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UC SYSTEM-WIDE CONFERENCE



Keynote Speaker
Bettina Aptheker

"Women: Culture, Conflict, and Consensus," scheduled for UCLA on Saturday, February 21, is the first conference to be offered by the new UC Council of Women's Programs. The one-day meeting, coordinated by Emily Abel, CSW Research Associate, will bring together scholars from all nine UC campuses to explore how the theory and methodology of Women's Studies have been in-

fluenced by the study of women from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. The public is invited to attend.

GREETINGS

by

Karen E. Rowe, Director

When the University of California Council of Women's Programs held its first annual meeting at UCLA on May 18, 1985, it was an exciting — and historic — event. *For the first time* representatives from Women's Studies and research programs from all nine UC campuses met together. It led to the formal founding of the Council itself, which adopted a Constitution at the second annual meeting on May 17, 1986. Virginia Olesen (Women, Health, and Healing Program, UCSF), Lenora Timm (Women's Resource and Research Center, UC Davis), and Karen Rowe (Center for the Study of Women, UCLA) were elected in 1986 as the Council's first Board of Directors.

The Council defines as its purpose "to carry out the goals of teaching and research on women and gender issues within the University and to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, the growth and coordination of programs and activities, and the cooperation of scholars at all levels in research and teaching about women." To fulfill this purpose the Council set as goals: 1) to create a directory of University of California scholars conducting research on women and gender; 2) to establish a speaker's and visiting scholar's exchange network; 3) to lobby for campus program development and increased support; and 4) to sponsor a yearly University of California conference on research on women and gender.

February 21, 1987 marks another such historic Council event. Over forty University of California scholars will gather at UCLA to explore, debate, and share with the community issues and questions raised by the newest research on women. This year's conference focuses on how the study of women from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds has shaped the theories and methods of women's studies and research on gender and ethnicity. We hope that you will plan to attend this special event — the inaugural University of California Council of Women's Programs symposium, "Women: Culture, Conflict and Consensus." □

Lucie C. Cheng, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Asian-American Studies Center and the Center for Pacific Rim Studies at UCLA, will chair the opening plenary session at 10:00 a.m. Keynote speakers and their topics are: Bettina Aptheker, UC Santa Cruz, "How To Do Meaningful Work in Women's Studies;" Barbara Christian, Berkeley, "But Who Do You Really Belong To, Women's Studies or Black Studies? Conflict of Priorities for the Black Feminist Scholar;" Aihwa Ong, Berkeley, "The Anthropology of Women's Lives;" Judith Stacey, UC Davis, "Can There Be a Feminist Ethnography? Ambivalent Reflections from a Silicon Valley Fieldworker;" and Patricia Zavella, UC Santa Cruz, "Feminism and Chicana Studies."



Keynote Speaker
Barbara Christian



Keynote Speaker
Judith Stacey

Nineteen workshops will be offered during two afternoon sessions (1:30 and 3:00). A wide range of topics will be addressed including: "The Impact of Immigration on Women," "Teaching Ethnicity in the Classroom," "Chicana Feminist Discourse: Towards an Integrated Approach," "Feminist Theory and the Afro-American Woman: Perspectives on Sexuality, Marriage and the Family," "Cross-Cultural Resources on Women," and "The Status of Women of Color in Higher Education in Women's Studies."

Readings at 5:00 p.m. by three creative writers, Lucille Clifton, UC Santa Cruz; Valerie Miner, Berkeley; and Helena Maria Viramontes, UC Irvine will follow the 4:30 reception.

The UC Council of Women's Programs was established in May, 1985 to further the educational and professional development of teaching and research on women throughout the University of California. The Council will offer conferences that alternate between campuses in the northern and southern part of the state. The next conference is scheduled for UC Davis in 1988.

The fee for the 1987 conference at UCLA is \$15 for faculty and other employed persons and \$7.50 for students or the unemployed. Pre-registration is necessary. Please call Marge Pearson at 213/206-1843 for a registration form and other information. □



Workshop Leader
Pat Zavella

BREWER HEADS ISSR AND AAW



In 1982 Marilyn Brewer, Psychology, came to UCLA from UC Santa Barbara to become Director of the UCLA Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR), an inter-disciplinary organized research unit devoted to facilitating large-scale quantitative research in the social sciences. As Director of ISSR, Brewer oversees the Survey Research Center, Social Science Data Archive, and programs in social stratification research, integration studies, organizational research, and environmental and population policy studies. She also serves on the planning committee of the May 1, 1987 inter-disciplinary conference, "Women at Work," co-sponsored by ISSR, the Center for the Study of Women, and the Institute for Industrial Relations.

In addition to her position as Director of ISSR, Brewer conducts research on intergroup relations and stereotypes and teaches classes in the Department of Psychology. Her current investigations analyze the content and structure of gender stereotypes. Her publications include five books (both edited and sole-authored works) on social science research methods, the philosophy of science, intergroup attitudes, the psychology of desegregation, and numerous articles on group behavior and stereotyping. In 1982 she co-edited an issue of the *Journal of Social Issues* devoted to research on sexual harassment in the workplace.

