
Guide to the Western Association of Women Historians Records MSS 2005/02

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Abstract: Includes minutes, reports, newsletters, awards, photographs, and artifacts pertaining to the Western Association of Women Historians records.

Conditions Governing Access note

Collection is open for research. Some restrictions may apply.

Accruals note

Updates to the collection will be submitted to CSUS Special Collections and University Archives annually.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Deed of Gift between California State University, Sacramento Library and WAWH was signed August 17, 2005. Transfers of additional records will be made annually by the organization.

History of the Organization

The Western Association of Women Historians (WAWH) is an organization of women historians and independent scholars founded in 1969 to "promote the interests of women historians both in academic settings and in the field of history generally." The organization was founded by academic historians Grace Larsen (President, 1969) and Linda Kerber (Secretary, 1969.) Known as the West Coast History Association from 1969-1972, the organization brought together women historians in colleges and universities to share scholarship and develop professional networking in a casual environment. The organization changed its name in 1972 to the West Coast Association of Women Historians (WCAWH). And in 1980 the organization became the Western Association of Women Historians (WAWH). Drawing scholars from the Western states, the WAWH is the largest of the regional women's historical associations in the U.S. In addition to academic historians, WAWH also welcomes literary scholars, art, theater, and film specialists. Along with promoting scholarship and networking of women historians, WAHA activities include improving employment and scholarly opportunities for women historians, enhancing the study of women in mainstream history, and exploring new teaching skills.

The WAWH annual conference includes presentations of scholarly papers, new research, discussions of teaching methods, and other issues of importance to women scholars. Sessions devoted to the work and interests of graduate students are encouraged. Five prizes are presented annually at the Awards Banquet.

Sources:

1. <http://www.wawh.org> 2. Renner, M. ed. (1994) *Histories of the Western Association of Women Historians 1969-1994*. WAHA.

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Scope and Contents note

WAHA has amassed a collection of minutes of Executive Board meetings and Business meetings, written and electronic communications of Executive Board Committee members, communications of Award and Prize Committee members, program reports, programs of Annual Conferences, newsletters, and artifacts related to the organization. Given the duration of the organizations' history some communications are missing. There are multiple copies of some materials. Updates to the collection will be submitted to CSUS Department of Special Collections and University Archives annually.

Record Types: Correspondence, minutes, agendas, reports, by-laws, press releases, articles and papers (submitted for conferences or awards), publications, photographs, membership applications, clippings, and artifacts.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

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Western Association of Women Historians.

History.

Women historians.

Series 1: Organizational Material, 1969-2010

Arrangement note

Includes WCAWH and WAWH Constitution and Bylaws, agendas and minutes of the Executive Board Committee and of the Business Meeting, reports from the Executive Director, President, Graduate Representatives, and a diverse variety of program committee reports.

Box 1, Folder 1

Constitutions, Bylaws, Duties of Officers/Committees, and Amendments of the WCAWH and WAWH, 1972-2006

Box 1, Folder 2

Business Meetings Agendas and Minutes, 1982-2011

Box 1, Folder 3

Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 1978-2011

Box 1, Folder 4

Executive Director Reports (2008-2011)/President Reports (1995-2001), 1995-2001; 2008-2011

Box 1, Folder 5

Graduate Student Representative Reports, 1991-2011

Box 1, Folder 6

Committee/Program (various) Reports, 1979-2011

Series 2: Annual Conference Material, 1969-2010

Arrangement note

Arranged in chronological order. Includes Conference programs, call for papers, attendance lists, hotel and meeting room contracts, receipts, biographies of speakers, correspondence, and miscellaneous material associated with the conference which was held in the spring of each year. Copies of some of the papers presented and resumes of some presenters who participated at the annual conference for the years 1983 through 1989 are also included in this series.

Box 1, Folder 7

WAWH Annual Conference, 1969-1983

Note:

Includes Conference Programs (1974-1979, 1982-1983); planning notes, forms and correspondence. Copy of paper presented in 1983: Greenberg, Reva P. "Beatrice Webb: An Emancipated Anti- feminist."

Box 1, Folder 8

WAWH Annual Conference, 1984

Note:

Includes Conference Program, planning notes, forms, and correspondence.

Copies of papers presented: Rosenham, Mollie S. "Retrospective Musing on the Women's Movement" Puz, Susan K. "Victoria Woodhull's New York, 1869-1877" Lepovitz, Helena W, "Household Images and Household Concerns: The Role of Catholic Imagery in the Industrialization of Popular Art" Schiebinger, Londa, "The Masculinization of Philosophy: Women and the Norms of Knowledge." Bell, Susan, "Comment on papers by Schiebinger and Lepovitz"

Box 1, Folder 9

WAWH Annual Conference, 1985

Note:

Includes Conference Program, planning notes, forms, and correspondence.

