HARRIET PATSY BOYER SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR 2014 SCHOLARSHIPS: March 1, 2014, 5 p.m.

Dr. Patsy Boyer retired as Professor Emerita from the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures in Spring, 1997. After obtaining her Ph.D. in Spanish at the University of New Mexico in 1967, Dr. Boyer joined Colorado State University where she remained until her retirement.

A noted specialist in Spanish Golden Age Literature, Dr. Boyer published numerous works in her field, including the translation of a book by the seventeenth century Spanish author, Maria de Zayas. Apart from her participation as a scholar in the major associations of her discipline and on the boards of national scholarly journals, Dr. Boyer was an early proponent of Women’s Studies at Colorado State University and wrote the grant that initiated the Women’s Studies Project on Teaching, Curriculum and Scholarship which began in 1984 as the Gender Integration Project. She played an active role in departmental, college, and University governance, was a member of the Colorado State University Faculty Council, and the first faculty representative to the State Board of Agriculture.

The recipient of numerous awards, including the Pennock Award for Service, she was named the John N. Stern Distinguished Professor in 1997. She earned the 1997 Women’s Caucus Award for “Exemplary inspiration to women on campus as teacher, scholar, mentor, and role model.” Dr. Boyer was perhaps most known for her generosity of spirit and her sense of importance of a true community of scholars. She is remembered with particular fondness by the generations of students she taught and mentored throughout her thirty years on campus.

Description of Scholarship
The Harriet Patsy Boyer Scholarship program was established to increase opportunities for students to participate in scholarly activities that promote new understanding of women in culture and society. The Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research annually awards up to six $3000 scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing certification in the Women’s Interdisciplinary Studies Program at Colorado State University. All scholarships are based on merit rather than financial need. Selection for this award will be based upon the degree to which applicants demonstrate commitment to women’s issues through academic study and participation in campus and community activities. In addition, students applying for these scholarships must meet the following criteria:

*** be enrolled at Colorado State University during the 2012-13 academic year;
*** be a full-time student making satisfactory academic progress toward an undergraduate or graduate degree;
*** maintain a minimum 2.50 GPA overall, with a 3.0 in all Women’s Studies’ courses;
*** be currently enrolled in the Undergraduate Women’s Interdisciplinary Program or be an admitted student in the Graduate Women’s Interdisciplinary Program at Colorado State University.

For more information about The Center for Women’s Studies and Gender Research, please visit http://womensstudies.colostate.edu.

Essay
Please write a double-spaced essay (hand written essays will not be accepted) of no more than three pages that discusses all of the following: (a) the ways you have been and/or are now engaged in study or other relevant activities that promote understanding of women’s issues; (b) the ways in which Women’s Studies’ perspectives inform and will continue to affect your scholarly pursuits, your field of study, and your future academic interests and career plans; (c) the ways in which you will continue your commitment to the Women’s Interdisciplinary Studies Program at Colorado State University following your acceptance of a Boyer Scholarship. Your essay is due to okee.hanna@colostate.edu by March 1st via email.