During the 1986-87 academic year, Brewer is also President of the UCLA Association of Academic Women. AAW is a campus organization of women faculty, librarians, academic staff, and graduate students that promotes the professional interests of women and provides opportunities for informal social and intellectual exchange among members of the academic community. AAW's primary activity at UCLA is a monthly dinner meeting, where topics of general interest to women (ranging from women in art and politics to medicine and physics) are presented. The highlight for the AAW each year is the May presentation of awards to outstanding women completing their graduate studies.

AAW is currently soliciting new members. If interested, contact membership chair Lise Snyder at 213/825-2138. □

NEW FRIENDS

Membership in the Friends of the Center for the Study of Women and Women's Studies Program has grown rapidly since the Membership Tea on October 20, 1986. As of December 31, 1986 the following new names have been added to the list:

Charter Members

Vi Ballard
Kathryn Ballsum
Anne Berkovitz
Edythe Berman
Sandra Brown
Beverly Doran
Carol Doumai
Thelma Estrin
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Susan Husband
Marilyn Kizziah
Phyllis Manger
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Constance Whitney
Marion Wood
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Gifts to the Center

Giselle von Grunebaum
Barbara P. Kanner
Bea Mandel

The Center for the Study of Women is proud to honor its new "Friends."

Members of this support group are a vital part of the Center's ongoing research and the Women's Studies Program's commitment to educating students. We encourage those who would like to learn how they can become more involved to call or write Lynda Griffith at the Center (213/206-1844). A copy of the membership brochure that describes benefits of the various membership categories and information about the Center will be sent upon your request. □

AIDS PROJECT FUNDED

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta has funded six major projects for Community AIDS prevention and education. Recently the Long Beach Health Department received over \$400,000 for the first year of its three year program. A significant portion of those funds, \$114,546, were allocated to the UCLA School of Public Health Community Education Project for Special Populations.

The project was developed by a UCLA research team headed by Principal Investigator Gary Richwald, School of Public Health. He is assisted by two co-directors, Johanna Epstein and Garland Richard Kyle; two students, Laura Ramos, Public Health, and Jackie Lubin, Writing Programs; and an Administrative Assistant, Lorette Hogle. Research will be conducted at UCLA and in the Long Beach area.

The Project will develop, implement, and evaluate AIDS health education and risk reduction programs for male and female prostitutes and intravenous drug users. The parents, infants and fetuses of these special populations are also in-

cluded in the Program. The goal of the project is to develop model educational programs for AIDS prevention and risk reduction which can be used effectively with similar populations in other parts of the country.

Project staff will interview prostitutes and intravenous drug users; assess their current knowledge and attitudes about AIDS; design audiovisual and written materials for AIDS health education and risk reduction; and evaluate the program's impact. Another aspect of the study is to determine the capacity and readiness of Long Beach community agencies to serve these individuals. Media materials for the program will be developed in cooperation with the Division of Research in Medical Education, USC School of Medicine.

The UCLA Center for the Study of Women will provide special assistance with issues related to women and gender. UCLA scholars with research interest in AIDS or either of the special populations included in this project are encouraged to contact Lynda Griffith at 213/206-1844. □

