GREAT EXPECTATIONS

This academic year marks the Institute's fifteenth anniversary. We hope to make it an occasion for celebrating our achievements, honoring our supporters, and expanding our capacity to meet the challenges of the next fifteen years. With the help of committed individuals across the country, we are planning events and building networks that will assist the Institute's research and educational mission.

Over the summer, I met with groups in New York, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Francisco, who were interested in hearing about our activities and in meeting other women in the area who shared that interest. These groups included both "founding mothers," who helped us get our start, and alumni who were learning about us for the first time. Together we hope to heighten awareness of the importance of research on women and gender in general, and the Institute's contributions in particular.

Coordinators of local networks include:
New York--Jerry English, Sally Niccolls, Lise Pfeiffer;
Washington--Cary Ridder, Julie Sedky;
Los Angeles--Evelyn Dravecky, Susan Heck, Belinda Walker;
Orange County--Nancy Skinner;
San Francisco--Leslie Parker Hume, Jing Lyman.

Individuals interested in participating in one of these groups should contact Carolyn Barnes at Stanford (415-723-9078) or Joy Rendahl at Stanford's New York office (213-370-9700). Thanks to everyone who is helping to broaden our network and strengthen its foundations.

--Deborah L. Rhode

ASSOCIATES NEWS

New Chair

The Institute welcomes Mary Anna Matsumoto as the 1989-90 chair of the Associates. The Associates provide an essential base of support for the Institute and are a valuable link between the University and the broader community. Mary Anna is a native of California who graduated from Stanford in 1956 with a major in education and philosophy. She completed her M.S. in education at Stanford in 1957. We asked Mary Anna for her thoughts on her new role as chair.

"It is my privilege this year to serve the Institute for Research on Women and Gender as chair of the Associates. The Institute has flourished because of generous community support since its founding in 1974 as the Center for Research on Women. The community has benefited not only because of the research encouraged by the Institute but also because of the significant commitment of the Institute toward education through its lecture series, conferences, workshops, and publications. One has only to look at the topics presented through the Jing Lyman lecture series to appreciate the extent of the subjects explored.

"I hope that you will avail yourself of the opportunities presented by the Institute to explore the issues pertinent to women and to men.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Associates for their generous contributions to the Institute through their donations of special gifts. Your support enables the Institute to continue. Thank you."

We also welcome Margaret Blunt Catron and Pauline Newcomer to the board. Both women have been affiliated with the Institute from the beginning and were among the very first Associates. We are delighted to have them on the board and look forward to working together.

The Associates and Institute staff extend heartfelt thanks to our outgoing chair, Catherine Evans Latta. After seeing the Institute through a very exciting and successful fundraiser last spring, Cathy plans to return to her writing and to finishing her first novel. While Cathy will remain on the board, long-time board members Kathie Alden and Penny Bauer are unable to continue. We bid them farewell and thank them for the many hours they have spent on our behalf. We hope to continue to see both of them at Associates' seminars and other events. This year's board members are:

Rima Abu Zayyad, Suz Cameron, Margi Catron (Vice-Chair), Karen Jost (Program Chair), Cathy Latta, Mary Anna Matsumoto (Chair, Phone 851-1492), Pauline Newcomer, Marnie Paulus, Jan Pieper, Sara Taft, (Membership Chair), Jane Yates.

This fall's seminar will be held on Thursday, October 12, at the home of Rima Abu Zayyad. Marilyn Yalom, senior scholar at the Institute, will present "Women's Memoirs of the French Revolution." Copies of her new book, Les Temps des Orages, will also be available at the seminar.

--Sherri Matteo
BELKAN AUTOBIOGRAPHY DATABASE

Two affiliated scholars, Susan Groag Bell and Barbara Kanner, along with Stanford professor Barbara C. Gelpi, are conducting a unique project on British women’s autobiographies. Funded initially by a grant from NEH, Bell and Kanner are coordinating a network of volunteer readers spread throughout the United States and the English speaking world. These individuals are analyzing some 2,000 autobiographies of British women written between 1790 and 1950.

The volunteer readers work is difficult and time-consuming. They are expected to procure the books assigned to them through university or public libraries. Most of these books are quite rare and difficult to find, even through inter-library loan procedures.

