

Thank you for your monthly contribution to Sinister Wisdom! I really appreciate your support for the journal.

During the month of October, we started working in earnest on two issues of the journal for 2020. Both of these are guest edited issues. One is the fifth of six installments of the Southern Lesbian-Feminist Activist Oral Herstory Project. This issue focuses on the stories of lesbian-feminist booksellers in the south. It is a great issue and I'm excited to share it with you! The other issue is a collection of stories of lesbians writing about life in the city, focusing on cities other than the ones we usually read stories about. It, too, is a great issue. Then this morning, a third issue popped into my inbox. A celebration of the Lesbian Herstory Archive. In addition to these three issues, I have a very special new book by Judy Grahn that we are planning to publish next year. So it will be a busy year of publishing (and one of these issues will probably be the January 2021 issue) and it is exciting to have so many guest editors deliver their issues and get them started for publication.

In addition to these issues, I have a number of other guest editors working on issues: one on Jewish lesbians, one on Asian lesbians, an issue thinking about knowledge transfers, and an issue on disability and disAbled lesbians. I'm excited about all of these issues - and people always suggest NEW issue on different themes (this past week someone suggested an issue on Lesbian Widows and I still want to publish an issue focused on sci fi and fantasy writing). So there are always lots of ideas percolating up that lesbians want to read about and work on! One of the joys of the journal.

In November, I'm focusing on our fundraising campaign to make sure we have enough money to carry out our plans for 2020 and beyond. Thank you for your monthly support to help make Sinister Wisdom happen. It is such a thrill to see the journal grow and thrive.

Sinister Wisdom 115: Lesbian Learning is already off to the printer and it will be coming in to the office in early December (I hope!) In the middle of November, there is an amazing event launching the Beth Brant book at the San Francisco Public Library. I will be traveling for that event (and out of the office for a week!) and am looking forward to getting that issue into more people's hands.

Three amazing books to recommend to you this month. I read Carmen Maria Machado's wonderful new book IN THE DREAM HOUSE. It is a memoir with a difficult topic: emotional abuse in a lesbian relationship. In spite of the challenge of the material, it is beautifully written and an important book, particularly how Machado nods to the predecessors of her work in lesbian-feminist culture. Jeannette Winterson's new book FRANKISSSTEIN is a wonderful romp through literary history engaging Mary Shelley and others from her circle and telling a contemporary story about artificial intelligence. It is worth the read. Finally Carolina de Robertis's CANTORAS is an amazing story about a group of lesbian friends in Uruguay during the 1970s and 1980s. I recommend it.

Thanks for supporting Sinister Wisdom as a sustainer. It makes a huge difference. All best wishes for a wonderful month of November!

In sisterhood,

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