Meet the New Farnham Archivist

Kimberly Brookes recently joined the University Library and Pembroke Center as archivist for the Christine Dunlap Farnham Archives. A graduate of Oberlin College with a degree in History and Women’s Studies, Brookes earned her M.A. in History, from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Her graduate work focused on archives, U.S. Women’s History, and U.S. Political History.

Brookes will combine part-time jobs at Brown and at the Schlesinger Library in Radcliffe College, where she has worked since September 1988. She has also been Assistant Archivist at the University of Massachusetts-Boston Archives. At the Schlesinger, Brookes has worked with collections of nineteenth and twentieth century women’s personal papers and suffrage organizations’ records. Her experience also includes oral history projects, teaching, and computer support for staff.

Brookes, eager to learn more about the history of women at Brown and in Rhode Island, became intrigued during her first days on the job by a recent acquisition to the Archives from Mary Frances Williams, a daughter of Martha Reynolds (Clarke) Williams of the class of 1895. Martha Williams attended Smith College for two years and then transferred to Brown where she received her degree in Biology. She later married Brown professor Leonard W. Williams. Diaries from 1884 until the mid-1950s are included as well as her personal reflections as she traveled in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. Brookes would welcome other interesting materials, papers, memorabilia from alumnae. Her address is University Library, Box A, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912.

Beginning with this issue of the Newsletter, we are trying a new format. Associates will continue to receive two newsletters a year, one in the fall and one in spring. The fall issue will be a combination Pembroke Center research/Associates newsletter. The research section also goes to a large mailing list of women’s research centers, women’s studies programs, and scholars who have requested our mailings. Many Associates have expressed an interest in the research seminar; the combination will keep alumnae abreast of the varied work of the center. The spring newsletter will continue to focus primarily on Associates news.

Campus Visits

Another reminder: we do like to meet alumnae when you come back to campus for meetings, to visit children, or reunions. In case some of you don’t know where we are, the Pembroke Center occupies the top floor of Alumnae Hall, the space which in Pembroke days housed the Bruin Mael, Student Government, and The Record offices. We also make good use of the rest of Alumnae Hall—our research seminars are held in the Crystal Room, as are our Alumnae Forums, roundtables, and public lectures. This room is still one of the most attractive meeting rooms on campus; the women’s college deans still adorn the walls, although portraits of Sarah Doyle and Dean

Centennial Membership Campaign

The Associates membership campaign for 1991–92 is underway. A reminder—the membership year is September to September. Each year since 1983, our numbers have grown and we reached an all-time high of 546 Associates in 1990–91. For this celebratory year, the Associates Council has set a goal of 650. Please help us reach this goal, as we celebrate the Pembroke Center’s tenth anniversary and 100 years of women’s education at Brown.

Five Pembroke in the Record office in 1956. The Pembroke Record was published from 1922 through 1970 as a separate newspaper except for the World War II years when it merged with the Brown Daily Herald. This office is now part of the Pembroke Center.

Rosemary Pierrel Sorrentino have joined Brown Presidents and Deans on the walls of Sayles Hall. The Associates Council meets in the Commons Room three times a year, and our large conferences such as “Feminism, Theory, Politics,” and “Romancing Women: Gender and Popular Culture,” are held in the auditorium. The Center’s official address is Box 1958, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912, and the phone number is 401-863-2643.
Centennial Celebration Begins

All alumnae by now have received information on the October 18–20 weekend event publicized in the August Brown Alumni Monthly. Below is a list of other events which will take place during first semester. We hope many of you will be able to get back to campus during this exciting year.

August 31–September 29
The Bell Gallery’s first exhibit, “Imaging the Family,” includes the work of two women photographers, Tina Barney and Lorie Novak. The first exhibition in the List Art Center lobby will be “Works by Women,” featuring the gallery’s holdings. The Vera G. List Collection exhibition, October 12–November 24, will include work by several contemporary women artists, among them Mariisol, Heidi Fasnacht, Mary Frank, and Ursula von Rydingsvard.

September 3
Opening Convocation with noted historian, author and educator Jill Ker Conway.

