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## Mentoring Librarians for Women's Studies Librarianship

Women's Studies Section Midwinter Discussion  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Monday February 6, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a Midwinter discussion on the topic of mentoring librarians for Women's Studies Librarianship. Few librarians today have positions exclusively devoted to women's studies as an academic discipline. Why aren't there more librarian positions devoted to this topic, and can we in the profession promote more growth in this area? Can we draw more librarians into the women's studies field through mentoring?

Come discuss your views and ideas on these questions at the WSS Discussion Meeting on Monday February 6th, 9:30-11:00 a.m. We will begin our discussion with several librarians who will briefly share their experiences as it relates to their work either as women's studies librarians or mentors in this area. After this introduction, attendees will be encouraged to exchange their ideas about the state of women's studies librarianship, and the recruitment and mentoring of librarians who are interested in pursuing this area in their professional careers.

Suggestions, comments, and questions can be directed to Grace Jackson-Brown, Black Culture Center Library, Indiana University, 109 N. Jordan Ave., Bloomington, IN 47405; telephone: (812) 855-3237; e-mail: jacksonb@ucs.indiana.edu.

-Grace Jackson-Brown, WSS Vice-Chair / Chair-Elect

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**ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE:  
MIAMI, FL June 1994**

*Program: Making the Net \*Work\* Is there a Z39.50  
for Gender Communications?*

Congratulations to program coordinators Ruth Dickstein of WSS and Judith Segal of EBSS! The program, co-sponsored with EBSS and helped by WSS committee members Bonnie Cox, Rita Pellen, Denise Redfern Betty Glass, and Roland Hanson from the Gay and Lesbian Task Force, was a huge success. The featured speakers were Becky Mulvaney (Florida Atlantic Univ Dept. of Communication), who gave an overview of theories in gender and communication; Susan Herring (Univ. of Texas at Arlington), who applied those theories to listservs and showed examples of the gendered communication that fits stereotypes: male as authoritative and aggressive, female as passive, too helpful, or self-deprecating; and James Carmichael (Univ. of North Carolina at Greensboro) who gave personal anecdotes.

Comments about the speakers and content reflected the high ratings, for example, "[the program was] thought-provoking, very funny, and memorable. The audience seemed to be learning (judging from the nods, laughs, and notetaking). I hope that more research continues on the issues raised, perhaps with a focus on library-related discussion lists. In the meantime, the ideas presented help to raise or crystallize my awareness and self-awareness"; "Excellent. One of the few truly scholarly programs I have attended at the ALA. A real treat—do more like this. Speakers were excellent."

Ellen Greenblatt and Suzanne Hildenbrand created an electronic conference to extend the dialogue at this panel discussion: "The Virtual Library and the Disadvantaged Majority".

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In the message area, type subscribe libwat-l  
firstname lastname.

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**ARE YOU GOING TO THE  
ALA MIDWINTER  
MEETING IN  
PHILADELPHIA???**

**IF SO, CONTACT**

**Jill Morrissey**

**or Daren Callahan**

**at the above addresses**

**and give us your mailing address  
so that we can mail you an information  
packet which includes**

**a checklist of meetings for all women-  
studies related groups and a**

**Women's Studies Section sticker**

**for your nametag.**

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## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

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Lori Goetsch

Greetings! I'm looking forward to a busy and productive year as Chair of the Women's Studies Section. I'd like to take this opportunity to update you on recent activities as well as inform you about events that will be coming up in the next year.

Perhaps the most notable accomplishment of the section this year has been the completion of our five-year review for ACRL which was submitted to the ACRL Planning Committee early in September. The review was certainly a team effort, begun by former Chair Betty Glass and finished by me, with lots of help from current and past Executive and other committee members. Some of the items highlighted:

- ◆ the well-received and well-attended annual conference programs sponsored by the section and frequently co-sponsored by other ALA and ACRL groups such as the Feminist Task Force, the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, and the Education and Behavioral Sciences Section.
- ◆ section involvement in speaking out on issues regarding conference sites which led to the formation of our own Social Issues/Education Committee as well as an ACRL task force to examine association involvement in social issues.
- ◆ the number of projects initiated and completed in the past five years, including the core lists, the periodicals indexing project, and several publications.

