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**Friday June 23rd**

**Registration from 9.am. The Link**

**10.00. The Chapel Lecture Theatre**

**Welcome by Sir Howard Newby, Vice Chancellor of the University of the  West of England**

**1st Plenary session**  **Chair June Hannam**

**Katherine Holden, *University of the West of England*,**The shadow of marriage: defining the single in twentieth century Britain

**11.00  Coffee Main Building  M30**

**Parallel Sessions – all start at 11.30 am**

**Strand 1, Work/Migration**

**Gender, Work and Marital Status  Main Building M29**

**Chair: Raingard Esser,*University of the West of England,***

[**Valerie Hall, *Peace College, North Carolina, USA***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm) Single Women in Farming and Inshore Fishing Communities in Northumberland, England, 1870-1939

[**Deborah Simonton*****University of Southern Denmark***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#Simonton)***:*** ‘Doing it for themselves: negotiating the commercial world in eighteenth-century towns’

[**Moira Martin*, University of the West of England,***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#Martin,)Single Women in unpaid social and philanthropic work in late 19th and early  20th century England

**Strand 2 Family/Sexuality**

**Single Women and Demography  Main Building M9**

**Chair: Fiona Reid, *University of Glamorgan***

[**Kathrin Levitan,  *University of Chicago, USA,***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#LEVITAN)Redundancy, the “Surplus Woman” Problem, and the British Census, 1851-1861

[**Andrew Hobbs,** ***Preston, UK,***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#HOBBS)It doesn’t add up: Myths and measurement problems of births to single women in Blackpool, 1931-1971

[**Christine Jones**, ***University of Essex, UK,***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#JONES)  Those whom God hath not joined: a study of single women and men in 19th century England

**Strand 3 Politics/Social Action**

**Single Women’s Networks Main Building, M33**

**Chair: Ursula Masson, *University of Glamorgan***

[**Karen Phoenix, *University of Illinois*, *USA,***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#PHOENIX)A Global Network of Single Women (This paper will be read by Sarah Toulalan, University of Exeter)

[**Linda Marz*, American University of Paris, France***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#MARTZ,)***,***Faith in a Single Network: Emmeline Pethick, Mary Neal and the West London Mission

[**Lee Chambers,** ***University of Colorado***,](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#CHAMBERS) Singlehood, Sibship, and Sororiality: Challenging the “Rule of the Brother” in Nineteenth-Century America

**Strand 4 Cultural Representations**

**Images of Single Women in Journalism and Parliament  Main Building M14**

**Chair: June Hannam,*University of the West of England***

[**Fiona Hackney**, ***Falmouth University College, UK***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#HACKNEY) “That Dangerous Modern Problem”: Single Girls and Working Women in Commercial Women’s Magazines in the Inter-War Years

[**Martine Stirling,** ***University of Nantes*, France**](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#STIRLING) Images of Spinsters in British Parliamentary Debates during the Interwar Years

[**Erika Flahault**, ***University of Maine-Le Mans, France,***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#FLAHAULT) The perception of the press on "single women" in France from 1900 todate

 **1.00 Lunch** **Traders Cafe Bar**

**Parallel Sessions – all start at 2.00 pm**

**Strand 1: Work/Migration**

**Wealth, Property and Enterprise Main Building M9**

**Chair: Moira Martin, *University of the West of England***
[**Jill Powlett Brown*, University of Edinburgh,* *UK***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#POWLETT-BROWN)A Unique Concentration: Single women living and Working in an Edinburgh Suburb

[**Stephanie Wyse, *Kings College, London, UK***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#WYSE)Gender, Wealth and Margins of Empire: Wealth of urban New Zealand Spinster and Widows, c1890-1950

[**Deborah Wilson, *Queen’s University, Belfast, UK***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#WILSON)Single women and property in the Irish Wealthy landed class 1750-1850

**Strand 2: Family/Sexuality**

**Single Motherhood  Main Building M29**

**Chair: Katherine Holden, University of the West of England**

[**Tanya Evans, *Centre for Contemporary British History, University of London*, *UK***,](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#EVANS) Unmarried Motherhood in Twentieth-Century Britain

[**Offra Koffman, Goldsmiths College, *University of London, UK***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#KOFFMAN), From unmarried mothers to teenage pregnancy?: social scientific literature in Britain in the 1950s and 1960s.

[**Alyson Henley-Einion*, University of the West of England, UK*,**](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#HENLEY-EINION) Doing what was best for the baby: dimensions of single motherhood through three generations

**Strand 3: Politics/Social Action**

**Single Women and Political Action Main Building M 33**

**Ursula Masson, *University of Glamorgan***

[**June Hannam, *University of the West of England, UK***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#HANNAM)***,***“Married to the Labour Party”, single women and British Labour politics between the wars.

