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Women's Studies Newsletter September 2003

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This is the debut issue of a periodic newsletter which I hope that you will find useful and which 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

- **American Women: Who They Are & How They Live.** 2nd edition. 2002. (Ref. HQ 1421 A486 2002) This informative work, which includes 2000 Census population data, consists of hundreds of statistical tables illustrating the age, distribution, racial composition, and other characteristics of American females. Many tables are preceded by brief introductory text on the topic. Each containing numerous tables, the book's chapters cover the following topics: Attitudes, business, education, health, income, labor force, living arrangements, population, spending, and wealth. A glossary, bibliography, and index are included.
- **Handbook of Research Methods: A Guide for Practitioners and Students in the Social Sciences.** 2nd edition. 2002. (Ref. Q 180 .55 M4 S67 2002) The table of contents of this work outlines the research process and follows the steps used in planning and conducting research. Appendixes include a glossary of terms, abbreviations, and symbols; the Greek alphabet; statistical tables; and a checklist for the research proposal.
- **Historical and Multicultural Encyclopedia of Women's Reproductive Rights in the United States.** 2002. (Ref. HQ 766.5 U5 H57 2002) The entries in this fully cross-referenced encyclopedia range from a paragraph to several pages, and provide references to further reading. The book also contains a bibliography, an index, and a valuable index of court cases related to reproductive rights in the U.S.
- **Practical Guide to Behavioral Research: Tools and Techniques,** 5th edition. 2001. (Ref. H 62 S724734 2002) Using a multi-method perspective this book offers a wide range of techniques and emphasizes a hands-on approach to behavioral research. Appendixes include random numbers, critical values, and examples of manuscript and style.

Upcoming Trial for Electronic Resource

Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000

Women and Social Movements is a rich resource of primary source documents covering women's social movements from 1600 to the present. This collection documents the multiplicity of women's reform

activities by bringing together thousands of pages of books, images, and documents as well as introductory material, scholarly essays, a chronology, a bibliography, lesson plans, and other teaching tools. Users will be able to browse and search thousands of pages of primary documents as well as explore collections of annotated primary documents - document projects -- organized to address a specific historical question.

Women and Social Movements is one of the most heavily visited women's studies websites in the world, originally created by two well-known scholars at SUNY Binghamton (Thomas Dublin and Kathryn Kish Sklar). The site will re-launch this fall as an Alexander Street database, with Alexander Street's Semantic Indexing and familiar search interface. Tom Dublin and Kitty Sklar will continue to be the editors, along with their scholarly editorial board of more than a dozen historians.

The database will be ready for trials in October with over 2,500 pages of primary documents and 48 document projects. Each year we will add 10,000 pages of primary documents and 10 new document projects.

Although the library budget cannot currently support the addition of new electronic resources, we would welcome your comments on this resource, should funding be available in the future. I will forward the trial information on you once it becomes available. You may email comments or questions to me at kgoodson@uwf.edu.

Highlighted Database

Created and maintained by Johns Hopkins University, **Project Muse** is a database to which the library subscribes that provides the full-text of many journal titles across disciplines. While the dates of coverage vary by title, all content is full-text. Users can search or browse the journals. Access to the resource is provided through the library's Database Listing (<http://library.uwf.edu/databases/azlist.shtml>) or directly at <http://muse.jhu.edu/> (although logging in through the library's Web site will be required for off-campus access). While you may also be interested in journals in related disciplines, below is a list of the women's studies- and sexuality-related journals currently offered through *Project Muse*.

- differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies
- Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies
- GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies
- Hypatia
- Journal of the History of Sexuality
- Journal of Women's History
- Legacy
- Meridians: Feminism, Race, Transnationalism (new for 2004)
- Nashim: A Journal of Jewish Women's Studies & Gender Issues (new for 2004)
- NWSA Journal
- Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State and Society (new for 2003)

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.