We are among the last sections to be required to complete a section review. ACRL is re-evaluating the review process and appears to be headed towards a long-range planning approach that looks forward rather than backward. With that outlook in mind, here are some activities and issues that lie ahead for the Women's Studies Section:

**ALA Self-Study:** There was considerable discussion and controversy at Miami surrounding the ALA Self-Study, and this issue continues to be prominent in recent issues of library magazines. A concept paper entitled "ALA Organizational Structure--Concept Paper: Building on Our Strengths" was distributed at the annual conference in Miami and feedback is requested on the documents by October 25. The WSS Executive Committee will work via e-mail to develop a response to the concept paper. Individuals are encouraged to respond as well.

**Midwinter Meetings:** The section is going to try something new in terms of our Midwinter Meeting schedule. All section meetings will be over a 3 day period, Saturday - Monday, in an effort to accommodate concerns about travel expenses. Also, all committees will meet at the same time and in the same place. This idea is adapted from the Bibliographic Instruction Section, and I hope it will encourage and facilitate interaction among committees. It will also make it easier for the chair and vice-chair to visit committees to get updates on their activities.

**5-year plan:** While the section review provided an opportunity to look back with pride on section activities, I agree with ACRL's interest in having sections look ahead rather than back. I hope to get some time aside at the Executive Committee meetings at Midwinter to brainstorm a long-range plan for the section. Any of you who have ideas that the section should consider in the future are invited to send me your thoughts via e-mail ([goetsch@utklib.lib.utk.edu](mailto:goetsch@utklib.lib.utk.edu)) or snail mail (Reference Services, Hodges Library, 1015 Volunteer Blvd., Knoxville, TN 37996-1000). I'd like to hear from you!

All in all, I think we can look back with pride on the work of the Women's Studies Section over the past five years and with anticipation towards the next five. I look forward to working with you all this year; please do not hesitate to contact me with ideas, questions, and concerns.

## **Publishing Information**

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Carol Schroeder and Gloria Robertson have published a comprehensive guide to international, national, and state publications that accept articles on a broad range of librarianship topics. It is called *Guide to Publishing Opportunities for Librarians* and is published by Haworth Press.

The Women's Educational Equity Act Publishing Center offers a catalog of their publications:  
Education Development Center  
55 Chapel Sr., Suite 200  
Newton, MA 02160  
customer services: 1-800-225-3088; in MA: 617-969-7100

Helen Ripplier Wheeler wrote a book called *Getting Published in Women's Studies: an International, Interdisciplinary Professional Development Guide*.

At ALA in Miami, the new Bibliographic Taskforce of the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship met to begin planning for the new edition of *On Account of Sex: An Annotated Bibliography on the Status of Women in Librarianship*. The new edition will cover the years 1993-1997. The taskforce is interested in hearing from anyone who can provide insights and/or review and comment on written sections. Contact Co-Chair Betsy Kruger at the Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: kruger@vmd.cso.uiuc.edu.

## **Other information**

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Take Our Daughters to Work Day is held in April and is sponsored by the Ms. Foundation for Women: 1-800-353-2525. *Editor's Note: Why not extend this event to college level women? Certainly the guidance and encouragement would benefit them and would occur at an age when they are more focused.*

March is National Women's History month, and the National Women's History Project has a catalog of posters and brochures, etc. to promote this event, as well as other resources. Their address: National Women's History Project, 7738 Bell Rd., Windsor, CA 95492-8518 phone: 707-838-6000

San Francisco artist Christine Tamblyn created a software program called *She Loves It, She Loves It Not: Women and Technology*. According to the *CD-ROM World* profile, (June 1994), she describes her project as a "navigational project about women's relationship to technology. It combines text, video and graphics and focuses on themes such as control, violence, and power. Each video clip, photo, and sound attempts to show how women might make use of technology differently than men." For more information, contact Christine Tamblyn, 555 Broderick St, #9, San Francisco, CA 94117. tel: (415) 931-0150.

