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CHAPTER I

Introduction

Statement of the Problem and Justification

Women's Studies is a relatively new field arising from the women's liberation movement of the 1960's. It is an important field because it can provide women with a sense of independence; independence from traditional roles and belief systems and can give women a new outlook or a new way of looking at the world, society, and themselves and their roles in society. There is a need to develop the Women's Studies section in the library.¹ To do this, a quality bibliography needs to be created of core literature in the field.

There are in existence many bibliographies in the field of Women's Studies, especially from the late 1970's and early 1980's when Women's Studies and feminism (as a closely related field) were coming to the mainstream of culture. Most of these bibliographies cover a broad spectrum of disciplines or are concerned with a single library's collection. There exists a need for a specialized bibliography concerned only with feminist philosophy and feminist religion or spirituality (also called Womanspirit). With the exception of Anne Carson's Goddesses and Wise Women,² no bibliographies of this kind were located. In

¹Sandra Lee Bolton, "Libraries and Liberation: A Feminist View," in Social Responsibility in Librarianship: Essays on Equality, ed. Donnarae MacCann (N.C.: McFarmand & Co., 1989), 13-30.

²Anne Carson, Goddesses and Wise Women: the Literature of

addition to the deficiency of single-subject oriented bibliographies, there have been no studies conducted to assess the relative quality and quantity of books in Womanspirit collections in the Ohio public university libraries. In this research project, there will be an attempt to study the Ohio university libraries' feminist spirituality collections through the production of a limited bibliography, reviewed by experts to determine whether or not the Ohio universities have an acceptable core collection in this expanding field.

The purpose of this study is to determine the quality and quantity of Womanspirit books present in Ohio public university libraries through the creation of a bibliography of books dealing with the subject of feminist spirituality and to determine if there exists a relationship between the percentage of books held by the universities and their programs of study. This study was limited to eleven public universities in Ohio. The bibliography was limited to books, published between 1970 and 1992 in the United States. These limitations were imposed due to the huge amount of literature in existence and the large number of scholarly institutions in Ohio.

Feminist Spirituality, An Annotated Bibliography (Crossing Press, 1992).

CHAPTER II

Background

Literature Search

On-line sources examined included ERIC, LISA, NOTIS, SOCIAL SCI-SEARCH. Terms searched on were "Women's Studies", "feminist", "feminism", and "bibliography" or "bibliographies". Also examined were the Wilson CD-ROMs of "Library Literature" and "Periodical Literature" using the same terms for the search, along with the terms "Ohio" and "Colleges and Universities". Many bibliographies in the field of Women's Studies were found along with guides for the creation of feminist collections.^{3,4} However there was only one bibliography found which specialized in feminist spirituality.⁵ There were no studies found assessing the quality of Women's Studies or Womanspirit collections. Articles were also found which supported the view that Women's Studies has become a legitimate academic field. According to Newsweek, there were 15 Women's Studies programs in 1972. By 1983 there were over 500, 100 of which offered majors which led

³Melba Jesudason, "Building A Women's Studies Reading Area Collection: University of Wisconsin-Madison, College Library Experience," Reference Services Review 20 (No. 1):81-93.

⁴Joan Ariel, Building Women's Studies Collections. CHOICE Bibliographical Essay Series (CT, CHOICE, 1987).

⁵op. cit., 2.

to a degree in Women's Studies.⁶

Definition of Terms

University: a public four year postsecondary learning institution in Ohio. There are currently eleven such institutions.⁷

Feminism (noun) or Feminist (adjective):

Feminism originates in the perception that there is something wrong with society's treatment of women; it attempts to analyze the reasons for and the dimensions of women's oppression, and to achieve women's liberation. To some, liberation is defined as social equality with men, while others feel that this narrow definition reflects [a] class bias...⁸

In general, feminism is the ideology of women's liberation since intrinsic in all its approaches is the belief that women suffer injustice because of our sex...Feminism also incorporates various methods of analysis and theory, if feminism is taken to be the theory of the woman's point of view. Consciousness raising is the quintessential method of feminism, and since feminism means a knowledge of existing things in a new light it needs a distinctive account of the relation of method to theory.

Feminism's method recapitulates as theory the reality

⁶Dennis A. Williams with Marsha Zabarsky and Dianne H. McDonald, "Out of the Academic Ghetto," Newsweek, 31 October 1983, 86.

