

# Rural Women's Studies Association (RWSA)

*2006 Triennial Conference*

*Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

*October 5-7, 2006*

## Thursday, October 5

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| **6:00-8:00pm** | **Registration** |
| **7:00-9:00pm** | **Opening Reception** *(refreshments available 7:00-8:00)* |
| **7:00-9:00pm** | **Welcome**<br>*Jeanette Keith, Bloomsburg University* |
| **7:00-9:00pm** | **Poster Session:** *"Images of Amish Women in the 1930's"*<br>*Steve Reschly, Truman State University*<br>*Katherine Jellison, Ohio University* |

## Friday, October 6

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| **7:30am-5:00pm** | **Registration** |
| **7:30pm-5:00pm** | **Book exhibit** |
| **7:30am-5:00pm** | **Information tables and organizational displays** |
| **8:30-10:00am** | **Concurrent sessions** |

**Session 1: Women in Kentucky: Poor and Non-Poor, Rural and Urban, Appalachian and Non-Appalachian Comparisons**

**Heritage Room A**

*CHAIR: Claudia J. Heath, University of Kentucky*

"The Effects of Family of Origin Exposure to Substance Use and/or Violence Exposure on Subsequent Adult Abuse Experiences, Mental Health Problems and Substance Abuse for Poor, Non-Poor, Appalachian, and Non-Appalachian Women"

*Judy van de Venne, University of Kentucky*

*Claudia J. Heath*

"The Effect of Rurality and Age at First Birth on Female Educational Attainment"

*Claudia Reeser, University of Kentucky*

*Claudia J. Heath*

"Marriage Attitudes of Women in Kentucky: Marital Status Differences of Poor and Non-Poor Women – Investigating Rural and Appalachian Differences"

*Claudia J. Heath*

COMMENT: Audience

**Session 2: Institutional Ethnography: Revealing the Ruling Relations in Agriculture through Social Mapping**

**Heritage Room B**

WORKSHOP--presented by

*Jean Eells and Betty Wells, Iowa State University*

**Session 3: By Hand: An International Perspective on Quilts and Crafts**

**Heritage Room C**

*CHAIR and COMMENT: Dorothy Schwieder*

"A Common Thread-A Comparative Study of Quilting Culture in the U.S., Afghanistan and Japan"

*Susan Kesler-Simpson, Independent Scholar*

"From Peasant Craft to Art, from Tradition to Avant-Garde: Early Twentieth Century Ukrainian Handicrafts and the Avant Garde Movement"

*Alla Myzelev, Queen's University at Kingston*

"Bustles, Crazy Quilts, and the Adaptation of Fashion in the Rural West"

*Cynthia Culver Prescott, Loyola Marymount University*

**Session 4: Gender, Labor, and Succession on Kansas Family Farms**

**Heritage Room D**

*CHAIR: Debora Archer, University of Kansas*

"With My Mother's Milk: Stories of Gender and Succession on a Flint Hills, Kansas, Farm, 1856-2006"

*Joyce Thierer, Emporia State and Ride into History*

"Female Fathers' Sons: Gendering Work on the Farm and in Town"

*Ann Birney, Ride into History*

COMMENT: Audience

**10:00-10:15am** *Break*

**10:15am-12:15pm** *Concurrent sessions*

**Session 5: Women's Voices, Women's Journeys**

**Heritage Room A**

*CHAIR: Carla M. Rineer, Millersville University (tentative)*

"A Year in Pencil: 1918 Woman's Record Book"

*Joyce Anderson, Millersville University*

"At the Crossroads: Women Learning and Women Teaching"

*Marilyn McKinley Parrish, Millersville University*

"'Hanging on the Clothesline': Laundered Chronicles of the Editor's Wife"

*Theresa Russell-Lorentz, Millersville University*

"'John passed away in Del. this morning': Reflections on a Mennonite Woman's Diary"

*Diane Zimmerman Umble, Millersville University*

COMMENT: Audience

**Session 6: Rural Women in Developing Countries: Focus on Africa and the Middle East/South Asia**

**Heritage Room B**

*CHAIR: Anne Effland, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture*

"The Women's Comfort Corner"

*Rita Marque Mbatha, Dennise Zindoga, and Bianca Chipo Muzhewe, Women's Comfort Corner, Harare, Zimbabwe*

"Gender Diplomacy at the Crossroads: Foreign Aid, Women and Development in 21st Century Nigeria"

*Martin Abimbola Ogunbanjo, Soladin Investment Limited, Lagos, Nigeria*

"The Effect of Communication and Spending Leisure Times on the Needs and Priorities in Rural Society from the View of the Rural Women in Yazd Province,"

*Alireza Zareh Shahabady, Yazd University, and Hamidreza Varssi, Esfaham University, Iran (tentative)*

"Gender and Islam in Modern South Asia,"

*Shah Faisal, Social Welfare Organization Marghuz, Pakistan (tentative)*

COMMENT: Audience

**Session 7: Rural Women and Health Care**

**Heritage Room C**

*CHAIR/COMMENT: Ann McCleary, University of West Georgia*

"Abortion in Maine, 1900-1920: A Matter of Distinction"