Concentric Media Production Assistant Danielle Renfrew is seeking reviewers of their Academy Award-nominated documentary film, *When Abortion was Illegal*. It has won numerous other awards. If you would like to review and/or write an article about the video, contact their distributor for a free preview copy and press kit: Bullfrog Films, Oley, PA 19547 1-800-543-3764. If you would like more information about the filmmaker, Dorothy Fadiman, or are interested in any other aspects of the project, contact them directly at: Concentric Media, 1070 Colby Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025 phone: 415-321-1533.

## KUDOS

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Please send news to

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Joan Ariel's syllabus for Research Methods and Sources in Women's Studies is available on the University of Maryland's gopher: send a mail message to listserv@umdd or to listserv@umdd.umdd.edu that says: INDEX SYLLABI. To obtain a specific syllabus, send a message to the same address saying GET FILENAME SYLLABI, where FILENAME is the name of the file you want, for example, GET RESEARCH METHODS SYLLABI. If you would like to submit your own syllabi to the listserv, contact Joan Korenman at korenman@umbc2.umbc.edu

Martha J. Bailey, Life Sciences Librarian, Purdue University, has written a book *American Women in Science: a Biographical Dictionary* (ABC-CLIO-Santa Barbara, CA). The author surveys 400 women in all branches of science, including mathematics, anthropology, statistics, psychology, and nutrition, and covers the colonial period through the first half of this century.

Cindy Faries' (Penn State University) article titled "Collection Building in Women's Studies: One Model for Learning the Process" has been published in *Collection Building* 13 (1994): 1-7. It outlines her experience with the RLG Conspectus for women's studies at the Penn State University Libraries.

Lori Goetsch was promoted to the Head of Reference Services at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in February.

Jessica Grim (Oberlin College) has a book of poetry called *Locale* being published by Poets and Poets Press in Elmwood, CT.

Loretta Koch is now Humanities Librarian at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

Linda Krikos (Ohio State University) published the article "Women's Studies Periodical Indexes: an In-Depth Comparison" in the Summer 1994 edition of *Serials Review*.

May Jafari is now Social Science Reference Librarian at Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis.

Jill Morrissey (Univ of Connecticut) and Wendy Thomas (Radcliffe College) had letters to the Editor published in May 1994 *C&RL News* in response to Mary Glazier's article on Internet Resources for Women's Studies (March 1994). Jill wrote to promote CARL UnCover as a resource for women's studies information (telnet to uncover.carl.org or to database.carl.org, choose 1. for UnCover) and Wendy wrote to promote the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, whose holdings are available via the Internet: telnet to hollis.harvard.edu, select Hollis from the next menu.

Sarah Pritchard (Smith College) was re-elected to ALA Council and had an article "Backlash, Backwater, or Back to the Drawingboard? Feminist Thinking and Librarianship in the 1990s" published in the June issue of *Wilson Library Bulletin*.

Susan Searing (University of Wisconsin) became Associate Director for Public Services for the General Library System at the University of Wisconsin/Madison.

Wendy Thomas, (Radcliffe College) was a coordinator of the Schlesinger Conference on Women, Information, and the Future held in June, which was a huge success, with over half the participants from foreign conferences. GraceAnne DeCandido, the Editor of the *Wilson Library Bulletin*, wrote an editorial about the conference in the September 1994 issue. The editorial, "Gaudy Days: Women, Information, and the Future," is also available on the Wilson Library Bulletin gopher: gopher hwwilson.com.

## Internet resources of interest

The University of Maryland's gopher is a clearinghouse for general women's studies information:

gopher to [inform.umd.edu](http://inform.umd.edu)  
choose Educational Resources  
choose Academic Resources by Topic  
choose Women's Studies  
have fun!