EVENTS OF INTEREST — FEBRUARY THROUGH APRIL

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- **Tuesday, February 3* (CSW Faculty Research Seminar) "The Gendered Meaning of Virtue in Revolutionary America," Ruth Bloch, History, UCLA. 4:00 p.m., Royce 314. For more information contact Van Do-Nguyen at 213/825-0590.
- Thursday, February 5* (Women's Resource Center) Weekly Rape Awareness Talks (every Thursday during the Winter Quarter) 12 noon, Women's Resource Center, 2 Dodd Hall. For information contact Kathy Rose-Mockry at 213/206-8240.
- Saturday, February 7, 28 and April 11* (Women's Resource Center) Self Defense Workshops presented by the UCLA Rape Prevention and Educational Services. For additional information contact Kathy Rose-Mockry at 213/206-8240.
- **Tuesday, February 10* (Friends of the Center for the Study of Women and Women's Studies Membership Meeting) Discussions of research by two UCLA scholars. 7:30 p.m. For information contact Lynda Griffith at 213/206-1844.
- Wednesday, February 11* (UCLA Health Psychology/Behavioral Sciences and Health Education Brown Bag) Shelley Taylor, Psychology, "Who Likes Stories about Cancer Patients?: Victims' Reactions to Stories of Similar Victims," 12 noon, 5461 Franz Hall. For more information call Shelley Taylor at 213/825-7648.
- Friday, February 13 to Sunday, February 15* (USC SWMS Program Conference) "The New Gender Scholarship: Women's and Men's Studies," USC Campus. For more information call Harry Brod at 213/743-7722.
- **Wednesday, February 18* (CAAS Public Lecture) Gwendolyn Brooks, Poet. 4 p.m., 2nd floor lounge, Ackerman Union. For more information call Anne Murphy at 213/825-3776.
- **Saturday, February 21* (UC Council of Women's Programs Conference) "Women: Culture, Conflict, and Consensus," 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dickson Auditorium. For more information contact Emily Abel at 213/206-1843.
- **Tuesday, March 3* (CSW Faculty Research Seminar) "Sexual Socialization and Women's Sexuality," Gail Wyatt, NPI. 4:00 p.m., 314 Royce Hall. For more information contact Van Do-Nguyen at 213/825-0590.
- **Wednesday, March 4* (WSP/CSW Public Lecture Series) Anne Firor Scott, Historian, Stanford Center for Advanced Study. 4 p.m., 314 Royce Hall. For more information contact Mary Smith at 213/206-8101.
- **Friday, March 6 to Sunday, March 10* (CSW Research Retreat) Arrowhead Conference Center. For more information contact Lynda Griffith at 213/206-1844.
- Tuesday, March 10* (AAW Dinner Meeting) "Women in Ethnomusicology," Sue Carole DeVale, Music, UCLA and the UCLA Javanese Gamelan musicians. For additional information call Lise Snyder at 213/825-2138.
- Thursday, March 19 to Sunday March 22* (Immaculate Heart Center Weekend Course) "Toward a Feminist Theology of Work," Clare Fischer, Professor of Religion & Culture, Thomas Starr King School, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley. Immaculate Heart High School, Los Angeles. For additional information call Pat Reif at 213/470-2293.
- Saturday, March 28* (Los Angeles County Commission for Women Conference) "Women, Know Your Legal Rights!" 8:30 a.m., Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles. For more information call Khanh Nguyen at 213/974-1455.
- **Monday, April 6* (Cultural & Recreational Affairs' Poets in the Canyon Series) Mona Van Duyn, poet. For more information contact Doris Curran at 213/206-1765.
- **Tuesday, April 7* (CSW Faculty Research Seminar) "Community Household Model: Women's Response to the Housing Crisis," Jacqueline Leavitt, Urban Planning. 4:00 p.m., 314 Royce Hall. For more information contact Van Do-Nguyen at 213/825-0590.
- Tuesday, April 7* (AAW and Campus Editors & Writers Dinner Meeting) "Authors and Editors: What Does Each Expect from the Other?" UCLA Faculty Center. For more information contact Carol Lanham 213/825-1970.
- **Thursday, April 9* (Cultural & Recreational Affairs' Poets in the Canyon Series) May Sarton, poet. For more information contact Doris Curran at 213/206-1765.
- **Tuesday, April 14* (WSP/CSW Public Lecture Series) Tillie Olsen, UC Regents' Lecturer. For more information contact Mary Smith at 213/206-8101.
- *Sponsored or co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Women.

BITS AND PIECES

Research Directory

The Center for the Study of Women has just released its first edition of *Research on Women and Gender: A Directory of UCLA Scholars*. This 52 page document lists 99 UCLA scholars who conduct research on women and gender issues. Entries are indexed by research field and scholar's Department or Program. Included are 36 different research fields and 45 UCLA departments or programs. Complimentary copies are available for UCLA faculty. Others can obtain a copy for \$5.00. For information call Van Do-Nguyen at 213/825-0590.

Research Retreat

The UCLA Center for the Study of Women's second annual weekend Research Retreat will be held March 6 — 8 at

the UCLA Lake Arrowhead Conference Center. UCLA faculty, visiting faculty, and research associates of the Center are eligible to attend.

The goals of the retreat are to enrich the sense of community among UCLA scholars, to share work in progress, to explore issues of teaching in Women's Studies, and to become better acquainted. The weekend will include research presentations and small group discussions.

The response to last year's retreat was extremely favorable. Participants found it to be an enjoyable opportunity to meet other scholars and to make and to hear helpful suggestions. If you would like to attend, or wish further information, contact Lynda Griffith at 213/206-1844. □

RESEARCH NOTES



Anna N. Taylor, UCLA Professor of Anatomy in Residence since 1968, is a member of the Brain Research Institute's Laboratory of Neuroendocrinology and Chief of the Alcoholism Research Laboratory at the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration Medical Center, Brentwood Division. The focus of research in

Taylor's laboratories has been the brain-pituitary-adrenal axis and its role in mediating adaptive responses to stress. One area of her current research is maternal drug consumption during pregnancy and its effects in adult offspring.

The underlying mechanisms for the debilitating effects of alcohol can only be derived from controlled studies using animal models. By using an animal model they developed, Taylor's group demonstrated that prenatal alcohol exposure results in enhanced hormonal, analgesic, and thermic responses to stress and to pharmacological agents in adulthood.

Clinicians have reported that children who are exposed to alcohol *in utero* show varying degrees of mental retardation and altered sensitivity to stress. Taylor's goal with this research is to determine how prenatal alcohol exposure affects central nervous system development and produces long-term neuroendocrine and behavior consequences.

An author of numerous publications in scientific journals, Taylor's most recent publications include two book chapters which summarize her work. One appears in *Alcohol and Brain Development*, Oxford University Press (1986) and the other, *Genetic and Perinatal Effects of Abuse Substances*, Academic Press, is forthcoming. She also served as translator and editor of a new anatomy text entitled *Atlas of Radiologic Anatomy*, Urban & Schwazenberg (1986). □

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