⁷The HEP 1992 Higher Education Directory (VA: Higher Education Publishers)

⁸Lisa Tuttle, Encyclopedia of Feminism (NY: Facts on File, 1986), 107.

it tries to describe. For example feminism challenges universals and uses the pursuit of consciousness itself as a form of political theory and practice.⁹

In this study feminism will be defined as a point of view which has women as its focus. This viewpoint includes the belief in the equality of the sexes as well as the belief that there are inherent differences between the sexes and in the experiences and societal treatment (collectively and individually) of the sexes.

Feminist Spirituality (Womanspirit):

A feminist spiritual philosophy which weaves together strands of women's history and mythology. Womanspirit is based on a belief in the Great Goddess...[or in a matriarchal Godhead differentiated from the traditional patriarchal Godhead].¹⁰

Womanspirit, also called feminist spirituality or spiritual feminism, attempts to integrate spirituality into all aspects of life, refuting the traditional mind/body, material/spiritual dualisms of patriarchal religion. The symbol of Womanspirit is the circle, implying that it is all-embracing, non-linear, and never-ending.¹¹

In this study, feminist spirituality or Womanspirit shall be referred to as synonyms. It is the combination of religion and philosophy with the feminist viewpoint.

⁹Maggie Humm, The Dictionary of Feminist Theory (Ohio State University Press, 1990), 74-75.

¹⁰Ibid., 241-242.

¹¹op. cit., 9.

CHAPTER III

Methodology

Description of Research

A bibliography was created of 70 books dealing with the subject of Feminist Spirituality. To compile the initial bibliography, the bibliography of one work, generally accepted by those in the field of Womanspirit as a "classic"¹² was used and its bibliography expanded upon. Reviews in feminist magazines were checked along with any existing bibliographies in the specified field, various databases, and whenever possible the book was looked at firsthand. Criteria for selection included objective, scope, format, authority, treatment of material, arrangement, relation to similar works and any special features. Each entry was annotated, either by the researcher or using the annotations from Anne Carson's Goddesses and Wise Women. Permission was requested from and given by the Anne Carson for this purpose. After compiling the limited bibliography, it was distributed, along with a cover letter explaining the project, to a limited list of experts, asking them to choose those books which they felt are of enough importance to be included in a public university library's core feminist spirituality collection.

The experts were professors and others in the field of

¹²Starhawk, The Spiral Dance: A Rebirth of the Ancient Religion of the Great Goddess. (San Fransisco: HarperCollins, 1989).

Women's Studies selected from Who's Who and Where in Women's Studies (Feminist Press, 1974). To choose the experts to be included in the survey, each name of the professors of Women's Studies in the state of Ohio in the directory was given a number. A Basic computer program was written by Lowell Bear which randomly chose 36 numbers out of the 185 numbers assigned. The professors whose numbers matched those chosen by the computer received the survey and cover letter. Universities in the study are listed in Appendix B.

The experts had a tiered choice among the books:

- 1.) Would recommend as essential to the collection
- 2.) Would recommend as very important but not essential
- 3.) Would not recommend in a core collection
- 4.) Would not recommend for the collection at all
- 5.) Unfamiliar with book.

The experts were able to make comments on each book or further recommendations if they chose. After creating a revised bibliography from the books selected by the panel of experts, OPAC's were searched to examine which universities carried the 38 books on the revised list. After determining which institutions did or did not carry the books, the library holdings were analyzed in relation to the number and types of programs offered by the schools including Women's Studies, Philosophy, Religion, and Interdisciplinary Studies. This was an attempt to see if there is a relationship between universities offering degrees in Women's Studies, Religion, Philosophy, Psychology, or

Interdisciplinary Study Programs, the level of the degree offered, and the quality and quantity of feminist spirituality books in the collection.

CHAPTER IV

Survey Results

Creating the Final Bibliography

Out of the 36 surveys mailed to experts, 16 were returned for a return rate of 40%. Of the 16 returned, 8 were answered. Some reasons for this low rate of return were: a lack of time on the recipients' part, the survey was lost by the post office or by university mail, the survey was returned by the post office, a lack of interest by the recipient of the survey, or the survey was returned because Womanspirit wasn't a familiar enough field to the recipient of the survey.

