



CWAG

Canadian Women and Geography Study Group

NEWSLETTER

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From the home-office at Carleton University, Ottawa, we present the CWAG Newsletter: new location, new cast, new look. The past weeks have been spent updating and expanding mailing lists, sorting through contributions, and generally pondering the direction we wish the publication to take. As editors, we have arrived at a formula that we feel will result in a newsletter that unites, supports and encourages Canadian women in geography, namely the combination of "bulletin board" and "facilitator". While the former aims to keep everyone in touch with the on-goings within the academic environment of geographical studies, the latter is intended to stimulate debate and discussion on those issues that affect women in geography across the country. This formula, however, cannot be implemented without continuing support and input from those that the newsletter targets. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who took the time and effort to send along contributions; what we have received has made for an informative and enjoyable Fall/Winter issue. At the same time, we wish to encourage more participation in our bi-annual publication, and we welcome any suggestions as to layout, format and/or content. For our Spring/Summer issue we hope to include a "Bibliography" which lists recent publications (please help us by sending along this information), and hope to expand on our "Regional Report" section from those of you we did not hear from this time around. We are promoting our premiere Newsletter by distributing it to not only those on the CWAG mailing list, but also to Chairpersons at geography departments across Canada in the hopes of attracting a wider and more diverse membership. Furthermore, we encourage graduate students, like ourselves, to become actively involved in both CWAG and the newsletter; no doubt that sharing of our experiences will bring about a sense of community, as well as friendship. Finally, in the face of pressing environmental conservation and severe financial cut-backs we urge you to use electronic-mail as a communication link. Please forward your e-mail addresses so that we may continue to update and expand our mailing list. We hope you will enjoy our premiere issue of the CWAG Newsletter from Carleton

University, and look forward to hearing from you all in the weeks to come. Thank you to Fran Klodawsky for supervising and supporting the project, to Evelyn Peters at Queen's University for her ideas, also CWAG and Carleton University for financial support.

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Chair's Letter: MIND FULL OF HEART

I write this letter with some uncertainty about my specific task as chair of Canadian Women and Geography. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all women in geography to this academic year and to encourage us as a unit to consider how we might embrace our diverse backgrounds and make the organization an inclusive one for all women in geography. We have made great strides to foster the development of feminist scholarship -- to develop, recognize and celebrate our intellectual contribution. Yet, we have done rather less to foster an interest in one another more generally, beyond specific research interests. In this light, I would like to consider ways in which we can support one another that go beyond the usual academic confines.

Some of you may be familiar with my past concerns about supports provided by CWAG to its members. My own perspective is that we need to reach out to all members in geography, even if they are not undertaking explicitly feminist research. I have always enjoyed meeting other women 'in our discipline'. I see women who are committed, bright, good-humoured and considerate. I look forward to the CWAG meeting because I like the women in Canadian geography. We have a lot to offer -- to our students, our institutions, and to one another. I want to feel as though I am a part of a vital and supportive network and yet, I have felt that our business lunch affords little time to get to know others and to support one another.

I believe that we need to reach out to one another across our research interests and beyond them. I think this calls for the two-fold strategy. On the one hand, I wonder if opportunities for socializing could be advanced beyond the luncheon and CAG banquet. On the other, are there opportunities to support each other's research and teaching regardless of individual research orientations?

As a start, I remember a couple of years ago that Suzanne Mackenzie suggested an informal party. Some of you may remember the grand, informal social gathering at Gerry Pratt's house during the CAG in 1992. We have a large bank account that we never spend. Is there support for using some of our budget for a wine and cheese party for CWAG members in Saskatoon? Is there a person who would be willing/able to host such an event? Would we like to provide coffee and space outside of rooms where special sessions are established? Would we like to provide sessions that run across disciplinary boundaries -- issues of critical pedagogy, women and science, or other topics? (Volunteers?). Can we identify ways in which new women might be attracted to join and participate in the organization, especially physical geographers?

I would be grateful if anyone with ideas for special conference sessions could forward them to Fran Klodawsky at Carleton in time for action before the general CAG conference circular (January 1996) (her e-mail: klodawsk@ccs.carleton.ca). Perhaps other more general ideas can be forwarded to the editors of the newsletter for inclusion. Alternatively, you may contact me to discuss them. I can be reached by e-mail at mgr@geog.ubc.ca or in the Geography Department, UBC 1984 West Mall, Vancouver BC, V6T 1Z2 or at (604) 822-5970. You may also note that Jennifer Hyndman, the graduate student representative, is also available for talking about ideas (see her letter in this issue).