[**Jane Howells**, ***Salisbury,* *UK****,*](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#HOWELLS)Sister of the More Famous Henry

[**Tricia Franzen**, ***Albion College, Michigan, USA***,](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#FRANZEN)The Rev. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw and US Womanhood

**Strand 4:** **Cultural Representations**

**Single Women and Fiction Main Building M 14**

**Chair: Fiona Reid,*University of Glamorgan***

[**Stephanie Oppenheim*, The City University of New York, USA***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#OPPENHEIM), Spinsterhood and the 18th- and 19th-Century British Woman Writer

[**Estella Tincknell**, ***University of the West of England, UK,***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#TINCKNELL) Jane or Prudence? Barbara Pym’s single women, female fulfilment and career choices in the age of marriage.

[**Sonya Tiernan, *University College Dublin, Ireland***,](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/PAPERS/Abstracts.htm#TIERNAN,) Engagements Dissolved; Eva Gore-Booth, Urania and the Challenge to Marriage.

**3.30 Tea Main Building M30**

**Parallel Sessions – all start at 4.00 pm**

**Strand 1 Work/Employment**

**Lone Women and Independence Main Building M33**

**Chair: Madge Dresser, *University of the West of England***

[**Melanie Gustafson, *University of Vermont,***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#GUSTAFSON)Harriet Hubbard Ayer’s New York Career in Face Creams, Tonics and Advice to Women and Men.

[**Angela Leonard, *Loyola College in Maryland,***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#Leonard,) Black Women in "Juke Joints"

[**Orsolya Kereszty,*Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#KEREZSTY)***,***Promoting women’s education both practically and theoretically: The life and works of Antonina De Gerando

 **Strand 2 Family/Sexuality**

**Single Women and Social Deviance  Main Building M29**

**Chair: Moira Martin *University of the West of England***

[**Gillian Swanson, *University of the West of England, UK***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#SWANSON)**,**The gratification of the Moment...the Limit of their Mental Horizon: Eugenics, Psychology and the ‘Problem Girl’

[**Cliona Rattigan, *Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland*,**](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#RATTIGA)Being a single girl I was afraid of the disgrace: single women and Infanticide in Britain and Ireland 1922-1949

[**Antje Kampf** ,   ***Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#KAMPF)***,*** “A little World of your own”: singleness, gender and contact tracing venereal disease cases in  20th century New Zealand

**Strand 5 Conceptualising Marital Status**

**Spinsterhood in Differing Cultural Contexts Main Building M14**

**Chair: Katherine Holden, *University of the West of England***

[**Roona Simpson, *Centre for Research on Families and Relationships, University of Edinburgh***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#Simpson, Roona)**,**Accounting for Spinsterhood: Changing Discourses around Partnership and Parental Status

[**Arja Mäkinen *University of Tampere, Finland***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#MÄKINEN)***,***Spinsters, city singles, sad losers and maybe lesbians

[**Sheila Wright, *University of York, UK*,**](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#WRIGHT) Status and being a Single Woman in the Society of Friends – 1750-1850

**Strand 6 Religion/Spirituality**

**Single Women and Medieval Mysticism  Main Building M9**

**Chair: Virginina Bainbridge,*Editor, Wiltshire Victoria County History***

[**Anita Higgie, *Catholic University of Paris, France*,**](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#HIGGIE)Medieval Mystics: a wife’s affective piety in the shadow of an Anchoresses’ intellectual response

[**Frances Beer, *York University, Ontario, Canada***,](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#BEER) Radical Mystics: Hildegard, Mechtild, Julian and the power of being single

[**Sophia Lucia Deboick*,* *London, UK***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#DEBOICK,)‘…all man…is synfull…of which man I am a member’ – Julian of Norwich, Sin, Singleness and Socialisation

**5.45- 6.15 AGM of the West of England and South Wales Women’s History Network**

**Main Building M29**

**6.30 Reception The BOX (enter through Traders cafe Bar)**

**7pm  Documentary film: The Misses Autti at the Window by Mervi Autti  The Chapel Lecture Theatre**

[**Information about the film**](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/events/2012/conference-1998-2011/Mervi%20commentary.doc)

**7.45 Dinner Traders Cafe Bar**

**Saturday June  24th**

**Registration from 9am  The Link**

**10.00  Second Plenary Session The Chapel Lecture Theatre**

**Chair: Elaine Chalus, Bath Spa University,**

**Amy Froide, *University of Maryland-Baltimore County, USA,*** The Spinster and the Old Maid: Representations of Never-Married Women in Early Modern England

