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WORK IN PROGRESS: FINDING RESEARCH SUPPORT

The Center for the Study of Women and Sex Roles is interested in providing assistance to anyone seeking to locate funds for projects related to women. For those who want or need a formal association with the Center, we offer specific and concrete assistance.

General Information on Grants and Funds

Foundations

Our collection of materials in room 1400 of the Graduate Center is open to anyone who seeks funding information. We have a variety of annual reports from private foundations, which outline their areas of interest and list the grants they have recently awarded. A directory from the Network of Change-Oriented Foundations includes sources that might be especially open to some women's projects. Information provided by the Office of Sponsored Research throughout the year is filed and available for use. Monthly reports from OSR are posted in the Center with other announcements of deadlines.

Government Sources

The Center also has information from federal and state agencies, including a series of books on Developing Successful Proposals in Women's Educational Equity. More information on Women's Educational Equity will be available at a free grant writing workshop in the spring, sponsored by WEEA program to be held in New Jersey. Announcements of the workshop are posted in the Center.

Fellowships

For information on fellowships, there is a copy of the Directory of Financial Aids for Women, which includes details on fellowships, loans, internships and prizes designed for women. We also keep a file of announcements of fellowships and a number of lists and small directories.

Aid in Writing Grants

Another file we are developing holds articles on how to apply for funds, what foundations look for in a proposal and how to write a successful proposal. If you feel stuck in writing about your project, or simply don't know where to begin, these basic articles might help. This file includes a book titled Grants: How to Locate Them and Where to Go from There, by Virginia White. In order to suggest ways to present feminist research to funding agencies, we have a file of successful and unsuccessful proposals. These include projects funded by Ford, NIH, NEH (fellowships and grants), New York State Council on the Arts, and other organizations, submitted by people at the Center.

Research Associates

Those who want a more formal association with the Center can apply to become Research Associates or Visiting Scholars. These appointments are designed for those who would benefit from an institutional base at the Center. We provide non-salary support for Research Associates in all stages of the proposal writing process. This includes staff assistance in the search for appropriate funding agencies, critique of proposals,

guidance in developing the budget and typing and copying services. Research Associates present their work in the Center's colloquia series and participate in activities of the Center. Appointments as a Visiting Scholar can be arranged when appropriate for faculty members on leave from other institutions. We are in the process of developing large scale multi-disciplinary projects on specific topics of importance to women; among these topics are women and health, women and work and women and the environment. If you are working on a project on these or other related topics, we encourage you to contact the Center. Either write or call 790-4435.

Job Notice

The Center for the Study of Women and Sex Roles, in conjunction with the Center for Applied Research, is in the process of negotiating a contract to train New York State Social Services personnel officers in effective approaches to Affirmative Action. If the contract goes through, we will need to hire a number of staff members and research assistants. We will need people familiar with Affirmative Action procedures and regulations as well as people with skills in curriculum development and training in this area. The training will include issues of special relevance to minorities and handicapped as well as women. Research assistant applicants need only have an interest in the problem and a good record in their discipline. If you are interested in being considered for employment on this project, should it be funded, please send your vita and two letters of reference to the Center for the Study of Women and Sex Roles, Attention: Martha Nelson, Room 1400, The Graduate Center, 33 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, 10036.

CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND THE ARTS: PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SPACES: WOMEN COMPOSERS

On May 2, 1980, the Center for the Study of Women and Sex Roles will host a conference on Women Composers. The conference is being organized by Adrienne Block, Judith Tick and Elizabeth Wood, with the cooperation of Rosette Lamont, the general chair for the Women and the Arts series. The events, which will be free and open to the public, will include a noontime panel and discussion, and evening performances. Scheduled to appear are Mary Lou Williams and Vivian Fine. Meredith Monk is also tentatively scheduled to perform. Tickets will be available in early Spring. For more information, call the Center.

EDUCATIONAL EQUITY FOR ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN WOMEN

Asian Women United and the Center for the Study of Women and Sex Roles are working together on a conference on Educational Equity for Asian/Pacific American Women, to be held March 14-16. Funded by the Women's Educational Equity Act Program, the conference will work to develop strategies for increased participation of Asian/Pacific American women in all educational institutions. If you are interested in attending the conference, or in working on planning, write or call Angie Cruz at the Center.

