

# 1999 BERKSHIRE CONFERENCE ON THE HISTORY OF WOMEN

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The 11th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, "Breaking Boundaries," will be held on June 4-6, 1999 at the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York USA. The Program Committee welcomes proposals that transcend regional, disciplinary, and cultural boundaries; that break traditional boundaries of academic presentation and explore innovative ways of presenting material and involving the audience. The Committee also seeks proposals that discuss pedagogy, public history, collaborative research, and feminist activism. The Committee encourages international participation and panels that represent a diversity of participants.

We prefer proposals for complete panels (normally two papers, one commentator, and a chair) or roundtables, especially those with cross-national and comparative themes. Individual papers will also be considered. The Program Committee may rearrange panels; submission of a proposal will be taken as agreement with this proviso. No one may appear more than once on the program in any capacity.

Please submit proposals **in triplicate, postmarked by January 31, 1998**, in a single packet marked "ATTN: Berkshire Conference" to the appropriate co-chair. Each proposal must include: 1) panel title or roundtable theme; 2) title and one-page abstract of each paper or presentation; 3) name and address of contact person; 4) one-page vita for each participant, including current address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address; 5) a self-addressed, stamped postcard for return upon receipt of packet.

Send proposals on U.S. and Canadian topics to **Nell Painter**, Department of History, Princeton University, Princeton NJ 08544-1017; on European topics to **Sharon Strocchia**, Department of History, Emory University, Atlanta GA 30322; on Africa, Latin America, Asia, the Pacific, and all comparative topics (U.S./non-U. S.) to **Teresa Meade**, Department of History, Union College Schenectady NY 12308-2365. For more information see our website at: **[www-berks.aas.duke.edu](http://www-berks.aas.duke.edu)**

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