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HIGHLIGHTING WOMEN'S PROGRAMS AT ALA

The Task Force on Women program at ALA will feature Marcia R. Fox, author of Put Your Degree to Work. Ms. Fox will speak on career stress and career change. The program which is cosponsored by the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship and the LAMA Women Administrators Discussion Group will be held on Tuesday, July 1, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM.

The Task Force on Women's program on Sunday evening, June 29, from 8:00 - 10:00 PM, will feature two presentations on library services to women. Barbara Haber, Curator of Printed Books, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, will discuss a National Endowment for the Humanities planning grant and proposed project to develop public programming on women in public libraries. Sheila Hess, formerly librarian at NOW, will discuss current library and information services to women and future possibilities for the expansion of these services.

The RASD Discussion Group on Women's Materials and Women Library Users's program will be on the topic, "Information Services to Women." Speakers will be Jane Williamson of Women's Action Alliance, Gurley Turner of Catalyst and Linda Parker, Women's Studies Librarian-at-Large for the University of Wisconsin. The discussion group will meet on Monday, June 30, from 9:30 - 11:00 AM.

The ERA Task Force program will be held on Wednesday, July 2, from 9:30AM - 12:30PM. The speaker will be Sharon Percy Rockefeller, cochair of ERAmerica.



PRECONFERENCE ON WOMEN

"Women in a Woman's Profession: Strategies II," ALA Preconference on Women in Librarianship, will be held on June 26 and 27 at Cook College, New Brunswick, NJ. Although registration has officially closed, persons interested in attending may call Betty-Carol Sellen at 212-780-5581 in case of cancellations.

RECEPTION TO BE HELD

A reception cosponsored by Women Library Workers and the Women's Action Alliance will be held on June 30 from 6 - 7 PM at the Women's Action Alliance, 370 Lexington Ave. All conference participants are invited.

MARCIA FOX TO SPEAK AT ALA

"Career Stress and Career Change," a program/workshop, will be presented on Tuesday, July 1, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, by Marcia Fox. The program is cosponsored by the SRRT Task Force on Women, the LAMA Women Administrators Discussion Group and the Status of Women in Librarianship Committee. Marcia Fox, Ph.D. is the author of a career-planning and job-hunting guide, Put Your Degree to Work. Dr. Fox was until recently assistant dean in charge of career counseling and job placement at New York University's Graduate School of Public Administration. She is now in a unique position to discuss career change because in April she left the academic world and entered the private sector as Associate Research Director for a human resources communications and consulting firm. Ms. Fox explained: "In real words that means a firm that helps employers find employees."

The July 1 workshop will include methods for identifying the origins of career stress and ways to structure an action plan for eliminating stress. Career change within the profession or to another profession will be discussed as one possible approach to decreasing stress. Dr. Fox warns that career change itself can be a very stressful situation. In making a decision to change careers "make sure you know what you're all about and make sure you know what you want and make sure you're twice as smart as everybody else out there looking for the same thing." The workshop will not solve all career stress problems, but will guide the participants in realistically identifying the problems and possible solutions.

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The second annual National Women's Studies Association Conference was held May 16 - 20, 1980 at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. Two of the conference keynote speakers were Elizabeth Janeway and Louise Armstrong (author of Kiss Daddy Goodnight). The conference is basically an academic conference with papers being given on various aspects of women's studies. There is also an elected delegate assembly who conduct the Association's business. The interdisciplinary aspect to women's studies is one of the most interesting parts of the conference. Papers given ranged from women in literature, women in history, women and religion, women and technology, minority women's history, women and folklore, lesbian women's history, etc. Three sessions were devoted to topics related to libraries and women's studies. A number of the librarians present at the conference met and agreed to work towards setting up a Librarians Caucus within NWSA. Linda Parker, University of Wisconsin, 112A Memorial Library, 728 State Street, Madison, Wis. 53706, will be coordinating efforts to form a Librarians Caucus and would like the names of librarians interested in joining this caucus. Next year's NWSA conference will be at the University of Connecticut at Storrs, but in the meantime you can get involved with your state or regional NWSA group.

TASK FORCE ON WOMEN BUSINESS MEETINGS

At the Task Force on Women's Saturday meeting (2:00 - 4:00PM), there will be a report on the Task Force's Preconference and a discussion of plans for action which have been developed at the Preconference. Nominations for the Task Force's Steering Committee will take place at this meeting. Additional business items will be discussed at the business meetings on Monday and Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 PM.

