INSTITUTE APPOINTS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Sherri Matteo, recently appointed to the new office of Associate Director of the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, is no stranger to Stanford or Serra House. For the past two years, she has been a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology and the Feminist Studies Program. She has been a popular teacher of undergraduate courses on the psychology of women; on women, sexuality and health; and seminars on sex roles. She is published in the areas of sex role stereotyping and human reproduction, and from this background brings to the Institute a mission to broaden the scope of its research into the area of social sciences.

Professor Matteo received her doctorate from Cornell University where she trained under Sandra Bem, who is renowned for her work as a feminist psychologist. Before coming to Stanford, Matteo taught in the Women's Studies Department at San Diego State University, where she was an Assistant Professor.

Sherri Matteo grew up knowing strong women who served as role models. "I was surrounded by women, drawn to women who were motivated, clear thinking, and independent. These traits attracted me." These traits—which also describe Matteo—will be essential to her new office as Associate Director, but she brings other qualities to her new position as well—she is creative, articulate, energetic, enthusiastic, open and friendly.

Her newly-created position as Associate Director combines two former offices at the Institute, the Deputy Director and Assistant Director, and has three components, as Matteo sees it. As an administrator, she will oversee programs and policies (for instance, the Scholars' Program), serve as chief of staff, administer grants and funds, manage the Institute's finances, and serve on the Institute's numerous committees. That may seem like more than enough challenge for any one person, but there are two other functions to the job as well. The Associate Director works as a fundraiser for the Institute, expanding the Associates Program and the Corporate Associates Program, and, says Matteo, developing new sources of support which will broaden the Institute's financial base. Finally, she will serve as research liaison, working to encourage new faculty interest in the Institute, secure grants for scholarly research, and broaden the Institute's research in the direction of social science.

Matteo came to feminism late, she claims, for it was not until 1978 that she "embraced the label of feminist. I had always held the view that women should do what they wanted to do. I read Friedan, de Beauvoir, Stein—but I didn't begin using the feminist label until I entered graduate school." Growing up in a working-class Italian neighborhood in New Haven, where the culture was traditional, the women were, nevertheless, very independent and strong. "They ran everything." Most critical to her attitude, Matteo claims, was the fact that she attended an all-girls' high school, where young women were encouraged to do their best. There was no pressure to hide abilities or talents. "We were taught not to feel guilty about being good at something."

Given her research interest in sexual stereotyping, it seemed reasonable to

NEW CHAIR FOR ASSOCIATES PROGRAM

Margaret Schink joins the roster of involved supporters of the Institute as she takes over the chair of the Associates Program. Founded soon after the establishment of the then Center for Research on Women, the Associates Program serves as a forum for communication between the Institute and women in the surrounding communities, and provides the largest source of Institute revenue from outside the University. The Newsletter asked Mudge, as she is familiarly known, for a statement about her own background and her aspirations for the Associates Program.

"I first learned of the Institute—then CROW—quite by chance. I was seated at a Stanford Summer College luncheon with Myra Strober (Professor, Stanford School of Education and a former Director of CROW), who was talking about her research and about the work of other scholars. Hearing about this group who were doing interesting and important work impressed me, as I had been in college during an era when the expectations for women were primarily to get married, have families and live happily ever after.

"I discovered that the Associates Program could provide a way for me to

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ask Matteo about the issue of biology as destiny. "I believe that biology can be destiny to the point that we attribute social meaning to biological categories. Having done this we act as if social meaning is inherent in biology. That's the problem. As a culture we often do not question the source of our stereotypes or perspectives, and therefore make the mistake of thinking that what we see is biological rather than a cultural overlay." Pressed for an example from her own research, Matteo described her work on sexuality. "How people describe their sexual interest or desire can be a function of how they think they are supposed to respond, based upon whether they are female or male, rather than how they actually feel as individuals. I am always looking at the effect of situational constraints and social norms on behavior.

