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A FEMINIST LIBRARIAN'S GUIDE TO MIDWINTER ALA '88 MY ANTONIO: BY WILYA CATHODE (WITH ME?)

CROC=Crockett EM=Emily Morgan FSEA=4 Seasons HIL=Hilton Palacio del Rio

HIRW=Holiday Inn-Riverwalk HY=Hyatt Regency LAMN=La Maison del Rio MAR=Marriott MENG=Menger

RAD=Radisson-Gunter SACC=San Antonio Convention Ctr. STA=St. Anthony Inter-Continental TROP=El Tropicano

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

**ALL DAY, 10am-10pm, FEMINIST TASK FORCE, WORKSHOP: WHITE WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER ON PERSONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL RACISM -- \$30; for information, call Polly Thistlethwaite, 212-998-2532, or Betty-Carol Sellen, 718-780-5618

2-4:00pm 4:30-5:30pm

ACRL WOMEN'S STUDIES SECTION SRRT Gay/Lesbian Task Force

SACC--Cube 2 SACC--Cube 5

MAR--Salon A

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R-E-S-P-E-C-T!

Not one librarian was selected by the <u>Esquire</u> magazine staff for its list of noteworthy professional people, not even the non-librarian who heads our national library. (Information courtesy of Mary Vela-Creixell)

GIRL, WE COULDN'T GET MUCH HIGHER? -- ACADEMY BLUES

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill trustees are worried because, based on merit, undergraduate admissions of females are outnumbering males'--and alumni tend to give more to their alma mater than do alumnae; according to Elizabeth Greene in "Too Many Women?" Chronicle of Higher Education, 33:27 (Jan. 28, 1987). Maybe if "coeds" felt their UNC experiences to be outstanding or if they felt encouraged to enter programs leading to high income, the university would receive from women what it gets from men. Pay equity is everyone's issue.

The Chronicle of Higher Education, 33:13 (Dec. 10, 1986), also reports that, according to Patricia Curtin, Johns Hopkins History Dept., abuse of women in academia by their husbands is common. College and university librarians will therefore want to make visible and accessible information on the problem and ways of finding help to overcome it.

On a far happier note, Harvard University now offers an undergraduate degree in women's studies.

Something to send for: "Involvement and Empowerment of Minorities and Women in the Accrediting Process: keport of a National Study," \$5 (prepaid) from the State and Regional Higher Education Center, Florida State University, Tailanassee, FL 32306-3021.

What gratified alumnae do give: Since 1979, Chambersburg, PA's Wilson College has conducted an "Aunt Sarah" program. Named after a benefactor of the institution, the program involves graduates who write or send "CARE packages" to first-year students on a monthly basis. The college tries to couple women with similar career interests in an attempt to foster an "old girl" network. This sounds like a fine idea for librarians to implement. For information, contact Margaret Taylor, Director of Public Affairs, Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Let it not be "a lesson too late for the learning." Before you take legal action against a university, examine Academics in Court: The Consequences of Faculty Discrimination Legislation, by George R. LaNoue and Barbara A. Lee, University of Michigan Press, 1987; \$16.95.

LIBRARY LEADERSHIP

The Department of Public Libraries is the first unit of the Montgomery County, Maryland government to issue an affirmative action policy. A one-page summary of the plan has been issued to all staff as well as to County officials; the summary describes the purposes of affirmative action:

- 1. Equal employment opportunity is as important and as basic a principle as free and uncensored access to information.
- In order to meet the library and information needs of all segments of the public, the Department should employ people who can reflect, relate to, and communicate with the people in the community it serves.
- 3. The implementation of the plan will lead the Library to be more consistent, objective, and fair in its treatment of all employees.

For a copy of the summary or for additional details, write to Maria Pedak-Kari, Staff Development and Public Information, Dept. of Public Libraries, 99 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. You may want also to ask about the Montgomery County Library's innovations in service to the differently abled.

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED CHAMPIONS

The Womyn's Braille Press, P.O. Box 8475, Minneapolis, MN 55408, has, for the past decade, advanced availability of feminist literature to blind women. Unlike the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress, the Womyn's Braille Press, offers an abundance of materials about women of color, radical feminism, violence against women, and lesbianism. Beyond Braille, the WBP provides books and periodicals on tape. Its members also participate in seminars about ablism and advise conference planners on planning events welcoming and accessible to disabled women. You may wish to subscribe to the Press's quarterly newsletter, published in print, in Braille, and on tape, and replete with information about Press activities and other organizations active in militating for differently abled persons; send \$10-\$20 for a year's subscription.

