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ORONO -- "Feminist Reverberations: Critiques of Power and Forms of Resistance in the Age of Globalization" will be the topic of this year's Howard Schonberger Peace and Social Justice Memorial Lecture at the University of Maine.

Joan Wallach Scott, noted historian of women and the Harold F. Linder Professor of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, will deliver the 10th Schonberger lecture on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m., in Donald P. Corbett Business Building. A reception will follow.

Scott is the author of such books as "Women, Work, and Family," "Gender and the Politics of History" and "Only Paradoxes to Offer: French Feminists and the Rights of Man." She has held faculty appointments at Brown University, the University of North Carolina, and the University of Illinois.

Her contributions in the field of women's history include analysis of gender as a changing, historically viable way to organize social relationships. Recent research has included the history of women's work in the context of economic development; the history of feminism in relation to democratic politics; and a comparison of late 19th-century international feminist movements and late 20th-century global feminism.

While at UMaine, Scott also will speak at the Socialist and Marxist Studies Luncheon Series that afternoon at in the Coe Room, Memorial Union. Drawing on her original preparation in French history, Scott will speak on "The Political Representation of Sexual Difference: *Le Mouvement pour la Parité* in Late 20th Century France."

Howard Schonberger was a professor of the history of U. S. foreign policy at UMaine and a social activist. He was a founder of PICA and an early member of the Peace and Justice Center. He and Joan knew each other as graduate students at the University of Wisconsin in the 1960s.

NOTE: A photo of Scott is available by e-mail. It can be requested by replying to this message.

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