I would like us to support women scholars, whether they be pursuing feminist research agendas or not. Otherwise, I fear that CWAG will come to be, in practice and in perspective, an elitist core that does not provide a safe or supportive environment for many women in the discipline. Perhaps getting to know one another and establishing genuine interests in each other's successes and challenges, regardless of our specific research orientations, is an initial step. You may have better ideas about fostering such an environment. Overall, I hope such initiatives will forge a different kind of study group -- one that mind's the human heart as well as the intellect.

Maureen Reed
Department of Geography, UBC

Letters and Observations

Taking Care of Ourselves and Each Other

In 1991, when I was teaching for a year at Carleton, Suzanne MacKenzie asked me what I thought were important issues to address in the CWAG Newsletter. I started to talk to her about my frustrations with the time demands of academic life and the kinds of impossible stresses it was creating for me, and from my observations, for other people as well.

I assume you all know what I mean - in my case things like doubling or tripling up activities (eating lunch while writing a lecture while breastfeeding a baby; doing my back exercises on the bathroom floor while watching Matthew in the tub while working out multiple choice questions for an exam in my head), never getting to basic necessities (buying extra underwear to save time on trips to the laundromat; slotting 'quality time' with my partner into one or two fifteen minute periods a week), always feeling like I was compromising my academic work - lectures, research and committee participation, and always feeling that I was somehow inadequate, compared to everyone else around me.

It was clear to me that the expectations about how to do an academic job 'properly' had evolved to the point where the work could not simply be done in a forty hour week, and that we were actually being asked or expected to work more like sixty or seventy hours a week, fifty two weeks of the year. It seemed to me that the penalty for opting out on an individual basis would probably mean not getting an academic position. At the same time, the personal costs also seemed high in terms of health and relationships. I wondered if this was something other people were also feeling, or whether I was just not committed enough or inefficient in my work.

Suzanne asked me to write something for the Newsletter, and I chickened out. It was scary, as an untenured sessional, to write about finding it difficult to cope with the demands of academic life. I don't know if it is any less scary now, or whether I'm just too tired to care, but I know I can now count five feminist geographers in Canada who are ill with stress-related problems, and that seems like an awfully high number for our small cohort. We are important resources for each other, and maybe we need to think about ways of taking care of each other better. We also need to think about what we are communicating to our students. I have had more than one graduate student tell me that if an academic position means this kind of crazy life she sees me and some of my academic colleagues living, then it is not for her.

I would be really interested in hearing what others have to say about these issues, and particularly, what strategies people use to cope and what strategies we can come up with, together, to take care of ourselves and each other.

Evelyn Peters,
Queen's University

CWAG Graduate Student News

As graduate student representative for CWAG this year, I would like to solicit ideas, feedback, and issues from graduate students in departments across the country. While this is a vague proposal, I think our interests and concerns will vary enormously across space. Echoing Maureen Reed's position, inclusiveness amid differences is an important aim for geographers.

UBC campus has been the focus of much attention due to the controversy over the inquiry into the political science department over the past six months. Graduate students interests, issues, and complaints are central to the ongoing debates. What is perhaps most alarming is the condemnation of certain points of view. Rather than engaging in the issues, constructively arguing and listening to various points of view, accusations of 'political correctness' simply serve to dismiss problems and invoke an artificial closure of important issues.

The CAG, in conjunction with Canadian geography departments across the country has surveyed and collaborated data relating to equity issues in our discipline. Analysis of these findings is under way, led by Damaris Rose in Montreal, and I think that this information -- once it becomes available -- will be an useful point of departure for graduate students in generating discussions and raising issues.

Frankly, I know little of what work is being done and what thought are circulating among grad students in other Canadian departments. The sessions organized by CWAG at the CAG conference in Montreal last June provided a glimpse, though graduate research in my view was underrepresented. For example, a broader range of research topics beyond 'feminist geography' and 'women and work' sessions could be developed if there is sufficient interest: gender & the environment; sexuality and space; colonialism and 'race'; migrant women. As well, sessions among those in geography with mutual interests (from air quality issues to women and cyberspace) could be organized, including both faculty and graduate student participation.