As they read the books, the volunteers complete a 70-page questionnaire, comprised of 366 questions about the material in the autobiographies; this usually takes at least 20 hours per volume. The questionnaire seeks answers to biographical facts and dates, but asks as well for analysis of family structures and interaction; attitudes regarding education, labor (both personal and general at the time of the autobiographer’s life); medical, psychological, and economic problems; literary and artistic activities; opinions on sexuality, feminism, politics, religion, crime, and much else.

Despite this hard work, a considerable number of individuals have completed questionnaires on three or more books. Over 200 questionnaires were completed in the first year of the project. Susan Bell coordinates readers’ interests and the assignment of books from a list of 2,000 autobiographies collected by Bell and Kanner, a list that is presently being bibliographically improved, refined, and computerized by Kanner.

The snowballing number of volunteer readers gives strong testimony to the interest in this project and its importance. They were originally sought through newsletters like those of the Conference Group on Women’s History, the Conference of British Studies, the Victorian Studies Bulletin, the Association of Western Women Historians, the Academic Research Libraries, as well as local university publications such as the Stanford Campus Report.

Local newspapers picked up the "call for readers" from these publications, resulting in large numbers of volunteers. The readers are often well-educated people who wish to stretch their minds through involvement in scholarly research. The number of readers, growing daily, has risen to over 260 in the present group. They are distributed in a major cluster around the Bay Area, and scattered throughout the United States, Canada, Britain, and Australia. Many readers have past or present associations with Stanford, including membership in the Institute’s Associates program.

Among the readers are an attorney working for the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.; headmistresses in San Francisco, Seattle, and Pasadena; physicians; psychiatrists; administrators; emeritus faculty; full-time housewives and mothers; librarians; and many more. One enthusiastic reader has labelled the project "An Intellectual Quilting Bee." Another has coined the verb "to belkanize," meaning to complete the questionnaire on a volume of autobiography.

The results of the analyses of these autobiographies will be presented in a variety of forms: (1) The simplest of these will be a short annotated bibliography of all books read. At least six publishers have approached Bell and Kanner with offers to publish such a book. (2) The entire set of questionnaires or portions of their material may be put on-line on a computer, offering a biographical database that would then be available to scholars in numerous disciplines, including history, literature, anthropology, economics, religion, sociology, psychology, medicine, and law. (3) The completed questionnaires will be housed in an archive in the special collections of the Stanford library, where they will be available to scholars.

The Institute is an ideal location for this work. Founded in 1974, it is the oldest university-based research center on women in the U.S. Historically its great strength lies in the humanities. The Institute has a record of the kind of teamwork and interdisciplinary focus that is at the heart of this project. "Autobiography and Biography" was the theme of an important international conference sponsored by the Institute in April 1986 and organized by Susan Bell. Bell is co-editor and co-author (with Marilyn Yalom) of the book of essays resulting from this conference.

It is significant that the National Endowment for the Humanities has provided the initial funding for this work on British women's autobiographies, at a time when funding for research in this area is particularly hard to come by. But further funding is urgently needed to complete the project. While the researchers are seeking renewed funding from NEH, they ask that anyone interested in providing additional support for this critical, scholarly endeavor contact Susan Bell at the Institute (723-1994) or at her home (325-0815).

SCHOLARS’ COLUMN

Affiliated scholar Susan Groag Bell chaired a session on "Discoveries in Research for English Women’s Autobiographies" at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association’s annual meeting in Portland, Oregon, in August.

Harriet Blodgett is on leave as an affiliated scholar, in order to accept a teaching appointment for this academic year at California State University/Stanislaus. She will resume her affiliation with the Institute in the fall of 1990.

Jean Davison, whose term as an affiliated scholar ended in August, has been appointed to a two-year academic advisory position assisting the Department of Sociology at the University of Malawi, South Africa, in establishing a graduate program on women in development. She will also work with the sociology faculty in integrating gender issues into all their courses.