Professor Matteo's graduate training occurred within the canon of feminist theory, which differs from her immediate predecessors, who were more traditionally educated and came later to, or indeed created, feminist scholarship. Asked how this might affect her approach, Matteo again deferred to the importance of strong role models. "Insofar as these individuals were creating feminist scholarship, they were formalizing an ideology for me to step into. I didn't feel a separation, though, between me and my predecessors; rather, I felt a strong thread of continuity. The issues that had concerned them concerned me. The similarities were greater than the differences." As for her work at the Institute, Matteo wants to continue, not forsake what has been. But she also wants to branch out, for instance to encourage a more multi-disciplinary emphasis. The next question pursued the impact of feminist research outside the university. "Are we merely talking to ourselves?" "No, we are communicating among ourselves and reaching out to others as well. I would have to believe that, in order to continue on a day-to-day basis. Each group takes what it needs from the larger movement. The fact that some women research and write changes the questions that are asked." This works both ways in that the academic community is influenced by popular attitudes as well. "The fact that women are producing research has changed myths and stereotypes. People are able to talk about previously taboo issues, for instance incest, rape, and abuse. These changes are reflected in the media and affect many more women than those who read and research in feminism.

Asked about the addition of "gender" to the title and the mission of the Institute, Matteo responded that this will make clear that we are interested in research that addresses the broader spectrum of issues concerning gender as well as issues specific to women. Some would argue, however, that because men have had academic hegemony forever, places like the Institute should focus on women's issues. To Matteo, the big answer lies in change at all levels and for both men and women. "Men are as constrained as women by social norms and we need to examine that fact and not ignore it." Furthermore, she worries that "if we focus only on women's issues we risk accepting androcentric views as the norm, from which it follows that we only ask 'What's wrong with women?' By asking what are the constraints on men, we move away from the idea that when women and men differ, it's the women who need to be explained. Ultimately, I want us to go beyond sex. I want us to ask the individual, 'What is it you'd like to do, say, or be' and not have to ask first, 'What sex are you?'"

In this spirit, Sheri Matteo will set the tradition for the new office of Associate Director of the Institute.

— Edith Gelles

OPEN HOUSE FOR STUDENTS

The Institute is holding an open house for undergraduate and graduate students on Tuesday, October 20, at 4.00, in the Serra House conference room. There will be short, formal introductions to the Institute, Feminist Studies, and the Graduate Women's Network, followed by an informal reception. Information will be available regarding research and projects that offer opportunities for student participation (academic credit may be available). For further information, contact Linda Jean May, Program Coordinator, at 723-1995.

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became involved, and I joined posthaste, delighted that I could participate in its educational programs and also meet people with similar interests and concerns. Supporting the Institute financially brings me a great deal of satisfaction, as I have always contributed to Stanford and this is an additional way to ensure that programs important to me exist.

"I am looking forward to continuing the Associates Seminar Series, and to broadening the scope of other programs. We plan to increase our membership, expanding our base to include different constituencies. Above all, we hope to increase our funding mission so that the Institute may continue to thrive."

INTERNATIONAL FEMINISM:
THIRD WORLD WOMEN

The theme of the Fall Jing Lyman series will be the struggles and achievements of women in Third World countries. The program, called "International Feminism: Third World Women," was conceived by Adrienne Rich, Stanford Professor of English and Feminist Studies, and will feature lectures by noted Third World scholars.

The series will open with an evening panel discussion titled "Perspectives on International Feminism: Women of Color." Following introductory remarks by Professor Rich, the panelists for the evening will be Lioba Moshi, Stanford Lecturer in Linguistics; Raquel R. Sancho, Deputy Director, Tandang Sora Women's Service Center, an affiliate of GABRIELA; Ana Perla, activist from El Salvador; and Sylvia Wynter, Stanford Professor of Spanish and Portuguese. The panelists represent diverse ethnic and theoretical perspectives. Lioba Moshi, born in Tanzania, has spoken throughout the Bay Area on the life of African women. Raquel Sancho, a Filipino woman, is involved with several organizations serving Third World women. Ana Perla is an activist who has been involved with women's organizations in El Salvador. Beyond "isms," including feminism, will be the perspective offered by Professor Wynter.

