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## From the Steering Committee Chair

### A Quick Note from the Chair,

Since Coalition-sponsored panels are such an essential part our representation at the WHA conference, I'd like to take time to reflect on last fall's sessions. On the opening day of the WHA Conference in Tucson, our organization sponsored a roundtable discussion titled, "From Sun Valley to Tucson: Three Decades of Growth in Western Women's History." As the title suggests, the roundtable celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Coalition for Western Women's History by featuring some of the founding members of the organization and, indeed, the field of western women's history, specifically Joan Jenson, Kathleen Underwood, Paula Petrik, Susan Armitage, Elizabeth Jameson, Elliott West, and Mary Murphy (the panel was chaired by Sandy Schackel). It was an excellent session, both entertaining and informative (in terms of understanding this organization's history).

The Coalition's "branded session" was held on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Renée Laegreid chaired the session which focused on women and medicine in the American West. On Saturday, the CWWH co-sponsored with the Committee on Race in the American West (CRAW) a panel titled "The History of History and Legacy of Chicana Feminism and Feminism and Activism in the American Southwest." The Coalition helped fund (with the UA History Department) a shuttle bus to transport WHA attendees to the "Tucson Meet Yourself: A Folklife Festival" in downtown Tucson for the CRAW session: "Showdown on the Border: Civil Discourses in Uncivil Times: Why Does Ethnic Studies Matter for Western History?"

Are you on Facebook? Sure it can be a bit time consuming and sometimes just a bit *much*, but there are practical (indeed, professional) reasons to join the Coalition for Western Women's History on Facebook. Since joining Facebook, Coalition members have posted job announcements (last-minute postings, outside of the usual channels) as well as postdoctoral fellowships, and calls for papers. Members also used Facebook to draw attention to book announcements, essay competitions, and awards. So if you haven't done so already, please join us on Facebook or Twitter (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CWWH.West> or @WomensWest).

This is an important election year for the CWWH. There will be (two) open seats on the Steering Committee up for election and we will also be looking for a new Steering Committee Chair. If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, please contact myself ([englishlc@utpa.edu](mailto:englishlc@utpa.edu)) or the new Recorder Elaine Marie Nelson ([cwwh.west@gmail.com](mailto:cwwh.west@gmail.com)).

I would like to welcome to the CWWH family our new newsletter editor, Tonia Compton. Please send her your news, photos, and announcements! Thanks for putting this together, Tonia! I would also like to thank Lori Lahlum for her years of service as the CWWH Recorder and editor of the CWWH newsletter. Thanks, Lori!

Best, Linda English

## 2013 CWWH AWARDS

### Armitage-Jameson Prize

The CWWH Armitage-Jameson Prize Committee chose Anne M. Butler as the recipient of this prestigious award for her book *Across God's Frontiers: Catholic Sisters in the American West, 1850-1920*. According to the committee, Butler notes how "the history of women in the American West has long overlooked the significant role of Catholic sisterhood." In *Across God's Frontiers*, Butler demonstrates the craft of history in combining deep archival research with "a nuanced and graceful narrative of the diverse and unexpected ways in which Catholic sisters contributed to making the American West." Butler provides her readers with a new story by "making these women's lives visible and part of a story about women's choices." The book also demonstrates how Catholic sisters had to participate in their western communities in creative ways, because they entered an environment where the traditional expectations of Catholic orders could not necessarily be sustained. *Across God's Frontiers* received several positive reviews, including a recent review in the [Winter 2013 issue of the Western Historical Quarterly](#).

Anne M. Butler is Trustee Professor Emerita at Utah State University. Butler received her B.S. from Towson State University (1973), and her M.A.