Meetings at ALA of Interest to Women

Saturday, June 28

2PM - 4PM SRRT Task Force on Women business meeting Sheraton Centre-Regency Ballroom

Sunday, June 29

9:30AM - 11AM RTSD/CCS/SAC Racism and Sexism in Subject Analysis Subcommittee Barbizon-Plaza-Conference Rm. II

9:30AM - 12:30PM ERA Task Force business meeting Barbizon-Plaza-Studio M

2PM - 4PM Status of Women in Librarianship Committee Barbizon-Plaza-Studio A

8PM - 10PM SRRT Task Force on Women program Sheraton Centre-Georgian Ballroom

Monday, June 30

9:30AM - 11AM RASD Women's Materials and Women Library Users Discussion Group Waldorf-John Jacob Astor Salon

2PM - 4PM LAMA Women Administrators Discussion Group Waldorf-John Jacob Astor Salon

4:30PM - 5:30PM SRRT Task Force on Women business meeting Waldorf-Basildon Room

Tuesday, July 1

9:30AM - 11AM Status of Women in Librarianship Committee Coliseum-Japan Rm.

2PM - 4PM Program - cosponsored by LAMA Women Administrators Discussion/Status of Women in Librarianship Committee/SRRT Task Force on Women Hilton-Trianon Ballroom

4:30PM - 5:30PM SRRT Task Force on Women business meeting Waldorf-Gold Room

RTSD/CCS/SAC Racism & Sexism in Subject Analysis Subcommittee Waldorf-Barron Room South

Wednesday, July 2

9:30AM - 12:30 PM ERA Task Force program Hilton-Trianon Ballroom

9.30AM - 11AM Status of Women in Librarianship Committee Barbizon-Plaza-Studio K



ON SRRT ARCHIVES

Miriam Crawford, designated by SRRT Action Council as SRRT archivist, asks all Action Council and Clearinghouse members to remember that materials accumulated in the process of serving in the SRRT leadership should be saved and forwarded to her at the end of the term in office. This does not include materials still of current use, which are to be turned over to the person succeeding to the same office. Former SRRT Action Council and Clearinghouse members and Coordinators of defunct Task Forces who may still have materials they have not forwarded to her are urged to take care of this as soon as possible.

Anyone wanting further information on what should be sent can write or call Miriam for guidelines. Address: Miriam Crawford, 4240 Parkside Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19104 (Phone: 215-877-1250). That's the preferred address for forwarding materials, but anyone wishing to forward at Library Rate may address her at Samuel Paley Library, Temple University, 13th at Berks Streets, Philadelphia, PA19122.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE AND OLPR WIN GOAL AWARD

The American Library Association Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship and the Office for Library Personnel Resources Advisory Committee has been awarded a \$5,000 1980 J. Morris Jones - World Book Encyclopedia - ALA Goal Award for a project on "Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value: An Action Approach." The project outcome will be information packet/workbook for use by local libraries in documenting pay inequities, in relation to other professions which are comparable in education, experience and responsibilities.

For testimony presented at recent EEOC hearings on wage discrimination and job segregation, the Office for Personnel Resources summarized the comparable worth studies in librarianship which it was able to identify. OLPR is interested in hearing from library workers who are interested in this issue. An informal discussion on the Goal Award project will be held at the ALA New York Conference on Sunday, June 29 from 9:30 - 11:00 AM in order to determine what action/resource tools should be developed for assistance at the local level. For further information, contact: OLPR/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.



UPDATE ON THE WOMEN'S HISTORY RESEARCH CENTER

The Women's History Research Center needs donations as well as additional orders for its microfilm series - WOMEN & HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH (14 reels, \$34/reel), WOMEN & LAW (40 reels, \$34/reel) and HERSTORY (women's periodicals, 90 reels, \$30/reel). The cost of the microfilm will be increasing due to the increased price of silver. If you wish to purchase these series at present prices, write before October 1, 1980 and state that you saw this offer in WOMEN IN LIBRARIES. (Women's History Research Center, 2325 Oak Street, Berkeley, CA 94708)

Laura X, founder and president of the Women's History Research Center, is trying to raise enough money to attend ALA in New York. If you'd like to make a donation to the Women's History Research Center to support her trip, Laura would be most appreciative of your support.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The first Chicago Women Writers' Conference will be held Saturday, September 13, from 10 AM to 5 PM at the Chicago Public Library Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington. Sponsored by the Jane Addams Bookstore and the Artists-in-Residence program of the Chicago Council on Fine Arts, the conference will highlight the work of many talented women writers in the Chicago area and address the special needs and concerns of the female creative writer. The conference design allows participants to choose from a wide range of panels, workshops and performances throughout the day; including poetry, fiction, playwriting, criticism and journalism. As attendance must be limited to 400, participants are urged to send in their \$5 registration fee to the Artists-in-Residence office, 220 South State, Room 412, Chicago, IL 60604 at their earliest convenience.