The ensuing Wednesday noon lectures bring scholars of note from several areas. Cynthia Enloe, Professor of Government and Women's Studies at Clark University, and co-editor of Of Common Cloth: Women in the Global Textile Industry, will provide a global perspective on feminism with her talk, "Chimera or Realistic Strategy?: International Feminist Politics in the 1980's." Nilufar Cagatay, Graduate Faculty, Department of Economics at the New School for Social Research, a Turkish woman herself, will examine the Middle Eastern woman. The African woman's perspective will be addressed by Christine Obbo, a Ugandan urban anthropologist, and Professor of Anthropology at Wheaton College. She has written a chapter in the forthcoming book, Agriculture, Women and Land: The African Experience, edited by Institute Affiliated Scholar, Jean Davison. Shortly after her return from the Fourth Latin American and Caribbean Feminist Conference in Mexico City, Sonia E. Alvarez, Assistant Professor of Politics, UC/Santa Cruz, will share her impressions of the conference in a talk entitled, "The Political Trajectory of Latin American Feminism." Haunani-Kay Trask, Chair, Hawaiian Studies Council, and Associate Professor of Hawaiian Studies, University of Hawai'i-Ma'noa, is a Pacific Island woman who wrote Eros and Power: The Promise of
GRANTS-IN-AID OF RESEARCH

Marilyn Yalom Research Fund

The Institute for Research on Women and Gender invites applications from Stanford faculty and Institute Visiting and Affiliated Scholars for small grants from the Marilyn Yalom Research Fund. Up to $5,000 may be allocated for the 1987-88 academic year, with no grant exceeding $1,000. The fund will support research on women and gender in the humanities. In addition, the fund will help finance interdisciplinary conferences held under the auspices of the Institute that are designed to result in scholarly publications. Applicants should submit a 2- to 3-page proposal and budget to Lorraine Macchello, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Serra House, 8640. The fall deadline for December awards is November I. The spring deadline for May awards is April I. Awardees are expected to submit a report of how funds were used no later than one year from the award date. Work resulting in publication should credit the Marilyn Yalom Research Fund of the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Stanford University.

Michelle Rosaldo Fund

Established in memory of Michelle Rosaldo, this fund will support undergraduate fieldwork for the summers of 1988 and 1989. One grant of $1,500 will be made each year. Students interested in applying for the 1988 grant should submit a 3- to 5-page research proposal and a budget by February I to Lorraine Macchello, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Serra House, 8640. A committee will review the applications and make an award by March 1.

Gift from IBM

The Institute expresses its gratitude to IBM for their recent gift, sent to us by Adriana R. Melosso, Manager of IBM’s Special Educational Support Program.

STAFF NEWS

A 1981 Stanford graduate in English, Cheryl Johnson has returned to the campus after five years of teaching in China. Her central position in the Institute’s reception area brings her in contact with the entire Institute community. She also assists Sherri Matteo as secretary for the many activities of the individual and corporate Associates programs.

Prior to her recent appointment at the Institute, Linda Jean May worked for two years on the Free Standing Birth Center Project, housed in Serra House. In June she received her Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy, and joined the staff at the Institute. In her capacity as program coordinator for the Jing Lyman lecture series, she participates in program planning and is responsible for implementing the series, as well as other conferences and lectures sponsored by the Institute.

Although Dee Gustavson is new to our staff, she has never been officially introduced to our Newsletter public. She majored in German at Stanford, and for the past two years has maintained her Stanford connection as an important part of the Institute’s day-to-day activities. She is secretary to the Director, is responsible for the Publications List, and performs many of the tasks involved in the smooth operation of the organization.

NEW SCHOLARS APPOINTED

Nine women have received appointments either as Visiting or Affiliated Scholars for the upcoming academic year. Pending the meeting of the Scholars’ Selection Committee in mid-September, there will be additional appointments who will be announced in future editions of the Newsletter.

Six Visiting Scholars have received appointments for up to one year. Shelley Fisher Fishkin teaches American Studies, English and Journalism at the University of Texas/Austin. The author of From Fact to Fiction: Journalism and Imaginative Writing in America, Fishkin will continue to work on her new book, tentatively called Breaking Through: Race, Class and Gender in American Nonfiction Narrative.