*Maizie Hough, University of Maine*

"Promise Realized: Home Demonstration and Rural Florida Health"

*Kelly A. Minor, University of Florida*

"Women Without Borders (femmes sans frontières): A Canadian-American Look at Rural Women Volunteer Organizations Through an Ongoing Exchange Involving the West Virginia CEOS and the Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia"

*Ruth Ann Anderson, President, WV CEOS, President-Elect for National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON-U.S.)*

*Betty Tustin, Vice-President, WV CEOS*

*Grace Staggs, Past-President, WV CEOS*

*Ellen M. Simpson, President, Women's Institutes of Nova Scocia (W.I.N.S.)*

*Coni Murray, President-elect, W.I.N.S.*

*Ruth Blenkhorn, Past President, W.I.N.S. and President-elect, Federated Women's Institutes of Canada*

*Theresa Osborne, Executive Secretary, W.I.N.S.*

*Deborah Stiles, Rural Research Center, Nova Scotia Agricultural College*

**Session 8: Negotiating Race and Gender Roles in Rural America**

**Heritage Room D**

*CHAIR/COMMENT: Melissa Walker, Converse College*

"'Well I just generally bes the president of everything': Rural Black Women's Empowerment through South Carolina Home Demonstration Activities"

*Carmen V. Harris, University of South Carolina at Upstate*

"Black Women and the Construction of Womanhood"

*Valerie Grim, Indiana University*

"Putting Feminist Poststructural Theory to Work in Rural Women's Studies: A Case Study with an Old Order Amish Women"

*Karen Eppley, Pennsylvania State University*

**12:30-2:30pm Keynote address and luncheon**

**Ballroom**

INTRODUCTION: *Barbara Steinson, DePauw University*

"Telling Stories, Keeping Secrets" *Joan Jensen, New Mexico State University*

**3:00-5:00pm Concurrent sessions**

**Session 9: Let's Hear the Women Roar!: Effective Strategies for Rural Outreach, Advocacy, and Research**

**Heritage Room A**

WORKSHOP--"Rural Outreach: The Road 2 Equity Tour and Beyond"

*Sara Grove, Pennsylvania Center for Women, Politics and Public Policy, Chatham College*

*Kristin DeLuca, Pennsylvania Center for Women, Politics and Public Policy, Chatham College*

*Allyson Lowe, Pennsylvania Center for Women, Politics, and Public Policy, Chatham College*

**Session 10: Women's Roles and Leadership in Rural Organizations**

**Heritage Room B**

*CHAIR/COMMENT: Jane Pederson, University of Wisconsin , Eau Claire*

"Women as Machines: Wisconsin Women in the Patrons of Husbandry, 1871-1920"

*Nicholas Hoffman, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*

"'Seeing the Blind Spot': County Clubs and Rural Women's Activism in the Midwest, 1950-1965"

*Jenny Barker-Devine, Iowa State University*

"The *Books of Remembrance*: Assessing the Dynamics of Power and Leadership in the Alberta Women's Institutes"

*Evelyn Ellerman, Athabasca University*

*Mae Deans, Earthwrite*

**Session 11: Transformations in Rural Women's Lives and Work**

**Heritage Room C**

*CHAIR/COMMENT: Sally McMurry, Pennsylvania State University*

"Women's Work and Economic Roles in the Spanish and Mexican

Borderlands, 1750-1846"

*Amy M. Porter, Georgia Southwestern State University*

"The Transformation of Farm Women's Work in the Old Bright Belt"

*Evan P. Bennett, Hampden-Sydney College*

"*Mejersteer* in the Work of Bodil K. Hansen: Rural Danish Women and Dairying"

*Deborah Fink, Independent scholar*

"Time Use Studies of Rural and Farm Women"

*Anne Effland, Mary Ahearn, and Karen Hamrick, Economic Research Service, US Dept of Agriculture*

**Session 12: Nineteenth Century Women's Lives through Their Diaries and Letters**

**Heritage Room D**

*CHAIR/ COMMENT: Rebecca Montgomery, Texas State University*

"A Feminine Voice in the Wilderness: Liwwat Boke, 1807-1882 "

*Tom Kanon, Tennessee State Library and Archives*

"The Family Farm: Capitalism and Marriage on an Antebellum Cotton Plantation"

*Nikki Berg, University of Minnesota (read in absentia)*

"Two Years in the Life of a Frontier School Teacher, Aroostook County, Maine, 1871-1872"

*Pamela J. Snow, University of Maine, Orono*



**Mary Neth (1954-2005)**

**6:00-8:00pm** **Remembering Mary Neth: An Open Forum**
(refreshments available 6:00-7:00)

**Harvest Rooms A and B**

Featured presentation by Ann Kilkelly, Virginia Tech University, on her research collaboration with Mary Neth on the history of tap dancing

