

2005 Berkshire Conference on the History of Women

Call for Papers

The 13th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, "Sin Fronteras: Women's Histories, Global Conversations," will be held **June 2-5, 2005** at Scripps College, Claremont, California, USA. The Program Committee welcomes proposals that cross geographical, cultural, and disciplinary borders, and especially those which address the plurality of histories of transnational encounters and empires. What does it mean to engage in women's and gender history without borders? What purchase does the nation-state have for women's and gender history, and what are the stakes -- for research and teaching -- of interrogating the nation? How do asymmetries between Euro-American ideas about the global and non-western or indigenous knowledges influence the writing of feminist histories? Whose voices count and who decides? We are interested in the ways in which women have been agents in the creation of global communities, identities, and political movements. What impact has the circulation of populations, goods, and ideas had on personal lives as well as state formations? How has transnationalism affected the meanings of sexuality? We particularly encourage submissions in earlier periods and those that address sources and methodology. Funding may be available for some international panelists.

We prefer complete panels, normally three papers, a comment, and a chair; one person should *not* assume the task of chair and comment. The Committee also seeks workshops, roundtables, teaching sessions (both college and K-12), and presentations that depart from the traditional conference format. Individual papers will also be considered. The Committee may rearrange submissions to shape the program; submission of a proposal will indicate agreement with this proviso. No one may appear on the program more than once in any capacity.

Please submit three (3) copies of your proposal, **postmarked by December 15, 2003** to *one* of the addresses listed below. Each paper must include a cover sheet, downloadable from our website, listing panel title or roundtable theme and full contact information (address, phone, fax, and e-mail) for panel organizer and *all* participants. It must also include a title, and one-page abstract for each paper or presentation; a *one-page* curriculum vitae/résumé for each participant (including chair and comment); and a self-addressed, stamped postcard. Mark packet: "ATTN: Berkshire Conference."

Send proposals on *African, Latin American, Asian, Pacific, and all comparative topics* to **Donna Guy**, Department of History, Ohio State University, 210 Dulles Hall, 230 W. 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210, USA; *European topics* to **Antoinette Burton**, Department of History, University of Illinois, 309 Gregory Hall 810 S. Wright Street Urbana, IL 61801, USA; *Canadian and United States topics* to **Eileen Boris**, Women's Studies Program, University of California, Santa Barbara Santa Barbara, CA 93106, USA. For more information, please visit our website at www.berksconference.org