For those interested in putting together a session for the coming year's CAG conference in Saskatoon, contact CWAG's session organizer, Dr. Fran Klodawsky at the Department of Geography at Carleton University (e-mail: klodawsk@ccs.carleton.ca). To talk more about ideas, feel free to e-mail me at hyndman@unixg.ubc.ca

Jennifer Hyndman
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A Breath of Fresh Air

Ahhh, Carleton is a breath of fresh air. I am here from Kleinland where my old geography department is now part of the Earth and Atmospheric Science department (read geology with some physical geography). The atmosphere in Ottawa is much more conducive to my interests and research than at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. One of my office-mates at the U of A once joked with me, "So, feminist geography. Is that the study of where the chicks are?" This attitude was prevalent in a department which did not generally value gender research.

The University of Alberta Geography Department hired one female tenure track position in its forty-plus year history. That was in 1992. Since that time, this professor left for Carleton and four human geography professors retired. None of them have been replaced. At present there are four human geography professors at U of A with three very close to retirement. The Faculty of Science claims to be committed to replacing these positions, as they come open, with human geographers devoted to the study of human impact on the environment. The difficulties in pursuing gender research are complicated by the secondary role that human geography plays in a department where arctic geomorphology, geoprocessing, and physical geography in general are dominant. This bias was only partially reflected in the demographics of the twenty-three students in the undergraduate honours and specialization office where, in the 1994-95 academic year, eight were female and nine were human geographers.

It is refreshing to be in the geography department at Carleton University. There are seven female faculty members here. I can even tell my fellow students that I am interested in feminist geography without being met with ridicule, obstinate confusion, or indifference! I am enjoying the opportunity to study with a support network as rich as the one in this department

Kari McLeod,
Carleton University

Canadian Women and Geography Study Group Business Meeting

June 2, 1995

1. Chair's Remarks (*Valerie Preston*)

Valerie Preston thanked Fran Klodawsky, Allison Williams and Nancy Ross for organizing 5 sessions at the CAG meetings in Montreal. She also thanked Judy Bates, Cassie Lyon and Sarah Payne for writing and publishing the newsletter this year. Our thanks to the Geography Department at York University who subsidized the production and mailing costs and particularly to Bryan Massam who approved the subsidy.

2. Membership (*Valerie Preston*)

The Study Group's membership has dropped from 72 in 1993 to 52 in 1995, reflecting the decline in CAG membership. Valerie urged everyone to remind their students and interested colleagues to join the Study Group.

There was a brief discussion about whether the Study Group should oppose any increase in the student membership fee. It was agreed that students should act independently and the Study Group will not adopt a position.

3. Finances (*Audrey Kobayashi*)

Audrey Kobayashi reports via fax that the Study Group has approximately \$1100.00.

4. Women's Issues Network (*Joan Marshall*)

Joan Marshall outlined recent concerns of the Women's Issues Network. She urged CWAG to protest plans to abolish the Network in the face of recent cutbacks in funding. Valerie agreed she will write on behalf of the Study Group. Individuals were also encouraged to write to:

Marcel Lauziere
Social Science Foundation of Canada
#415, 151 Slater
Ottawa, Ontario

5. CAG Executive (*Damaris Rose*)

Damaris Rose reported that 33 of 42 universities and colleges have returned completed equity surveys. The CAG has provided \$500.00 for coding the

surveys. Gisele Yasmeen volunteered to help analyze and interpret the data.

The equity committee is being abolished. It will not be reconfigured within a National Affairs Committee. Damaris also noted that the new executive structure means there are fewer nationally elected councillors. In 1995/96, there will be two female councillors. In 1996/97, there may be none. In response to this situation, members of the study group approved two motions to be presented to the executive:

1. CWAG wants to encourage a voice for equity on the executive at all times so we encourage the national and regional councils to nominate and select people as councillors who have a track record in support of equity.

2. In view of declining membership and the significant numbers of women who are graduate students and junior faculty, the CAG should encourage diversity on the executive by ensuring a role for women, visible minorities and all other underrepresented groups. Two ways this might be accomplished are by adding the elections of regional councillors to the national ballot or by alternating male and female councillors.

6. Memberships in Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Society of Canada, the Arthritis Society of Canada, and D.A.W.N. (*Sue Ruddick for Linda Peake*)

Linda Peake asked that CWAG join the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Society of Canada, the Arthritis Society of Canada, and D.A.W.N. in light of the growing number of female geographers who are suffering these illnesses. The proposal was endorsed enthusiastically. The incoming Chair of CWAG, Maureen Reed, will initiate the memberships.