An overview of social, legal, and educational issues; classroom exercises, readings, and lesson plans adaptable for Grades 1 through 12; profiles of multicultural role models; and facts about specific disabilities are achieved in Women and Girls with Disabilities: An Introductory Teaching Packet, by Elizabeth Phillips, co-founder of the Women and Disability Awareness Project, teacher, and editor. This resource guide is \$17.50 from the Organization for Equal Education of the Sexes, 438 Fourth St., Brooklyn, NY 11215 (718-788-3478).

SERIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Contact Athletes for Equality, if you wish to support a boycott of advertisers in Sports Illustrated's annual "Swimsuit issue." The organization, at 98 Spring St. #4, Amherst, MA 01002, notes that, in 13 issues, the magazine published 52 feature articles about male athletes and 4 about female athletes, further trivializing women athletes with the sexually provacative "Swimsuit issue."

Listen Real Loud: News of Women's Liberation Worldwide, is a product of the American Friends Service Committee, 1501 Cherry St., Phila., PA 19102 (215-241-7160). A quarterly, it takes an active interest in the economic concerns of women, also touching on issues of sexuality, the political process, etc.; \$10/year.

A sample issue of the new Journal of Communication Inquiry (JCI Subscriptions, 205 Communications Center, Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City 52242), included Nina Gregg's "Reflections on the Feminist Critique of Objectivity," Gina Marchetti's "The Threat of Captivity: Hollywood and the Sexualization of Race Relations...," Lisa Lewis's "Female Address in Music Video," and other interesting pieces; \$5/issue.

Third Woman is a journal of art and literature by Hispanic women in the U.S. With a strong feminist bent, it is \$5/issue from Chicano-Riqueso Studies, Ballantine Hall 849, Indiana Univ., Bloomington 47405.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OFFICE FOR LIBRARY PERSONNEL RESOURCES 50 EAST HURON STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

MINORITIES AND WOMEN: A LIST OF MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS IN LIBRARIANSHIP, 1987-88

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Kingsborough Community
College Library
Oriental Blvd/Manhattan Branch
Brooklyn, NY 11235
Published quarterly; free to
members. Some job listings

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The Black Librarian Data Bank % Dr. Dorothy M. Haith P. O. Box 90216 Washington, D.C. 20090

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Directory. 5th edition, 1986
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Chinese American Librarians Association Newsletter Diana Shih (Co-Editors) and Gladys Chaw c/o Library American Museum of Natural History Central Park West at 79th Street New York, NY 10024

Journal of Library & Information Science (semi-annual) published in cooperation with the National Taiwan Normal Univ. Dept. of Social Educ., \$15. Margaret Fung, (Editor) PO Box 31 Tyngsboro, MA 01879

Directory of Chinese American Librarians in the United States Contact Executive Director

Membership Directory

Fullerton, CA 92632

Al Milo (Membership Chair)

Fullerton Public Library

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REFORMA

National Assn. to Promote Library Service to the Spanish-Speaking Liz Rodriguez-Miller (Pres.) Tucson Public Library PO Box 27470 Tucson, AZ 85726 602/791-4391

WOMEN LIBRARIANS

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Women Library Workers Nancy K. Humphreys University of California-Berkeley Women's Resource Center Library 100 T-9 Bldg. Berkeley, CA 94720 415/642-4786

Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship Gail P. Warner (Chair) N.101 West Street Colfax, WA 99111 509/397-4366

REFORMA Newsletter Ingrid Betancourt (Editor) 98 Berkeley Avenue Bloomfield, NJ 07003 A quarterly newsletter free to members: \$20 for individuals. \$35 for institutions.

Women in Libraries (Newsletter) Leslie Kahn (Co-Editor) 2 Manchester, 2A Newark, NJ 07104 Mary Vela-Crixell (Co-Editor) Fulbright & Jaworski 2200 Inter First Plaza San Antonio, TX__78205 Bi-monthly - Afor individuals; & for organizations prepaid; \$8 invoiced. Does not list jobs.

WLW Journal \$15-membership and journal \$20-foreign subscription \$ 2-sample issue Classified ads (30¢ word-minimum 15)

> Directory of Library and Information Profession Women's Groups, edited by Katharine Phenix, 4th ed., COSWL/ALA, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611.

