Starting the New Year....

This is the Institute's second year at Columbia. We have established our presence for graduate students interested in feminist studies of women or gender, we have offered seminars with exciting scholars, we have published the Directory of those doing feminist research at Columbia, and we have tried to become a center for all those who feel isolated as scholars of feminism. In our second year, we hope to do still more to promote feminist scholarship, and to begin to organize large projects in which many Columbia scholars, senior and junior, may be involved.

The Report of the Presidential Commission on the Future of the University (May, 1987) says: "The large increase over the past twenty years in the number of women in the student body is in marked contrast to the very modest presence of women on the faculty, which remains predominantly male." (32) The problem has worsened since the writing of the Presidential Commission's report. The Institute hopes, through its own efforts and those of interested faculty and graduate students, to help change this unfortunate situation by bringing more feminist scholars to Columbia. If you haven't been to see us, or become involved in our work, we hope you will do so soon.

Feminist News

This inaugural issue of FEMINIST NEWS is, for the most part, a listing of honors, awards and events. In the future we would like to expand the range of topics taken up to include questions that concern feminist graduate students and faculty at Columbia especially issues of Columbia's and our relationship to the communities of Morningside Heights and Harlem. We would also like to start a quotation box for "the outrageous anti-feminist comment of the month" gleaned from the words of our colleagues on campus or the daily pronouncements of our government. Please send your suggestions and contributions to our co-editors, Nancy Kricorian or Sheryl McCurdy, c/o The Editor, The Institute for Research on Women and Gender, 763 Schermerhorn Extension.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

When a woman tells the truth she is creating the possibility for more truth around her.

Adrienne Rich, "Women and Honor"
American Association of University Women: American Fellowships
Deadline: November 15, 1987

American Association of University Women: International Fellowships
Deadline: December 1, 1987 (Nov. 15 for requesting applications)

American Schools of Oriental Research Predoctoral Fellowships
Deadline: November 2, 1987

Ford Foundation Doctoral Fellowships for Minorities
Deadline: November 13, 1987

Fulbright-Hays Fellowships Department of Education Administered-Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Grants
Deadline: Early October, 1987

Fulbright-Hays Fellowships Institute of International Education Administered Study Abroad Grants
Deadline: October 1, 1987

Inter-American Foundation Predoctoral Fellowships
Deadline: varies according to fellowship (first deadline is Nov. 1, 1987)

MacArthur Foundation Fellowships in International Peace and Security
Deadline: October 1, 1987

National Hispanic Scholarship Fund
Deadline: October 5, 1987

National Science Foundation Minority Graduate Fellowships
Deadline: November 13, 1987

National Science Foundation Regular Graduate Fellowships
Deadline: November 13, 1987

Social Science Research Council: International Doctoral Fellowships
Deadline: November 1, 1987

Woodrow Wilson Women's Studies Research Grants
Deadline: November 13, 1987

Brown University's Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women has four postdoctoral fellowships in residence for 1988-89
Deadline: December 18, 1987

Woodrow Wilson Women's Studies Research Grants for Doctoral Candidates
Deadline: November 13, 1987

Rockefeller Foundation 1988 Research Grants Competition: Changing Gender Roles in Post-Industrial Societies
Deadlines: letters of interest - October 1, 1987

Radcliffe College program of grants to support postdoctoral research in the humanities and the social and behavioral sciences, awards from $100-4,500
Deadline: October 15, 1987

The Duke-UNC(CH) Center for Research on Women will offer Rockefeller Humanist-in-Residence Fellowships to one Sr. and two Jr. scholars in Women's Studies
Deadline: December 31, 1987
Faculty News

One of the most urgent needs of this University is to recruit feminist scholars, faculty who can teach the new scholarship on women and bring 'cutting-edge' research to our curriculum. In this respect, we have some good news and some bad news.

First the good. New appointments to the English Department include Ann McClintock, whose research and teaching interests include feminist theory, women in the Third World and colonialism, and the culture and politics of South Africa; and Siobhan Kilfeather, who has done work on Irish Women Writers and the Female Tradition in English Literature.