and Ph.D. in American History from the University of Maryland, College Park (1975, 1979). She is the author of several books and articles, including *Gendered Justice in the American West: Women Prisoners in Male Penitentiaries* (1997), and *Daughters of Joy, Sisters of Misery: Prostitutes in the American West, 1865-1890* (1985), for which she received the 1986 Golden Spur Award for Non-Fiction from the Western Writers of America. Butler also co-edited many volumes: *Covered Wagon Women: Diaries and Letters from the Western Trails, 1840-1849* (co-edited with Kenneth Holmes, 1983), *The American West: A Concise History* (with Michael J. Lansing), and *Major Problems in the History of the American West* (co-edited with Clyde A. Milner II and David Rich Lewis, 1997). In 2012 she wrote "[Nuns on the Frontier](#)" in the *New York Times*. Butler was the Editor of the *Western Historical Quarterly* from 1990-2003 and Professor of History at Utah State University from 1989-2002. She received many awards recognizing her outstanding teaching and service at USU, including the Women's Lifelong Achievement Award and the Gallaudet University President's Distinguished Faculty Award. Butler's list of accolades also includes the Honorary Life Membership Award from the Western History Association. She began participating in the WHA in the 1970s and has remained incredibly active in the organization throughout her career as a member of the Council, various award committees, the program committee, and as a program participant.



*Across God's Frontiers* was published by University of North Carolina Press in 2012. The Armitage-Jameson Prize Committee members acknowledge UNC Press for their continued contributions to publishing scholarship about the history of women, gender, and sexuality in the North American West.

The Armitage-Jameson Prize committee also chose to name an honorable mention for the 2012 Award: Mary S. Melcher's *Pregnancy, Motherhood, and Choice in Twentieth-Century Arizona* (University of Arizona Press, 2012) focuses on midwifery among diverse communities, the introduction of birth control, and political debates about reproductive healthcare in Arizona throughout the 1900s. Melcher is a public historian and consultant who has worked on public history projects all over Arizona, including the Arizona Women's Heritage Trail.

The Armitage-Jameson Prize is named in honor of Dr. Susan Armitage and Dr. Elizabeth Jameson for their pioneering work in the field of western women's history. The prize committee received strong submissions for the competition this year. This indicates that the history of women and gender in the North American West is in good health. They also indicated a noticeable growth in the scholarly field of sexuality as it pertains to western history.

## 2013 CWWH AWARDS

### Irene Ledesma Prize

Congratulations to **Brianna Theobald**, the recipient of the 2013 Irene Ledesma Prize. The 2013 Ledesma Prize was awarded by the CWWH at the Women's Breakfast at the 2013 Western History Association Conference in Tucson, Arizona. It will support will support Theobald's dissertation research on indigenous women, gender, and U.S. Federal Indian Policy in the twentieth century. The \$1,000 award will support Theobald's archival research at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana-Missoula.

Brianna Theobald is a Ph.D. Candidate in History at Arizona State University. In her dissertation project titled "'The Simplest Rules of Motherhood': Settler Colonialism and the Regulation of American Indian Reproduction, 1910-1976," Theobald examines the federal government's regulation of the sexual and reproductive lives of American Indian women. In contrast to existing research on federal Indian policy in the twentieth century, Theobald places gender—and more specifically reproductive politics—at the center of her analysis. Theobald's work "begins with the Indian Service's early twentieth-century pronatal campaign and concludes with the federally-supported sterilization campaign of the 1970s." She argues that, "through these campaigns, and through the treatment of venereal disease, the termination of pregnancy, and the removal of indigenous children, the federal government asserted authority over American Indian women's reproductive practices." "The Simplest Rules of Motherhood" is a significant

scholarly work that examines the little-understood intersection of settler colonial history, federal Indian policy, and reproduction in the North American West.

Theobald received her Bachelor of Arts (2008) and Master of Arts (2010) from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She advanced to Ph.D. Candidacy in the History Department at Arizona State University, where she works under the advisement of Dr. Susan Gray. She has an essay forthcoming in the edited volume *The History and Politics of Abortion* (edited by Tracy Penny Light and Shannon Stettner). She is also the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships, including this year's Walter Rundell Graduate Student Award from the Western History Association, the AHA Albert J. Beveridge Award, Charles Redd Center Summer Graduate Research Award, and the Nels Andrew Clevon Founder's Paper Prize from Phi Alpha Theta. She has presented her work at the conferences of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Western History Association, American Historical Association, and the Western Association of Women's Historians. Theobald has also taught several courses at ASU, including both sections of the United States History Survey. Theobald's project was chosen from among a large pool of excellent applicants. This year's Ledesma Prize Committee is excited and encouraged by the breadth and depth of the research agendas laid out this year's applicants. The important work being done by current graduate students indicates that the field of gender history in the American



West remains a growing and crucial course of study.

