

## Tillie Olsen Grants for 2008

GRANTS SUPPORT THE WORK OF CSW RESEARCH SCHOLARS

Each year, the Center for the Study of Women awards a set of grants that are available only to research scholars affiliated with CSW. Called the Tillie Olsen Grants, they honor the memory of a writer who documented the silences imposed on women by family and work responsibilities and financial need. Grants may be used to support participation in scholarly conferences, travel to research sites, purchase specialized research materials, or for procurement of technical services. The Research Scholars Program supports local independent scholars conducting research projects related to women, gender, or sexuality. Acceptance to the program is based on the quality of the proposed research. Scholars receive formal affiliation with CSW, library privileges, stationery, email accounts, personal web pages, and opportunities to participate in CSW programs.

### *Into the Suburban Fold: A Social History of Postwar Suburban America*



Becky Nicolaidis won for her project looking at the relationship between community and the built environment of suburbia since 1945. In recent years, a spate of studies has suggested that social capital has been in decline in America, at least since the 1970s. Suburban sprawl is often implicated in this decline. While most of these works have been done by political scientists, sociologists, and anthropologists, historians have largely avoided this scholarly debate. Nicolaides' goal with this project is not only to enter this discourse but also to bring to it a historical perspective and an appreciation for the great diversity of suburban experiences since 1945.

### *Women's Transnational Promotion of Mexican Modernism*



Ernestina Osorio received a grant for her research project that focuses on women's transnational, media-based promotion of modern Mexican architecture. The purpose of this work is to advance knowledge and understanding of women's roles in an international mid-twentieth century architectural discourse.