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BHS Celebrates Women's History Month

Brooklyn, NY – The Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) is celebrating Women's History Month with several events that speak to the triumphs and challenges, both shared and individual in women's lives today. Please participate in the discussion and join us for these important events.

Women Veterans: Citizen-Soldiers in Changing Times **Thursday, March 5, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

Women veterans who served in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan will discuss their military experiences and the expanding role of women in U.S. Armed Forces. The panel features **Joan Furey**, author (with Lynda Van Devanter) of *Visions of War, Dreams of Peace*, **Captain Esther S. Marcella** the Commander of the Long Island Recruiting Company with 7 years of active service as a commissioned officer, and **Susan O'Neill**, author of *Don't Mean Nothing: Short Stories of Vietnam*. Moderated by **Meg McLagan** and **Daria Sommers**, the filmmakers behind PBS' *Lioness*. McLagan is a New York-based documentary filmmaker and cultural anthropologist and Sommers is a director, writer and producer of documentary and narrative films. Panel held at **BRIC Rotunda Gallery, 33 Clinton St., Brooklyn Heights**.
Presented in conjunction with the exhibit In Our Own Words: Portraits of Brooklyn's Vietnam Veterans.

BHS and the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association present the lecture:
Domestic Violence, Citizenship and Equality with Professor Elizabeth M. Schneider
Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 PM

Professor Schneider will explore the ways in which violence against women affects women's citizenship and equality, and examine the importance of citizenship to an understanding of intimate violence. Professor Schneider is a Rose L. Hoffer Professor of Law and Director of the Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellowship Program. She is a national expert in the fields of federal civil litigation, procedure, gender, law and domestic violence and is a frequent commentator for print and broadcast media. She is the author of the prize-winning book, *Battered Women and Feminist Lawmaking* and co-author of the law school casebook, *Domestic Violence and the Law: Theory and Practice*.
A wine and cheese reception with Professor Schneider will follow. Special thanks to the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association for their support of this event.

Listening to Women: Documenting Women's Lives through Oral History – A BHS Seminar

Starting March 18, this non-credit seminar will introduce the practice of Oral History as an historical methodology, a unique narrative genre, and a tool in the reconciliation of social injustices. It will be interdisciplinary, drawing from history, sociology, memoir, and gender studies.

The course will examine oral history in all its forms, audio, video, print, and exhibit; and in a variety of settings -- museums, schools, archives, performance, radio, and online. The seminar will consider the dynamics of listening to, recognizing, and validating the voices of women, who may not know their stories have an audience. Course runs **March 18 - April 29, 2009** from **6:30 – 8:30 PM** at BHS. For complete course information, including pricing, visit www.brooklynhistory.org

The mission of the Brooklyn Historical Society is to connect the past to the present and make the vibrant history of Brooklyn tangible, relevant, and meaningful for today's diverse communities, and for generations to come. Founded in 1863, BHS is a nationally recognized urban history center, comprised of a museum; scholarly research library; and educational center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn's extraordinary 400-year history.