The Irene Ledesma Prize honors the memory of Irene Ledesma, whose contributions to Chicana and working-class history were ended by her untimely death in 1997. In 1997 Ledesma received the annual CWWH Jensen-Miller Prize for her article "Texas Newspapers and Chicana Women's Activism: 1919-1974" in the *Western Historical Quarterly* (26:3). The 2012 Ledesma Prize winner was Katherine Massoth for "'As in the Custom of the Country': Cultural Practices and Ethnic Identity in Arizona and New Mexico, 1846-1941," and the 2011 winner was Larisa Veloz for "Forgotten Migrants: Mexican Women and Migrant Families, 1930-1965." For a complete list of winners since 1999, visit the Ledesma Prize page on the CWWH website. The next application deadline will be in May 2014. Ledesma Prize applicants must be CWWH members—consider joining today (only \$15 for graduate students)!

Cindy Prescott

# CWWH at the 2013 WHA in Tucson

## Graduate Student Meal Fund

The Coalition for Western Women's History administered the WHA's Graduate Student Meal Fund again this year. Many thanks to those who contributed to the fund. Your generous contributions provided several graduate students with a meal ticket to a WHA event. This has become a very visible program and a key component of outreach to graduate students. CWWH members should be proud of the role the organization has played in establishing and administering the program.

## CWWH Roundtable

The 2013 CWWH Roundtable, From Sun Valley to Tucson: Three Decades of Growth in Western Women's History featured a who's who of scholars. Sandra Schackel chaired the session and panelists included Joan Jensen, Kathleen Underwood, Paula Petrik, Susan Armitage, Elizabeth Jameson, Elliott West, and Mary Murphy. The session was a tremendous success and the number of sessions dealing with women and gender on the 2013 program for the meeting reflected the expansive growth in the field.

## CWWH Breakfast

One of the favorite events, even though it meant a short night after the pajama party, the annual breakfast was well attended. In addition to presenting the Coalition awards, members again had a



chance to share their news and catch up on the many accomplishments of the scholars who are a part of the CWWH.

## Silent Auction

Once again Kathleen Underwood and Leslie Working organized a wildly successful silent auction for the Tucson meeting. The funds raised at the auction will be split evenly between the Armitage-Jameson Prize and the Irene Ledesma Prize. Thanks to the many auction donors and bidders whose generosity made this possible. There was a wonderful donation of books and a plethora of beautiful handmade items. Start thinking now about items for the 2013 silent auction in Tucson.

## Branded Session

The CWWH session focused on issues related to women and

medicine. Renee Laegreid chaired the session and provided comment on the papers by Jennifer Vanore, Charlene Porsild, and Meggan Woddbury Bilotte. Vanore explored the professionalization of nursing in California in the first half of the twentieth century. Porsild's work examined women and epidemics and Bilotte spoke about midwives and modernity in the West.



# Third Annual CWWH Pajama

Renee Laegreid and Dee Garceau hosted the third annual CWWH Pajama Party. Betsy Jameson kindly donated the space for the event. Members boasted their favorite causal wear, including some pretty impressive pajama pants and robes, and enjoyed a lively time of catching up, debate, and planning for the future.



## Member News

**Katherine Massoth** received the Marcus Bach Fellowship for Spring 2014 from the University of Iowa's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. She was also accepted to be a part of the "Food Across Borders" symposium, co-sponsored by the William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies at Southern Methodist University and Comparative Border Studies at Arizona State University during 2014-2015. **Mary Murphy** will also be a part of this symposium.

**Sandra Matthews**, Professor of History at Nebraska Wesleyan University, chaired a Phi Alpha Theta graduate session at the Missouri Valley Historical Conference in March, presented a paper at the Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies in April, and chaired a session at the Historical Society of New Mexico Conference in May. She has received a \$5,000 grant to complete her memoir-

biography) about sharing her father's journey into Alzheimer's.