And now the bad: our loss is CUNY's great gain. We extend our congratulations to Nancy K. Miller, presently Professor of Women's Studies and Chair of the Women's Studies Department at Barnard, for her recent appointment as Distinguished Professor in English at Lehman College and the Graduate Center, CUNY. Professor Miller, author of The Heroine's Text and the forthcoming Subject to Change, editor of The Poetics of Gender, and one of the foremost contemporary feminist literary theorists, joins a list of distinguished feminist scholars who have left Columbia's French Department. This list includes: Naomi Schor, Nancy Duke Lewis Professor of French at Brown University; Susan Rubin Suleiman and Alice Jardine, both in Romance and Comparative Literatures at Harvard University; and Alice Kaplan, now at Duke University. With Professor Miller's departure we lose the only courses in feminist theory available in the Graduate French Department.

National Council for Research on Women

We are delighted to announce that the Institute has been accepted as a member of the National Council for Research on Women. The Council is an independent association of established centers and organizations which provides institutional resources for feminist research, policy analysis, and educational programs. Other members of this national umbrella organization include: The Wellesley Center for Research on Women; Radcliffe's Bunting Institute and the Schlesinger Library; The Feminist Press; the Women's Interart Center; and the International Center for Research on Women.

Issues in Feminist Theory and Practice

An informal discussion series addressing critical current issues from a feminist perspective will be continuing this fall. Topics will include emigration, AIDS, prostitution, housing and sexual violence. This series provides an opportunity for activists and scholars to share insights and to explore the theoretical and practical connections of class, race and gender. For further information, contact Miranda Pollard at 280-3277.
Research Directory

The second edition of the Columbia University Directory of Research on Women is nearing completion. With a preface by Carolyn Heilbrun, Professor of English and Director of the Institute, Directory includes 165 entries detailing the affiliation, research interests and publications of faculty and graduate students whose work focuses on women. The scholarship represented ranges from work on the role of women in modern dance to a study on maternal mortality rates in Africa, and a dissertation on prostitution in 19th and 20th century New York.

The first edition of the directory was produced by the University Committee on Women's Studies over two years ago. This new edition was put together by the Institute for Research on Women and Gender and will be available in the office at the cost of $2.00 per copy.

The Institute will be hosting a publication party for the Directory, 22 October from 5-7 p.m. in 754 Schermerhorn Extension. Please come and celebrate with us.

Ford Foundation Project on Women and Gender Announces Awards

The Committee for Projects on Women and Gender in the Curriculum in Newly-Coeducational Institutions, which operates out of Colgate University and is funded by the Ford Foundation, has announced a total of $5,050 of awards to Columbia College professors. Professor Diane Wolfthal will be using her grant to develop a course on "Feminism and Art History: Questioning the Litany," which will be "the first and only Columbia College Art History course that introduces feminist research to undergraduates." Professor Wolfthal will also be working with Professor Robert Hanning of Art History to present two workshops on "The Hero Redefined." The sessions will examine the popular male ideal of the "hero" from Achilles to Rambo in literature and art, and its implications at Columbia. In Political Science, Professor Mark Kesselman will be undertaking a research project that will enable him to integrate "gender-related issues into the study of political economy of advanced capitalism," and so revise his course outlines, reading and lectures. Professor Susan Winnett will be developing a course entitled, "The Ideology of Gender: Discourse on the Education of Women." Congratulations and best wishes to all the recipients.

I am independent!
I can live alone
and I love to work.

— Mary Cassatt
INSTITUTE NEWS

MARTHA A. ACKELSBERG, from Smith College's Politics Department, will be a Visiting Scholar at the Institute for the 1987-1988 academic year. Professor Ackelsberg is working on a book about the Spanish anarchist women's organization, *Mujeres Libres*. She writes: "My aim is to examine how the women of *Mujeres Libres* drew on anarchist, and specifically Spanish anarcho-syndicalist traditions to deal with issues of community, individuality and social change; and then to reflect on the implications of their struggles for contemporary feminists and theorists of democracy."