7. Coalition for Research for Women's Equality (*Fran Klodawsky*)

Fran Klodawsky reported that a new women's policy research centre is being proposed to provide some of the research previously done under the auspices of the Status of Women office. CWAG supported enthusiastically the need for research and monitoring outside government policy as it affects women. Fran will circulate more information to solicit people's opinions about funding and structure of the proposed centre.

8. Syllabi (*Allison Williams*)

Allison Williams offered to determine the costs of publishing the syllabi for feminist geography courses. She will report to CWAG.

9. Officers of the Study Group, 1995/96

Chair: *Maureen Reed*,
University of British Columbia

Treasurer/Secretary:
Audrey Kobayashi,
Queen's University

Student Representative:
Jennifer Hyndman,
University of British Columbia

Newsletter Editor:
Evelyn Peters,
Queen's University

Co-ordinator of Special Sessions:
Fran Klodawsky,
Carleton University

Regional Representatives:
Quebec: *Damaris Rose*, INRS
Ontario:
Prairies: *Geri Sweet*, University of
Winnipeg
Atlantic: *Hugh Millward*
B.C.:

Fran Klodawsky has volunteered to be Chair of CWAG in 1996/97.

CWAG COURSE SYLLABI LIBRARY: THE RESOURCE NETWORK CONTINUES

The CWAG Resource Network is still active! As many of you know, course syllabi, encompassing many fields of geography, have been collected from women faculty across North America for more than three years now. This syllabi library was initiated in order to assist the planning of courses for new female faculty. In addition, this resource has been found to be helpful to more experienced faculty who have used it to augment their teaching resources/materials.

If you are interested in either submitting a course syllabi or making a request from it, please contact Allison Williams at the address below (either by post or e-mail). If you would like to make a request for syllabi, please be sure to specify your field of interest.

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NEWS ITEMS

News from the Social Science Federation: Women's Issues Network

CWAG representative, Joan Marshall

As predicted in the spring CWAG Newsletter, the annual meeting of WIN (Women's Issues Network) of the Social Science Federation has been postponed indefinitely. The focus of the Federation at the moment is on the amalgamation with the Canadian Federation of Humanities. According to Suzanne Dagenais (Liaison Officer of the SSFC/CFH), there are no plans at the moment for a meeting. In his annual report for 1994-1995 the outgoing president, Marshall Conley, said that "the SSFC continues to foster communication among women in the social sciences through our W.I.N. which organizes annual meetings and symposia and publishes the WINning edge." Perhaps now is the time to write a note to the incoming president asking for assurances that this initiative will continue. It has been one of the few vehicles for women from across the country and across multidisciplinary boundaries to get together and to share experiences, problems and ideas.

As of October, there has been a formal recommendation that the new organization (combining

the SSFC and the CFH) "create, as soon as possible, a Committee on Women's Issues to succeed similar committees of the CFH and SSFC, and that one of the vice-presidents of the new organization be responsible for Women's Issues." Because the final dissolution and reformation processes have not yet occurred no further action can be taken in terms of a meeting. However, we have been assured that women's issues will be part of the new mandate. The current Chair of WIN is *Cannie Stark-Adamec*, and she is a member of the Joint Transition Committee, virtually guaranteeing an ongoing presence in the new organization. She has asked for ideas, comments and advice, so if anyone wishes to contribute during this transition phase, you can e-mail the SSFC (to Suzanne Dagenais).

The new president is *Gregory S. Kealey*, who may be written to at:

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Notice of Faculty Position

York University

Applications are invited for a tenure-stream position in cultural/historical geography, preferably with a regional focus on Canada. The appointment is at the Assistant Professor level and will take effect from July 1, 1996. Salary will depend on qualifications and experience. PhD required. The successful candidate will be expected to teach at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and to pursue an active programme of research and publication. The position is subject to budgetary approval. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. York University is implementing a policy of employment equity, including affirmative action for women faculty. Applications, including a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of at least three potential referees, should be sent to *John U. Marshall*, Chair, Department of Geography, York University, 4700 Keele Street, North York, Ontario, Canada M3J 1P3. Telephone (416)736-5107; e-mail: jumarsh@yorku.ca. Closing date: **January 15, 1996.**

CWAG SPECIAL SESSIONS AT THE 1996 MEETING OF THE CAG:

Special Sessions Co-ordinator: Fran Klodawsky

Once again, I have taken on the very pleasant task of co-ordinating CWAG's involvement in Saskatoon at the 1996 Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers. The conference will be held between May 11 and 16 at the University of Saskatchewan.