*Sponsored by the Agricultural History Society*

*Silent Auction to benefit RWSA*

## Saturday, October 7

**7:15-8:45am** **RWSA Business meeting**

**Heritage Rooms A and B**

PRESIDING: Outgoing RWSA Co-Coordinators Jeanette Keith, Bloomsburg University, and Barbara Steinson, DePauw University

**8:30-10:00** **Registration**

**8:30-12:00** **Book Exhibit** *(display copy sale)*

**8:30-12:00** *Information tables and organizational displays*

**9:00-10:30am** **Concurrent sessions**

**Session 13: Shopping at Market: A Comparative Perspective on Identity, Consumption, and Production in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and the San Luis Valley of Colorado**

**Heritage Room A**

*CHAIR: Tracey Weis, Millersville University*

"The Rural Feminine and the Urban Public Market: Marjory Collins' and David Sherman's Photographs of Lancaster, Pennsylvania"

*Linda Aleci, Franklin and Marshall College*

"Consuming the Garden Spot: Heritage and History at Central Market"

*Meghan Gallagher Clark, Humane League of Lancaster County*

"Consumers as Co-Producers: Hispanic Women and Local Food in the San Luis Valley of Colorado "

*Carole Counihan, Millersville University*

COMMENT: Audience

**Session 14: Women and the Changing Rural Economy**

**Heritage Room B**

*CHAIR/COMMENT: Barbara Steinson, DePauw University*

"Rural Women in Industry: Central Utah's Parachute Workers During World War II"

*Amanda Midgley Borneman, Brigham Young University*

"Maintaining a Heritage: Rebecca Burgess, Historical Memory, and the Transition of West Sandwich, MA from Rural Village to Industrial Town and Tourist Mecca"

*Megan Taylor Shockley, Clemson University*

'Junior Commandos: Children's War Work on the American Farm Front, 1941-1945"

*Lisa Ossian, Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny, Iowa*

**Session 15: Rural Women in Developing Countries: Focus on India**

**Heritage Room C**

*CHAIR: Savita Singal, Haryana University, India (invited)*

"The World of Jogatis and Basavis: Tradition and Modernity"

*Priyadarshini Vijaisri, Center for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, India (read in abstentia with documentary)*

"Development and Women in the Perspective of Rural Women of West Bengal, India"

*Nilanjana Dasgupta, State Institute of Pachayats and Rural Development, West Bengal, India (read in abstentia)*

"Rural Women in India: Concerns, Interventions and Success Stories"

*Pamela Singla, University of Delhi, India (read in abstentia)*

COMMENT: Grey Osterud, Independent Scolar and Editor

**10:30-10:45am** **Break**

**10:45am-12:15pm** **Concurrent sessions**

**Session 16: The Idealized vs. the Real West for Rural Women**

**Heritage Room A**

CHAIR/COMMENT: Melody Miyamoto, Coe College

"'There Are Cowgirls in Hawaii?': *Pa'u* Rider and *Charras*"

*Elyssa Ford, Arizona State University*

"Women's Roles in Settling and Building a Wyoming Ranching Community, 1880-1920"

*Elizabeth M. Esterchild, University of North Texas*

*Ami Moore, University of North Texas*

"Women Farmers and the Canadian Pacific Railway, 1900-1920"

*Laura Detre, Independent Scholar*

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**Session 17: Education Rural Girls and Women**

**Heritage Room B**

*CHAIR/COMMENT: Kathleen Hilton, University of North Carolina at Pembroke*

"Where Did the Girls Go? Competing Discourses on Girls' Education in Rural China at a Changing Time"

*Yihuai Cai, Penn State University*

"Rural Women Learning the American Way"

*Karen Castelein, Northern Illinois University*

"Appropriate Science and Technology Education for Empowerment of Rural Women: A New Initiative and Approach in the Curriculum"

*Savita Singal, Haryana University, India (tentative)*

**Session 18: Rural Women in Paintings and Popular Culture**

**Heritage Room C**

*CHAIR/COMMENT: Joan Jensen, New Mexico State University*

"The Image of Rural Women in Turkish Painting: The Case of Neset Gunal"

*Nadide Karkiner, Anadolu University, Eskisehir, Turkey*

*Mehmet C. Ecevit, Middle East Technical University, Ankara Turkey*

"Women, the Farm, and the Bestseller in Modern America"

*Janet Galligani Casey, Skidmore College*

"The Farmer's Daughter: The Cultural Transformation of an American Icon"

*Barbara J. Dilly, Creighton, University*

**Session 19: Women Farmers in Maine and Colorado: Cooperative Ventures**

**Heritage Room D**

*CHAIR: Vivianne Holmes, Women's Agricultural Network University of Maine*

"Redefining Farming Using a Feminist Model"

*Vivianne Holmes*

"Women's Agricultural Network of Maine"

*Mary Ann Haxton, A Wrinkle in Thyme Farm*

COMMENT: Audience

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| **12:30- 5:00pm** | **Field trip to Landis Valley Museum** |
| **12:30pm** | **Buses depart for Museum** |
| | *(lunch on your own at the Museum)* |
| **5:00pm** | **Buses return to Conference Center** |

# Special Thanks

**Joan Jensen, New Mexico State University**

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