Gloria Hull is a Ford Foundation Fellow on leave from the University of Delaware and will continue to work on her manuscript, Extending the Discourse: Black Feminist Criticism and the New Critical Theory. Professor Hull co-edited All the Women are White; All the Blacks are Men, But Some of Us Are Brave: Black Women’s Studies, and most recently published Color, Sex, and Poetry: Three Women Writers of the Harlem Renaissance.

Nannerv Keohan, President of Wellesley College, holds a joint appointment with the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. She will be exploring issues about women and authority.

Yenlin Ku, Associate Professor of Gender Studies at the National Chiao Tung University in Hsinchu, Taiwan, will pursue her study of “Women’s Conscious and Collective Struggle Toward Equality in Mainland China and Taiwan.” The author of many articles, books, and translations, Professor Ku’s monograph, Past and Current Status of Women in Taiwan, is published in English and is in its second printing.

Joan Lidoff, from the English Department at the University of Texas/Austin, has received a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship to complete her book, Fluid Boundaries: The Origins of a Distinctive Women’s Voice in Literature.

Karen Wyche teaches psychology at Hunter College and has a National Science Foundation Fellowship to continue her study, The Development of Gender, Race, and Ethnicity Concepts in Young Children.

Three Affiliated Scholars have received two-year appointments. Barbara Penny Kanner is co-recipient with Susan Groag Bell and Barbara Gelpi of an NEH grant for research on an annotated bibliography of British women’s autobiographies. Kanner has written Women in English Social History, 1800-1914: A Guide to Research.

An economist, Julianne Malveaux has taught in the Afro-American Studies and Economics Departments at UC/Berkeley, San Francisco State University, and the New School for Social Research in New York City. She will be completing her manuscript, No Images: Contemporary Black Women in the Work Place.

Jennifer Ring returns as an Affiliated Scholar. She has taught for four years in the Political Science Departments at Stanford and UC/Davis. Her article, “Towards a Feminist Epistemology,” appears in the Fall issue of the American Journal of Political Science. She will complete her manuscript, Subjectivity, Objectivity, and Gender. continued on page 4
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Law School, Classroom Wing, Room 290
(Except October 14 panel)

PANEL DISCUSSION
October 14
7:30 p.m., Cubberley Auditorium
"Perspectives on International Feminism: Women of Color"
Introductory remarks: Adrienne Rich, Professor of English and Feminist Studies, Stanford
Perspectives and Discussion:
Lioba Moshi, Lecturer in Linguistics, Stanford
Ana Perla, El Salvadorian Activist
Raquel R. Sancho, GABRIELA, Philippine Resource Center
Sylvia Wynter, Professor of Spanish and Portuguese, Stanford

LECTURES
October 21
"Chimera or Realistic Strategy?: International Feminist Politics in the 1980's"
Cynthia Enloe, Professor of Government and Women's Studies, Clark University

October 28
"Feminism in the Middle East"
Nilufer Cagatay, Graduate Faculty, Dept. of Economics, New School for Social Research

November 4
"Feminists and the Other"
Christine Obbo, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Wheaton College

November 11
"The Political Trajectory of Latin American Feminism: Reflections on the Fourth Latin American and Caribbean Feminist Conference, 1987"
Sonia E. Alvarez, Assistant Professor of Politics, University of California, Santa Cruz

November 18
"Self-Determination for Pacific Island Women"
Haunani-Kay Trask, Chair, Hawaiian Studies Council; Associate Professor of Hawaiian Studies, University of Hawai'i-Manoa

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A complete list of Affiliated Scholars for 1987-88 also includes:
Judith Adams
Susan Groag Bell
Lucia Chiavola Birnbaum
Harriet Blodgett
Margaret Cruikshank
Jean Davison
Pamela Eakins
Edith Gelles
Ellen Gottheil
Gina Holman
Yoko Kawashima
Phyllis Koestenbaum
Annette Lawson
Karen Offen
Wenda Brewster O'Reilly
Lillian Robinson
Elizabeth Roden
Mollie Rosenhan
Karen Skold
Susan Shahzade
Autumn Stanley

Visiting Scholars who are continuing through all or part of next year are:
Anna Kuhn
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