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Welcome To New Research Associates: This month we highlight three of the five Research Associates. You may contact Dr. Gunn and Dr. Kehler at 624-6485 and Dr. Wall at 624-4420.

Johanna Kehler received the D.Phil in Cultural Studies from the Humboldt-University in Berlin, Germany in 1992.

From 1991 to the beginning of 1995 she lived in South Africa and conducted research into the status of Xhosa woman within South African society, and the significance of women's projects in the development of the Eastern Cape Region, (South Africa). Johanna also played the role of facilitator to several women's projects addressing community needs. Her second book "It is not easy being a woman," which is based on biographical interviews, portrays several Xhosa women who also express their hopes and fears regarding the status and role of women within the transitional process leading to South Africa's first free election in April 1994.

During 1989 and 1991, Johanna researched racism and xenophobia experienced by migrant African and Asian women in East Berlin (Johanna's hometown) during the time prior to the formal unification of the two German countries.

Johanna's research at the Women's Studies Program focuses on the changing "cultural identity" of migrant African woman after their arrival in U.S. society.

Sally N. Wall, PhD, is on sabbatical from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland where she is associate professor and chair of the Psychology/Sociology Department and Director of Women's Studies. A development psychologist whose early work focused on infant/mother attachment, she has also explored the friendships of adolescent mothers and the impact of completing a college education on non-traditional-age women students.

This year she will be collaborating with Dr. Irene Friese on a cross-cultural exploration of the structure of attitudes toward women, with a special focus on Japan, and will be continuing her own on-going project exploring the impact of work-of-kin in women's lives.

Janet Varner Gunn describes her project on Survivor Knowledge:

What I am calling survivor knowledge refers to those who have survived death camps as well as to those, mainly women, who have survived childhood sexual abuse. But I also have in mind what the South African cultural critic Njabulo Ndebele has called the "mechanisms of survival" structures like apartheid.

Except when it is in danger of being lost or deformed by shame, abjection, and powerlessness, the ordinary, however, is the most illusive of experiences, since it is the habit and habitat (or what sociologist Pierre Bourdieu calls "habitus") in which we live, the very air we breathe, the what-
WOMNST News

The Women's Studies Program has been awarded a $1000 CAS Curriculum Development Grant to purchase films for women's studies courses. Contact Janet Montelaro (x46485) if you have ideas and/or suggestions.

WOMNST is excited to announce the release of a film catalog. Compiled by Deborah Hile and Amie Evans, the catalog lists the available film and video resources at Pitt that are relevant to the teaching of Women's Studies issues and concerns. A wide scope of films and videos are included in areas such as religion, class, race relations, colonialism, and women and work. Stop by WOMNST or phone x46485 to obtain a copy.

The new Guide to Women's Studies Microform Collections in Hillman Library, written by SLIS graduate student Alice A. McNeil, is available free upon request. This guide contains useful descriptions of the library’s collections, which include the Jane Addams papers, the Stoner collection on Cuban Feminism, and periodicals like Woman Worker. Copies of the 34-page guide may be obtained by contacting Laurie Cohen, Women's Studies Bibliographer, 207 Hillman Library. For more info, call 648-7731 or e-mail lcohen@pop.pitt.edu

Britta Dywer (ex-WOMNST/HA&A) has been nominated by The Pennsylvania Humanities Council as a Commonwealth Speaker for its 1996-97 Speakers Program. She is available to present lectures on “In the Attic of a Chateau: The Search for Anna Elizabeth Klumpke (1856-1942)” and also on a more regional topic “The Nineteenth-century Pittsburgh School of Design for Women: Who Said It Would Be Easy?” Contact PHC at 800-462-0442 for more information. She was also elected Chairperson for the Cultural Program of the Pittsburgh AAUW.

Janet Varner Gunn (Research Associate/WOMNST) has recently published Second Life: A West Bank Memoir. It is available from the University of Minnesota Press (1995) for $19.95.

WOMNST steering committee member Iris Young, and Cathy Davidson of Duke, Kwame Anthony Appiah of Harvard are the respondents to Sheldon Hackney's talk “Toward a Common Ground: Pluralism and American
Support Services

Sexual Assault Recovery Group. This emotional support group can help survivors of sexual assault work through feelings and rediscover a sense of personal power and inner peace. Thursdays 1:00-2:30 pm at 334 WPU. Contact Mary Koch Ruiz, 648-7856.

AMAC (Adults Molested as Children) -- This group helps survivors of childhood/adolescent sexual abuse to safely explore their feelings and behaviors. Mondays 1:00-2:30 at 334 WPU. Contact Mary Koch Ruiz, 648-7856.

Women's Counseling Service at the YWCA offers support groups for depression, divorce, and loss of a relationship and workshops on reclaiming body images. Contact the YWCA at 305 Wood St., Pittsburgh. PA 15222, 391-5100 ext. 1436.

Upcoming Events

Manchester Craftsmen's Guild is showing (Oct. 2 - 30) a collection of handmade quilts by the African American Heritage Quilters Guild. 322-1773 for information.