Marcia Falk’s article, "Toward a Feminist Jewish Reconstruction of Monotheism," was recently published in the July/August issue of Tikkun. continued on page 5
BALANCING: Family and Job
Jing Lyman Lectures, Fall 1989

Stanford Center for the Study of Families, Children and Youth
Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Stanford

Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 pm
Tresidder Oak West
**Autonomy and Control in the New Families**
Sanford M. Dornbusch, Director, Stanford Center for the Study of Families, Children and Youth; Reed-Hodgson Professor of Human Biology; Professor of Sociology and Education

Wednesday, October 25, 7:30 pm
Bishop Auditorium
**Beyond the Mommy Track**
Moderator:
Myra H. Strober, Economist; Assoc. Professor, School of Education, Stanford
Panelists:
Marlene Cole, Program Engineer, Advanced Systems Concepts & Design, Lockheed Missiles and Space Company; Household Manager
John Donahoe, Manager, Bain & Company; Involved father
Kate Walton, Project Manager, Hazardous waste site investigations, Bechtel Environmental, Inc., Full-time mother
Co-sponsored by Graduate School of Business Public Management Program, and Women In Management, Graduate School of Business

Tuesday, October 31, noon - 1:00 pm
Tresidder Cypress Room
**Public Policy and Adolescent Pregnancy: Can We Meet the Challenge?**
Claire Brindis, Dr.P.H., Co-Director, Center for Population & Reproductive Health Policy; Asst. Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics, Div. of Adolescent Medicine, Univ. of Calif., SF

Wednesday, November 8, 7:30 pm
Tresidder Oak West
**Childcare: From Crisis to Solution**
Edward Zigler, Sterling Professor of Psychology, Yale University

Wednesday, November 15, noon - 1:00 pm
Tresidder Oak West
**My Body, My Baby, My Self: The Teenage Balancing Act**
Annette Lawson, Sociologist; Affiliated Scholar, Institute for Research on Women and Gender

All events are free and open to the public
For further information, 415-725-0969
COMING EVENTS

Jing Lyman Lectures
Fall 1989
Balancing:
Family and Job
The Stanford Center for the Study of Families, Youth and Children and the Institute for Research on Women and Gender are collaborating this fall to produce an exceptional Jing Lyman lecture series. The series, Balancing: Family and Job, explores the interfaces between our domestic and vocational selves from varied, and fascinating perspectives.

Professor Sanford Dornbusch, Director of the Center for the Study of Families, Children, and Youth, opens the series with an examination of Autonomy and Control in the New Families. Professor Dornbusch has been a professor at Stanford since 1959. He has been honored by his students with the Walter J. Gores Award for Excellence in Teaching, and by his colleagues who have elected him head of both the Academic Senate and the Advisory Board. He is the first sociologist to be Chairman of three different Sections of the American Sociological Association. Dr. Dornbusch is the author of numerous publications, including his most recent volume which was co-edited with Myra Strober, Feminism, Children, and the New Families.

The second event in the series promises to be a lively discussion looking Beyond the Mommy Track. Myra Strober, Economist, and Associate Professor of Education, will moderate a panel discussion with three representatives who are familiar with the corporate world and equally familiar with the joys and tribulations of parenthood. Professor Strober, who is currently writing a book about the "mommy track" and other issues of balancing work and family, will be joined by Marlene Cole, John Donahoe, and Kate Walton. Since earning an advanced degree in mechanical engineering, Marlene Cole has held varied positions of responsibility in the space engineering field. She is also the mother of two pre-school children. John Donahoe, while pursuing a successful career path, has also modified his expectations in response to the needs of his two pre-school children and working wife. Kate Walton combines a commitment to her children with a demanding profession, managing hazardous waste site investigations. The evening is co-sponsored by the Graduate School of Business Public Management Program, and Women In Management, Graduate School of Business.

Claire Brindis, Dr.P.H., author of Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting in California: A Strategic Plan for Action, brings considerable expertise to her presentation, Public Policy and Adolescent Pregnancy: Can We Meet the Challenge? Currently she is an evaluator and researcher of comprehensive school-based health centers in California, and a researcher in family planning, including cost-benefit analyses of California's Office of Family Planning. The impacts of teen pregnancy are broad, including areas as inadequate prenatal care, low birthweight, incomplete schooling and vocational preparation. These impacts ream social and economic consequences relevant to local, state and national policy making.

Professor Edward Zigler, Yale University, renowned in his field, is known for his expertise in the application of psychological principles to the construction of social policy for children and their families. His lecture topic will be Childcare: From Crisis to Solution. The major topics of his research are intellectual and personality development of children, mental retardation, effects of early childhood intervention programs for economically disadvantaged youth, and developmental approaches to adult psychopathology. He has done scholarly work in the care and treatment of persons with mental retardation, child abuse, psychiatric diagnosis, the need for infant care leaves, juvenile delinquency, the effects on infants of out-of-home care, and the assessment of family support efforts and early childhood education programs.

