

# NEWSLETTER

## The Center for the Study of Women and Sex Roles

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The Newsletter of the Center for the Study of Women and Sex Roles will report on the Center projects and research, as well as on other developments in feminist scholarship and in the women's movement in general. It is aimed at improving and expanding the network and exchange of ideas among feminist scholars, researchers and activists. We are grateful to Mariam Chamberlain and the Ford Foundation for a development grant which has made this newsletter possible.

Each issue will carry a number of regular features. Among them is the section on "Work in Progress" -- brief descriptions of current research and projects. Each month the newsletter will carry a calendar outlining the special events and meetings taking place at the Center, while the "Notes and Announcements" section will provide information on conferences, lectures and activities. Future issues will include book reviews, responses and reactions to current feminist research, and thoughts on possible new approaches and new projects. We will be happy to carry announcements about feminist events at other CUNY units. Announcements and submissions should be sent to Martha Nelson, Center for the Study of Women and Sex Roles, The Graduate School and University Center, 33 West 42nd Street, N.Y., 10036.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

This section of "Work in Progress" will serve as an introduction to the activities and research of the Research Associates for 1979-80 and the members of the Steering Committee. In future issues we hope to report on other new developments in feminist theory and practice.

Adrienne Block, Research Associate (The Graduate School and University Center)

Adrienne Block's work on women in American music has centered on the creation of an annotated bibliography on the topic, co-authored by Carol Neuls-Bates. With assistance from the Ford Foundation, she is now beginning work on a biographic dictionary of women in American music from colonial times to the present. She is also working with New York City women musicians on an exhibit of historic materials on female composers, performers and music educators.

Elaine Baruch, Research Associate (York College)

Elaine Baruch has been awarded an NEH grant for a study titled "Women in Utopia: Implications for Ethics and Values." Her study focuses on literary works, but also touches on a range of actual utopian experiments. She is gathering names and ideas for a conference, which is described in the "Notes and Announcements" section of the newsletter.

Elizabeth Brusco, Steering Committee (The Graduate School and University Center)

Elizabeth Brusco is an anthropologist, specializing in women in religion. She is currently working on a proposal to do dissertation work on women in the Pentecostal movement in Latin America.

Paula Carien, Steering Committee (The Graduate School and University Center)

As Director of Sponsored Research and Program Funding, Paula Carien works with

researchers to develop proposals for funding research and demonstration projects. She maintains information on grants and files of proposals that have been funded at the Graduate Center. She regularly sends information on sources of support to the Center, where they are kept on file for anyone interested in them.

Florence Denmark, Steering Committee (Hunter College)

Florence Denmark's research is on the psychology of women with a focus on the effects of gender in interpersonal interactions. Her most recent work is on the conditions under which identical behaviors in women and men are given different descriptions and explanations. This year she is President of the American Psychological Association.

Julie Doron, Research Associate (Barnard College)

Julie Doron, along with Judith Greenwald, has been working on a proposal for a study on the incidence and nature of marital rape. She is also writing a book titled "Intimate Violence: A Study of Injustice". Anyone interested in interviewing for the book should check the announcement in the "Notes and Announcements" section of the newsletter.

Laura Kramer Gordon, Visiting Scholar (Montclair State College)

Laura Gordon is investigating programs for the integration of women in non-traditional jobs. She will focus on the characteristics of programs which are most successful in terms of the adjustment of workers and workplace to sex-desegregation in various industrial settings.

Judith Greenwald, Research Associate (Psychotherapist, private practice)

Judith Greenwald's research interests are focused on domestic violence, and with Julie Doron, she has developed a proposal on the nature and violence of marital rape. She has also been working with feminist therapists in New York City to develop a conference on the theoretical and practical issues in feminist therapy.

Joan Kelly, Steering Committee (City College)

Joan Kelly's work in women's history has dealt with women in the Renaissance and with the implications of this study for historical methodology and theoretical development. She has also written on the relationship between Marxism and feminism, on housework and on feminist social theory. She is currently working on a history of feminist social theory and is involved in developing the graduate curriculum in Women's Studies at CUNY.

G. Sparks Lunney, Research Associate (Board of Education, City University of New York)

Sparks Lunney is continuing his research on the psychology of sex roles and sexuality. His theoretical work involves an integration of Christian theological literature concerning sexuality, women and sex roles.

Charlotte Muller, Steering Committee (Graduate School and University Center)

Charlotte Muller's work focuses on an economic analysis of issues related to women and health: insurance coverage of abortion, contraception, and sterilization; data needs relating to women's health; and economic issues in retirement.

Mary Brown Parlee, Co-Director (Graduate School and University Center)

Mary Parlee's primary research interests are in the psychology of female

reproductive processes over the life cycle: nonverbal communication of beliefs and attitudes concerning women and the functional significance of these beliefs.

