

# Herstory Reception

April 20th, 2009

4pm-6pm

Wang Center, Stony Brook University

Please join us for a reception celebrating 13 years of Women Making Herstory. The archives of Herstory Writers Workshop and of its founder, Erika Duncan, are being donated to Stony Brook University Libraries Special Collections. Included in the collection are newsletters, letters, photographs, draft and completed manuscripts and other memorabilia from both Herstory – a community memoir-writing program dedicated to giving voice to women’s stories that have been silenced or unsung – and the pre-Herstory Woman’s Salon, which met for a decade in the mid-’70s in Erika’s New York City apartment and enabled audiences to interact intimately with then-emerging feminist writers such as Susan Griffin, Dorothy Dinnerstein, Olga Broumas and Blanche Wiesen Cook in a forum where the works of women not yet known were heralded in by Tillie Olsen, Alice Walker, Kate Millett and Adrienne Rich, to name just a few.

More than 2,000 women have been touched by Herstory since its inception. The reception will include a short program of readings featuring signature pieces from the early years of the Herstory Project, new Latina writings, and writings begun in “Herstory Inside” Suffolk County’s correctional facilities, as well as introductory remarks from Suffolk Legislator Vivian Vilorio-Fisher and Wang Center Program Director Sunita Mukhi, both Herstory writers. Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public. Don’t miss this historic event!

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