Copies of papers presented: Lorence-Kott, Bogna, "Klementyna Hoffmanowa (1798-1845): Innovation in Traditional Garb." Robe, Margaret A., "Virginia Woolf and the Problems of Autobiography" Gelles, Edith, "Seven Portraits of Abigail Adams: An Examination of the Abigail Adams Literature." Puz, Susan, "Women Innovators"

Box 1, Folder 10

WAWH Annual Conference, 1986

Note:

Includes Conference Program, planning notes, and correspondence.

Copies of papers presented: Merkle, Judith, "Two Women Who Changed Business History: Mary Parker Follett and Lillian Moller Gilbreth" Puz, Susan K., "America's First Female Presidential Candidate: Victoria C. Woodhull."

Box 1, Folder 11

WAWH Annual Conference, 1987

Note:

Includes Conference Program, planning notes, and correspondence.

Copies of papers presented: Ludlow, Dorothy, "The Literature of Sectarian Sexual Promiscuity" Thorne, Tanis C., "Maintaining Social Order and Ethnic Boundaries: Miscegenation and the Women of New France."

Box 1, Folder 12

WAWH Annual Conference, 1988

Note:

Includes Conference Program; planning notes, forms, and correspondence.

Copies of papers presented: Hull, Susanne, Chair, Plenary Session Introduction: "Problems of Presenting Character in Feminist Historical Fiction." Hull, Susanne W., "Women According to Men." McLoone, Harriet V., "Feminist History Research Possibilities in the Manuscript Collections." Myers, Sylvia H., "Male-Female Relationships in Eighteenth-Century Correspondence."

Box 1, Folder 13

WAWH Annual Conference, 1989

Note:

Includes Conference Program, planning notes, and correspondence.

Copies of papers presented: Elwood-Akers, Virginia, "Caroline Seymour Severance and the Los Angeles Suffrage Movement." Garcia, Mikel Hogan, "Woman Suffrage in the Pioneer Black Community of Los Angeles, 1900-1920." Jacobsen, Yvonne, "Elizabeth Lowe Watson, 1843-1927: Multiple Audiences."

Box 1, Folder 14

WAWH Annual Conference, 1990

Note:

Includes Conference Program, planning notes, and correspondence.

- Box 1, Box 15 **WAWH Annual Conference, 1991**
Note:
Includes Conference Program, planning notes, and correspondence.
Copy of a proposal by Jean Wilkinson and Lyn Reese for the creation of a "WAWH Task Force dedicated to the monitoring and evaluation of social science text books, K -12" to achieve "improvement in gender balance in texts." Copy of paper presented: Puz, Susan Kullmann, Student-Centered teaching and Feminist pedagogy: Practical Implications."
- Box 1, Folder 16 **WAWH Annual Conference, 1992-1995**
Note:
Includes Conference Program (1992-1995); planning notes, forms and correspondence.
- Box 1, Folder 17 **WAWH Annual Conference, 1996-1999**
Note:
Includes Conference Program (1996-1999); planning notes and correspondence.
- Box 1, Folder 18 **WAWH Annual Conference, 2000-2006**
Note:
Includes Conference Program (2000-2006); planning notes and correspondence.
- Box 1, Folder 19 **WAWH Annual Conference, 2007-2011**
Note:
Includes Conference Program (2007, 2009-2011).
Copies of: WAWH Archival Material Policy and Procedure (Proposed May 2007) Proposed Revisions to Bylaws for WAWH Founder's Dissertation Fellowship (2007) Proposed Revisions to Bylaws of the WAWH Barbara 'Penny' Kanner Award (2007) Proposed Revisions to Bylaws for WAWH Judith Lee ridge Prize (2007) Proposed revisions to Bylaws for WAWH Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize (2007)

Series 3: Publications, 1970-2010

Arrangement note

Incomplete runs of Quarterly Newsletters of the WAWH and Membership Directories, copies of *Histories of the Western Association of Women Historians 1969-1994*, WAWH Membership Application forms 1983-2004 (incomplete), and various non-WAWH publications.
Includes incomplete runs of the Quarterly Newsletter of the WAWH from 1970-2011. The Newsletter has had three different titles during its publication: (1) *The West Coast Association of Women Historians Newsletter* (1970 to 1980); (2) *The Western Association of Women Historians Newsletter* (1980 to 1982); and (3) *The Networker* (1982 to the present).