I look forward to hearing your proposals for special sessions to be sponsored or co-sponsored by CWAG. As well, if any of you wish to present a paper in a CWAG session but not to organize a special session, I am willing to try to arrange individual papers so that, as much as possible, they adhere to a theme. At the Montreal meetings, a special session titled "Women, Work and Economic Restructuring" emerged out of such an effort. Together with CWAG (co)-sponsored sessions on "Women's Health", "Workers and Families - Gender Relations in Pulp and Paper Communities" and "Feminist Geography and Identity (I and II)", we were a visible and significant presence in Montreal. I anticipate that our showing in Saskatoon will be at least as impressive. Don't disappoint me and all those who expressed their appreciation for last year's presentations! I looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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"Gender and Geography" at Trent University

This year, for the first time, Trent University is offering a "Gender and Geography" course. Members of the course have decided to hold a conference on December 2, 1995. The aim of this conference is to provide an opportunity for students to share the results of their research projects with their classmates and with interested members of the greater Trent and Peterborough communities.

The projects, which are being carried out both individually and in small groups, cover a wide range of topics, including the following: a feminist interpretation of housing in Peterborough, geography of abortion services, gender divisions of labour on Canadian farms, young females and space, the geography of native women's incarceration in Canada, women's groups as safe spaces, gender and recreation, historical geography of child care in Peterborough.

If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact the conference co-ordinators Laurie and Wendy (LWESTAWAY@TRENTU.CA OR WVOLLVEN) or the course instructor Susan (SWURTELE@TRENTU.CA).

ALL WELCOME!

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Deadline for Submissions is April 30, 1996

We welcome all articles, news, letters, regional reports and items of interest.

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Regional Reports

York University

Kathy Young successfully defended her dissertation, *Slope Hydro-climatology and Hydrologic Responses to Global Change in a small High Arctic Basin*, at McMaster University in October. Kathy is Assistant Professor of Geography at York.

Several new women graduate students were accepted into the geography programme at York this year. They include at the masters level: **Sonia Campagnolo**, **Rizzy Chu**, **Susanne Cliff-Jungling**, **Janet Forbes**, **Kathy Morihovitis**, **Patricia Robinson**, and at the PhD level the department welcomed: **Charlotte McCallum** whose interests lie in Rural development and planning, and **Madeleine Wong** who is conducting research on refugees. York geography, together

with University of Toronto and Queen's recently welcomed a visit by **Erica Schoenberger** of John Hopkins University. Erica presented her research on corporate culture using Lockheed as a case study. Graduate students from the department had an opportunity to discuss their work with Erica. Erica also filled in for **Ann Markusen** who was unable to present her paper at a conference at the U of T entitled "Urban Region in a Global Context".

Linda Peake is interested in following up on Sue Ruddick's suggestion that arose during the CWAG meeting at Montreal that CWAG should join with the arthritis society and chronic fatigue association to examine research into these areas given the growing number of women in geography affected by these chronic illnesses. She will report on her findings for the next newsletter.

University of Toronto

U of T now has six women faculty! **Kim Bolton** and **Amrita Daniere** began tenure track positions this year. Kim has a PhD in Soil Chemistry at the University of Umea, Northern Sweden. Kim is particularly interested in the fate of elements in soils and sediments. She is currently investigating the complexation reactions between cadmium and naturally occurring humic materials. Kim is also very interested in the development of a chemical equilibrium model which can predict metal speciation in soils and sediments.

Amrita comes to U of T with a PhD in public policy from Harvard, via the University of California, Irvine, where she was an assistant professor for four years. Her appointment is in Planning and Geography. Amrita's research interests focus on the provision of environmental structures in cities of the Third World, and she has conducted most of her research in Thailand and Indonesia (with a few forays into Latin America, specifically Bolivia and Chile).

Amrita and Kim join **Miriam Diamond**, **Kim England**, **Virginia Maclaren** and **Sue Ruddick**. Miriam's recent research has focused on transportation of chemicals in aquatic systems, especially in the Arctic and Great Lakes. She has become increasingly interested in urban pollution, particularly the distribution of chemical in the urban situations to developing tools for ecosystem planning. In addition Miriam is involved in research on in-place pollution (polluted sediments) in urban and non-aquatic systems and how they are mobilized as a result of multiple stresses.