The Third Annual Roundtable Conference for Professional Women will be held at Wentworth-by-the-Sea near Boston, October 16 - 18, 1980. The theme of this year's conference will be "White-Water Living: Career and Life Planning in the 1980's". The conference will feature as speakers both women futurists and women who research the lives and career patterns of women professionals. To register, write to Roundtable Conferences, Four Linden Square, Wellesley, Mass. 02181. Fees are \$75 registration fee plus \$125 payable on arrival.

PUBLICATIONS TO NOTE

"Women: the Fifth World" is a sixty page essay written by Elise Boulding for the Foreign Policy Association (Headline Series 248, \$2). In her essay Dr. Boulding explores what true world development might be, and what part women in all countries might play in achieving it. Foreign Policy Association, 205 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10016.

The fourth edition of SHARE (Sisters Have Resources Everywhere), A Directory of Feminist Library Workers has been published. Copies may be purchased from Women Library Workers, Box 9052, Berkeley, CA 94709 for \$4.00 prepaid, \$5.00 invoiced.

The seventh edition of Working on Wife Abuse is now available. This work is a resource and reference directory of shelters, services and educational resources on battered women in the U.S. There is also an extensive bibliography of publications concerning the issue of woman abuse. Send prepaid orders to Directory-Betsy Warrior, 46 Pleasant Street, Cambridge, MA 02139. \$5.00.

Frog In The Well, a new feminist press, announces the publication of its first book, The New Woman's Broken Heart, short stories by Andrea Dworkin. Frog's second book, Remembering Who We Are, by Barbara Deming, will be published this summer. The press also carries pamphlets and other books by Dworkin and Deming and other feminist writers. A free literature list is available from Frog In The Well, 430 Oakdale Road, East Palo Alto, CA 94303.

"Women and minorities in television drama 1969 - 1978" is a research report by George Gerbner and Nancy Signorielli. This report is available from the University of Pennsylvania, The Annenberg School of Communications, Philadelphia, PA 19174.



PUBLICATIONS TO NOTE

A comprehensive handbook on overcoming workplace sexual harassment has been published by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), which has more than 400,000 women members. The handbook presents various ways that employees, with union support, can recognize and respond to workplace problems of sexual harassment. Copies of the handbook may be obtained through the AFSCME International Headquarters, 1625 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women in Connecticut studied the effects of marital dissolution on men and women and published its findings in a study, "Marital Dissolution: The Economic Impact on Connecticut Men and Women." The report includes recommendations in various areas, including several on problems of displaced homemakers, who have special challenges reentering the job market. Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, 6 Grand Street, Hartford, CT 06115.

The National Commission on Working Women has developed a "Career Development Seminar for Women Office Workers," a 426 page manual that can be used by working women's organizations, business and government agencies in training clerical employees how to upgrade their careers. The seminar is designed to teach such techniques as skills identification, how to prepare for a job evaluation, how to write a job description, resume and cover letter, and preparation in job interviewing, assertiveness and legal rights. The manual provides 18 hours of training, divided into two-hour sessions. It is priced at \$44. National Commission on Working Women, 1211 Connecticut Ave., NW, #310, Washington, DC 20036.



A series of studies of women in emerging countries has been compiled by the Population Council in "Learning About Rural Women," a special issue of the council's Studies in Family Planning. The free 112-page edition is available through the Publications and Information Office, The Population Council, One Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

"Abortion: Need, Services and Policies" is a county-by-county study of the need for abortion compared to the availability of abortion services. The report which presents the first detailed statistical study for each state was done by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, 515 Madison Ave., New York, NY 1022.

The Guide to the U.S. Department of Commerce for Women Business Owners is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. (Stock #003-000-00556-9, \$2.75). The guide identifies by agency and type of assistance, all current resources in Commerce targeted to women business owners.

Women: A Journal of Liberation is now ten years old. Each issue is devoted to a specific theme. Recent issues have been on women alone, women and power, and women and conflict. They are offering all new library subscribers an entire collection of back issues still in print (17 issues) at no extra charge.

