

E-SOURCES ON WOMEN & GENDER

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ARCHIVES, BLOGS, DIRECTORIES, PORTALS...

The U.S. government’s ARCHIVES LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTER (ALIC) offers “a listing of historical websites relevant to women in the United States” at <http://archives.gov/research/alic/reference/womens-history.html>. Current categories are “Bibliographies,” “African-American Women,” “Biographies,” “Politics and Women,” “Women’s Suffrage,” “Women in the Military,” and “Other Resources on the Web,” including an archive of speeches made by influential women around the world, Duke University’s archive on Civil War women, and the website of our own Women’s Studies Librarian’s Office.

Everything’s coming up Google... Sure, you knew that, but did you know that you can do targeted searches for resources on gender issues in **GOOGLE DIRECTORY**, where categories are edited by real people? Start at <http://directory.google.com/>; pick “Society” and then “People” from the categories that show up on the screen. From here, you’ve got choices that include “Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual,” “Men,” “Transgendered,” and “Women,” and each of those sub-sub-categories is searchable. (For more about the “edited by live humans” Open Directory Project, see <http://www.dmoz.org/about.html>.)

Launched on International Women’s Day 2009, the “interactive network portal” **GRASSROOTS FEMINISM: TRANSNATIONAL ARCHIVES, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITIES** at <http://www.grassrootsfeminism.net> was described in a press release as “a new and unique feminist meeting point.” The site is maintained by activists in Austria, England, and Sweden; anyone can join the community and post to its blogs.

The **HERSTORY SCRAPBOOK** links to 900 archived pieces in *The New York Times* covering the final four years of the women’s suffrage battle (leading up to the 1920 presidential election): <http://www.herstoryscrapbook.com>. Unfortunately, you can’t read the actual archived articles unless you are a paying *NYT* subscriber or are willing purchase individual pieces. Even so, there’s useful material on the scrapbook site, including the current “HerStory 360° Challenge”: for the first

90 days of 2010, a new story will be posted every day about a key woman in the suffrage campaign: “90 stories about 90 women over 90 days to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment.”

The thirty-six employees profiled so far on the **LATINA WOMEN OF NASA** website are engineers of all stripes, information technology specialists, program analysts, electronics designers, executives, and researchers. They include a microbiologist, a secretary, and, yes, an astronaut (Dr. Ellen Ochoa). Read about them at <http://ocop.larc.nasa.gov/hep/lwon/>.

“Welcome to the **SISTERSPACE**,” writes Kimberly Seals Allers, editorial director of the Black Maternal Health project at Women’s eNews, and “prepare yourself for a groundbreaking conversation about our health and our lives as black women and mothers.” Allers has been posting to her new blog at <http://womensenews.org/sisterspace> since October 2009, commenting on such topics as breastfeeding, parenting an infant, domestic violence during pregnancy, pregnancy while single, pregnancy and the flu, foremothers who were slaves, and a mother’s anxieties about giving birth to a son in a society where the odds are stacked against young black males.

The first thing you’re likely to encounter on **WOMENSLAW**’s resource for women experiencing domestic violence (<http://www.womenslaw.org>) is a comprehensive and highly understandable guide to Internet security, or, more to the point here, how to keep your abuser from monitoring your computer use or reading or interfering with your email. Sobering, yes, but essential and practical for anyone in danger — as is everything on this site, which presents straightforward help in seven main categories: “Staying Safe” (including safety while visiting [womenslaw.org](http://www.womenslaw.org)!), “Know the Laws,” “Preparing for Court,” “Learn About Abuse,” “Where To Find Help,” “Helping Others,” and “Legal Statutes.”

The **WOMEN’S REVIEW OF BOOKS** now has a blog at <http://www.wcwoonline.org/wrbblog>, called **WOMEN = BOOKS**. The bloggers are selected reviewers and authors from the print publication, and comments are moderated, “making [the blog] a safe place for discussion of controversial topics.” One of those topics has been the feminist ethics of adoption; another, the ignorance of most of us in the West of “the bloody facts” of the Burmese regime. Some posts are more personal; Rebecca Meacham’s September 2009 reflections on “middle-aged spread” are elegant.

EXHIBITION IN CYBERSPACE

ECONOMICA: WOMEN AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY is now showing at the e-location of the International Museum of Women: <http://www.imow.org/economica>. Offerings include nine audio slideshows (for example: “Womb Economics: Are women paying for China’s economic prosperity with their bodies?” and “The Business of Women: What do leadership and power look like? Arab businesswomen are redefining roles in the Middle East”); thirteen podcasts (first on the

list is a 75-minute conversation with Nicholas Kristof about the oppression of women around the world); forum conversations; and other resources, including films and books.

FREE DATABASES

Headed by five principal investigators at three universities, the **WOMAN STATS PROJECT** (<http://www.womanstats.org>) claims to be “the most comprehensive compilation of information on the status of women in the world.” The project’s “data extractors” — graduate and undergraduate students — “comb the extant literature and conduct expert interviews to find qualitative and quantitative information on over 294 indicators of women’s status in 174 countries.” Users must register to use the database, but there is no charge.

Gerri Gribi has donated her **WOMEN’S CENTER DATABASE**, which she and her mother, Marian Gribi, started developing back in the 1980s, to the National Women’s Studies Association, on the condition that it will always be available for free online. The database can now be found at <http://www.nwsa.org/research/centerguide>.