There are two comprehensive guides to women's studies information on the Internet:

gopher to [inform.umd.edu](http://inform.umd.edu)  
choose Educational Resources  
choose Academic Resources by Topic  
choose Women's Studies  
choose Computing  
choose guides (guide by Turek and Hudson;  
guide by Hunt)

The University of Wisconsin System Office of the Women's Studies Librarian offers many publications and other resources through the Internet:

gopher to [wiscinfo.wisc.edu](http://wiscinfo.wisc.edu)  
choose Library Catalogs and Services  
Selected UW-Madison Libraries  
UW System Women's Studies Librarian's Office

The ADA Project (TAP) is a WorldWideWeb (WWW) site designed to serve as a clearinghouse for information and resources relating to women in computing. To access TAP, use Mosaic (or another graphical or textual WWW viewer) to open the URL:  
<http://www.cs.yale.edu/HTML/YALE/CS/HyPlans/tap.tap.html>

The Southwest Institute for Research on Women (SIROW) based at the University of Arizona coordinates research on 28 campuses in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, and Texas. It created a gopher: gopher to [miles.library.arizona.edu/Resources by Subject Discipline/ Women's Studies/SIROW](http://miles.library.arizona.edu/Resources%20by%20Subject%20Discipline/Women's%20Studies/SIROW)

C&RL News has a gopher, which also includes job postings: gopher to [gopher.uic.edu/ Library/ C&RL Newsnet](http://gopher.uic.edu/Library/C&RL%20Newsnet)

The Feminist Task Force of ALA has a listserv/discussion list devoted to women's studies and librarianship. To subscribe, send mail to [tolistserv@feminist.mit.edu](mailto:tolistserv@feminist.mit.edu). In the message area, type: subscribe feminist first-name last-name.

Phyllis Holman Weisbard's article "More Gophering Around in Women's Studies" is a helpful overview of gopher sites and information. It was published in *Feminist Collections*, Spring 1994.

The University of Chicago Press's catalog of books in Women's Studies is available on their gopher: gopher to [gopher.uchicago.edu/ Illinois](http://gopher.uchicago.edu/Illinois)

## ACRL - WOMEN'S STUDIES SECTION COMMITTEES

**We Want You to be Involved!**

### **Collection Development & Bibliography**

*Description/activities:* Monitors collection development issues and resources in women's studies, including the nature and availability of reference tools in print, electronic and other formats. Recommends and implements projects to meet needs in this area including bibliographies and guides.

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### **Communications Committee**

*Description/activities:* Facilitates communication about the Section and its activities through the newsletter; produces the WSS brochure; creates and conducts regular orientation sessions for new and perspective WSS members; communicates with other women's groups to further the goals of WSS.

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### **Social Issues/Education Committee**

*Description/activities:* It is the position of the WSS Social Issues/Education Committee that responding to the 21st century library and information issues necessarily involves responding to social issues. As professional bound by the ALA Code of Ethics, librarians *must* address issues of access, freedom of expression, and equal rights. Continuing ALA's long-standing tradition of support for those broad social issues in no way means that professional issues are being ignored, nor that they are considered of secondary importance; social and professional issues are inextricably linked, and it is both ALA's and ACRL's responsibility to elucidate and clarify this link in both our actions and publications.

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### **Technical Services Committee**

*Description/activities:* Monitors technical services issues and practices having an impact on women's studies; recommends and implements projects.

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**ACRL WOMEN'S STUDIES SECTION  
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COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4</b>	2-4 p.m.	WSS Executive Committee
<b>SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5</b>	9:30a-12:30p	All Committee Sections Mtg.
	4:30-5:30p	General Orientation & Membership Meeting
	6-7p.m.	Social Hour
<b>MONDAY FEBRUARY 6</b>	9:30-11a.m.	WSS Program: Mentoring Librarians for Women's Studies Librarianship
	2-4 p.m.	WSS Executive Committee

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