

The Tenth

## Charles Edmondson Historical Lectures

Guest Lecturer: Professor Gerda Lerner  
Subject: "Sex and Class: A Revisionist Perspective"  
First Lecture: March 16, 1988, 7:30 P.M.

Presiding: Dr. John S. Belew, Executive Vice  
President for Academic Affairs

Introduction of Speaker: Dr. Rosalie Beck,  
Assistant Professor of Religion

Second Lecture: March 17, 1988, 9:30 A.M.

Presiding: Dr. William D. Hillis, Executive Vice  
President for Administrative Affairs

Introduction of Speaker: Dr. Glenace Edwall,  
Assistant Professor of Psychology

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Lectures will be held in Bennett Auditorium in the Draper Academic Building and are open to the public.

## Gerda Lerner



Professor Gerda Lerner, Robinson-Edwards Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, was born in Vienna, Austria, and is now a naturalized citizen of the United States. After completing her secondary studies in Austria, she immigrated to the United States and received her B.A. degree from the New School of Social Research in New York City in 1963. She then completed the M.A. degree (1965) and the Ph.D. degree (1966) in history at Columbia University.

Professor Lerner taught at The New School for Social Research (1963-1965), Long Island University (1965-1968), and Sarah Lawrence College (1968-1980) before

joining the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where she has held the prestigious Robinson-Edwards professorship since 1980.

Professor Lerner's primary field of interest is American history with specializations in nineteenth century social history, women's history, black history, and economic history. Her most recent research has taken her into the history of women in all of western civilization.

She has received research grants from numerous universities and foundations including the New School for Social Research, Columbia University, Sarah Lawrence College, the American Association of University Women, Social Science Research Council, Rockefeller Foundation, Lilly Foundation, Ford Foundation, Guggenheim Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Her research has led to the publication of numerous articles and the following major books:

*The Grimke Sisters from South Carolina: Rebels Against Slavery* (1967);

*The Woman in American History* (1971);

*Black Women in White America: A Documentary History* (ed., 1972);

*The Female Experience: An American Documentary* (1976);

*The Majority Finds Its Past: Placing Women in History* (1979, winner of the Special Book Award by the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians);

*Teaching Women's History* (1981);

*The Creation of Patriarchy*, volume one of *Women in History* (1986, winner of the Joan Kelly Award of the American Historical Association and alternate selection of the History Book Club for 1986); and

*Women Are History: A Bibliography in the History of American Women* (1986, with Marie Laberge and Evjue Grant).

A popular speaker on the subject of women's history, Professor Lerner