Kim England received tenure last year, making her the second most senior woman in geography at UofT (Virginia is the most senior)! She has recently completed and edited collection entitled *Who will Mind the Baby? Geographies of Child Care and Working Mothers* that will be published by Routledge in 1996. Kim holds a SSHRC grant with Sue Ruddick looking at shifting social identities and spatial conflicts in the context of Toronto as a secondary world city. In particular, Kim is exploring the shifting geographies of lone mothers and the rise of the new middle class, especially in terms of the growth of women in financial services.

Virginia MacLaren's most recent research has dealt with urban sustainability indicators and reporting. She has also been involved in two projects in Vietnam: one looking at stable environments reporting and the other on environmental accounting.

Sue Ruddick's general theoretical and research interests focus on critical social theory and urban political economy, with secondary interests in regulation theory and post colonial theory. Sue's research explores the role of gender and race in the formation of systems of regulation; and in the SSHRC grant she holds with Kim England she is examining the spatial conflicts and the construction of identities among marginalised groups (youth, homeless, and immigrants). Her book *Young and Homeless in Hollywood: Mapping Social Identities* has just been published by Routledge. She also continues her comparative research in urban and social policy between North America and Europe, especially on immigrant youth and visible minorities in Toronto, Frankfurt and Los Angeles.

University of Northern British Columbia

Ellen Petticrew was awarded an NSERC last spring to work on fine-grained sediment transport in headwater streams. Her research and teaching focus on hydrology and limnology, with an emphasis on sediment in these aquatic systems. Another project which has been funded by Forestry Revewal-BC involves the restoration of a local community lake. Ellen and a graduate student are tracking phosphorus compartments in the

watershed and lake to determine the effects of the restoration techniques.

Gail Fondahl has been conducting research on indigenous land-tenure systems in Siberia. This past summer she organized a visit of 5 First Nation Siberians to Northern BC to discuss self-government initiatives (funding provided by MacArthur Foundation). Forthcoming publications include: "Territories of territorial reorganization for indigenous land claims in Northern Russia" (*Polar Geography and Geology* 19(1), 1995) and "Freezing the Frontier? Territories of

present her findings from her thesis in a session on art history and aesthetics.

Katie Pickles is currently completing a Ph.D. thesis titled *Representing Canadian Colonial Hegemony: The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire*; supervised by Audrey Kobayashi. She was recently appointed lecturer in New Zealand Feminist History at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand, commencing February 1996.

Beverley Mullins is a doctoral candidate with general interests in issues of economic transformation in developing countries. Her Ph.D research examines the impact of new export oriented industries on the economic and social organisations of work and family life in Jamaica. More specifically her research examines the impact of Informatic Services such as date-entry, on the lives and livelihoods of the many women employed there. Her Broader research interests include issues of industrial development in non-industrialised countries and the changing nature of gender relations in periods of economic change.

Lourdes Meana's Ph.D research examines how in Canada paid domestic and care-giving work, performed mainly by immigrant women, remains largely unregulated and unrecognized in the public institution of work. Despite the government's explicit recognition that the chronic shortage of workers and the inability of this occupation is due to poor working conditions, recent legislative and judicial polices and decisions contribute strongly to the exploitation of these workers. The government's hands-off attitude in this question is continuously justified by the claim that the private nature of domestic and care-giving work that makes it virtually impossible to regulate. This research argues that there is nothing inherently private about this occupation, rather, legislative and judicial processes must continuously construct paid domestic and care-giving work and the employer-employee relationship as private since this construction is pivotal to the government's ability to meet the demand of its most coveted and the wealthy citizens, and to the perpetuation of the sexual divisions of labour on which patriarchal capitalist economies have come to rely. It also examines the strategies of and divisions with advocacy groups who work to end the

McGill University

Sherry Olsen, recently appointed Full Professor continues her extensive study of family networks in the nineteenth-century Montreal. Her recent publications include "A Profusion of Light" in *Nineteenth-Century Montreal* in Serge Courville and Normand Seguin (eds) 1995, Space and Culture. Les Presses de L'Universite Laval.