- Box 2, Folder 1 **The West Coast Association of Women Historians Newsletter, 1970-1980**
Note:
Vol. 1, #2, 1970-Vol. 13, #3, 1980 (incomplete)
- Box 2, Folder 2 **The Western Association of Women Historians Newsletter, 1980-1982**
Note:
Vol. 14, #1, 1980-Vol. 16, #2, 1982 (incomplete)
- Box 2, Folder 3 **The Networker, 1983-1989**
Note:
Vol. 16, #3, 1983- Vol. 23, #2, 1989 (incomplete)

Box 2, Folder 4	<p>The Networker, 1990-1995</p> <p>Note: Vol. 23, #4, 1990- Vol. 27, #1, 1995 (incomplete)</p>
Box 2, Folder 5	<p>The Networker, 1996-2004</p> <p>Note: Vol. 27, #2, 1996- Vol. 34, #2, 2004 (incomplete)</p>
Box 2, Folder 6	<p>The Networker, 2005-2008</p> <p>Note: Vol. 34, #3, 2005- Vol. 37, #2, 2008 (incomplete)</p>
Box 2, Folder 7	<p>The Networker, 2009-2011</p> <p>Note: Vol. 38, #1, 2009- Vol. 40, #3, 2011 (incomplete)</p>
Box 2, Folder 8	<p>WAWH Membership Directories (incomplete), 1990-2002</p> <p>WAWH Membership Directories (incomplete), 2003-2011</p> <p>Histories of the Western Association of Women Historians 1969-1994, ed. Marguerite Renner, WAWH: 1994 (2 copies), 1994</p> <p>WAWH Application Forms (incomplete), 1983-2007</p> <p>Non-WAWH publications, 1976, 1994, 2005</p> <p>Note: Includes: The CCWH Newsletter (Newsletter for the Coordinating Council for Women in History), Vol. 36, #1, 2005 National Women's Studies Association Program Directory, Fall 1994 CCWHP Newsletter (The Coordinating Committee on Women in the Historical Profession), Vol 7, #3, 1976</p>
Box 2, Folder 9	
Box 2, Folder 10	
Box 2, Folder 11	
Box 2, Folder 12	

Series 4: Awards and Prizes, 1982-2010

Arrangement note

Arranged alphabetically by the name of the prize, this series contains the reports, by-laws, list of winners, and correspondence for the six prizes the WAWH awards annually. The prizes are: (1) The Graduate Student Conference Paper Prize; (2) the Founders' Dissertation Fellowship; (3) the Judith Lee Ridge Prize given for the best article in the field of history published by a WAWH member; (4) the Barbara Penny Kanner prize for the best scholarly bibliographical and historical guide to research focused on women or gender history; (5) the Gita Chaudhuri Prize for the best monograph about rural women published by a WAWH member; and (6) the Keller-Sierra Prize for the best monograph published by a WAWH member. Also included in this series are the articles submitted in 1989 for the Judith Lee Ridge Prize.

Box 2, Folder 13	Gita Chaudhuri Prize Winners, 2010-present
Box 2, Folder 14	Founder's Dissertation Fellowship Winners, 1999-2010
Box 2, Folder 15	Graduate Student Fellowship Winners, 1986-2010
Box 2, Folder 16	Barbara Kanner Award Winners, 1994-2010
Box 2, Folder 17	Keller-Sierra Book Prize Winners, 1982-2010
Box 2, Folder 18	Judith Lee Ridge Prize Winners, 1985-2010
Box 2, Folder 19	Copies of Articles submitted for Ridge Prize, 1989
Box 2, Folder 20	Huntington Library Women's Studies Seminar, June 1986

Series 5: Photographs, 2000-2001

Arrangement note

This series is comprised of 38 color snapshots from the 2000 and 2001 annual conferences.

Box 2, Folder 21	WAWH Photographs: Annual Conferences, 2000, 2001
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Series 6: Other Materials, n.d.

Arrangement note

This series contains photocopies of 2 meeting notices for Women Historians of the Bay Area, notice of Fall meeting of No. California Branch of West Coast Association of Women Historians, a list of courses in Women's History from the Coordinating Committee on Women in the Historical Profession (1970-71), letter from Jeffrey C. Alexander and Ruth H. Bloch to Professor Eugen Weber (1978, photocopy), letter on WAWH letterhead from Frances Keller, 1st Vice Preside and President-Elect to Professor Bernard Bailyn, Chairman, AHA Committee (1980, photocopy), the WAWH song.

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Series 7: Artifacts,

Arrangement note

Includes a Tee-shirt and pens.

Box 2, Item 1
Box 2, Folder 2

WAWH 30th Anniversary Tee-Shirt, n.d.
WAWH imprinted ballpoint pens (3), n.d.