September 14
Annual Alumni Recognition Ceremony, honoring Linda Mason ’64, executive producer, CBS News and CBS Sunday Morning, and recipient of the William Rogers Award, and other award winners. (see newsletter announcement)

September 26
Class of 1995 Lecture featuring actress JoBeth Williams ’70.

October 2
8:00 p.m., Crystal Room, Alumnae Hall.

Celebrating 50 years of women at Brown in 1942. Guests shown on stage include President and Mrs. Wriston, Associate Dean of Admission Eva Moor, and Dean Margaret Shove Morriss.

Public lecture by Marianne Hirsch ’70, ’75 Ph.D., Professor of French and Comparative Literature at Dartmouth College. Her talk is entitled “Maternity and Remembrance: Toni Morrison’s Beloved.” This event is the first in a series of centennial programs sponsored by Cynthia Lee Jenner ’61, in honor of her mother, Nadine Newbill Jenner, and her maternal grandmother, Leona Hopper Newbill, for the Pembroke Center.

October 11
2:00 p.m., Petteruti Lounge, “Mothers, Daughters, Granddaughters: Why Brown?” A panel of multi-generational alumnae. Sponsored by Cynthia Lee Jenner ’61 in honor of her mother and grandmother for the Pembroke Center as part of Parents’ Weekend.

October 18–20
Centennial Weekend

October 23
8:00 p.m., Crystal Room. Ruth Burt Ekstrom Lecture. Philosophy of Science Professor Sandra Harding of the University of Delaware.

November 1–30
“The Sporting Woman: Insights into Her Past,” an exhibit of original 19th and early 20th century prints plus color prints documenting sporting activities of women from antiquity to 1930 in the Center for Information Technology Building lobby. Opening reception November 4, 5–6:30. Datebook features photos in the exhibit will be available for purchase for $14.95, throughout the year they will be available at the Pembroke Center and at Professor Arlene Gorton’s office in the Athletic Department. Cosponsored by the Brown Sports Foundation and the Pembroke Center.

In addition, watch for announcements of lectures, seminars and special events sponsored by academic departments in honor of the centennial.

New History of Women at Brown

The new history of women’s education at Brown University will be available in mid-October; copies can be purchased during the October 18–20 celebration weekend and subsequently through Alumni Relations. Polly Welts Kaufman ’51, Editor, and several of the authors

Doris H. Stapelton ’28 as Sarah Doyle; Sally McPherson, Director of Residence under Deans Morriss and Lewis; Bessie Rudd as herself in a skit written for the 75th anniversary celebration of women at Brown in 1967.
A Pembroke College Legacy Ends

On June 10 the Pembroke Afternoon Reading Group ended its 65th year. Founded in 1927 by Ethel Robinson Heckman ’07 as an adjunct of the Pembroke Alumnae Association of Providence, the Group met twice a month in the Alumnae Lounge in the newly-built Alumnae Hall and, more recently, at members’ homes. Memoirs and biographies were most popular, but the reading list varied.

Although average attendance had dropped to eight recently, for years there was a waiting list for one of the 35 memberships! Dorothy Bennett Vaughn ’20, a charter member, remained active until the group dissolved. Members thought of it as a wonderful way to mingle alumnae generations.

The Pembroke Center thanks the group for its memorial contributions honoring members over the years and the late Elizabeth Jeffers Winsor ’24 who was kind enough to share this group’s history with the Pembroke Center before her death in August.

Congratulations to the following winners of Alumni Service Recognition awards for 1991, all of whom have served or are currently serving on the Pembroke Center Associates Council: Judith Korey Charles ’46, Brown Bear Award; Sheryl Brissett Chapman ’71, Rebekah Hill Eckstein ’60, Chelsey Carrier Remington ’61, Alumni Service Awards.

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Molly Adams ’68
Sally Ahearn ’87
Judith G. Allen ’79
Marsha Uhaza Allgeier ’70
Terri Cohen Alpert ’85
Mari Aeschbacher ’80
Doris Alvarez ’74
Constance H. Andrews ’48
Dora Deloffbio Anjouarian ’45
Olga Antonsius ’45
Rose Antonsiewicz ’54
Anne D. Archibald ’49
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Joan Schmuckler Atherton ’71
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