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BOOKING ON DOWN

Our personal fiction pick of the year is Eilen Foster, by Kaye Gibbons (Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, NC, \$11.95). Eudora Welty rightly praised "the life in it, the honesty of thought and eye and feeling and word" as it traces themes of sexism, child abuse, wife battering, discrimination against people with psychological troubles, racism, classism, and more—with perfect grace in under 150 pages.

Alice Eagly's Sex Differences in Social Behavior: A Social Role Interpretation (Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 365 Broadway, Hillsdale, NJ 07642; \$19.95) explores gender variations in helping and aggressive behavior in the context of social role. The author challenges some

"laws" of conventional social psychology.

Oryx Press has issued The Nonsexist Word Finder: A Dictionary of Gender-Free Usage, by Rosalie Maggio. The over 5,000 words and phrases in this book "are arranged alphabetically and include not only sexist words or phrases but also those that are ambiguous or neutral but often used in sexist contests," e.g. "shrill." Oryx is at 2214 North Central at Encanto, Phoenix, AZ 85004-1483 (800-457-ORYX) and the book costs \$20. Other such volumes are slimmer and getting on in years.

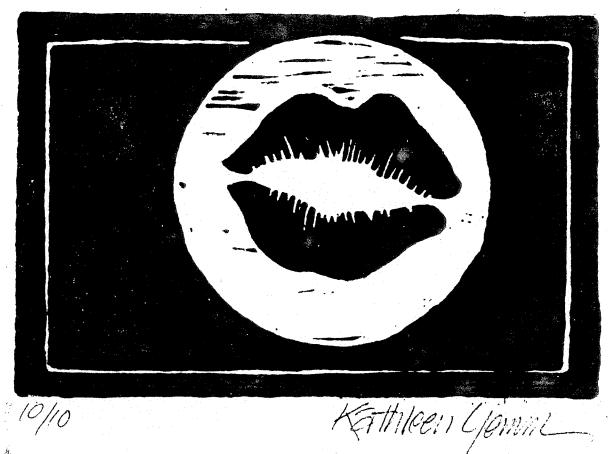
For \$10, you can purchase Women Scholars in Women's Studies from the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, 302 E. John St., suite 1705, Champaign, IL 61820 (217-333-8475). "The nearly 330 scholars representing more than 50 fields of study clearly demonstrate the range and diversity of activity in women's studies." Interesting to note is that, in addition to her educational background and achievements, are the individual's community involvements, her "takin' it to the streets." The book is indexed by field, subject, and institution.

Publisher and distributor of books by/for/about women of color, Kitchen Table, P.O. Box 908, Latham, NY 12110 has a new catalog you'll want to get, as the organization extends our interests globally.

New from Cleis Press is The Little School: Tales of Disappearance and Survival in Argentina, by Alicia Partnoy. Despite the horrifying subject matter, this is a book of lyrical energy. It's \$8.95 in paper, \$15.95, cloth, plus 15% shipping from Box 14684, San Francisco, CA 94114.

How can Firebrand Books, 141 The Commons, Ithaca, NY 14850, be the genius of just one woman?--it's so fertile! The new crop includes Cindy Patton and Janis Kelly's Making It: A Woman's Guide to Sex in the Age of AIDS, with a translation into Spanish by Pausa Molina and illustrations by the wonderful cartoonist Alison Bechdel. You may recall Cindy Patton's Sex & Germs, also about AIDS, as the winner of the Gay/Lesbian Book Award two years ago--and Janis Kelly as the former health issues writer for the feminist newspaper Off Our Backs (still publishing in Washington, D.C.). A message of this title is that you can "say 'yes' and protect yourself from the threat of AIDS. Multisexual, multicultural, \$3.95.

Also from Firebrand, \$8.95 plus \$1.50 for shipping, is A Restricted Country, by Joan Nestle. A Renaissance woman, the writer, co-founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archives, offers her most personal experiences, from childhood sufferings of antisemitism, to her growth into civil rights activism in Selma and Montgomery, to battles and embraces with her mother, to intimate sexual/emotional events of her life. She says, "as a woman, as a Lesbian, as a Jew, I know that much of what I call history others will not." But she eloquently gains entry into our hearts.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

WOMEN IN LIBRARIES, the Newsletter of the American Library Association's Feminist Task Force, is published five times a year, from September to June. Send articles, comments, or books for review to:

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