

Research Notes

Recent Publications

Gender, Politics and Islam: Islamism, Socialism and the State, by Sondra Hale. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1996. (IWSAW has received a review copy of this book; anyone interested in writing a book review for *Al-Raida* should visit our offices during business hours.)

Call for Papers

Current World Leaders, published since 1955, is accepting papers for publication in 1997. The December 1997 issue will focus on the topic of "Women and Politics." The publication will focus on several perspectives on this topic from a variety of geographic regions. *Current World Leaders* is calling for previously unpublished papers that present a particular point-of-view on the topic of women's involvement in political action. Articles should be between 4,500 and 10,000 words in length. For more information and style guidelines, contact Dr. Thomas S. Garrison, Editorial Director, *Current World Leaders*, 800 Garden Street, Suite D, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, USA. The e-mail address is iasb@igc.apc.org.

Grants and Awards

The International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) announces a new grants program, Promoting Women in Development through Advocacy and Research (PROWID). This grants program will support policy-oriented and action research, pilot interventions and advocacy activities that promote women's full participation in the development process. Funded by the United States Agency for International Development, PROWID seeks to improve the lives of poor women in developing countries by fostering development policies and practices that are responsive to women's needs. The PROWID program encourages the participation of non-governmental organizations, and collaborative efforts between research and implementing agencies and research and advocacy organizations. Grant awards will range from US \$25,000 to \$100,000 for periods up to two years. For further information and grant guidelines, contact Dr. Richard Strickland, Director of PROWID, ICRW, 1717 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 302, Washington, DC, 20036. E-Mail: icrw@igc.apc.org.

The Association for Feminist Anthropology, a unit of the American Anthropological Association, announces the second annual competition for the Sylvia H. Forman Prize for the best student essay on feminist anthropology. The winner will receive \$500, and a summary of the essay will be published in the *Anthropology Newsletter*. The prize is named for the late Sylvia Helen Forman, a founder of the Association for Feminist Anthropology. The essay may focus on any one of a number of topics within the sub-fields of anthropology, including women's work, reproduction, religion and expressive culture, family and kin relations, economic development, women and development or race and class. Essays will be judged on the ability to utilize feminist theory to analyze a particular issue, their organization, the quality and clarity of writing, an effective use of both theory and data, and originality. Previously published essays will not be accepted. Essays should be no longer than 35 double-spaced pages, including bibliography, and should be written according to the style used in *The American Anthropologist*. Four copies should be submitted to: AFA Chair Margaret Conkey, Anthropology (#3710), University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720-3710. The deadline for submission of essays is 31 August 1996. The Prize will be awarded at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association in San Francisco in November of this year.

Resources

The Feminist Archive (Bradford, UK) offers a collection of grass-roots materials from the world-wide women's movement. Founded in 1978, the Archive's collection contains materials from 1969-1979, but they are actively striving to increase and expand the collection's holdings. If you would like to visit the Archives, contact Deborah Smith, The Feminist Archive, 21 Claremont, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD7 1DP. The e-mail address is: keboyle@bradford.ac.uk.

IWSAW Enters the Cyber-Age

The Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World and the quarterly journal *Al-Raida* now have an e-mail address: jabunaser@flame.beirut.lau.edu.lb. In the coming year, we hope to have a home page on the World Wide Web. *Al-Raida* encourages cyber-communications from all subscribers, writers, scholars, activists and friends.