Using the answered surveys, the number of entries was reduced to 38 titles. Appendix D lists the final bibliography. Criteria for the selection of a book to be included in the final bibliography follows:

Majority ranked book as #1 - book was chosen for final bibliography

Majority ranked book as #2 - book was chosen for final bibliography

Majority ranked book as #3 - book was not included

Majority ranked book as #4 - book was discarded as unimportant to core collection

Majority ranked book as #5 - book was discarded as unknown

Split Majority Ranking:

Majority ranked #3, #4, #5 - book discarded as

unimportant to the core collection

Majority ranked #1, #2 - book was chosen for inclusion in the final bibliography

Even majority ranking with the inclusion of #1 but no #5 - chosen for inclusion in the final bibliography

Even - discarded as being too inconclusive

The surveys are tallied in Table 1. The number of surveys which ranked the book as 1-5 are listed. The number that is bold and italicized is the ranking chosen according to the criteria above.

Table 1.--Ratings of the Experts

Author Title	1	2	3	4	5
Adler <u>Drawing Down the Moon</u>	4	2	1		1
Allen <u>The Sacred Hoop</u>	7				
Allen <u>The Woman Who Owned the Shadows</u>	4	1	1		2
Berger <u>The Goddess Obscured</u>	1	2	2	1	2
Bolen <u>Goddesses in Everywoman</u>	4		3		1
Chicago <u>The Dinner Party</u>	4	2	2		
Christ <u>Womanspirit Rising</u>	6	1			
Christ <u>Diving Deep and Surfacing</u>	5	2			1
Christ <u>Laughter of Aphrodite</u>	1	4			3
Colegrave <u>Uniting Heaven and Earth</u>		4		2	2
Condren <u>The Serpent and the Goddess</u>	1	3	2	1	1
Cooey <u>After Patriarchy</u>	2	1	1		4
Craighead <u>The Mother's Songs</u>			3		4
Daly <u>Pure Lust</u>	5	2	1		
Daly <u>Gyn/Ecology</u>	8				
Daly <u>Beyond God the Father</u>	7		1		
Daly/Caputi <u>Webster's First Intergalactic Wickedary of the English Language</u>		7			1
Davis <u>The First Sex</u>	2	2	2		2
Davis <u>Women, Race, and Class</u>	4	3	1		
Demetrakopoulos <u>Listening to Our Bodies</u>		1	2		5

Author Title	1	2	3	4	5
Dinnerstein <u>The Mermaid and the Minotaur</u>	4	2	1	1	
Eisler <u>The Chalice and the Blade</u>	2	3	3		
Falk/Gross <u>Unspoken Words</u>	3		1		4
Gearheart <u>The Wanderground</u>		4	1	2	1
Giles <u>The Feminist Mystic and Other Essays on Women and Spirituality</u>	1	3	1	1	2
Gilligan <u>In A Different Voice</u>	6	2			
Goldenberg <u>The Changing of the Gods</u>	1	3		1	3
Grahn <u>Another Mother Tongue</u>	2	5			1
Griffin <u>Woman and Nature</u>	3	2	1	1	1
Hall <u>The Moon and the Virgin</u>		2	3		4
Hurcombe <u>Sex and God</u>	2		2		4
Iglehart <u>Womanspirit</u>	2	3			3
Johnson <u>Going Out of Our Minds</u>	3	5	1		
Lacks <u>Women and Judaism</u>	3	2			3
Lerner <u>The Creation of Patriarchy</u>	6	1			1
Lorde <u>Sister Outsider</u>	7	1			
Mander/Rush <u>Feminism as Therapy</u>		2	3	1	2
Mariechild <u>Mother Wit</u>	3	2	1	1	1
McAllister <u>Reweaving the Web of Life</u>	2	4	1		
Moon <u>Changing Woman and Her Sisters</u>	2	1	1		4
Moraga/Anzaldua <u>This Bridge Called My Back</u>	6	1	1		
Morgan <u>Going Too Far</u>	3	1	1	1	2
Ochs <u>Women and Spirituality</u>	2	1	2	1	2
Ochshorn <u>The Female Experience and the Nature of the Divine</u>	2	2			4
Paris <u>Pagan Meditations</u>	1	1	2		4
Perera <u>Descent to the Goddess</u>		1	1	2	4
Plant <u>Healing the Wounds</u>	2	2	1	1	2
Plaskow/Christ <u>Weaving the Visions</u>	6	2			
Preston <u>Mother Worship</u>	1	3		1	3
Rohrlich/Baruch/Hoffman <u>Women in Search of Utopia</u>	1	1	2	1	3
Ruether <u>Womanguides</u>	5	1	1		1
Ruether <u>Women-Church</u>	5	1	1		1
Ruether <u>Sexism and God-Talk</u>	6	1			1
Rush <u>Moon, Moon</u>			1	2	5

