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THE URSULA MASSON MEMORIAL LECTURE 2017

Dr. Sian Rhiannon Williams

“Delicate” and “troublous” questions: women teachers, gender issues and local education politics in south Wales, 1908-1928’

**Wednesday 8 March (for International Women’s Day) at 6.00-9.00pm,
Ty Crawshay, Treforest Campus, University of South Wales**

The lecture will take place in the Moot Court, TC13, at 6pm to be followed by a wine reception and buffet in TC30 (the Zobole Room) and the university museum's art gallery space, Oriel y Bont, from 7.15pm,

Set against the background of the emergence of the feminist National Federation / Union of Women Teachers and the growing dominance of the labour movement in local politics, the lecture focuses on events in Aberdare and Rhondda before and after the First World War. Here, debates over the marriage bar, equal pay and other gender issues fuelled the activism of women teachers and inspired unity, but also exposed divisions and tested loyalties, thus creating tensions which reverberated more widely.

Dr. Sian Rhiannon Williams has published several articles and chapters on aspects of women’s history in Wales since she contributed to *Our Mothers’ Land* edited by Angela V. John (UWP, 1991). She is particularly interested in industrial south Wales and co-edited *Struggle or Starve: Women’s lives in the south Wales valleys between the two World Wars* (Honno Press, 1998) with Carol White. Her other work has focused on the social history of the Welsh language and on education. The majority of her career has been spent working with trainee history teachers and research students at Cardiff Metropolitan University. She is joint editor of the Gender Studies in Wales Series (UWP), Welsh medium editor of *Llafur* and a member of Archif Menywod Cymru / Women’s Archive of Wales.

The **Ursula Masson Memorial Lecture** is held each year on or close to March 8, International Women’s Day, in memory of Dr Ursula Masson (1945-2008), the much loved and highly esteemed Lecturer in History at the University of Glamorgan. Ursula was instrumental in founding Archif Menywod Cymru/Women’s Archive of Wales and its Roadshows. For more information about the lecture series, and the

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