The series concludes with sociologist Annette Lawson's lecture, My Body, My Baby, My Self: The Teenage Balancing Act. Dr. Lawson, well known for her book, Adultery: An Analysis of Love and Betrayal, is equally well-versed in the sexuality of the adolescent. She is currently co-editing a book on teen pregnancy. Additionally, she is Director of the Research Arm of WomanKind WorldWide, a London based organization supporting women's organizations and initiatives in third world countries.

The series is free and open to the public. For further information, phone 725-0369.

--Linda Jean May

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 1989-90 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 1. 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.

Androgyny Conference
On March 2 and 3, the Institute will host a conference on "The Androgynous (R)evolution." Co-sponsored by the Goethe Institut and the French Consulate in San Francisco, this two-day event will feature local, national, and international scholars. Among the keynote speakers are former Stanford Professor Sandra L. Bem (from Cornell University), whose early work on androgyne greatly influenced the study of gender differences in psychology; Elisabeth Badinter (from France), whose latest book, The Unopposite Sex, has just been released in English; and Margaret Mitscherlich, author of several books, including The Peaceable Sex. The conference is free and will be open to the public.

Institute's 15th Anniversary
This spring will also herald the celebration of the Institute's fifteenth successful year as the nation's oldest and most prominent university-based research center on women. Plans are underway for a spectacular anniversary party that will commemorate past and present accomplishments. See the winter Newsletter for details.
Scholars Column - continued
A Bimonthly Jewish Critique of Politics, Culture and Society.

The paper "Obstetric Outcomes at the Birth Place in Menlo Park: The First Seven Years" appeared in Birth: Issues in Perinatal Care and Education, September, 1989. Authors are Pamela S. Eakins and Wenda Brewster O'Reilly (affiliated scholars), Linda J. May (Institute program coordinator), and Joseph R. Hopkins.

Elizabeth Hansot, who was a visiting scholar during 1989-90, will remain at Stanford this academic year. She has been appointed to a teaching position in the Department of Political Science.

Associate director Sherri Matteo presented "Gender, Self-Image and Sports: Issues for the 1990s" at the American Psychological Association's 97th annual conference, held this year in New Orleans, Louisiana, in August. In September, she presented "Physician's Prescriptions to Women" to the Palo Alto Branch of the Older Women's League.

In July affiliated scholar Karen Offen co-directed (with Mary Beth Norton, Cornell University) a week-long conference at the Rockefeller Conference Center, Bellagio, Italy. This was the first formal meeting of the International Federation for Research on Women's History, which is affiliated with the International Congress on the Historical Sciences.

Upon returning to Stanford, Offen directed a six-week NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers on "The Woman Question in an Age of Revolutions: Europe and America, 1750-1880."

Also on leave is affiliated scholar Lillian Robinson, who has a one-year appointment as Citizens' Chair Professor of English Literature at the University of Hawaii/Manoa. She will return to the scholars' program in the fall of 1990.

Marilyn Yalom, Institute senior scholar, lectured in September on "Women's Memoirs of the French Revolution" as a part of a three-day conference on the Revolution at Tufts University.

Scholars--1989-90
The Institute announces the appointment of two visiting scholars.

Nanette Auerhahn received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Yale and did her postdoctoral research in personality and psychopathology. She is in private practice part-time and currently is on leave from her half-time position as an assistant professor at the California School of Professional Psychology in Berkeley. Auerhahn spent last year as an external fellow at the Stanford Humanities Center, working on her book, Knowing the Holocaust: Toward an Integration of Psychoanalytic and Literary Perspectives. She will continue this research during her stay at the Institute.

Ann Voda will be in residence during winter and spring quarters while on sabbatical from the University of Utah, where she is a professor of adult physiological nursing. She is also the director of the Tremin Trust Research Program on Women's Health and a member of the coordinating committee for Women's Studies at the University of Utah. Her medical research at Stanford will focus on changes in menstrual bleeding patterns during perimenopause.

New to the affiliated scholars program will be Marcia Falk, whose academic interests are comparative literature and religious studies. During her tenure last year as a fellow at the Stanford Humanities Center and a visiting scholar in the Feminist Studies Program, she worked on her research project, "A Feminist Analysis and Reconstruction of Monotheism, Based on a Literary Critique of Hebrew Liturgy." She will continue this study during her affiliation at the Institute.

