation to the overall theme, plus contact information.
- Panel proposals: Please include a short description of the panel's theme, short descriptions of the proposed papers, and contact information for all participants. Suggestions for commentators and chairs are most welcome.
- Proposals for papers and panels should be sent to Francisca de Haan at dehaanf@ceu.hu

REGISTERING:

The IFRWH is an affiliated organization with the ICHS (or CISH, in French). Therefore participants in the IFRWH Congress must register centrally for the ICHS 2010 Congress. The online registration form for the ICHS 2010 congress is now operational. All participants need to register through this online form but payment can be made at a later date. **For information on how to register and the online form, see the website: <http://www.ichs2010.org/>**

If you have any questions about the registration, please write to info@ichs2010.org

For other questions and suggestions, please write to Francisca de Haan, Vice President, IFRWH, on behalf of the Program Committee, at dehaanf@ceu.hu, or visit the website of the IFRWH at <http://www.ifrwh.com/>

THE CCWH CATHERINE PRELINGER AWARD

COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR WOMEN IN HISTORY

THE CCWH CATHERINE PRELINGER AWARD APPLICATION FORM

The CCWH will award \$20,000 to a scholar, with a Ph.D. or A.B.D., who has not followed a traditional academic path of uninterrupted and completed secondary, undergraduate, and graduate degrees leading to a tenure-track faculty position. Although the recipient's degrees do not have to be in history, the recipient's work should clearly be historical in nature. In accordance with the general goals of CCWH, the award is intended to recognize or to enhance the ability of the recipient to contribute significantly to women in history, whether in the profession in the present or in the study of women in the past. It is not intended that there be any significant restrictions placed on how a given recipient shall spend the award as long as it advances the recipient's scholarship goals and purposes. All recipients will be required to submit a final paper to CCWH on how the award was expended and summarizing the scholarly work completed.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home telephone: _____ Message Telephone: _____

Academic Status: A.B.D. _____, or Ph.D. _____

If Ph.D. has been received, institution and date: _____

If A.B.D., give date of receiving and signature of departmental representative to verify:

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Departmental Representative)

Applicant certifies to being a member in good standing of the Coordinating Council for Women in History that this application is complete and includes the materials listed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Applicant)

DEADLINE for receipt of applications: March 3, 2009

Send applications to: Nupur Chaudhuri, 2210 Dorrington St., #202, Houston, TX 77030

If the application material is sent by FEDEX, Overnight Post then please make sure that the package may be left without requiring a signature.

E-mail for information only: nupurc@earthlink.net (e-mailed submissions will not be accepted)

For membership information, contact Julie Gallagher, Department of History, Penn State University, Delaware County, 25 Yearsley Mill Road, Media, PA 19063, 610-892-1464, jag63@psu.edu

CCWH AT THE AHA CONTINUED...

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Sunday, January 4

2:30- 4:30 roundtable, joint with the AHA, *Critical Feminist Biography: Writing Race, Writing Gender, (Re)Writing Women of Color*, Hilton Regent Parlor

Chair and Comment: Antoinette Burton, University of Illinois
 Participants: Tiya A. Miles, University of Michigan
 Carole Boyce Davies, Cornell University
 Sherie M. Randolph, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
 Jocelyn Olcott, Duke University
 Stephen Ward, University of Michigan

Monday, January 5

8:30- 10:30 a.m. roundtable, joint with the AHA, *Telling Histories: Black Women Historians in the Ivory Tower- A Roundtable on the Book*, Hilton Trianon Ballroom

Chair: Carolyn Brown, Rutgers University
 Participants: Deborah Gray White, Rutgers University
 Mia Bay, Rutgers University
 Sharon Harley, University of Maryland College Park
 Ula Y. Taylor, University of California Berkeley

8:30-10:30 a.m. roundtable, *Women Historians in New York City: Reflections on Two Generations*, Hilton Concourse H

Chair: Ellen Chesler, Hunter College
 Participants: Rosalyn Baxandall, SUNY Old Westbury
 Carol Berkin, Baruch College
 Regina Morantz-Sanchez, University of Michigan
 Julie Des Jardins, Baruch College
 Cindy Lobel, Lehman College
 Jung Pak, Hunter College

11:00- 1:00, *Corporeal Colonialism: Colonized Women's Bodies, Sexuality, and Disease in Spanish America, Japanese Korea, and French West Africa*, Hilton Clinton Suite

Chair: Jeanne Penvenne
 Presenters: Rachel Jean-Baptiste, University of Chicago: 'Miss Eurafraicain': Sex, Race and Citizenship in Colonial Franco-phone Africa, 1945-1960
 Catherine Komisaruk, University of Iowa: Ana Villalonga's Lawsuit: Slave Women and Sexual Violence in the Spanish American Courts
 Jin-kyng Park, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign: Gynecology, Early Marriage, and Racial Disease in Japanese Colonial Korea, 1926-1932
 Commentator: Antoinette Burton, University of Illinois

11:00- 1:00, joint with the AHA, *Third Wave Precedents: Race and Sexuality in the Second Wave*, Hilton Madison Suite

Chair: Tiffany Gill, University of Texas at Austin
 Participants: Julie Gallagher, Penn State Brandywine: African American Women and Feminism in the 1960s
 Stephanie Gilmore, Dickinson University: Forging a Familiar Path: Sex, Sexuality, and Feminist Identity in a Second Wave Organization
 Jennifer Scanlon, Bowdoin College: Gurley Girl Feminism: Helen Gurley Brown and the Invention of the Sexy Single Feminist
 Commentator: William Chafe, Duke University

CCWH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT AHA

BY JEN SCANLON

Each year, the CCWH cosponsors, with the AHA Professional Division and the AHA Committee for Graduate Students, the AHA session Interviewing in the Job Market in the Twenty-First Century. This is an opportunity for graduate students, those on the job market and those anticipating the job market, to talk with faculty members and public historians about the many job opportunities available to them. Tables are designated, for example, as “Community College,” or “Liberal Arts College,” or “Private Secondary School,” and experienced faculty from those potential job sites talk with groups of graduate students about the places, the expectations of candidates, the professional challenges. It’s a terrific session, and we need you to make it even better!