Top Girls by Caryl Churchill includes both a dinner party for some of the most fascinating women in history and a remarkable, political look at the changing role of women in the late 20's and the sacrifices they have to make, whether they advance in the corporate world as Marlene does, or stay at home, as her sister Joyce does. Performances run from October 12 through 15 and from October 17 through 22 at Pitt's Studio Theatre in the basement of the Cathedral of Learning. Sunday performances are at 2:00pm; others at 8:00pm. Single tickets are $10. 624-0933.

Chatham College - Beyond the Ballot: A Parade and Rally in Celebration of Women's Suffrage will be held on Sunday, October 15 at 1:00pm. The parade will form in the parking lot of Ellis School at Noon and proceed down Fifth Avenue to the Chatham College campus. Speaking on women in the political process in the 1990s will be Margaret E. Galley, Ph.D., policy analyst and consultant; Susan B. Hansen, Ph.D., associate professor of political science and women's studies/Pitt; Linda Dickerson, president of Riverview Productions, Inc. and publisher of Executive Report; and Esther L. Barazzone, Ph.D., president of Chatham College. Musical artists Anne Feeley will perform at the reception. Events will be held rain or shine. Contact Stephanie Wilson at 365-1256 for more information.

The Acacia Group's Women and Magee-Womens Hospital invite you to attend "Women, Wellness & Wealth" a free, informative presentation especially designed for the maturing woman. Featured speakers: Sarah L. Berga, MD and Bridget A. Macaskill. Thursday, October 19 at Eddy Theater, Chatham College. 5:30 pm registration and light dinner; 6:00 - 8:30 pm Program. Call 922-4360 to reserve your seat. Space is limited.

Pittsburgh UN50 Coalition is sponsoring a week of events in honor of the United Nations Fiftieth Anniversary. For information on more events contact 394-0104. Campus event: UN50 Documentary Film Premiere In Search of Peace: 50 Years of the US in the UN, a one-hour documentary narrated by Paul Newman. And A Briefing on the Fourth UN World Conference on Women held in Beijing. Reception with desserts and coffee will precede the film. Monday, October 23 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in FQUAD 2P56. RSVP: 648-1997.

Womancare Lecture Series - “Breast Cancer Awareness” on Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 - 8:30pm at Monroeville...
Grants, Fellowships, Internships

The Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Grants in Women's Studies. The purpose of these grants for doctoral candidates is to encourage significant research about women. Winners receive grants of $1,500 for research expenses. Deadline: October 20, 1995. The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Dept. WS CN 5281, Princeton, NJ 08543-5281 or email maryh@wwnff.org

The Washington Center announces its 1996 Women As Leaders Academic Seminars to be held January 2-12, 1996 and May 13 - 24, 1996. WAL seeks to give college students with an interest in women's issues the opportunity to learn from some of today's top women leaders. Students can receive college credit for the seminar. Deadline for January seminar is November 13, 1995. Contact: Dr. Mary Goldschmidt, Director; The WA Ctr; 1101 14th Street NW, Suite 500; Washington, DC 20005-5601; (202) 336-7600.

Sexuality Research Fellowship Program announces a two-year dissertation and postdoctoral fellowship program for social and behavioral research on sexuality conducted in the US, funded by the Ford Foundation. Deadline: December 1, 1995. Sexuality Research Fellowship Program; Social Science Research Council; 605 Third Avenue; New York, NY 10158; (212) 661-0280 or e-mail: dMauro@acfcluster.nyu.edu

PA Historical and Museum Commission
1996 Summer Internship Program -
available in The PA State Archives, The
State Museum of PA, historic
preservation and other agency programs
in Harrisburg and at Commission historic
sites and museums across the state.
Internship Coordinator; PA H&M C;
POBox 1026; Harrisburg, PA 17108-
1026; (717) 787-9063. Deadline:

Calls For Papers

Borders/Crossings/Passages: Women
Reinterpreting Development - The
National Women's Studies Association
17th Annual Conference to be held at
Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs,
NY. Deadline: November 1, 1995 cover
sheet and proposal. (518) 584-7963 or
e-mail PRUBIO@SKIDMORE.EDU

American Women of Color Across the
Women's Studies Curriculum - Second
Annual Women's Studies Conference at
Marquette University. Deadline:
November 1, 1995 - One-page (no more
than 250 words) summaries of papers.
Diane Long Hoeveler (414) 288-3466 or
e-mail: 6685hoeveler@vms.csd.mu.edu

Gender & Resistance - The Tenth Annual
Midwest/Mid-Atlantic Feminist Graduate
Student Conference to be held at
Pennsylvania State University in
University Park, PA. Deadline:
November 15, 1995 - one-page abstract.
Sponsored by the Department of English.
Further info: Danielle Conger
(decon4@psuvn.psu.edu); Christina Jarvis
(csj4@psuvn.psu.edu); Eileen Morgan
(egm1@psuvn.psu.edu).