Affiliated scholars who are continuing their terms of appointment are:

Susan Groag Bell
Lucia Chiaviola Birnbaum
Pamela Eakins
Edith Gelles
Ellen Gottheil
Yoko Kawashima
Phyllis Koestenbaum
Annette Lawson
Catharine MacKinnon
Glenna Matthews

Karen Offen
Wenda Brewster O'Reilly
Margaret Parreno
Elizabeth Roden
Mollie Roserhan
Ginetta Sagan
Karen Skold
Marilyn Yalom

STAFF NEWS
Best wishes to Cheryl Johnson, who has resigned as secretary-receptionist, after filling the position for two years. She now resides in Phoenix, Arizona, where she is attending the American Graduate School of International Management as a candidate for a masters' degree in international management.

We welcome our new secretary, Sally Schroeder, who received her B.S. degree in business administration and economics from Dana College in Nebraska, and has more recently been employed in the Palo Alto area. Her role at the front desk will be central to Serra House, as well as to the broader Institute community.

Sally Schroeder

NEWSLETTER EDITOR
EDITH GELLES

With thanks and regret we accept the resignation of affiliated scholar Edith Gelles as editor of the Newsletter. She has been pivotal to the production of four issues per year since the fall of 1987, capably suggesting content, writing a large portion of it, editing all of it, and making frequent trips to Serra House to meet deadlines. We especially appreciate her cheerfulness and enthusiasm, which we will enjoy as she continues as chair of the Institute scholars' program.
INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

One highly important, although not always highly visible, aspect of the Institute’s work is hosting international visitors and putting them in contact with other members of the community at Stanford, in the Bay Area, and in research centers on women and gender throughout the country. Such visitors have a wide range of backgrounds and interests. The following individuals comprise a partial but representative list of those we hosted this summer.

Yvette Roudy, Vice President of the Commission on Cultural, Familial, and Social Affairs of the French National Assembly, and Vice President of the Women’s Socialist International. This was Mme Roudy’s second visit to the Institute (she first came in 1984), sparked by a proposal now under consideration by the French government to create the country’s first women’s studies program.

Dame Leonie Kramer, deputy chancellor and professor of literature at the University of Sydney, Australia, who was interested in promoting a better understanding of Australian academic life and literature.

Jane Grant, director of the National Alliance of Women’s Organizations in England, who sought information concerning the structure and funding of American centers.

An affiliate of the newly formed women’s research center in Ulster, Northern Ireland, who was compiling material on the activities, publications, and funding sources of university-based research organizations.

Marina Piazza and Franca Pizzini from the University of Milan, as well as a scholar from Paris, who were interested in American research regarding women’s sexuality and reproductive freedom.

A delegation of women in government and academia from several African countries and Haiti, who were participating in a month-long visitor program sponsored by the U.S. Information Agency: “Equal Opportunities and Legal Rights for Women: The U.S. Experience.”

Those among our readers with particular substantive interests, who would like to help us greet international visitors from particular geographic areas, should contact Deborah Rhode at the Institute.

TASK FORCE APPOINTED

Institute associate director Sherri Matteo has been appointed to Stanford’s university-wide Task Force on Sexual Assault. The general purpose of this group is to become familiar with issues of sexual assault on college campuses. Task force members plan to assess community awareness and institutional responses toward this issue, as well as examine existing educational programs. Comprised of students and academic staff throughout the university, the task force will collect and review information on various aspects of the sexual assault problem, holding public meetings when needed to encourage community participation in identifying and defining the problem. The long-term goal is to provide recommended revisions of extant university policies and practices and to issue a full report to the Dean of Students in 1991.

APPOINTMENT OF PATTI GUMPORT

Patti Gumport, who in 1986 was the first recipient of the dissertation fellowship in feminist and gender studies awarded by the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies, returns to Stanford this fall as associate director of the Institute for Higher Education Research, headed by William Massy. She will also have a courtesy appointment in the Department of Sociology, and an appointment as a faculty affiliate in the Center for Organizations Research.

Gumport completed her Ph.D. in 1987, for which she received an award for outstanding dissertation of the year in higher education from the Association for the Study of Higher Education. This year she received a two-year Spencer fellowship for her research on how universities and researchers cope with changes in knowledge.

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