**Karen V. Hansen's** new book, *Encounter on the Great Plains: Scandinavian Settlers and the Dispossession of Dakota Indians, 1890-1930*, is now available from Oxford University Press. Hansen, a professor of sociology & women's and gender studies at Brandeis University, has crafted a book that draws on archival research and oral histories to explore the relationship between the migration of one group and the dispossession of another on the Great Plains.

Congratulations to **Valerie Sheer Mathes** on publication of her article, "New York Women and

Indian Reform" in *New York History's* Winter/Spring 2013 issue. CWWH members **Lori Lahlum** and **Karen Leong** are co-chairs with José Alamillo for the 2015 Western History Association's program committee. They encourage you to consider submitting proposals for engaging sessions on women's and gender history.

In March, **Andrea Radke-Moss** gave a lecture, "Send me more sisters!: A History of Female LDS Missionaries" at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. The lecture was sponsored by the Women's Studies Program as part of their Women's History Month celebration.



### From the Editor

If you didn't already know this, let me tell you that **Lori Lahlum** is a pretty amazing person, for a lot of reasons, including the tender care and devotion she put into crafting a meaningful CWWH newsletter twice a year. When Lori asked me to consider serving in this capacity, I agreed in part because I have a hard time saying no, but also because I love what the CWWH does and look forward to being more involved and getting to know more of the coalition's members. Lori has left giant shoes to fill, so I beg your indulgence as I get up to speed as your newsletter editor. Please, please, please keep me up to date on your many accomplishments throughout the year. I promise that I will do my best to continue in the tradition of excellence that Lori has left, the late date of the spring newsletter notwithstanding. Send me your news and photos, anytime, to [tmcompton@ccis.edu](mailto:tmcompton@ccis.edu).

**Tonia M. Compton**  
 Assistant Professor of History, Columbia College

### CWWH Members & WHA Leadership

Congratulations to CWWH member **Betsy Jameson**, president-elect of the Western History Association. Her presidential term will be the 2014-2015 year.

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CWWH members **Lori Lahlum** and **Karen Leong** are two of the three program chairs for the 2014 WHA meeting which will be October 21-24, 2015 in Portland, Oregon. It's exciting to see our CWWH members actively engaged in leading the field of western history and the WHA.



### 2014 WHA

The Coalition for Western Women's History will be celebrating its 32nd year at the Western History Association's annual meeting in Newport Beach, California.

*Become involved with the Coalition. See page 10 for Committees.*

## Join CWWH

CWWH welcomes the membership of anyone interested in the history of women and gender in the North American West. New members may join at any time. An application form can be found on page 9.

Our membership year runs October to October, from annual meeting to annual meeting (which is held in conjunction with the WHA's annual meeting). We encourage members to renew their membership by coming to the CWWH annual meeting, especially the CWWH Breakfast.

Dues are pro-rated to members' annual income. No one will be excluded from membership in CWWH because of inability to pay.

### Dues schedule:

Students: \$15  
 Income under \$40,000: \$30  
 Income over \$40,000: \$45  
 Institutions: \$100

Membership dues and contributions to the Armitage-Jameson Prize fund or the Irene Ledesma Prize fund should be sent to:

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 University of Nebraska at Omaha  
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 Omaha, NE 68182

### Armitage-Jameson Prize Recipients

2013—Anne M. Butler  
 2012—Sarah Carter and Patricia McCormick  
 2011—Marilyn S. Blackwell and Kristin T. Oertel  
 2010—Margaret Jacobs

### Honorable Mention

2013—Mary S. Melcher  
 2012—Peter Boag

2012—Maylei Blackwell  
 2011—Eileen V. Wallis

### Irene Ledesma Prize Recipients

2013—Brianna Theobald  
 2012—Katherine Massoth  
 2011—Larisa Veloz  
 2010—Annie Hanshew  
 2009—Margie Brown-Coronel  
 2008—Lilia Raquel D. Rosas  
 2007—Christine Christensen

2006—Robin Connor  
 2005—Helen McClure  
 2004—Maritza de la Trinidad  
 2003—Laurie Arnold  
 2002—Katherine Benton  
 2001—Adriana Ayala  
 2000—Elizabeth Escobedo  
 1999—Debra McDonald

### 2015 WHA

Start thinking about possible sessions for the 2015 Western History Association annual meeting in Portland, Oregon. The Call for Papers is included here on page 13.