FEMINIST STUDENTS' ORGANIZATION

The Feminist Students' Organization of CUNY has been formed for students from all disciplines who are interested in feminist scholarship at CUNY and who are concerned about the needs of women students. The organization, which has been funded by the Doctoral Students Council, is now establishing an organizational structure and set of goals for Spring 1980. Present goals are: (1) to create a formal network of feminist students through which those with similar interests and needs can form groups for academic, emotional and political support; (2) to improve the Graduate Center's library collection of feminist journals, books and reference materials; (3) greater financial support for feminist students; (4) to develop, in cooperation with the Center for the Study of Women and Sex Roles, a core curriculum in Women's Studies; (5) to host speakers on current issues in feminism and feminist theory. Student help is urgently needed to make the FSO a successful forum for the discussion and promotion of feminist issues. For further information, call Claire Riley at 258-8929.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joan Kelly, a faculty member of the Graduate Center and City College and a Steering Committee member for the CSWSR, has received an NEH Fellowship for 1980-81, to write a book on Feminist Social Theory. Last spring Joan taught an interdisciplinary seminar on the topic; this spring the seminar will be given by Virginia Held.

In the December newsletter, the address for proposals for the 1981 Berkshire Conference on women in history was listed incorrectly. Proposals should be sent to JoAnn McNamara, 500 W. 111th St., New York, NY 10025 before March 15, 1980.

In March, 1980, in celebration of International Women's Day, the Center for the Study of Women and Sex Roles will sponsor a display of books on women in the display case on the 18th floor of the Graduate Center. The policy limits us to works by faculty, staff and students of the Graduate Center which have been published in the last 3 years. If you have work for the display, please let us know, so that we may feature as strong and wide a range of work as possible.

The National Advisory Council on Women's Educational Programs is investigating how the Federal government can assist in protecting students from being sexually harassed by faculty or employees of educational institutions. The council is requesting information from former and present victims about their experiences. Write to National Advisory Council on Women's Educational Programs, Eliza M. Carney, 1832 M Street, NW, Suite 821, Washington, D.C. 20036.

The Society of Women in Sociology will meet on Saturday, January 12, at 10:30 a.m. at Marymount Manhattan College, 221 East 71st Street, to plan the Spring Conference.

Women on Long Island may be interested in a new women's bookstore: Womankind Books is located at 1899 New York Avenue, one-half mile north of Jerico Turnpike, in Huntington, New York 11746. Their phone number is (516) 427-1289. Other women's bookstores in New York include Djuna Books in Greenwich Village, 154 West 10th Street between 7th Avenue and Waverly Place (242-3642); Womanbooks on the Upper West Side at 201 West 92nd Street (873-4121); and Women's Works at 181 Seventh Avenue in Brooklyn (499-7763). In addition to selling women's books and records, these stores offer poetry readings, autograph signings, children's sections, ticket sales and information exchange.

Ethel Tobach writes: "Is anyone interested in discussing the name of the Center? I find the phrase 'sex roles' imprecise. I believe that gender roles might have been intended. I do not know what people think 'sex roles' signify."

Ruby Rohrllich will be giving a course on "The Women's Movement and Black and Ethnic Movements: Enemies or Allies." The course will meet Tuesday evenings, beginning February 19 at the Uptown Branch of the Borough of Manhattan Community College, 70th and Amsterdam. For more information on this non-credit course, call Jeannette Johnson, 262-5442.

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Wednesday, January 2 2:00-4:00; Meeting of the Feminist Students Organization.
8th floor lounge.

Friday, January 4 2:00; Meeting of the Seminar on the Impact of Multinational
Corporations on Women. New members welcome. Call Ruby
Rohrlich, 874-6884, for more information.

Tuesday, January 8 11:45-1:15; Tuesday Noon Lunch. Meet in 18th floor Dining
Room.

Thursday, January 10 1:00; Associates Meeting. Meet in Room 1401.

Tuesday, January 15 11:45-1:15; Tuesday Noon Lunch.

January 10-17 Final exam week.

January 18-31 No classes.

January 25 Women & Health will meet to discuss breastfeeding. Speakers:
Joan Liebmann-Smith and Datha Brack. Meet at 3:00 p.m. in
room 1712.

This month, because of intercession and final exams, the Center for the Study of Women and Sex Roles has curtailed Center activities. In February, seminars and groups will be meeting again regularly.

Activities planned for the spring semester include:

- * a series of invited speakers in anthropology, history and literature
- * a conference on Educational Equity for Asian/Pacific American Women
- * conversation hours each month
- * a conference on Women Composers, with panels and performances