

## [Setting Up a Panel for 2020 Berkshire Conference for Woman Historians](#)

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Hello,

I am seeking other scholars interested in setting up a panel for the 2020 Berkshire Conference for Woman Historians. My overall research topic is the life of Jessie Benton Fremont. For the Conference, I would like to focus on women writers, like Jessie, who helped either create or challenge the typical mythic conceptions of the American West. Jessie was a writer whose work on her own and through her husband, John C. Fremont, promoted U.S. western expansion and created a certain narrative of the white men and women who "conquered" it in the nineteenth century. I would love to connect with other historians who are studying women writers, whether they are published or not, whose work contributed to a similar or different understanding of the American West, no matter what time period. If they challenge the romantic narrative offered by writers like Jessie Fremont and others, that would be fantastic.

Thanks so much for reading this.

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