### 2014 WAWH

The 2014 meeting of the Western Association of Women Historians will be held at Kellogg West at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in Pomona, California. The meeting is May 1-3, 2014. The conference program is available online at [WAWH2014ConferenceProgram.pdf](#).



# COALITION FOR WESTERN WOMEN'S HISTORY

*Advancing Scholarship on Women & Gender in the North American West*

## Membership Form

The CWWH welcomes the membership of anyone interested in the history of women and gender in the North American West. New members may join at any time during the calendar year. Membership will be renewed annually in October, following the annual meeting. (The CWWH holds its meetings in conjunction with the Western History Association conference.) Dues are pro-rated to members' annual income and professional status. No one will be excluded from the CWWH because of inability to pay. Dues are the same for Canadian & U.S. dollars.

Interested in **sponsoring a Graduate Student Membership**? Please fill out the following form with their contact information, and include your name and email address somewhere on the form. Thank you for your interest in this option!

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

*(By providing the CWWH with your email address, you agree that the CWWH may contact you for the purposes of membership renewals, elections, and other announcements. The CWWH will not re-distribute this information.)*

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

### Annual Dues:

Students.....(\$15.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Income under \$40,000.....(\$30.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Income \$40,000 and over.....(\$45.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Institutions..... (\$100.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed (Membership and Contributions):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For online payments, email this form to the CWWH Recorder:

Elaine Nelson (cwwh.west@gmail.com)

Send your form and payment in the mail for processing:

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## 2014 CWWH COMMITTEE LIST

Joining a committee is a wonderful way to become more involved with the Coalition. Email [cwwh.west@gmail.com](mailto:cwwh.west@gmail.com) if you would like to serve on a committee for 2014.

### Steering Committee

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Leslie Working, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2016)

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Kathleen Underwood, Grand Valley State University, *ex. officio*

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Katrina Jagodinsky, University of Nebraska-Lincoln(2016)

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Mary Murphy, Montana State University (2016)

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# ARMITAGE-JAMESON PRIZE

## The Coalition for Western Women's History Announces the 2014 Armitage-Jameson Prize

The Coalition for Western Women's History is pleased to announce the fifth annual Armitage-Jameson Prize for the most outstanding monograph or edited volume published in western women's, gender and sexuality history in 2013. The Prize is named in honor of Susan Armitage and Elizabeth Jameson for their pioneering work in the field of western women's history.

To be eligible, the book must be published in 2013 and address women, gender, and sexuality in the North American West, which includes the relevant geographic regions of Canada and Mexico, as well as United States territories, past and present. The award recipient will receive \$1,000 and the publishing press will receive a certificate. The award will be presented at the CWWH Breakfast at the 2014 Western History Association annual meeting in Newport Beach, California, on Friday, October 17.

Presses are limited to the nomination of four titles and should send a copy of the nominated book to each member of the committee by May 15, 2014. Late submissions will not be considered.

### 2014 Committee:

#### Anne Hyde

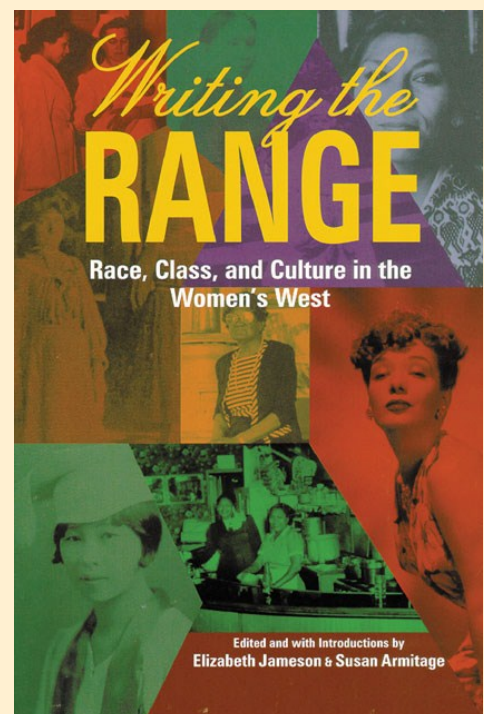
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# IRENE LEDESMA PRIZE, 2014