Reproductions - Fifth Annual Graduate
Student Conference to be held March 30,
1996 at the State University of New York
at Buffalo. Deadline: December 1, 1995
- 500-word abstracts. Further info: Nick
Lawrence, (716) 883-7832 or e-mail:
v121nqnd@ubvms.cc.buffalo.edu

Employment

Part-time Work Available—Interview
Transcription. Seeking student or other
interested person to transcribe one-on-one
interviews from audiotape to computer
disk. Must be competent touch typist,
have access to computer. Interviews are
with students & teachers who participated
in a pilot curriculum on race, gender, and
class at a local women’s high school.
Pay: $5.00/hour. Contact Angele Ellis,
363-2556.

The University of Akron - DIRECTOR,
Women's Studies. Expected starting
date: August 1996. Applications or
information: Dr. Therese L. Lueck,
Chair; Director/Women's Studies Search
Committee; WSP; U of Akron; Akron,
OH 44325-6218. (216) 972-7008.

The University of South Carolina -
DIRECTOR, Women's Studies.
Expected starting date: July 1, 1996.
Applications or information: Dr. Jean
Ann Linney, Chair-Women's Studies
Director Search Committee; Office of the
Provost; 108 Osborne Administration
Bldg; U of SC; Columbia, SC 29208.
(803) 777-2880.

Purdue University - Tenure-track, entry-
level Assistant Professor in Women's
Studies beginning August 1996.
Professor Janet Afary; Chair, Women's
Studies Search Committee; WSP; PU;
1361 LAEB, Room 2258; West
Lafayette, IN 47907-1361. (317) 494-
6295 or e-mail: boatrige@ sage.cc.
purdue.edu

University of California, Santa Cruz -
Tenure-track Assistant Professor position
in Women's Studies, specializing in
feminist ethnography. Send letter of
interest, curriculum vitae, and three
current letters of recommendation to:
Provision #497; Chair, Search
Committee; WS; U of CA; Santa Cruz,
CA 95064.
Gender Equity Network
News by Janet Montelaro

Gender Equity Educational Resources--if you teach at any level and are interested in gender equity in your classroom or school, contact the Women's Studies Program for a copy of our Gender Equity Educational packet. This resource folder, free of charge, was assembled for our recent program celebrating one hundred years of women students at the University of Pittsburgh, which featured Dr. David Sadker of American University. The materials include articles by Drs. Myra and David Sadker, guidelines for gender equity in the classroom, bibliographies for further reading, a resource list of area specialists who are focusing on gender issues, and much more. If you would like to be on our Gender Equity Network mailing list, as a resource person or as a participant in our growing network, please contact Janet Montelaro at 624-6485.

Gender Equity Model (GEM) Inservice Teacher Training--The PA AAUW is now offering a staff development program to address gender equity issues in schools. The Gender Equity Model (GEM) training integrates current equity data with practical applications by using a variety of proven workshop techniques. GEM training helps educators identify gender bias and develop specific strategies to create gender equity. Nine facilitators throughout southwestern PA are available to provide inservice training teacher training at your school for a nominal fee. Workshops can be scheduled to meet your school's interests and needs. To schedule a GEM training workshop, contact Patricia M. Ulbrich, PhD at 422-4562 or 624-6485. Dr. Ulbrich is currently a research associate in the Women's Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh.

Pitt Puzzle Play--Dr. Henry Cohen, Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Pitt, has developed a program in partnership with area schools to motivate fourth and fifth graders in mathematics. Participating schools in 1994-95 included Vann Elementary, Ross Elementary, St. Theresa's Elementary, St. Paul's Elementary, Transfiguration Elementary, and Winchester Thurston School. This year's program will expand to include other schools and will range from third through eighth grades. The program is a supplement to the students' regular math or science classes and students are motivated to cooperatively solve puzzle sequences designed by the teachers working with Pitt faculty. Dr. Cohen is especially concerned that girls maintain interest in mathematics as they progress through middle school, and he sees this program as one vehicle toward this goal. According to Dr. Cohen, "Children who love solving puzzles could be our next scientists and mathematicians. They need to enjoy the quest for the solution." If you are interested in having your class participate in this study, please contact Dr. Cohen at 624-8375.

Equity Electronic Resources--Two electronic lists are available to participants interested in gender equity issues: 1) EDEQUITY (Educational Equity Discussion List) encourages discussion of educational equity in schools among teachers and other educators, equity practitioners, advocates, parents, policymakers, counselors and others. The list serves as a forum to discuss how to attain equity for males and females; and how gender equity can be a helpful construct for improving educational for all. To subscribe, send the message SUBSCRIBE EQUITY to MAJOROMO@CONFIR.EDC.ORG.
2) GENED is a list where teachers, parents, researchers and others can discuss gender and education, especially in K-12. To subscribe, send the message SUBSCRIBE GENED to MAJOROMO@ACPB.DUKE.EDU

If you have announcements for this column in our next newsletter, please contact Janet Montelaro, 624-6485.
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