Author Title	1	2	3	4	5
Sjoo/Nor <u>The Great Cosmic Mother</u>	3				5
Spretnak <u>The Politics of Women's Spirituality</u>	2	2			4
Starhawk <u>Truth or Dare</u>	3	3		1	1
Stein <u>The Women's Spirituality Book</u>	2	2	1	1	2
Stone <u>Ancient Mirrors of Womanhood</u>		4		1	3
Stone <u>When God Was a Woman</u>	3	3			2
Teubal <u>Sarah the Priestess</u>	1	1	1	2	3
Walker <u>The Secrets of the Tarot</u>			3	3	2
Walker <u>The Skeptical Feminist</u>	1	1	2		2
Walker <u>The Crone</u>	2	2	2	1	1
Weigle <u>Spiders and Spinsters</u>	3	1		1	3
Whitmont <u>Return of the Goddess</u>			1	2	5
Wolkstein/Kraner <u>Inanna, Queen of Heaven and Earth</u>	3			1	4
Zahava <u>Hear the Silence</u>		3	1		4

Holdings of Womanspirit Material

Using the Online Public Access Catalogs (OPAC) of each university in the study, or OhioLink, each book was searched for. Each book was searched for under both title and author, as it was found, in many instances, authority was incorrect and the book was in the database under different titles or the author's name was varied. Table II shows the results of the search.

Table 2.--Universities and Books in Collection

Author Title	BGSU	CESU	CSU	KSU	MU	OSU	UA	UC	UT	WSU	YSU
Adler <u>Drawing Down the Moon</u>	X			X	X	X		X			X
Allen <u>The Sacred Hoop</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Allen <u>The Woman Who Owned the Shadows</u>	X			X		X		X			
Bolen <u>Goddesses in Everywoman</u>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Chicago <u>The Dinner Party</u>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Christ <u>Womanspirit Rising</u>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X

Author Title	BGSU	CESU	CSU	KSU	MU	OSU	UA	UC	UT	WSU	YSU
Christ Laughter of Aphrodite					X	X		X		X	
Colegrave <u>Uniting Heaven and Earth</u>											
Daly <u>Pure Lust</u>	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Daly <u>Gyn/Ecology</u>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Daly <u>Beyond God the Father</u>	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daly/Caputi <u>Webster's First Intergalactic Wickedary of the English Language</u>	X		X			X	X	X		X	X
Davis <u>Women, Race, and Class</u>			X	X	X	X		X	X		
Dinnerstein <u>The Mermaid and the Minotaur</u>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Eisler <u>The Chalice and the Blade</u>	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Gearheart <u>The Wanderground</u>	X					X		X	X	X	
Giles <u>The Feminist Mystic and Other Essays on Women and Spirituality</u>	X		X		X						
Gilligan <u>In A Different Voice</u>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Grahn <u>Another Mother Tongue</u>	X		X		X	X	X	X	X		
Griffin <u>Woman and Nature</u>			X	X	X	X	X	X			X
Johnson <u>Going Out of Our Minds</u>	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		
Lerner <u>The Creation of Patriarchy</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Lorde <u>Sister Outsider</u>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mariechild <u>Mother Wit</u>	X					X					
McAllister <u>Reweaving the Web of Life</u>	X			X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Moraga/Anzaldua <u>This Bridge Called My Back</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Morgan <u>Going Too Far</u>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Plant <u>Healing the Wounds</u>	X				X	X				X	X
Plaskow/Christ <u>Weaving the Visions</u>	X		X			X	X	X		X	X
Ruether <u>Womanguides</u>	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Ruether <u>Women-Church</u>	X				X	X		X		X	
Ruether <u>Sexism and God-Talk</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Starhawk <u>Truth or Dare</u>					X	X					

Author Title	BGSU	CESU	CSU	KSU	MU	OSU	UA	UC	UT	WSU	YSU
Stone <u>Ancient Mirrors of Womanhood</u>	X		X	X	X	X		X		X	X
Stone <u>When God Was a Woman</u>			X	X	X	X	X	X			X
Weigle <u>Spiders and Spinsters</u>	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Total number owned	32	5	24	27	32	36	20	30	21	23	22
Percentage (owned/total)	84	13	63	71	84	95	53	79	55	61	58

