

Anita Spring offers matching funds for Women in Development UF library collection

The Women in Development Program began at the University of Florida in the mid-1980s with Anita Spring, Ph.D., as its first director. In January 2009, she became Professor Emerita of Anthropology and African Studies. A present focus of Dr. Spring and her colleague Dr. Helen Safa (Professor Emerita in the UF Center for Latin American Studies and longtime leader in research and teaching) is the creation of a world-wide digital collection on Women and Development (WID). This is a collection on social change in the form of e-resources of academic and agency-related materials. It includes materials from WID scholars, advocates and practitioners.

Dr. Spring has pledged \$10,000 to initiate digital work and has challenged others to donate as well. In addition, she has generously agreed to match every gift above \$250 donated through May 31, 2010 (up to a total of \$15,000) to support the building of the Women in Development Collection and Endowment. Funds from the challenge grants of both Dr. Safa and Dr. Spring will form the Women in Development endowment.



UF has long had an extraordinary concentration of talent in the area of WID. Scholars such as *Florence Babb, Carmen Diana Deere, Paul and Polly Doughty, Marta Hartman, Peter Hildebrand, Della McMillan, Sandra Russo, Marianne Schmink, Mickey Swisher* and others from a variety of disciplines have worked in the area. So it is logical for the UF Libraries to preserve their research materials, reports and books.

Major pioneers in the field such as *Elsa Cheney, Mary Elmendorf* and *Arvonne Fraser* have deposited their materials in the UF collection and other such contributions are in process.

The goal is for faculty and students from a wide array of universities and colleges, as well as researchers and practitioners worldwide, to take advantage of these materials for their work. It may help them to realize how much progress Third World women have made since 1975, when the first United Nations Decade for Women was inaugurated. This collection focuses on achieving common goals embracing equality and justice for all women.

To view the ever-increasing collection, go to <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ufdc/?c=WID>

For further details on Dr. Spring see: <http://www.clas.ufl.edu/users/aspring/>

For further details on Dr. Safa see: <http://www.latam.ufl.edu/People/safa.stm>

Please email the University of Florida Digital Collections at ufdc@uflib.ufl.edu for more information on the collection or to contribute materials.



Dr. Anita Spring's Challenge Gift

Dr. Anita Spring has generously agreed to match every gift above \$250 given by May 31, 2010 to support the digitization of the Women in Development Collection.

Your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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Yes. I/we wish to contribute relevant papers, documents and publications the Women in Development Collection* Please discuss these with us (aspring@ufl.edu, safa@latam.ufl.edu)

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Please make checks payable to the UFF/WID-AS and mail to the Office of Development, George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida, PO Box 117000, Gainesville, FL 32611-7000.

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Women in Development, a forthcoming digital resource of the University of Florida, collects research on societal structures in Africa, Asia, Latin America and elsewhere. These materials reflect the impact of women in rural and urban settings. They consider issues of education, economic growth and legal rights among other topics. The library also has many WID publications and research materials in its collection.

Collected here are the works of scholars who have pioneered research into women's issues in developing countries. These resources serve as a research archive, and as a means for building infrastructure to support women in developing societies. *Women in Development* digital materials will be freely available anywhere, anytime.