If you could see yourself sitting at one of those tables and sharing your experiences and advice with graduate students, please let me know and I will add you to the list of participants. The session is scheduled for Saturday, January 3, from 9:30 to 11:30 in the Trianon Ballroom at the Hilton.

I hope you will help CCWH and those entering the profession by participating. Please email me at jscanlon@bowdoin.edu to express interest. Thanks very much.

CCWH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CANDIDATE’S STATEMENT

KATHLEEN KENNEDY

The CCWH will elect a new Executive Director this year. The following is a statement from Kathleen Kennedy who is running for the position:

I am Professor of History and interim department chair at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington. I received my Ph.D. from the University of California, Irvine and taught for three years at the University of Texas at Dallas. My main research interests are in the relationship between gender and violence. My first book examined the cases of women charged under the Espionage and Sedition Acts during World War I. Since that time I have published on the relationship between violence and feminism in popular culture and on how early Americans constructed race and gendered violence in early America. I edited the newsletter for the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History for three years. I also served as the Executive Editor of *Peace and Change* and on program committees for conferences of the Peace History Society, Western Association of Women’s Historians, and the Berkshire Conference. This experience would help me continue to promote the CCWH presence at the AHA and help facilitate additional coalition building between the CCWH and other organizations with similar interests.

CO-PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

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help us celebrate the fortieth anniversary of CCWH.

To mark this milestone, your officers worked diligently to put together several sessions that examine the history of women’s history and women in the historical profession. Alice Kessler-Harris will deliver the keynote address, “Women, History, and the History of Women” at the CCWH luncheon, Saturday, January 4th. On Sunday morning, I invite you to join Hal Langfur, Janet Afray, Renate Bridenthal, Nupur Chaudhuri, Natalie Zemon Davis, and Barbara Winslow for a roundtable discussion on “Forty Years in the Academy,” and on Monday morning CCWH co-president Carolyn Brown will chair a roundtable discussion of Deborah Gray White’s edited collection *Telling Histories: Black Women Historians in the Ivory Tower*. Please review the AHA program and take note of several more sessions for which the CCWH is a co-sponsor. Speaking on behalf of your officers, we hope to see you in January in New York at all of the CCWH sponsored events.

CCWH CELEBRATES FORTY YEARS OF SUCCESS

Almost every session at the upcoming AHA conference will feature a panel or paper of interest to female historians. Topics run the gamut from the Chicana/o Movement in the U.S. to women and community in the Middle Ages. There will also be sessions on issues of professional concern such as discrimination in the workplace. Many of these scholarly and professional sessions will be jointly sponsored by the CCWH.

That there is such breadth and inclusiveness at the conference is a testimony to the efforts of the CCWH. Next year marks the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the CCWH. Thirty-nine years ago a small group of women's historians met on their own at the AHA. They were concerned about the status of women in the field and felt like outsiders at their own conference.

"Our organization grew out of the civil rights, peace, and women's movements of the sixties and seventies," explains Nupur Chaudhuri, former CCWH co-president. "At the time there were very few women historians let alone women's history panels. Our biggest achievement was to make the AHA more inclusive of women and to advocate for the creation of committees on women historians and minorities." As founding members achieved career status, their success conferred even more legitimacy on the CCWH. Ultimately, CCWH members would serve as officers in the AHA and in government agencies such as NEH.

Another route the CCWH took to promote the status of women historians and women's history was to reach out to the future of the field. Graduate students have served on the CCWH Board of Directors almost from the outset. The organization has sponsored programs at conferences geared toward mentoring women striving to break into the field as well as offered a number of awards to female graduate students.

As outgoing executive director Jennifer Scanlon explains, "Nupur Chaurhuri and other recruited me to the organization when I was a graduate student. Years later I've had the opportunity to serve as executive director, and one of the pleasures of the position is interacting with and supporting the next generations, through our awards but also through the AHA and the Berks and with the assistance of our graduate student board members." "CCWH gave me my first taste of organizational work and helped trained countless others," noted Noralee Frankel, Assistant Director, Women, Minorities, and Teaching, American Historical Association.

In 1998, funds from an anonymous donor made it possible for the CCWH to offer the Catherine Prelinger Award for non-traditional women historians. The award is named after Catherine (Kitty) Prelinger who was a non-traditional historian and served as co-president of the organization. Winning the Catherine Prelinger award in 2000 allowed Rickie Solinger to research the first welfare case heard by the U.S. Supreme Court as well as write and edit a number of books and curate a handful of exhibitions. "So many young scholars ask me how it is possible to be an academic, on the outside, without colleagues or institutional status (to say nothing of a regular paycheck!). The Prelinger makes a big difference – conferring honor on my work, helping me claim status as a historian, making it easier for other historians to remember I'm out there, like they are, working on projects designed to ensure that history matters."

With forty years of achievement to ponder, the CCWH must confront the challenge of success. "The problems our founders dealt with were different," explains Chaudhuri. "The new generation of historians and leaders has different pressures. Today the emphasis is on publishing, tenure, and advising – the kinds of problems that come with success."

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