

subject of "unification in history and the historical profession." The year 1992 marks the quincentenary of the first Columbus voyage to America, and it will also mark the first formal steps toward the political integration of Europe. Both events merit reflection about unification as a theme and its consequences for the modern world. For more information, contact Jo Ann McNamara, Dept. of History, Hunter College, 695 Park Ave., New York, NY 10021. All program participants must be members of the AHA.

WOMEN IN FRENCH is an organization for individuals who wish to promote research on female Francophone authors, on women in Francophone literatures and in other domains of feminist literary criticism. *WIF* has recently been approved as an Affiliated Organization of MLA and so will organize sessions at the annual conference; it holds an annual business meeting at the December MLA. *Women in French* publishes a newsletter with announcements and bibliography of interest to feminist scholars. To become a member and receive the newsletter, send \$5.00 to Emily Guignon, WIF Treasurer, 7827 Davis Drive, Clayton, MO 63105.

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DE CLARIS MULIERIBUS: Margaret Ferguson would like to borrow a copy of a microfilm of the 1401 French translation of Boccaccio's *De Claris Mulieribus*. She can be reached at the English Department, University of Colorado at Boulder.

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female physiology and disease found in the French translation of the Hippocratic *Aphorisms* made by Martin of Saint-Gille ca. 1365, with references to other French medical and scientific texts. Literary scholars having difficulty determining the exact meaning of words referring to the female body, childbirth, etc. (many of which are not found in French dictionaries) will find this study invaluable.

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