TEXTS TO DOWNLOAD

Amy Caiazza, ***CALLED TO SPEAK: SIX STRATEGIES THAT ENCOURAGE WOMEN’S POLITICAL ACTIVISM: LESSONS FROM INTERFAITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZING***. Washington, DC: Institute for Women’s Policy Research, 2006. Order or download in full as PDF from [http://www.iwpr.org/Politics Religion PublicVision/pubs.htm](http://www.iwpr.org/Politics_Religion_PublicVision/pubs.htm). Also by Caiazza and from the IWPR: ***I KNEW I COULD DO THIS WORK: SEVEN STRATEGIES THAT PROMOTE WOMEN’S ACTIVISM AND LEADERSHIP IN UNIONS***; select the report from the “Democracy & Society” list at <http://www.iwpr.org/Publications/pdf.htm>.

And more recently from the Institute for Women’s Policy Research: Avis Jones-DeWeever, ***BLACK GIRLS IN NEW YORK CITY: UNTOLD STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE***; Lynette Osborne, Kevin Miller, & Robin Farabee-Siers, ***PEDAGOGICAL METHODS FOR IMPROVING WOMEN’S PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS IN ENGINEERING EDUCATION: A REVIEW OF RECENT LITERATURE***; Heidi Hartmann, ***TESTIMONY BEFORE THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE: THE IMPACT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC DOWNTURN ON WOMEN***; Avis Jones-DeWeever, ***WOMEN IN THE WAKE OF THE STORM: EXAMINING THE POST-KATRINA REALITIES OF THE WOMEN OF NEW ORLEANS AND THE GULF COAST***; Kevin Miller, Allison Suppan Helmuth, & Robin Farabee-Siers, ***THE NEED FOR PAID PARENTAL LEAVE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES: ADAPTING TO A CHANGING WORKFORCE***. All available at <http://www.iwpr.org/Publications/pdf.htm>.

Department of Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organization, *MENTAL HEALTH ASPECTS OF WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH: A GLOBAL REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE*. World Health Organization & United Nations Population Fund, 2009. 181p.
Order or download PDF from

<http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/general/9789241563567/en/index.html>.

Chapter titles include “Pregnancy, childbirth and the postpartum period,” “Psychosocial aspects of fertility regulation,” “Spontaneous pregnancy loss,” “Menopause,” “Gynaecological conditions,” “Women’s mental health in the context of HIV/AIDS,” “Infertility and assisted reproduction,” and “Female genital mutilation.”

Savitri Goonesekere, *HARMFUL TRADITIONAL PRACTICES IN THREE COUNTRIES OF SOUTH ASIA: CULTURE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN*. Social Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), 2009. 95p.

<http://www.unescap.org/ESID/GAD/Publication/DiscussionPapers/DiscussionPaper21.pdf>

New in 2009 from GENDERACTION: *GENDER TOOLKIT FOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCE WATCHERS; DOUBLING THE DAMAGE: WORLD BANK CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS UNDERMINE CLIMATE AND GENDER JUSTICE; THE GENDER DIMENSIONS OF POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION: THE CHALLENGES IN DEVELOPMENT AID*. Get these and others, in PDF, at

<http://www.genderaction.org/publications.html>.

Ellen Galinsky, Kerstin Aumann, & James T. Bond, *TIMES ARE CHANGING: GENDER AND GENERATION AT WORK AND AT HOME*. New York: Families and Work Institute, 2009. 24p.
Free at http://familiesandwork.org/site/research/reports/Times_Are_Changing.pdf.

Focusing on “decent work in Latin America and the Caribbean”: *WORK AND FAMILY: TOWARDS NEW FORMS OF RECONCILIATION WITH SOCIAL CO-RESPONSIBILITY*. Santiago, Chile: International Labour Organization and United Nations Development Programme, 2009. 148p. English version: http://www.undp.org/publications/pdf/undp_ilo.pdf.

The World Economic Forum has published its *GLOBAL GENDER GAP REPORT* for 2009: from <http://www.weforum.org/en/communities>, choose “Women Leaders and Gender Parity” from the menu on the left, then “Gender Gap Report.” From this page, you can download the full report or parts of it and watch a YouTube interview with report co-author Saadia Zahidi.

More on the gender gap: “Why aren't there more women in science?” Take a look at Scott E. Carrell, Marianne E. Page, & James E. West's *SEX AND SCIENCE: HOW PROFESSOR GENDER PERPETUATES THE GENDER GAP*. 2009. 41p.

<http://www.econ.ucdavis.edu/faculty/scarrell/gender.pdf>

National Endowment for the Arts, *WOMEN ARTISTS: 1990 TO 2005*. NEA Research Note #96, December 2008. 17p. <http://www.nea.gov/research/Notes/96.pdf>. Includes “patterns in the female composition of various artist jobs and in the earnings discrepancies between men and women.”

THE SISTER FUND (TSF) (<http://www.sisterfund.org>) is “a private foundation that supports and gives voice to women working for justice from a religious framework. We call these women the Healers of Our Time, because we believe that the healing work of progressive religious women plays a crucial role in the development of a society in which all people can be socially, economically, politically and spiritually empowered.” TSF, which believes that “women can transform faith, and faith can transform feminism,” has published the results of a study, conducted by the Institute for Women’s Policy Research and supplemented by Women in Theology and Ministry (Candler School of Theology, Emory University), called *HEALERS OF OUR TIME: WOMEN, FAITH, AND JUSTICE*, that “examines the intersection of women and religion in activism, academia, and pop culture.” Download the 80-page report from <http://www.sisterfund.org/sites/default/files/TSF-Mapping-Report.pdf>.

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