## The Coalition for Western Women's History announces the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Irene Ledesma Prize, 2014

The Irene Ledesma Prize is awarded to a Ph.D. graduate student and is intended to support research in western women's and gender history. The Prize is named in honor of Irene Ledesma, whose contributions to Chicana and working-class history were ended by her untimely death in 1997. That same year Ledesma received the Jensen-Miller Prize for her article "Texas Newspapers and Chicana Women's Activism, 1919-1974" in the *Western Historical Quarterly* (26:3).

**Deadline for submission: May 15, 2014**

The \$1,000 prize supports travel to collections or other research expenses related to the histories of women and gender in the American West. **Applicants must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program and be members of the Coalition of Western Women's History (CWWH) at the time of application.** (For membership information: <http://www.westernwomenshistory.org/membership.html>.) The CWWH will award the prize at the CWWH Breakfast during the 2014 Annual Western History Association conference at Newport Beach, California, on October 17.

**Proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:**

- How well the applicant stated her or his research question and the significance of the overall project.
- How well the applicant demonstrated her or his knowledge of the primary source materials related to the proposal.
- How well the applicant framed her or his project in terms of the broader theoretical and historiographic issues significant to the topic.
- How well the proposal addressed issues of gender and/or women's history in the U.S. West.
- How well the proposed budget dovetails with the applicant's stated research agenda.

**To apply, submit one copy of each of the following (as a PDF file)**

- A CV
- A brief description of the research project and an explanation of how the prize funds would support the research (not exceeding three pages, double spaced, addressing the criteria)
- A line-item budget
- A letter of support from the student's major advisor

**Applications should be emailed to each member of the committee:**

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# WESTERN HISTORY ASSOCIATION 2015

## 2015 Call for Proposals

55th Annual Conference of the Western History Association

Portland, Oregon, October 21-24, 2015

### *Thresholds, Walls, and Bridges*

The 2015 Program Committee invites proposals that consider what has divided and connected the many peoples who have traversed, sojourned, and settled the North American West, and what might yet link their histories. A generation of new western histories has opened windows in the walls that separated histories of race, gender, class, sexuality and nation. New borderlands histories have mapped selectively porous borders: a fence at the U.S./Mexico border, a Peace Arch marking the Canada-U.S. boundary. Walls, both physical and metaphorical, have divided the spaces our histories have explored: domestic and public workspaces; sites of exclusion and containment like reservations and reserves, internment centers, labor camps, barrios and gated suburbs. Historians are often separated as well: many “new” histories remain isolated in subfields of western history, and many scholars who research western pasts have not found professional homes in the WHA. Histories of community, environment, and culture, of national and social boundaries have brought us to the thresholds of new syntheses and narratives. Such thresholds can be challenging, even daunting, but they hold enormous possibility for realistically and compassionately connecting divided pasts.

We invite proposals that interrogate what has separated westerners, western histories, and western historians and that offer creative strategies to bridge these divides. We welcome proposals that link the Wests of academic scholarship, public history and popular imagination; the boundaries and borderlands of three North American nations; the interior sites of domesticity and public arenas of politics and social change; that bring into common focus the histories and the boundaries of diverse Wests and the diverse people, environments, and economies that have forged them.

Recognizing our members’ wide range of interests, the committee will consider proposals not directly related to the conference theme.

The Program Committee welcomes a range of formats: panels, roundtables, workshops, and innovative formats. We strongly encourage full session submissions and will consider single papers that can reasonably be matched with other panels or papers. When submitting an entire session or panel, the designated contact person should submit the proposal. Please include a brief abstract (250 words) that outlines the purpose of the session. Each paper proposal, whether individual or in a session, should include a one-paragraph abstract; each presenter should submit a one-page c.v., with address, phone, and e-mail. Indicate any equipment needs. The committee assumes that all listed individuals have agreed to participate. Electronic submissions are required and should be sent, with supporting materials, as a single document (PDF) to [wha2015call4papers@gmail.com](mailto:wha2015call4papers@gmail.com). **THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS 1 SEPTEMBER 2014.**