BGSU Bowling Green State University
 CESU Central State University
 CSU Cleveland State University
 KSU Kent State University
 MU Miami University
 OSU Ohio State University
 UA University of Akron
 UC University of Cincinnati
 UT University of Toledo
 WSU Wright State University
 YSU Youngstown State University

The books most frequently owned by libraries were those by Allen, Bolen, Chicago, Christ, Daly, Gilligan, Lerner, Lorde, Moraga, Morgan and Ruether. Starhawk's Truth or Dare and Mariechild's Mother Wit, while ranked as being important to a core collection, were only found in two universities. Books by Giles and Colegrave, also considered important by the experts, were not found in all the universities. Of all the universities, Ohio State University had the most complete collection (95% books owned out of the total number of books in the final bibliography) and Central State University had the worst collection with only 17% of the books in the final bibliography.

After determining which universities owned the books, information on each universities' programs of study was either downloaded from America Online (in the case of undergraduate programs) or found in An Overview: Peterson's Guide to Graduate

and Professional Program 1993¹³. Table III shows the results of this endeavor.

Table 3.--Universities and Programs

UNIVERSITY	Women's Studies	Philosophy	Religion.	Inter-Disciplinary Studies
BGSU	B	B,M,D		
CESU		B		
CSU		B,M		
KSU	B	B		B
MU		B,M	B,M	B
OSU	B,M	M,D		
UA		B		
UC	M	B,M,D		B
UT			M	B
WSU		B	B	
YSU		B	B	

BGSU Bowling Green State University
 CESU Central State University
 CSU Cleveland State University
 KSU Kent State University
 MU Miami University
 OSU Ohio State University
 UA University of Akron
 UC University of Cincinnati
 UT University of Toledo
 WSU Wright State University
 YSU Youngstown State University
 B Bachelor's Degree
 M Master's Degree
 D Doctoral Degree

Relationship of Holdings to Programs Offered

Bowling Green State University, Miami University, Ohio State University, and the University of Cincinnati have the highest number of relevant programs (three or more). The University of

¹³ An Overview: Peterson's Guide to Graduate and Professional Programs 1993, 27th ed. Peterson's Guides:Princeton, NJ, 1992.

Akron, Central State University, Cleveland State University, the University of Toledo, Wright State University, and Youngstown State University have fewer programs. By looking at Table IV, it can be seen that there is a relationship between the types of programs offered by the universities and the number of Womanspirit books in their collections. Schools with the better (70% or more of the books in the final bibliography) Womanspirit collections (Bowling Green, Kent State, Miami, Ohio State, and University of Cincinnati) all have Women's Studies programs, except for Miami.

Table 4.--Universities, Programs, and Percentage of Survey Books in Collection

UNIVERSITY	Women's Studies	Philosophy	Religion	Inter Disciplinary	%
BGSU	B	B,M,D			84
CESU		B			13
CSU		B,M			63
KSU	B	B		B	71
MU		B,M	B,M	B	84
OSU	B,M	M,D			95
UA		B			53
UC	M	B,M,D		B	79
UT			M	B	55
WSU		B	B		61
YSU		B	B		58

B Bachelor's Degree
M Master's Degree
D Doctoral Degree

In the case of Miami University, there is a high percentage of books (84%) yet Miami has no Women's Studies program. Miami does have a bachelor's and master's programs in both philosophy and religion as well as an Interdisciplinary Studies program, which may partially account for its large quantity of books.

The schools with poorer (less than 70% of the books in the final bibliography) Womanspirit collections have fewer undergraduate and graduate programs in the fields specified. The universities are smaller and there is no Women's Studies program which may account for the smaller collection of Womanspirit books.

CHAPTER VI

Implications Of The Findings And Suggestions For Further Research

While Women's Studies is considered a legitimate academic field in its own right and is even expanding into other fields, not all of the public universities in Ohio contain the books considered to be important to a core collection. Even the universities with collections considered "good" lack titles. Starhawk's Truth or Dare and Mariechild's Mother Wit, while ranked as being important to a core collection, were only found in two universities. Books by Giles, Colegrave, Christ, and Allen considered important by the experts, were not found in all the universities, even those universities with Women's Studies programs. The Ohio public university libraries at schools with appropriate programs have acceptable collections, but there are still obvious holes in the collections, with important materials missing.

