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Women's Studies Newsletter Fall 2004

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This periodic newsletter is intended to keep you aware of new library resources, services, and other developments related to your academic department. This subject-specific publication will supplement the Reference Department newsletter which will continue to be distributed once per semester. Please let me know of any way that I can improve or expand the newsletter to best meet your needs. Thank you.

Newly-Received Reference Works in Women's Studies

Sage Encyclopedia of Social Science Research Methods. 2004. 3 volumes. (Ref. 62 S34 2004) The "cardinal aim of this encyclopedia is to provide readers... an introduction to research methods by giving an account of their purposes, principles, developments, and applications." The alphabetically arranged entries include examples, discussions, and references. A large bibliography and index are in Volume 3.

Political and Historical Encyclopedia of Women. 2003. (Ref. HQ 1236.5 E85 E52 2003) In this text articles on the condition of women in the Western world are divided under three subject areas: Ability to govern, Age of revolutions, and Struggles for democracy. The articles treat the topics using historical, scholarly, and even philosophical references. Each article includes a large bibliography and the text is indexed by proper names.

Highlighted Database

Contemporary Women's Issues (CWI), a full-text database covering a broad range of disciplines, brings together relevant content from mainstream periodicals, gray literature, and the alternative press -- with a focus on the critical issues and events that impact women's lives in more than 190 countries. *Contemporary Women's Issues* includes English-language titles from East and West Africa, Asia, South and Central America, the Caribbean, North America, and Europe. Updated weekly, and with comprehensive coverage beginning in 1992, over 10,000 new records are added to the resource each year. Topics covered include domestic violence, employment issues, gender equity, family, reproductive health, human rights, and much more. You may access the database through the library's web page at <http://library.uwf.edu/databases/azlist.shtml>.

Highlighted Web Sites

Working Women, 1870-1930 (<http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/ww/>)

As part of its Open Collections Program, the Harvard University Library has developed a site containing the full text of over 200 digitized books, manuscripts, and images relating to women and work selected from Harvard's library and museum collections. As stated on its Web site, the "collection explores women's roles in the U.S. economy between the Civil War and the Great Depression. Working conditions, conditions in the home, costs of living, recreation, health and hygiene, conduct of life, policies and regulations governing the workplace, and social issues are all well documented." While the site currently offers a wealth of information, upon its completion the collection will contain more than 2,200 books and pamphlets, 1,000 photographs, and 10,000 pages from manuscript collections. The project's goal in digitizing the materials is to "increase the availability and use of these historical resources for teaching, learning, and research" (C&RL News, May 2004).

Women in Politics (www.ipu.org/iss-e/women.htm)

Part of the Inter-Parliamentary Union's (IPU) Web pages, this page provides several useful research tools for information on women in politics around the world, particularly statistical resources, but also a bibliographic database. Sections of the page include "Comparative Data by Country," "Statistics Archive," "Current World & Regional Averages," "Women Presiding Officers of Parliament," and more. Furthermore, "Instruments of International Law" offers links to multiple declarations and proclamations relating to women's rights worldwide.

Newly-Received Circulating Books in Women's Studies

- **Women's Anger: Clinical & Developmental Perspectives** by DL Cox, SD Stabb, and KH Bruckner (BF 575 A5 C68 1999)
- **Women in a Medieval Heretical Sect: Agnes & Huguette the Waldensians** by Shulamith Shahar (BX 4881.3 S5313 2001)
- **Men, Women, and Madness: Understanding Gender and Mental Disorder** by Joan Busfield (RC 455.4 S45 B87 1996)
- **Women's Mental Health: A Comprehensive Textbook** by Kornstein and Clayton (RC 451.4 W6 W6597 2002)
- **Women of Color: Integrating Ethnic & Gender Identities in Psychotherapy** by Comas-Diaz and Greene (RC 451.4 M58 W66 1994)

Electronic Resource Update

As you will recall, the library secured one-year of free access to the online version of *the International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences (IESBS)* when it purchased the print version of the resource in 2002. Because the resource was used heavily during the first year, the library has extended the UWF subscription to it for another year (to run through December 2004). The IESBS can be accessed through the library's list of databases at <http://library.uwf.edu/databases/azlist.shtml> or through the online catalog. The 26-volume print version is located in the Reference Collection of Pace Library at Ref H 41 .I58 2001.

"The Encyclopedia is the first attempt in a generation to map the social and behavioral sciences on a grand scale. It is the largest reference work ever published for the social and behavioral sciences and will be the first to appear in both print and electronic formats. The Encyclopedia includes: 3,842 signed articles; 15 million words of text; 90,000 bibliographic references; and 150 biographical entries."

Announcement for JStor A&S II

New Full-Text Scholarly Journals for You & Your Students

As you likely know, the UWF library subscribes to the **JStor** Arts & Sciences I Collection, which provides full-text access to the complete archives of **117** scholarly journal titles in 15 disciplines, including economics, history, political science, and sociology, as well as in other fields in the humanities and social sciences. The title list for this collection is online at <http://www.jstor.org/about/asI.list.html>.

Late this spring, the library purchased **JStor's** Arts & Sciences II Collection, which offers the same complete coverage of **122** additional titles. Coverage of each journal begins with volume 1 (as early as 1831) and continues to a "moving wall" usually of 3 to 5 years prior to the current year. In many cases the gap for the current issues of these titles is covered by our subscriptions to Project MUSE, Oxford Online Journals, etc. -- as well as by our print subscriptions. These holdings can be accessed directly through the JStor search interface (<http://tig.lib.uwf.edu/db.cfm?JSTOR>). Disciplines covered in this collection include African American Studies, African Studies, Anthropology, Archaeology, Asian Studies, Classical Studies, Economics, Education, Geography, History, History of Science, Latin American Studies, Mathematics, Middle East Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Population Studies, Slavic Studies, Sociology and Statistics. The title list for this collection is online at <http://www.jstor.org/about/asII.list.html>.

ELi (ELectronic Library) Research Guide

The research guide created and maintained for your department is online at <http://library.uwf.edu/eli/Social/Womens.shtml>. Many of the library resources available in Women's Studies are outlined on the guide. You may wish to encourage your students to consult the guide to learn about appropriate library resources. Please let me know if you would like me to change or add resources to the page.

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