Applications due December 3, 2018.

SOPHOMORE RESEARCH, Spring 2019

**Researcher:** Brenda Meese

**Discipline:** Physical Education

**Project Duration/Weekly Time Commitment:** 3 hours/week

**General Area of Research:** Women's Sport During the Transitional Era

**Project Description:**
Maria Sexton was a leader and early pioneer in women's athletics during the transitional era of women's sport from the 1950's to the 1970's. Sexton was Chair of the Women's Department of Physical Education at the College of Wooster, and she was responsible for starting varsity programs for women in the 1960's. She worked at the national level in such organizations as the USOC Track and Field Committee, the AAU Women's Basketball Committee, and the Committee on Women's Athletics. This project will involve the transcription of Maria Sexton's personal letters, speeches, and documents from her personal papers, often written in cursive. The transcriptions will be used as I begin setting up an archival collection for Sexton's papers on line.

**Related majors:** History, WGSS, Physical Education

**Skills and Classes Required:** Ability to read cursive. Attention to detail. Ability to work carefully with papers that are historical.