

ASOCIACIÓN DE ESCRITORAS DE ESPAÑA Y LAS AMÉRICAS (1300-1800)



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NEWSLETTER

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Thank you to all the members who contribute to keeping this association alive. As the Association continues to grow and diversify, we hope this trimestral letter will help keep us in closer contact and make us even more effective and proud of our collective work. Future issues will not necessarily follow the present format. We welcome contributions and ideas from all of you.

8th Biennial Conference

Our 8th Conference was held October 21-23, 2004 at the University of Houston in Texas. Hosted by Prof. Julián Olivares, the conference was very successful. We had around 50 participants with sessions such as “La identidad contestada” or “La respuesta de la mujer religiosa”. Our two keynote speakers were Electa Arenal and Barbara Weissberger. They delighted us with two magnificent lectures on Sor Juana and Isabel of Castile, respectively.

We also had two workshops, one on “Getting Funded and Getting Published” and another on “Mentoring Our Undergraduate Students” (you can find the complete program on our web page). Following the title of this year conference, “The Next Generation: Hispanic Women’s Studies”, the conference organizers promoted the participation of graduate students and, also one undergraduate student. Our two Graduated student Awards went to: Sonia Pérez -Villanueva (Bennington College), and Isabelle Therriault (UMass, Amherst).

Our Honorary Lifetime Membership was awarded posthumously to Mary Giles. During our business lunch we made a tribute to her. Members said a few words in her honor.

Open for discussion

During the conference, we agreed that we needed to discuss important issues related to the present identity of the association. We have designed a bulletin board on our web-page (www.aeeahome.org/forum) in order to establish a dialogue. The topics in question are the following:

- The name of the association. Do we want to be called “Asociación de escritoras de España y las Américas (1300-1800)? Are there other options? What about “Society of Early Hispanic Women (pre-1800)”?
- Do we need a new mission statement? Suggestions?
- Do we want to open the scope of our conference beyond women writers? What about the cultural production of non women writers (e.g. inquisitorial cases of women, Isabel of Castile)?
- Would we prefer to establish our conference biennially instead of annually? Advantages or disadvantages.

The bulletin board will be available on our website after Dec. 1. Please feel free to participate.

Again we want to thank Julián Olivares for his magnificent organization and the University of Houston in general. Also, thanks to all the participants who made this conference possible.

Elections 2005

Elections for First and Second Vice Presidents and secretary will be held in May 2005. The terms will begin September 2005. We will call for nominations soon. If you are interested, please contact the board at aeemail@yahoo.com. In order to be a candidate and to vote, you have to be a member in good standing (information about payment of dues at our web-page).

Research and Syllabus Projects

Members are encouraged to send syllabi that meet the goals of the AEEA, as well as information of already published books or articles to be posted on our web page. Send it to our Web Advisor Bonnie Gasior, aeaa_research@yahoo.com. Please, use "syllabus" or "research" in the header of the message.

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"Laberinto" Issue

Barbara Simerka, co-editor of the electronic "Laberinto" journal has agreed for the AEEA to be guest editor of the next number of "Laberinto". We are looking for volunteers from our association to be guest editors. Ideally we would need 3: one specialized on Latin America, another on Peninsular and a third with experience in technology. Please contact us at aeemail@yahoo.com before Dec. 31.

Membership

We are trying to update our membership list. Please, pay your dues (\$15) ASAP. Since we are not having a conference in 2005, do not forget to pay the dues if you want to vote in elections and participate in our discussions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Washington DC, 2006 !!

Our next conference will be held at Georgetown University, hosted by Bárbara Mujica. The dates are not yet confirmed, but it will probably be celebrated around the middle of September, 2006. A call for papers will be sent to you soon.

University of Minnesota, 2008!!

We are fortunate to have an offer to host the 2008 conference: the University of Minnesota, hosted by Barbara Weissberger. Thanks!

***If you are interested in holding our conference at your institution, please see the Host Conference Form in our web page.

MLA session, 2004

The Association will hold a session in the next MLA meeting at Philadelphia (2004). Check the MLA listing for more information

*** You are welcome to hold a session in other conferences. Let the board know in advance in order to make the call for papers.