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

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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 (WCWAH). 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.
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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
Essington, Amy
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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; 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:
Box 1, Folder 8  **WAWH Annual Conference, 1984**
Note:
Includes Conference Program, planning notes, forms, and correspondence.

Box 1, Folder 9  **WAWH Annual Conference, 1985**
Note:
Includes Conference Program, planning notes, forms, and correspondence.

Box 1, Folder 10  **WAWH Annual Conference, 1986**
Note:
Includes Conference Program, planning notes, and correspondence.

Box 1, Folder 11  **WAWH Annual Conference, 1987**
Note:
Includes Conference Program, planning notes, and correspondence.

Box 1, Folder 12  **WAWH Annual Conference, 1988**
Note:
Includes Conference Program; planning notes, forms, and correspondence.

Box 1, Folder 13  **WAWH Annual Conference, 1989**
Note:
Includes Conference Program, planning notes, and correspondence.

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:**  

**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:**  

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)
**Series 3: Publications, 1970-2010**

**Box 2, Folder 4**

**The Networker, 1990-1995**

Note:
Vol. 23, #4, 1990- Vol. 27, #1, 1995 (incomplete)

**Box 2, Folder 5**

**The Networker, 1996-2004**

Note:
Vol. 27, #2, 1996- Vol. 34, #2, 2004 (incomplete)

**Box 2, Folder 6**

**The Networker, 2005-2008**

Note:
Vol. 34, #3, 2005- Vol. 37, #2, 2008 (incomplete)

**Box 2, Folder 7**

**The Networker, 2009-2011**

Note:
Vol. 38, #1, 2009- Vol. 40, #3, 2011 (incomplete)

**Box 2, Folder 8**

**WAWH Membership Directories (incomplete), 1990-2002**

**Box 2, Folder 9**

**WAWH Membership Directories (incomplete), 2003-2011**

**Box 2, Folder 10**


**Box 2, Folder 11**

**WAWH Application Forms (incomplete), 1983-2007**

**Box 2, Folder 12**

**Non-WAWH publications, 1976, 1994, 2005**

Note:

**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 Chauduri 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**
**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.

**Box 2, Folder 22**

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), letter on WAWH letterhead from Frances Keller 1st Vice Preside and President-Elect to Professor Bernard Bailyn, Chairman, AHA Committee (1980), the WAWH Song. 1970-1971; 1978; 1980

**Series 7: Artifacts,**

Arrangement note
Includes a Tee-shirt and pens.

**Box 2, Item 1**

WAWH 30th Anniversary Tee-Shirt, n.d.

**Box 2, Folder 2**

WAWH imprinted ballpoint pens (3), n.d.