

Recent Publications

- Afshar, Haleh. *Islam and Feminism: An Iranian Case-Study*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998.
- Baker, Alison. *Voices of Resistance: Oral Histories of Moroccan Women*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1998.
- Danielson, Virginia. *The Voice of Egypt: Umm Kulthum, Arab Song, and Egyptian Society in the Twentieth Century*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1997.
- Roded, Ruth (ed.). *Women in Islam and the Middle East: A Reader*. London: I.B. Tauris, 1999.
- Tucker, Judith E. *In the House of the Law: Gender and Islamic Law in Ottoman Syria and Palestine*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998.
- Wilcon, Lynn. *Women and the Holy Quran*. California: M.T.O Shahmaghsoudi, 1998.
- Zimmermann, Susan M. *Silicone Survivors: Women Experiences with Breast Implants*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press, 1998.

Conferences

The University of New England/Westbrook College Campus is holding an interdisciplinary conference entitled "Women's Private Writing/Writing Women's History" from 15-18 of June 2000. The Keynote speaker will be Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Harvard University. For further information visit the conference web-site at <http://www.une.edu/library/mwwc/conference.htm>

Queen Arwa University in collaboration with the Consultative Council, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Education will hold, from May 16-18, a conference on non-governmental higher education in Sana'a, Yemen. Topics covered will include building capacities for higher education; policies, curricula, scientific research and performance evaluation.

Awards

Feminist Studies will be granting, on a yearly basis, a graduate student prize namely the Feminist Studies Award. This award will honor the best essay submitted throughout the year to the journal by a graduate student. The award will enable one both to encourage and learn from a new generation of feminist scholars.

Graduate students researching any aspect of feminist scholarship are invited to submit a paper. All papers received will

be judged by our editorial board who will announce the winner in January 2001. The winner will have his/her essay published in **Feminist Studies** and will be awarded a prize of \$ 500. The submission guidelines are the following: the paper should be maximum 35 double-spaced pages (including footnotes). Three copies ought to be sent along with a cover letter indicating graduate affiliation by school, department, and the expected date of completion.

For more information visit the women's studies home page at the University of Maryland.

Call for Proposals

On October 23, 1850 The First National Woman's Rights Convention was held in Worcester, Massachusetts. Women 2000 is a call for action to continue the dialogue begun in 1850. It aims to provide a forum for discussion on the present status of women and hopes to explore future challenges and opportunities. The conference will address the areas of women's education, employment, government/politics, and health/relationships. All those interested in presenting a paper should send a brief biography along with a one-page proposal with objectives.

Send to:
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Films

"Umm Kulthum, A Voice Like Egypt": This documentary directed by Michal Goldman and narrated by Omar Sharif recounts the story of Umm Kulthum the most prominent and well respected Arab female vocalist of all times. The film traces her rise to stardom where she became not only a symbol of the aspirations of her country but of the entire Arab world. It also explores her astonishing connection with her audience who adored her. Four million people attended her funeral in 1975.

"On the Edge of Peace": In this ground-breaking Israeli-Palestinian co-production, three Palestinians and three Israelis were given video cameras to document their lives and the lives of their communities during the turbulent first year of the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord, from the signing of the accords in Washington to Arafat's arrival in Gaza.