(Women: A Journal of Liberation, 3028 Greenmount Ave., Baltimore, MD 21218 \$6/year individuals and \$15/year institutions)

SMALL PRESS PUBLICATIONS TO NOTE

The Coming Out Stories, a collection of 42 autobiographical coming out stories, is about lesbians struggling with their identity and surviving in a world that suppresses non-conformity. The anthology, with a foreword by Adrienne Rich, includes stories by Alix Dobkin, Maureen Brady and Joanna Russ. The Coming Out Stories, edited by Julia Penelope Stanley and Susan J. Wolfe, \$6.95. Persephone Press, P.O. Box 7222, Watertown, Mass. 02172.

Our Mothers' Daughters is a feminist analysis of the mother/daughter relation written by Judith Arcana. Abridged chapters of the book have appeared in Frontiers (late summer of 1978) and Chrysalis (#8). Copies are \$3.95 from Shameless Hussy Press, Box 3092, Berkeley, CA 94703.

The Lesbian Path is an anthology of 37 autobiographical sketches about the roles in which lesbians find themselves in our heterosexist society. The work is divided into seven sections - young lesbians, Catholic tales, finding ourselves, public lives, struggles, adventures, and mothers. Edited by Margaret Cruikshank, The Lesbian Path is available for \$6.95 from Caroline House, 2 Ellis Place, Ossining, NY 10562.

"Lesbians, Gay Men and Their Alcohol and Other Drug Use: Resources" was written and compiled by Susan Christenson and Gayle Ihlenfeld. It is, as the title states, a list of resources including pamphlets, articles, books and organizations. It is available through the Wisconsin Clearinghouse, 1954 E. Washington Ave., Madison WI 53704, for 35¢ plus 25¢ for mailing and handling.

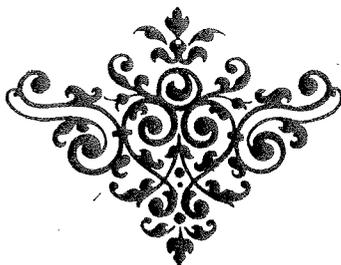
"For Men About Abortion" is a pamphlet written and published by Roger Wade. It is designed as an aid to men who are dealing with an abortion. Copies are available for 25¢ each from Roger Wade, 1705 Norwood Ave., Boulder, Colo. 80302.

LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS

WLW Journal has arrived in a new format with lots of fascinating information. Book reviews, record reviews, film reviews and bibliographies on a variety of subjects are included. Subscriptions are \$7 for institutions and non-WLW members or \$12 if you want to join WLW too. Women Library Workers, P.O. Box 9052, Berkeley, CA 94709.

In "Issues in Women's Studies Collection Development," Esther Stineman, former Women's Studies Librarian-at-Large, University of Wisconsin System, relates the problems and methods involved in collecting feminist materials for libraries. The article includes a bibliography of recommended reference and periodical sources to support women's studies. (Collection Building, v. 1, no. 2 (1979) 57-76)

"Feminist Periodicals: An Annotated Bibliography of Current Publications" by Joan I. Tracy is a bibliography of 91 currently published feminist periodicals. Basic bibliographical information for each periodical is included. (The Serials Librarian, v. 3, No. 4 (Summer 1979) 387-405)



NEW BOOKS

Mexican Women in the United States: Struggles Past and Present, edited by Magdalena Mora and Adelaida R. Del Castillo, is a collection of essays which scan a broad range of social conditions and the developing role of the Mexican woman. This work is divided into five parts - integration and development, sterilization, labor activity, past struggles and profiles. It is available through the Chicano Studies Research Center, Publications Office, University of California, Los Angeles, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. \$12.75 (paperback) plus postage and handling of \$.65.

"Be yourself. Know yourself. Sell yourself." These are the three golden rules to remember when looking for a job, according to Marketing Yourself: The Catalyst Women's Guide to Successful Resumes and Interviews (G.P. Putnam's Sons, \$9.95). Written by the Catalyst Staff, Marketing Yourself contains a Foreword by Sylvia Porter. Catalyst, a national non-profit organization dedicated to helping women choose, launch and advance their careers, draws on its 18-year experience to tell women how to present themselves most effectively on paper and in person.

Women Scientists In Industry and Government: How Much Progress in the 1970's? looks at recent trends in the employment of women PhD's -- their employers, work activities, salaries, and other characteristics. Information is provided on women trained in the natural sciences, social sciences and engineering. \$5.00 from National Academy of Sciences, Office of Publications, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20418.

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