Due to the generosity of an anonymous benefactor, the Institute for Research on Women and Gender is able to grant JUDITH BYFIELD, who is working on her dissertation in the History Department and is a student assistant at the Institute, an exceptional award for research on women in Africa. Judi, who plans to be in Nigeria for nine months starting in January 1988, will be researching "Women and Politics in Abeokuta, Nigeria from 1918-1950."

SHERYL MC CURDY, a student in sociomedical sciences and history at the School of Public Health, has been appointed Research Assistant to the Institute for the coming year. Sheryl, whose major research interest is international health care programs with a focus on maternal and child care, received a Masters Degree in Development Studies from the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. She presented a paper entitled "Women's Changing Health Care Practices in Rural Tanzania" at the 1986 African Studies Association Conference. We are glad to have Sheryl joining our staff.

The Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of SHOULEH VATABANADI as administrative assistant. Shouleh is completing a dissertation entitled "Criticism of the Status Quo in Third World Drama, Under Repressive Regimes and Censorship" at SUNY/Binghampton.

GUIDE TO COURSES ON WOMEN AND GENDER

A guide to Columbia-wide graduate and upper-level undergraduate courses offered in 1987-1988 of interest to feminist graduate students has been compiled by the Institute and can be picked up in 763 Schermerhorn Extension.
The Presidential Campaign

Catharine R. Stimpson, who has been most supportive of the Institute and is a former faculty member of Barnard College, is running for President of the Modern Language Association. Professor Stimpson, the author of fiction and non-fiction, the founding editor of SIGNS, and the editor of a book series on women in culture and society for the University of Chicago Press, is currently the Dean of Graduate Studies at Rutgers University. We encourage all of you who are members of the M.L.A. to support her candidacy.

Images of Women

Winners of the Institute's photo competition on "Images of Women" have been announced. First prize was awarded to Karen Tweedy-Holmes, second to Martin Messik, and third to David Skolnick. The winning photos and several others that were awarded honorable mentions are on display in the Seminar Room of the Institute. We hope this is the start of a permanent photographic exhibition.

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The Women's History Seminar

THE FALL 1987 WOMEN'S HISTORY SEMINARS
co-sponsored by the Barnard Center for Research on Women and the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Columbia

Thursday, September 17, 8 p.m.
"Women's Work and the International State in Germany: 1878-1914."
Jean Quataert, SUNY Binghamton. To be held at the Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd floor, Barnard Hall

Thursday, October 8, 8 p.m.
"Lesbian Chic in the 1920's," Lillian Faderman, California State University. To be held at 763 Schermerhorn Extension

Thursday, November 19, 8 p.m.
"Families in Search of Work: Southern Sharecroppers and Migrant Laborers from the Civil War to the Present," Jacqueline Jones, Wellesley College. To be held at 763 Schermerhorn Extension

Wednesday, December 2, 8 p.m.
To be held at the Sulzberger Parlor, 3rd floor, Barnard Hall.

For further information, call:
The Barnard Center for Research on Women (280-2067) OR
The Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Columbia (280-3277)
On October 11, 1987 there will be a March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Assemble, 9 a.m., at the Ellipse, 17th St. & Constitution Ave. March starts at 12:00 p.m. with a Rally at the Capitol, West Terrace.

Research Group on Women and Nationalism

One of the research groups at the Institute which will be continuing into its second year is the Seminar on Women and Nationalism. The Seminar, co-convened by Jean Franco and Marcia Wright, meets to discuss the relationship between national community, gender and decolonization. This research group is sustained by the generosity of an anonymous outside donor. For more information about this faculty/advanced graduate student group, contact the Institute at 280-3277.

Feminist Events 1987-1988

We are currently planning this year's schedule of events. If you want to get involved or make suggestions, telephone or stop by the Institute.

The Women's Counseling Project, Inc. offers free and confidential information, referrals and counseling on health care, abortion, therapy, legal problems, and employment. Their number is 212-280-3063 and they are located in Reid Hall, 3001 Broadway (corner of 116th St.).