

# ACRL WOMEN'S STUDIES NEWSLETTER

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See you there!

**FROM THE EDITOR**

The Women's Studies Section has finally arrived and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you who have joined the section. For those of you who have received this newsletter and are not section members, I strongly encourage you to contact ALA/ACRL and join the section. After this issue, it is possible that this newsletter will be available only to members, or by subscription.

Which brings me to a number of newsletter related issues. First, both Deb Biggs and I will complete our term as co-editors with this issue. We would like to encourage all of you with a literary bent and/or access to desktop publishing equipment to volunteer to take over the editorship. The next issue is not due out until November, so you will have some time to "ease" into the position.

I would also like to suggest that members start thinking about the following newsletter issues:

- 1) Will editors be elected or appointed, for how long of a term, and at what time of year?
- 2) What should be the policies on distribution of the newsletter to non-section members? What should we charge non-members? What should be the policy for distributing the newsletter mailing list? Should we charge for this service?
- 3) Should the content continue to be mostly short news items, or should we try to include one or two articles? Who will make the decisions on the newsletter content the editor(s), the executive board or others?

**CONTEST!!!CONTEST!!!CONTEST!!!CONTEST!!!CONTEST!!!**

The Newsletter needs a logo/masthead. So put on your creative thinking caps and come up with a design that meets the following guidelines:

- 1) No larger than 8 inches long by 2 1/2 inches high.
- 2) Is clear and reproduces well.
- 3) Contains Women's Studies Section as a major part of the design.
- 4) Contains ACRL as at least a minor part of the design.

Send your submissions to Deb Biggs at Center for Continuing Education of Women, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-1608. —Deb Schneider

**ACRL-WSS/COSWL PROGRAM AT ANNUAL**

Women of Color: Resources and Access, information for, by and about women of color in the United States. Date: Saturday, June 27, 1987. Time: 9:30a.m.-12 noon A panel of speakers will address the topic. Jacquelyn Marie, WSS member and Reference Librarian at U.C. Santa Cruz will moderate the session. Panelists will lead further small group discussions on their topics. Additional moderators will lead discussion groups on such topics as: Native American women's collections, minority publications and presses, affirmative action in libraries, etc.

**ACRC/WOMEN'S STUDIES SECTION COMMITTEES**

New Orleans Program Planning Committee

- Pat Kretz, University of California at Berkeley, Chair
- Deb Biggs, University of Michigan
- Nancy Magnuson, Haverford College
- Molly Mahony, Keene State College
- Jacquelyn Marie, University of California at Santa Cruz
- Susan Perry, Stanford University
- Beth Ellen Woodard, Michigan State University

Charge: Initiate and implement section program for the 1988 annual conference and coordinate section participation in coalition programming. Evaluate programs upon completion

Technical Services Committee (ad-hoc)

- Dorothy Niekamp, Indiana University, Chair
- Barbara Berman, Pennsylvania State University
- Betty Glass, Southern Illinois University
- Judith Hudson, SUNY at Albany
- Michelle Schroll, BPW Foundation
- Ellen Waite, Loyola University

Charge: Monitor technical services issues and practices relevant to women's studies including but not limited to acquisitions, cataloging, classification, and preservation. Recommend avenues for affecting change. Committee will function through annual of 1990 at which time the committee's role will be reassessed by the WSS Executive Committee.

Nominating Committee

- Connie Miller, Indiana University, Chair
- Joan Arfel, University of California at Irvine
- Eva Sartori, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

presented to the ACRL Board of Directors for approval, and will then go to the full section membership for a vote by mail.

### Nominations

Connie Miller reported on behalf of the Nominations Committee, which includes Connie, Beth Sibley, and Sue Searing. She explained that although the discussion group had elected Beth Stafford and Ruth Dickstein as co-vice-chairs/chairs-elect at its last meeting, ACRL rules necessitate a formal election by secret ballot, with opposing candidates. The Nominations Committee has submitted the following names for positions on the new Women's Studies Section's Executive Committee: for chair, Ruth Dickstein and Ellen Brody; for vice-chair/chair-elect, Beth Stafford and Susan Williamson; for recorder, Beth Woodard and Bernice Lacks; and for member-at-large, Jacquelyn Marie and Paige Weston. Biographical data on each candidate will be included in the ballots which will be mailed in the spring. The winners will take office following the San Francisco conference.

ALA regulations require that nominations be submitted far in advance of the election. The Nominations Committee planned to meet for lunch following the meeting to choose candidates for the 1988 elections.

### Women's Studies Dinner

In response to a question, Lori and Sue said that they had not tried to organize a dinner for members of the Women's Studies Discussion Group, as was often done in the past. Several members were enthusiastic about reviving the tradition in San Francisco. Pat Kreitz, who agreed to chair the 1988 Program Planning Committee, suggested a reception on Friday evening at the U.C. Berkeley Women's Center library. It was felt that a regular day should be established; the topic will be on the San Francisco agenda.

### New Orleans Program Planning Committee

Pat Kreitz reported on the meeting of the New Orleans Program Planning Committee. Topics under consideration are: third world women, feminist publishing, pornography, and feminism in the workplace. After discussion, the general consensus of the group supported the first topic.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

The Women's Thesaurus will be available from Harper & Row in August 1987. Cost is \$34.50, hardcover. [Sue Searing has seen the cover design and read the preface, which gratefully acknowledges the Women's Studies Discussion Group's contributions.]

Women in LC's Terms, a collaborative effort by WSS member Ruth Dickstein and others will be submitted to Oryx Press this spring. It promises to be a very useful guide to women-related headings in LCSH, and should be on the market by the end of 1987. Oryx is also bringing out a new annual review of women's health.

Women Are History, the fourth edition of Gerda Lerner's bibliography on the history of American women, featuring 1,358 entries and an index is available. To order a copy, send a check for \$5.00 payable to "Women Are History Fund" to: Graduate Program in Women's History, History Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 3211 Humanities Building, 455 North Park St., Madison, WI, 53706.

Women's Studies: A Recommended Core Bibliography, 1980-1985 will soon be released by Libraries Unlimited. Authored by Catherine Loeb, Susan Searing, and Esther Stineman, the volume supplements Stineman's 1979 core bibliography. The hardbound