

Philippa Levine



Philippa Levine received her Doctorate in Philosophy from St. Anthony's College, University of Oxford, in 1983. She is a member of the Editorial Board for the *Journal of British Studies and Women's History Review*, a Council Member of the North American Conference on British Studies, and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. She is currently president of the University of Southern California faculty.

Professor Levine teaches in the History Department at USC. In 2001, she was elected Gamma Sigma Alpha Professor of the Year. Through such classes as "Understanding Race and Sex Historically," she pursues her interest in the intersection of race and sexuality in the British Empire. Her forthcoming book, *Prostitution, Race and Politics: Policing Venereal Disease in the British Empire*, examines the ways in which the British government used legislation put in place to protect the health of British soldiers as a "conscious instrument of colonial dominance." Previews of this book hail Dr. Levine's originality and academic rigor: "Drawing upon original research and never before examined primary sources, Philippa Levine creates a new picture of sex at the turn of the last century. She reveals the ways in which ideas about race and the colonized were intertwined with prostitution and its sexual practices throughout the far reaches of the Empire." She is currently at work on a short history of the British Empire for Longman and a volume for the *Oxford History of the British Empire* on gender and empire. Other publications include:

- *Feminist Lives in Victorian England: Private Roles and Public Commitment* (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1990).
- *Victorian Feminism 1850-1900* (1987, 2nd ed. 1994).
- *Women's Suffrage in the British Empire: Citizenship, Nation and Race* (co-edited with Laura Mayhall and Ian Fletcher, 2000).

She is also the author of numerous articles, including:

- "Orientalist Sociology and the Creation of Colonial Sexualities," *Feminist Review*, 65 (2000). Special issue on "Reconstructing Femininities."
- "Public Health, Venereal Disease and Colonial Medicine in the Later Nineteenth Century," in *Sex, Sin and Suffering: Venereal Disease in European Society*, 2000.
- "Erotic Geographies: Sex and the Managing of Colonial Space," in *Nineteenth-Century Geographies*, ed. Helena Michie and Ronald Thomas, 2000.
- "Battle Colors: Race, Sex and Colonial Soldierly in World War I," *Journal of Women's History*, 9, no. 4 (1998): 104-130. Special issue on sexuality.

As part of the *Humanities Graduate Conference*, Professor Levine will deliver her keynote presentation "Peripheries and Centers: The Challenge of the Interdisciplinary" on Friday, April 4th at 6:00 p.m. in Gould Auditorium in Marriott Library. The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information please visit: www.hum.utah.edu/hgc/