Why are books not included in the core collection if they are considered important by those in the field? Perhaps the libraries do not know of the importance of these books or perhaps the books are considered "fringe" works, controversial or too specialized. With the recent financial cutbacks at universities, it is possible that vital research materials are being passed over in favor of more mainstream works. It may also be possible that libraries may still consider Women's Studies and Womanspirit to be "fad" fields or a passing fancy; that Women's Studies is

considered legitimate only by those in the field of Women's Studies. Another possibility is that the professors and users of Women's Studies materials do not let the library collection staff know that important materials are missing or they do not recommend items to be purchased.

Libraries should have such core materials available, even in the absence of a program, by the very definition of a core collection. These materials should be included in a university's core collection for the use of the women who use the research collection. In the author's experience, Women's Studies books are not usually found in public libraries. These books can provide women (and men) an exposure to new ideas, even if the ideas are considered radical or even elitist or separatist. In universities where there are Women's Studies or relevant programs, the library needs to provide support for the program with its collection.

Suggestions for Further Research

Further research in this field should include more surveys and should have a higher return rate. This may be facilitated by emphasizing the fact that research in a field, especially a budding field, brings recognition to the field. One on one interviews may also be recommended to gather additional data. In addition, it is recommended that more books be included in the bibliography.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Cover Letter

11 October 1993

I am doing a study of the quality and quantity of books pertaining to Womanspirit (Feminist Religion, Philosophy and Spirituality) in the Ohio public university libraries. In order to do this, I have created a primary bibliography of books in the field of Womanspirit, published between 1970 and 1992, in the United States. I am requesting that you, as a specialist in the field and/or one with a deep interest in the field, to look at my primary bibliography and choose which books you believe should be in a public university's basic (core) Women's Studies collection. You have a tiered choice in this selection process:

- 1.) Would recommend as essential to the collection
- 2.) Would recommend as very important but not essential
- 3.) Would not recommend in a core collection
- 4.) Would not recommend for the collection at all
- 5.) Unfamiliar with book.

Please circle the number corresponding to your choice. Annotations are provided for your convenience. I will be the first to admit that this bibliography is far from complete. Although I have not intentionally left out ethnic groups, religious groups, or cultures, if you have any suggestions of works which were omitted which you feel are important, please feel free to add them to the end of this bibliography, as well as any other comments you may have.

A revised bibliography will be created from your choices and the choices of others in the field. This revised bibliography will then be used to analyze the Ohio public university holdings in the sphere of Womanspirit.

Your participation in this study is greatly appreciated and is completely optional. Should you decide not to return the survey,

there would be no penalty of any kind and you may cease participation in the survey at any time without penalty. Please do not put your name, university, school or any other identification on the survey so that your anonymity can be assured.

After completing the form, please return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope on or before November 8, 1993. If you would like a copy of the completed study and the findings of the study, please note this at the bottom of the bibliography in the area provided.

Should you need further information, please feel free to contact me at the address or phone number at the top of the page or my advisor for this project, Dr. Richard Rubin, Kent State University, School of library and Information Science, Kent, OH, 44242. Dr. Rubin may also be reached by telephone at (216) 672-2782. This project has been approved by Kent State University. If you have questions about Kent State's rules for research, please call Dr. Eugene Wenninger, telephone (216) 672-2070.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Graduate Student
Kent State University
School of Library and
Information Science

APPENDIX B

LIST OF OHIO PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
ANALYZED

Bowling Green State University (BGSU)

Central State University (CESU)

Cleveland State University (CSU)

Kent State University (KSU)

Miami University (MU)

Ohio State University (OSU)

University of Akron (UA)

University of Cincinnati (UC)

University of Toledo (UT)

Wright State University (WSU)

Youngstown State University (YSU)

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especially the women in the field) from the perspective of
a female American Indian.

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heart of mental illness and that a double standard exists in
the treatment of men and women.

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Description of the creation of the art exhibit "The Dinner Party"
-- from its conception to creation and display. Symbolizes
how women's achievements have been left out of history. The
"last Supper" of distinguished women as expressed on painted
dishes and woven and embroidered runners. Includes brief
biographies of distinguished women and goddesses from
throughout history and throughout the world.

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Collection of writings by feminist authors discussing feminism

and theology: past, present, and future.

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Christ's new preface reflects on the ways her book has helped women around the world to expand their vision of women's experience of the spiritual -- which is something much broader and deeper than actual religious practice or feeling. She also describes how she uses this text and other as to teach women's spirituality in a classroom setting.*

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Based upon the belief that the low sexual caste status of women is perpetuated by Christianity. A "philosophy of feminist religion" in contrast to the Christian deity.

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