

Program

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00- REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
11:30 am East Wing Ferris Booth Hall
 HOSPITALITY AND TOUR
 Barnard College Women's Center

1:30 pm Welcome: Patricia Battin, Vice President and University Librarian, Columbia University
 Elizabeth Mason, Past President, Oral History Association
 Ronald Grele, Director, Oral History Research Office, Columbia University
 Temma Kaplan, Director, Barnard College Women's Center

Tribute to Annette Baxter: Bettina Berch, Barnard College
Address: "Oral History and Women's History"
 Joan Hoff-Wilson, Executive Secretary, Organization of American Historians

2:45 pm COFFEE

3:00 pm SESSION I, Room 203

ORAL HISTORY: THEORY AND METHOD: A PANEL DISCUSSION

Luisa Passerini, University of Turin
Dominique Willems, University of Ghent
Michael Frisch, State University of New York Buffalo
Raphael Samuel, Ruskin College, Oxford

SESSION II, Room 204

FORMS OF IDENTITY AND CULTURAL TRANSMISSION

"Age, Generation and Change: The Impact of Women's World War II Experience"

Sherna Gluck, California State University Long Beach

✓ "Italian Women in Nazi Lagers: The Construction of Biography"
Anna Bravo, University of Turin

✓ "Oral History and the Study of Sexuality of the Lesbian Community: Buffalo 1940-1960"

Elizabeth Kennedy and Madeline Davis, State University of New York, Buffalo

Comment: Linda Gordon, University of Massachusetts, Boston

5:30 pm RECEPTION: Dag Hammarskjold Lounge, Sixth Floor, School of International Affairs Building
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1983

8:30 am COFFEE

9:00 am SESSION I, Room 203

RACE, CLASS, GENDER AND ORAL HISTORY: A PANEL DISCUSSION

Marsha Darling, Wellesley College

William Chafe, Duke University

Amrit Wilson, London

Devra Weber, University of California Los Angeles

SESSION II, Room 204

FORMS OF PATRIARCHY: THE VARIETIES OF RESPONSE

✓ "Indirect Rule and Resistance: Housewife and Servant in German Middle Class Families"

Dorothee Wierling, German Open University

Set paper

✓ "The Community of Women Household Servants"

Diego Leoni, Scuola Media Orsi, Roveretto

Set paper

"British Columbia's Women Unionists Tell the Truth: Oral History and the Reinterpretation of Labor's Past"

Sara Diamond, Capilano College

Comment: Danielle Voldman, Institut D'Histoire du Temps Present

11:00 am SESSION I, Room 203

DEFINITIONS OF TIME, SPACE AND HISTORY: THE PARTICULAR RELEVANCE OF ORAL TESTIMONY

have paper (annex 1b)

✓ "Work Representation and Time in Women Worker's Memories"

Adele Pesce, Federazione Lavoratori Metalmeccanici

✓ "Subjectivity and Working Women in London in the 1920s and 1930s"

Sally Alexander, University of London

✓ "Memoires de la Vie Quotidienne dans une Commune de la Banlieue Parisienne"

Isabelle Bertaux-Wiame, University of Quebec, Montreal

Comment: Rayna Rapp, The New School for Social Research

SESSION II, Room 204

WORK, CONSCIOUSNESS AND FAMILY

② ✓ "Memory and Consciousness among Jewish and Italian Garment Workers"

Virginia Yans, Rutgers University

✓ "Conflicting Loyalties: Barcelona Telephone Workers"

Cristina Borderais, University of Barcelona

Ellen has paper

✓ "Women in the Fishing: The Roots of Power Between the Sexes"

Paul Thompson, University of Essex

Comment: Ellen Ross, Ramapo College

1:00 pm LUNCH (See listing of local restaurants in your packet)

2:00 pm SESSION I, ROOM 203

ORAL HISTORY AND COMMUNITY HISTORY PROJECTS:
A PANEL DISCUSSION

Rina Benmayor, Centro de Estudios Puertorriquenos, CUNY

Rickie Burman, Manchester Studies

Alessandro Portelli, University of Rome

Annamarie Troeger, University of Hannover

SESSION II, Room 204

WOMEN IN POLITICS: THE MEANING OF COMMITMENT

have paper

✓ "Brazilian Women in Exile: Politics and Memory"

Valentina da Rocha Lima, Fundacao Getulio Vargas

set paper

✓ "Women of the New Left in the Late 50s: Political Militancy in Life Experience"

Simmonetta Piccone Stella, University of Salerno

✓ "The Communist Party and Women: Learning the Truth"

Meredith Tax, New York

Comment: Dorothy Healey, Washington D.C.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1983

8:30 am COFFEE

9:00 am SESSION I, Room 203

WOMEN IN THE WORK FORCE: TEXTILES, THE CLASSIC CASE

✓ "Skilling and Deskillling Among French Women Textile Workers: la bonneterie troyenne 1920-1945"

Helen Chenut, Women's Studies Institute, Paris

set paper

✓ "Women's Work and Family Structure: the Devon Textile Workers"

Diana Gittins, Plymouth Polytechnic

✓ "Like a Family: Women, Community and Resistance in the Textile South"

Jacquelyn Hall, University of North Carolina

Comment: Alice Kessler Harris, Hofstra University

SESSION II, Room 204

WOMEN IN RURAL ECONOMIES

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✓ "Women's Work and Identity: Life Stories of Old Peasant Women"

Anna Maria Rivera, University of Bari

✓ "Agricultural Work and Family Organization on New York Farms"

Sarah Elbert, State University of New York, Binghamton

✓ "Les metiers feminins, un etude de cas"

Yolande Cohen, University of Quebec, Montreal

Comment: Mary Chamberlain, London College of Printing and London History Workshop Centre

11:00 am PLENARY SESSION

FUTURE DIRECTIONS; AN EVALUATION OF THE CONFERENCE

Kathryn Kish Sklar, University of California Los Angeles

Anna Davin, University of London

Eugenia Meyer, University of Mexico

Mercedes Vilanova, University of Barcelona

Marilyn Young, New York University

3:00 p.m. FEMINIST WALKING TOUR OF GREENWICH VILLAGE

Conducted by: Joyce Gold

This 3 1/2 hour tour will visit such areas as Washington Square, the site of the Triangle fire and the homes of such women as: Crystal Eastman, Marianne Moore and Eleanor Roosevelt. A five dollar fee will be collected prior to the tour.

For those remaining in New York City after the Conference, we recommend a trip to the New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42 Street, where two exhibits by the Chinatown History Project are now on display. The exhibits are: "The Eight Pound Livelihood: Chinese Laundry Workers in the United States" and "Contemporary Photographs of New York Chinatown." The Library is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. M-Thur & 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fri & Sat.

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