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Ms Dickstein also co-authored *Women in LC's terms* (1988) and *Minority women: a research guide* (1989). The *Index to women's studies anthologies* is available from Prentice Hall Australia on telephone (02) 939 1333. ■

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