

Abstract

The Women's History month committee wishes to bring Dr. Susan Hartmann (Ohio State University) to campus on March 2, 2009 for a presentation on "Gender and Politics After World War II." Dr. Hartmann's research and writing deal with public affairs issues centering on women in the twentieth century, feminism, and women's rights movements. Her presentation should match very well with the national Women's History Month theme of "Women Taking the Lead to Save the Planet" and spark discussion of a number of both national and local Public Affairs concerns.

Grant Proposal: Susan Hartmann Presentation

The Women's History Month committee has organized a number of events, including panels, workshops, and displays in Strong Hall by Missouri State students highlighting women in American History. To set the tone for the month the committee will sponsor a presentation by nationally known scholar Dr. Susan Hartmann. She will make a formal presentation to LIB 101 the evening of Monday, March 2, 2009 on the topic "Gender and Politics After World War II," and will also participate in a separate, informal discussing session with interested faculty and students in a reception immediately following her talk.

The committee chose to invite Dr. Hartmann because we believe she will spark interesting conversations long after her appearance. She is a prolific scholar with several books to her credit, including *The Home Front and Beyond: American Women in the 1940s* (1983); *From Margin to Mainstream: American Women and Politics Since the 1960s* (1989); a textbook, *The American Promise* (4th ed., 2008); and *The Other Feminists* (1998), a study of women's rights activism in the 1960s and 1970s. She is a recent fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center of Scholars and has been elected fellow of the Society of American Historians. She has also published articles on such topics as feminism and religion, women in the military, public policies in the Johnson and Carter administrations and gender politics. Her

current research deals with gender and the reshaping of the U.S. politics and policy after World War II.

Adding a further dimension to Dr. Hartmann’s presentation is her expertise in illuminating the importance of African American Women in the “second wave” women’s movement of the 1960s and 1970s. An example of her scholarship and her efforts to bring this to life can be found in her article, “Pauli Murray and the ‘Juncture of Women’s Liberation and Black Liberation’,” (see the full article online at: http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_womens_history/v014/14.2hartmann.html). The committee believes that her remarks will therefore be an excellent segue from African American history Month in February into Women’s History Month activities in March.

We believe Dr. Hartmann’s presentation will be of great interest to many of the academic departments on campus and to their students. Therefore, the WHM committee asks that the Public Affairs Grants committee provide a portion of the funds needed to bring Dr. Hartmann to campus. Her presentation will directly address a number of public affairs issues that will spark conversation on leadership, diversity and cultural competence and perhaps action by faculty, students, and members of the community, who may also choose to attend the event. The historic candidacies of Sen. Hilary Clinton and Gov. Sarah Palin will certainly add to the general public interest of an examination of women’s political leadership in recent American history.

Dr. Hartmann’s visit to campus is co-sponsored by the College of Humanities and Public Affairs, the Gender Studies Program, and by the Women’s History Month committee.

Gender Studies Program	\$200
College of Humanities and Public Affairs	\$500

Women’s History Month Committee \$300

Given the speaker’s fee of \$1500, airfare (\$873), and the additional amounts associated with room and board costs (approximately \$300), we are asking the Public Affairs Grant committee for a Level 2 award of \$1500. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have about this proposal. Thank you for your consideration of our request.