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Philanthropy, a Path to Empowerment for Women?

Guest speakers

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Professor McCarthy's books, edited volumes, and articles explore philanthropy and civil society in local, national, and international contexts, and she has lectured on these topics worldwide. She is currently working on a book on "Women, Power and Money from the First Gilded Age to the Second." McCarthy is a former President of the ARNOVA; and served as Treasurer of ISTR, and as a member of and participant at the first White House Conference on Philanthropy, in 1999. She currently serves on the board of the Center for Women's History at the New York Historical Society Museum and Library (NYC), and the Africa Centre on Philanthropy and Social Investment at University of The Witwatersrand (Johannesburg, South Africa).

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