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Heidi Hartmann New Women's Studies Director

Faculty, students and friends recently welcomed Dr. Heidi I. Hartmann as the new director of the Women's Studies Program at Rutgers University. In an interview shortly after assuming her position at Rutgers in January, Dr. Hartmann said she was looking forward in the coming months to meeting many more faculty and students to exchange ideas and develop plans for the program's future. "I also hope to have the opportunity of working closely with other women's programs and organizations on all three campuses," she added. She noted that Rutgers' support of feminist research and scholarship had been a major factor in attracting her to the New Brunswick campus. She envisions the coming years as a period of expansion in numbers of students and courses and a period of increasing public presence of Women's Studies on campus. Dr. Hartmann added that she hoped that Rutgers would shortly be able to offer masters and doctoral programs in Women's studies.

After completing her undergraduate studies with honors at Swarthmore College, Dr. Hartmann received her masters and doctoral degrees in economics at Yale University. Her studies on sex segregation in the workplace, comparable worth, and gender and labor market segmentation have been published widely, both in

the United States and abroad. She is a noted scholar on women and economic policy, having edited the acclaimed National Academy of Sciences study, *Women, Work and Wages: Equal Pay for Jobs of Equal Value*. Her publications on feminist theory and practice have also gained widespread recognition. Recently, with Nancy Folbre, she has written an article, entitled "A Feminist Perspective on the Rhetoric of Economics," to be published in a collection by Cambridge University Press.

Last year Dr. Hartmann founded the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) in Washington, D.C. and serves as its director. The Institute conducts research on policy issues affecting the lives of women, designs and implements educational programs on current social conditions of women, and works to develop and maintain networks between research, policy and advocacy communities working on related issues. Dr. Hartmann describes IWPR as a "think tank" designed to promote policy research interests for women.

Prior to founding and heading the Institute for Women's Policy Research, Dr. Hartmann worked at the National Research Council as Associate Research Executive Director of the Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, and as Study Director on



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projects related to women's employment. Dr. Hartmann taught economics at Yale University and at several other colleges in the United States. She has traveled widely, as invitations to lecture have taken her to many parts of the U.S. and the world. Over the years she has served on various editorial boards, including *Feminist Studies* and *Women and Work*. Dr. Hartmann invites members of the Rutgers community to come by to visit the Women's Studies offices at Voorhees Chapel/Lower Level.

Laurie New Jersey Chair Visiting Scholars Welcomed

Jo Carrillo and Jane Cottingham are the two new visiting scholars in residence at Douglass College during the 1988 Spring term. Sponsored by the Laurie New Jersey Chair in Women's Studies, currently held by Charlotte Bunch, they have been participating in her seminar, "Global Feminism and Human Rights," as well as interacting with the Rutgers community and working on their research projects.



JO CARRILLO

Jo Carrillo, a licensed attorney in New Mexico, describes her work as focusing primarily on the disempowered and the disempowering experience that many people encounter within the legal process, especially those disadvantaged in American society as a result of race,

gender, class, or age. In a recent public seminar Carrillo explained that her current research is an exploration of the way different legal doctrines (specifically Family, Contract, Labor, and Federal Indian Law) marginalize classes of people. She added that, as the second part of her project, she is also researching whether feminist doctrine is successfully incorporating the reality of racial, ethnic and class diversity. Carrillo hopes to construct an argument, using both parts of her research, whose premise is that diversity is a societal characteristic to be valued rather than simply tolerated.

After graduating from Stanford University, Carrillo received her J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law. Before coming to Rutgers Carrillo's practice was in the area of workers' compensation law. She has also worked in a Public Defender Program and as a Children's Court attorney in neglect and abuse cases. In addition Carrillo has twice been a teaching assistant for the Council of Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) at the University of Utah Law School and at Arizona State Law School. These teaching experiences have inspired Carrillo to strive toward developing a first semester academic support program for entering law students with low standardized test scores. Beginning in Fall of 1988, Carrillo will be teaching and training at Stanford University where she is a recipient of a Stanford Law School Teaching Fellowship.

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JANE COTTINGHAM

Jane Cottingham recalls that in the early 1970's she became aware that the international media produced little about women. A few magazines, such as *Ms* in the United States, *Sparerib* in the United Kingdom, *Emma* in Germany, and *Broadsheet* in New Zealand, were beginning to challenge women's stereotyped images and to raise questions about the conditions of women's lives. The international media was dominated, as she saw it, by men and by Western ideas in the five international news agencies. As a result of this "gender" and "global" imbalance, a group of women in Europe came together to create their own system of collecting and disseminating information about women.

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