## Conference Calendar

**May 1-3, 2014:** Western Association of Women Historians Conference, Pomona, California

**June 5-8, 2014:** Mormon History Association Conference, San Antonio, Texas

**June 19-22, 2014:** Agricultural History Society Conference, Provo, Utah

**August 14-16, 2014:** Pacific Coast Branch, AHA, Portland, Oregon

**October 8-11, 2014:** Northern Great Plains History Conference, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**October 15-18, 2014:** Western History Association Annual Meeting, Newport Beach, California

**January 2-5, 2015:** American Historical Association Conference, New York City, New York

**October 21-24, 2015:** Western History Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon

### ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS:

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Orem, Utah

August 9, 2014—9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

CWWH member **Andrea Radke-Moss** is conference co-chair. For more information on this event, please contact her at [a.radke-moss@hotmail.com](mailto:a.radke-moss@hotmail.com)

# Job Announcements

**Frostburg State University**, Department of History, seeks applications for a contractual full-time, non-tenure-track lecturer of 20th-century US history for the 2014-15 academic year, with possibility of renewal. Secondary field in African American History also will be considered. Salary commensurate with experience. Teach two sections of the GEP contemporary world survey in the fall and two sections of the US history survey in the spring, along with one or two upper-level US history courses per semester. ABD in history required; PhD and previous university-level teaching experience preferred. To apply or for more information, visit <https://frostburg.peopleadmin.com>.

**Application deadline:** May 05, 2014

## **Cambridge University,**

University Lecturer in American History, Faculty of History, **Cambridge University**, UK. Salary: 37,756-47,787 pounds. Reference: JJ02684. Closing date: April 23, 2014. The Faculty of History is seeking to appoint a University Lecturer in American History, who has outstanding abilities in research and teaching. The post is available from October 1, 2014. To apply online for this vacancy and to view further information about the role, please visit <http://www.jobs.cam.ac.uk/job/3141>. The university values diversity and is committed to equality of opportunity. The university has a responsibility to ensure that all employees are eligible to live and work in the UK.

**Application deadline:** April 23, 2014

## **Oberlin College**

Full-time, noncontinuing position beginning first semester of 2014-15 academic year. Subfields open. Five courses including one-semester survey of American history before the end of Reconstruction, intermediate and advanced courses. Qualifications include PhD in hand or expected by August 2014; interest and potential excellence in undergraduate teaching. Successful college-level teaching experience preferred. Send, in hard copy or Interfolio only, letter of application, CV, graduate academic transcripts, and at least three recent letters of reference, by May 1, 2014, to Leonard V. Smith, Chair, History Department, Oberlin College, 10 N. Professor St., Oberlin, OH 44074.

**Application deadline:** May 01, 2014

## **University of California, Berkeley**

The Department of History at the **University of California, Berkeley** invites applications for lecturers in US History. Recruitment period open March 31, 2014, through March 30, 2016. Initial review of applications will begin April 30, 2014, for the fall 2014 and spring 2015 semesters. The review of applications for academic year 2014-15 will continue through May 2014. Applications will be reviewed on an as needed basis in fall 2014 to accommodate course additions and fill vacancies that arise due to scholars accepting tenure-track positions or fellowships, illness, as well as the failure to complete degree requirements by the begin-

ning of the spring 2015 semester. Typically, applications will be reviewed from March through May for the entire academic year and from September through November to cover course additions and vacancies for the following spring semester for subsequent academic years 2015-16 and 2016-17. The history department is generating an applicant pool of qualified instructors to teach courses in US history, pending openings. The pool will remain in place for two calendar years. Positions may range from 16% to 100% time (one to six courses), with salary dependent on qualifications. The minimum qualification required to be considered an applicant for the position is the completion of all degree requirements except the dissertation. Additionally, PhD or equivalent received by the start date, which may be as soon as July 1, 2014. Review of applications will start April 30, 2014. To apply, please go to <https://aprecruit.berkeley.edu/apply/JPF00387> to register and submit a cover letter, CV, one sample syllabus, and two letters of recommendation. All items must be submitted no later than March 30, 2016, to be considered for academic year 2016-2017. Please refer potential referees, including when letters are provided via a third party (i.e. dossier service or career center), to the University of California Statement of Confidentiality at <http://apo.berkeley.edu/evalltr.html>, prior to submitting their letters. All appli-