Sarah Pomeroy, Steering Committee (Hunter College)

Sarah Pomeroy's work is on women in classical antiquity, Greek literature and social history. She is co-ordinator of the Women's Studies program at Hunter College and is involved in the development of the graduate curriculum in Women's Studies at CUNY.

Claire Riley, Steering Committee (Graduate School and University Center)

Claire Riley is interested in developing feminist theory within anthropology, particularly in the areas of kinship and socio-political organization. She plans on doing field work in New Guinea.

Ruby Rohrllich, Faculty Associate (Borough of Manhattan Community College)

Ruby Rohrllich is developing a theoretical analysis of the linkages between gender roles and race relations and acts as the co-ordinator of the seminar on multi-national corporations. She recently returned from Puerto Rico, where she was collecting data on the contradictions between reproductive freedom and population control.

Susan Saegert, Co-Director (Graduate School and University Center)

Susan Saegert's research focuses on the experience and roles of women in the workplace; dual roles and role strains; identification and elimination of barriers to economic equity. She is also studying the development of knowledge of the environment and competence in its use in girls and boys.

Peter Stein, Research Associate (Lehman College)

Peter Stein's interests focus on general issues dealing with the family, sex roles and single women and men. His most recent work is on the growth of support networks among unmarried adults.

Ethel Tobach, Research Associate (American Museum of Natural History)

Ethel Tobach's work concerns the social systems and socialization processes which bring about institutionalized sexism. Her research areas include: historical analysis of socialization processes; historical definition of sexism; and the organization and use of human knowledge to institutionalize sexism.

Gaye Tuchman, Steering Committee (The Graduate School and University Center)

With grants from the Ford Foundation and NEH, Gaye Tuchman is researching the impact of the professionalization of writing and publishing on women writers, as well as integrating materials on women's opportunities to participate in the cultural milieu of literature and art. She and Cynthia Epstein are also developing grants on women and work.

Paula Webster, Research Associate (The Graduate School and University Center)

Paula Webster is doing research on the symbolic meaning of rape and sexual antagonism in the early 20th century. The work draws on a Foucauldian approach to reveal the relationship between ideology and social structure and how this in turn modifies the cultural meaning of the act of rape, the metaphor for the body and the social construction of the notion of sexual drive.

Elizabeth Wood, Research Associate (The Graduate School and University Center)

Elizabeth Wood is working with Ruth Julius on an oral history project on contemporary American women composers. In addition, she is serving as an area editor for a biographical dictionary of American women in music, edited by Adrienne Block. Her other recent research includes work on Dame Ethel Smyth, British composer and suffragist.

# SEMINARS & STUDY GROUPS

## FEMINIST METHODS OF INQUIRY

The first meeting will take place on October 18th at 3 pm in Room 1627. This group will study women writers exploring new languages, new images and new mythologies. For information, call Trudy Berger, 780-5476.

## FEMINIST THEORY

Anyone interested in attending and/or organizing a seminar on feminist theory should call Elaine Baruch, 380-3498.

## WOMEN AND HEALTH WORKING GROUP

Mary Parlee, Judith Lorber and Barbara Katz Rothman are organizing a group of academics, health care workers and medical writers who will meet to work on health care issues concerning women. The first meeting is October 11 from 2-4 pm in Room 1400.

## WOMEN AND WORK

Gaye Tuchman and Laura Gordon are organizing a group for the study of women and work. If interested, call Gaye Tuchman (790-4283, 790-4320).

## MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS

The first meeting will take place on Friday, Oct. 12 at 2:30 in Room 1400. For more information, call Ruby Rohrllich, 874-6884.

# NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Saturday, November 3, the New York Women's Studies Association will sponsor the First Annual Women's Studies Day at Brooklyn College. For more information call Ellie Bulkin, 780-5476.

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October 22-29, 1979 marks Abortion Rights Action Week, a series of events to educate or organize women and men in support of the right to abortion and reproductive rights. The week's activities will culminate in a rally at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza at noon on October 27. For more information, call 964-3668 or write ARAW, 17 Murray Street, New York, N.Y. 10007.

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The Center for the Study of Women and Sex Roles is producing a brochure describing the aims and activities of the Center. If you would be willing to distribute brochures at conferences and meetings, please call us or stop by room 1400. We're grateful for help in publicizing the Center.

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The Women's Salon will meet on October 20th at 7 pm at the home of Erika Duncan, Apt. 933B, 463 West Street, New York. Kathy Brady will read from "Father's Day: A True Story of Incest".

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Graduate students and others interested in a study of gender and grandparenting, or in a project on feminism and body size, should contact Ethel Tobach (873-1300) or leave a message at the Center.

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Heresies seeks new material for a special issue on sexuality. They are new approaches to the topic, in the form of personal accounts, history, interviews, theory and analysis. Send material by November 1 to Heresies, Issue 12, Box 766, Canal Street Station, New York, N.Y., 10013.

