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New publishing model preserves and expands leading Women's Studies website

(October 3, 2003 – Alexandria, VA) Earlier this year, *Women and Social Movements*, a top website in Women's Studies with over 30,000 visits per month, was facing a dilemma: how could they continue to expand the valuable resources on their site despite the end of their funding? The solution: a dramatic new way of working with publishers. Alexander Street Press and scholars at SUNY Binghamton's Center for the Historical Study of Women and Gender have teamed up to find a new collaborative model for keeping the award-winning *Women and Social Movements* website alive.

Professors Thomas Dublin and Kathryn Kish Sklar launched one of the most heavily visited women's studies websites in the world six years ago, and kept it growing with a series of grants. Like many websites dedicated to research and scholarship, the end of the grants threatened to end or immobilize the project. But, with a commercial hand from Alexander Street Press, and funds generated by a larger, subscription-based version of the site, *Women and Social Movements* will not only continue, but take on new form.

Dublin explains, "Alexander Street was an ideal match for us. We share a commitment to giving voice to the unheard. And, Alexander Street's Semantic Indexing™ enables us to offer much deeper access to our materials." Stephen Rhind-Tutt, president of Alexander Street, added, "When we saw the SUNY site, we knew that it had to be rescued. The document projects, introductions, bibliographies, Dictionary of Social Movements, lesson plans, and other features are exquisite, and all lent themselves to our production features. We're thrilled to launch this as the first of what we hope will be many such publisher-scholar collaborations for us."

Historians Dublin and Sklar will remain the editors of *Women and Social Movements*, and their editorial board of fourteen scholars from across the country will assist in creating new document projects and selecting additional primary sources for the site.

Women and Social Movements in the United States: 1600 to 2000 will be launched on October 15, when Alexander Street Press opens its servers to libraries, research organizations, and media from all over the world to enjoy 90 days of free and open access. Please visit <http://womhist.binghamton.edu> or <http://alexanderstreet.com> for more information. On January 15, 2004, access will again be limited to subscribers. Orders received before January 1, 2004 will receive an extra 3 free months of access at no additional charge.

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