## Job Announcements, cont.

cations will be treated as confidential per University of California policy and California state law. The positions will remain open until filled. Complete applications submitted by April 30, 2014, will receive priority for academic year 2014-15. The pool will close March 30, 2016. If the department decides to run a new search after this date, you will need to submit an application for the new search. The department is interested in individuals who may have had nontraditional career paths or who may have taken time off for family reasons, or who have achieved excellence in careers outside of academia, and seeks candidates whose research, teaching, or service has prepared them to contribute to our commitment to diversity and inclusion in higher education. Questions about this position may be addressed to Prof. Carlos Noreña, Vice Chair for Curriculum, Dept. of History, at norena@berkeley.edu. The University of California is an AA/EOE. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color,

religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, or protected veteran status. For the complete University of California nondiscrimination and affirmative action policy see <http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/4000376/NondiscrimAffirmAct>.

**Application deadline:** March 30, 2016

### **Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Princeton University**

The Papers of Thomas Jefferson in the History Department at **Princeton University** seeks an assistant or associate editor to join its staff. Under the direction of General Editor James P. McClure and in partnership with Princeton University Press, the project's team of editors is preparing the full, authoritative, printed and electronic edition of Jefferson's public and private papers through his two terms as president. Responsibilities of the position include (but are not limited to) preparation of textual and explanatory annotation, verification of transcriptions of early 19th-century manuscripts, and historical research. The ability to work

both independently and as a member of a collaborative team is essential. Starting rank in the university's Professional Research Staff will be Associate Research Scholar; salary and title (Assistant Editor or Associate Editor) are dependent on qualifications. Applicants must apply online at <https://jobs.princeton.edu> (Req. #1400215) with a cover letter, a CV, a brief writing sample (15 pages maximum), and contact information for three references. Review of applications will begin on May 20, 2014. Essential Qualifications: PhD in history or a related field (in hand by the time of appointment); excellent research and writing skills; ability to work in a collaborative environment. Preferred Qualifications: Experience in documentary editing; research experience and knowledge of primary and secondary sources in the history of the early American republic and the Atlantic world in the early 19th century; knowledge of text encoding (XML and TEI); reading knowledge of French, Spanish, or Italian. Princeton University is an EOE. All qualified applicants will receive consideration

for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. This position is subject to the university's background check policy.

### Become a Mentor or a Mentee

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## *The Coalition for Western Women's History*

### About the CWWH

In 1982, a group of women's historians met during a conference sponsored by the Institute of the American West titled "Inventing the West." At this event, Lillian Schlissel coordinated a day focused on western women's lives and experiences. It was during this gathering that attendees planned to hold a conference on western women the following year.

The first "Women's West Conference" took place in 1983 in Sun Valley, Idaho. It was "the first national meeting devoted to western women's history" (Armitage and Jameson, 3). There, a group of women founded the Coalition for Western Women's History and established a Steering Committee which worked to build a community of women and men who produced scholarship on women in the field of western history. The founders drafted by-laws and applied for non-profit (501(c)3) status. They also worked to organize future events and meetings. This conference also produced a volume of

scholarship: [\*The Women's West, edited by Susan Armitage and Elizabeth Jameson\*](#), was published in 1987 by the University of Oklahoma Press. In 1988 it received the Susan Koppelman Award for Best Edited Volume in Feminist Studies from the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association.

The CWWH sponsored three other conferences: the second annual conference took place in 1984 in Park City, Utah. It expanded its sponsorship and awareness widely with a network supported by the Institute for the American West, Utah Women's History Association, Montana Women's History Project,

Utah Endowment for the Humanities, Northwest Women's History Project, Southwest Institute for Research on Women, University of Utah, and the CWWH. The third ("The Women's West: Race, Class, and Culture") was held in 1987 in San Francisco, California. The fourth meeting brought attendees together in 1990 in Lincoln, Nebraska ("Suspect Terrain: Surveying the Women's West").



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