Psychologists and others are invited to the Psychology Discussion Group on Friday, October 12, 7 pm in Room 1629. The topic is feminism and psychoanalysis.

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The Center is building a file of typists who are available to work on short notice, in order to ease some of the difficulties of preparing grant proposals and papers on tight schedules. If you know of people who are willing to do this work, please pass on their names and numbers.

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Join with Women Against Pornography for a march on Times Square on Saturday, October 20th. The march will assemble at Columbus Circle at 1 pm, and move down Broadway to Bryant Park on 42nd Street. For further information, call 594-8090, or write to Women Against Pornography.

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Elaine Baruch would like to hear from people interested in a conference on women in utopia. Possible panels might include: Women in Utopian Literature; Beyond Androgyny: A New Psychology of the Self; Genetic and Reproductive Engineering. An exhibit of women's architecture may also be presented at the conference. Anyone interested in helping to plan the conference should call Elaine Baruch at 380-3498.

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## JOB OPENINGS

The University of Pittsburgh invites application for a position as Assistant or Associate Professor in Sociology and Women's Studies beginning Sept., 1980. The primary tenure stream appointment will be in the Department of Sociology with special responsibilities in the Interdisciplinary Program of Women's Studies. Previous and/or current research and teaching in areas related to the sociology of women is required. Send curriculum vitae and application for materials to Burkart Holzner, Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15260.

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Julie Doron is hiring interviewers to work on a new book titled "Intimate Violence: A Study of Injustice". The interviewees will include both men and women who have been victims of family violence, including rape. The job will begin in mid-October and will pay for each interview. Interviewing will take place in New Jersey in a location accessible by public transportation. To apply, call Julie Doron at 280-2069 or 280-3984.

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A psychologist is needed to work one day a week, supervising student research, teaching research methodology and advising community groups, including Together Black Women and Project Greenhope. The salary is flexible. For more information call Eleanor Rollins at 221-8775 or Marilyn Gittell at 790-1446.

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All events will take place in room 1400 of The Graduate School and University Center, unless otherwise noted.

- Tuesday, Oct. 2 11:45-1:15 Tuesday Noon Lunch. An informal meeting and discussion in the Dining Room, 18th Floor. All are welcome.
- Thursday, Oct. 4 2-4 Associates Seminar. First meeting of the Associates of the Center for 1979-80.
- Friday, Oct. 5 3-5 Steering Committee Meeting.
- Tuesday, Oct. 9 11:45-1:15 Tuesday Noon Lunch. Dining Room, 18th Floor.
- Thursday, Oct. 11 2-4 Women and Health Working Group. Open to all interested in health issues concerning women.
- Thursday, Oct. 11 4-6 Conversation Hour. Maria Grazia Rossilli, an Italian feminist, active in the abortion rights movement, will talk about current struggles in the Italian feminist movement.
- Friday, Oct. 12 2:30 Seminar on Multi-National Corporations. For more information call Ruby Rohrllich, 874-6884, mornings and evenings.
- Monday, Oct. 15 2-4 Rivka Bar Josef, Deputy Prime Minister of Israel, will speak in Cynthia Fuchs Epstein's seminar on Women and the Power Structure. Room to be announced.
- Tuesday, Oct. 16 9:45 Steering Committee Meeting.
- Tuesday, Oct. 16 11:45-1:15 Tuesday Noon Lunch. Dining Room, 18th Floor.
- Thursday, Oct. 18 11:30 Film showing: The Faces of Change. Women in a changing world of Bolivia, Afghanistan and China. Shown in conjunction with the course on Women in Production, taught by June Nash. Third Floor Studio.
- Thursday, Oct. 18 3:00 Seminar on Feminist Methods of Inquiry. For more information call Gertrude Berger, 780-5476. The group will meet in room 1627.
- Thursday, Oct. 18 5:00 Women Against Pornography present a slide show on images of violence against women in pornography, advertising and the mass media. Room 207.
- Tuesday, Oct. 23 11:45-1:15 Tuesday Noon Lunch. Dining Room, 18th Floor.
- Wednesday, Oct. 24 12-2 Lecture: "The Psychology of Women (and Men): Biological and Social Cycles", by Mary Parlee. Room 207.
- Thursday, Oct. 25 11:30 Film showing: Simplonente Jenny. The cultural values that shape the lives of women in Latin America. Shown in conjunction with the course on Women in Production. Room 1629.
- Thursday, Oct. 25 4-6 Conversation Hour. Norma Wikler, the author of Up Against the Clock, will talk about the cultural and biological pressures to become a mother before age 35.
- Tuesday, Oct. 30 11:45-1:15 Tuesday Noon Lunch. Dining Room, 18th Floor.