**11.00 Coffee Main Building M30**

**Parallel Sessions – all start at 11.30 am**

**Strand 1 Work/Migration**

**Single Women, Work and Migration Main Building M29**

**Chair: June Hannam, *University of the West of England***

[**Jennifer Redmond, *Trinity College Dublin, Ireland***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#REDMUND)**,**Sinful Singleness?: The morally problematic emigration of single Irish Women, 1922-1948

[**Mary Muldowney, *Trinity College Dublin, Ireland***,](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#MULDOWNEY) Wartime Adventurers?: Single Irish Women and War Work in Britain, 1939-1945

**Strand 2 Family/Sexuality**

**Single Women and Witchcraft Main Building M9**

**Chair: Peter Fleming, *University of the West of England***

[**Martha C. Skeeters, *University of Oklahoma,* *USA***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#SKEETERS)***,***Single Mothers Surviving:  Evidence from early modern English Witchcraft Cases

[**Linda McGuire**](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#MCGUIRE)**,**The Solitary Old Woman: Images of Danger andPersecution

**Strand 4 Cultural Representation**

**Single women and the Visual Arts  Main Building M14**

**Chair: Fiona Reid,*University of Glamorgan***

[**Midori Green, *University of Minnesota, USA*,**](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#GREEN)The Noir Secretary

[**Mervi Autti, *University of Lapland, Finland***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#AUTTI), The Misses Autti’s 1920: A Gaze at the Northern Modern through Photography

[**Sue Lovell, *Griffith University, Queensland, Australia***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#LOVEL)**,** Vida Lahey, art and self-representation

 **Strand 5 Conceptualising Marital Status**

**Using Marital Status as an Analytic Category Main Building M33**

**Chair: Amy Froide, *University of Maryland-Baltimore County, USA***

[**Hanne Marie Johansen, *University of Bergen, Norway*,**](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#JOHANSEN) Divorced women’s status and rights as “social widows” - The example of Norway - 17th and 18th century.”

[**Catherine Dollard, *Denison University, Ohio, USA*,**](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#DOLLARD) Fraulein oder Frau: German Women between Marriage. Work and War 1850-1919

[**Jenea Ta**ll**entire,  *University of British Columbia, Canada***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#TALLENTIRE)**,**Thinking through marital status as a category of analysis

**1.00 Lunch Traders Cafe Bar**

**Parallel Sessions – all start at 2.00 pm**

**Strand 2 Family/Sexuality**

**Women’s Friendships and Intimate Relationships Main Building M29**

**Chair: June Hannam, *University of the West of England***

[**Amanda Harris, *University of New South Wales, Australia***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#HARRIS), Music versus marriage: Women composers at the turn of the twentieth century.

[**Erin Gill**, ***University of Wales Aberystwyth, UK***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#GILL)Careful how you classify her: Lady Eve Balfour women’s single status.

**Strand 5: Conceptualising Marital Status**

**Marital Status and the Law  Main Building M33**

**Chair: Sarah Toulalan, *University of Exeter***

[**Elaine Chalus, *Bath Spa University, UK***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#CHALUS)‘She was universally reputed, received and acted as a single woman’: perceptions of the legally single woman in the eighteenth century

[**Cordelia Beattie, *University of Edinburgh, UK***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#BEATTIE)***,***Medieval Single Women: Categorizing Women in Late Medieval England.

**Strand 6: Religion/Spirituality**

**Single Women, Celibacy and Prostitution   Main Building M9**

**Chair: Moira Martin *University of the West of England***

[**Mytheli Sreenivas, *The Ohio State University, UK,***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#SREENIVAS)Between divine marriage and mundane prostitution: *Devadasis* and categories of singleness in late colonial India

[**Priyadarshini Vijaisri, *Center* *for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, India.***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#VIJAISIRI)

The Myth of the Consecrated Virgin:Defining Single women in Hindu Regional Tradition

[**Tsvetana Boncheva**, ***Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria***](http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/01events/conferences/papers/2006abstracts.htm#BONCHEVA)Regarding the Problem of Women’s Religious Celibacy among the Bulgarian Catholics in Plovdiv Region during the First Half of the 20th Century

**3.30 Tea Main Building M30**

**4.00 Third Plenary Session:  Singleness Studies: The Way Ahead Main Building M33**

**Chair: June Hannam, *University of the West of England***

Closing discussion led by**Anne Byrne, *National University of Galway, Ireland,*** preceded by a short paper: Creating Dana: Single women look back, look forwards

**5pm conference ends**