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From the Editor

January 2024. This issue of the journal (Summer–Fall 2023) goes to press during the very, *very* cold and snowy part of Wisconsin’s winter, when summer and fall seem far in the distance whether we’re looking backward or forward.

Thirteen timely book reviews are gathered in these pages, including Erika Gallagher’s critique of a recent memoir titled *Ladyparts* and Jamee N. Pritchard’s examination of *Sex and the Single Woman: 24 Writers Reimagine Helen Gurley Brown’s Cult Classic*. And whether you’re already an ardent follower of Heather Cox Richardson’s “Letters to an American” or have yet to encounter the historian’s insightful takes on the history unfolding in our midst right now, you shouldn’t miss Stephanie R. Rytlahti’s review of Richardson’s *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America*.

I’d love to know what you find most useful in this issue, as well as what you hope to see here in the future. Please drop me a line at gwsresources@library.wisc.edu if you’re willing to share feedback.

Our office and the Women’s and Gender Studies Consortium (WGSC) are busy planning our first in-person annual conference since the pandemic led to cancellation in 2020, followed by three years of online-only events. Will you be joining us on the University of Wisconsin–Madison campus for this onsite regathering? The dates are April 11–13, 2024, and registration is open: charge.wisc.edu/womens_studies/registration.

The theme of the 2024 WGSC conference is “Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future: Resilience and Reclamation in

Higher Education.” Here’s how it’s described on the conference website (consortium.gws.wisc.edu/conference/2024-conference):

As we return to our first in-person conference in three years, we celebrate the deep institutional roots of social justice-oriented scholarship, pedagogy, and community engagement on our campuses. Many of the women’s, gender, LGBTQ+, and cultural programs and centers founded in the 1970s and 1980s are approaching milestone anniversaries. Despite their critical roles in interdisciplinary scholarship and community engagement, these services are now fighting for survival against budget cuts and direct political attacks. At a moment when rollbacks to affirmative action, academic freedom, reproductive justice, LGBTQ+ protections, and other human rights are overwhelming, this year’s theme illuminates the long history of resistance and resilience that has always pushed against interlocking systems of power and oppression.

Finally, in case you missed this earlier: Print subscriptions to this journal are free for individuals with U.S. addresses. If you’re a person (not an organization or company), just email your name and U.S. address to gwssubscriptions@library.wisc.edu, and we’ll put you on the list to start receiving issues in the mail, free of charge.

Wherever you are, whether it’s cold, hot, or something else there, I hope you’ll be good to yourself, do good in the world, and stay connected. Until next time —

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