RWSA meeting

September 10, 2019

EHESS, Paris, France

The meeting was called to order by co-coordinator Katherine Jellison. She announced that proposals for sessions for the next conference are due by May 31, 2020.

The FaceBook page is being kept up to date.

Currently, Cathy Wilson and Kathy Jellison are co-chairing the organization. Kathy Jellison inquired if either Debra Reid or Cherisse Jones-Branch are interested in future co-chairing.

Preparations for the 2020 meeting at the University of Guelph are coming along.

The group discussed possible panels for the meeting.

Pam Riney-Kehrberg may want to do a paper/panel on women’s correspondence and advocacy, mental health, or other similar topics.

Kathy Jellison has several ideas for papers, including a paper on correspondence, using a collection she found in Maine.

Pam and Kathy might want to contact Ruth Ford at Latrobe, who works on women’s correspondence, gender, and environmental policy.

Might want to solicit panels on women farming in their own right from the UK.

Might want to contact Sarah Holland about joining a panel on farm life and rural mental health.

Debra Reid broached the idea of a panel on consumer culture and farm women’s lives.

Suggested roundtables on recent books by Nancy Berlage and Sara Egge.

Other presenters/topics suggested:

 Kelly Jones on slave women in Arkansas and food ways.

 Megan Birk on poor farms.

 Rural film

 Rural people and food security

 Rebecca Stoil Shimoni on farm women in feature films

 Jeannie Whayne on women and disease

 Kitchen table medicine

 Self-medication

 Pregnancy

 Teaching resources

 Lightning round on sources

Given the theme of “Kitchen Table Talk,” a panel on who’s not at the table. Race, class and disability.

Submitted by Pamela Riney-Kehrberg

Secretary