Brian Ray has two research projects that deal directly with the social geographies of women and feminist issues: A SSHRC Team Grant in the "Women and Change program" with Damaris Rose and Johanne Charbonneau of INRS-Urbanisation. Title: *Les reseaux d'entraide et de sociabilite des femmes immigrantes apres quelques annees d'establissement a Montreal: Le role de la proximite*. (The social support networks of women after several years residence in Montreal: The role of proximity), and a SSHRC Grant titled: Visible Minority Immigrant Women, Work and Neighbourhood Within Montreal. The first project examines the form and development of social networks among immigrant who have lived in Montreal for more than five years, while the second focuses on the impacts of economic restructuring on immigrant women and their employment opportunities. His long term objectives are to develop a comparative study of immigrants and visible minorities in Montreal and Toronto, emphasizing questions of gender, racism and social justice.

The tidal wave of globalization is liable to leave a trail of shipwrecked economies in its wake. Few are more vulnerable than the banana producing volcanic islands of the Eastern Caribbean. Barbara Welch's book *Survival By Association: landscapes of supply management in the Eastern Caribbean* examines the institutional structures created by banana growers over the past 30 years to keep their industry on the map. The book will be appearing in the new year with McGill-Queen's University Press.

Graduate work covers a wide domain of geography: Jeanne Schoenwandt is working on a Ph.D. thesis on the broad theme of 'landscape' and Quebec women photographers. This spring she had a submission accepted for *Gender/Place/culture*, and hopes to attend the "acfas" conference held this spring and to

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who work to end the exploitation of home-givers.

Julie Podmore is investigating the construction and experience of Boulevard Saint-Laurent as an interstitial site of social relations of gender, sexuality and national citizenship in twentieth-century Montreal. The site is explored in terms of popular discourses and local power relations that define the site as marginal and contentious; and spaces and events through which groups of women have negotiated and contested dominant norms of gender and sexuality from the varied and intersecting social positions of class, ethnicity, race and religion.

Kate Boyer is currently researching a thesis on the topic of gender, space and modernity in turn-of-the-century Montreal. Through the focus on feminisation of clerical work and women clerical workers, she hopes to investigate the construction of female respectability as situated within the space of modern offices, and the urbanisation of images of femininity at this time.

Jocelyn Guidon is researching sexuality and public policy in the appropriation of space in Montreal. The investigation

Simon Fraser University

Simon Fraser University welcomes two new women

faculty members bringing the total to five in the department.

Amanda James has a two year limited term position. Amanda received her PhD from Queen's University in April 1994 and had a postdoctoral Fellowship with Applied Research at the University of Saskatchewan. Her field of research is medical geography with interests in feminism and ageing. Tracy Brennan joins the department in January in a tenure track position. Tracy is a geomorphologist with interests in glacial morphology, sedimentology, Quaternary environments and regional paleohydrology. Alison Gill continues to juggle duties between the department and the Tourism Policy and Research Centre. Her ongoing research centres on mountain resorts, public participation and community economic development. She and Maureen Reed (UBC) are in the final stages of their SSHRC funded research on the Howe Sound/ Whistler Corridor. Cathy Nesmith's current research focuses on women environmentalists in BC. Her recent publications include: "Trees for Rural Development", in *Applied Geography* (1994) and a book chapter with Pam Wright entitled "Gender, Environment and Resource Management" in Bruce Mitchell (ed). *Resource Management: Conflict and Uncertainty* (Oxford University Press, 1995). Early in the year, Bev Pitman completed her dissertation entitled *Fashion Figures: Configurations of Woman and Modernity in*

focuses on police repression and the displacement of gay enclaves from downtown Montreal to the Centre-Sud between 1975 and 1985.

Joseph Occhipinti's M.A. work, through long term participant observation, examines an increasingly diverse immigrant community centre in Montreal and the on-going development of group purpose and identity. He argues that there are diverse perceptions of the centre, its social meaning and purpose; but that what has made it a cohesive institution is its spatial focus as a working and living place for cultural and economic benefits of its participants. The Centre has been conceived and developed largely through the efforts of Latin-American immigrant women. Hence, the study questions to what extent the centre has acted as a social space for the voice, expression and social practice of individuals who have been marginalized in terms of gender, their ethnicity, and their status as newcomers.

Andrea Doucet-Donida's M.A. research is about women's role in community participation in municipal environmental projects in Curitiba, Brazil.

Geography, Planning and Design at UCLA. Her current research interests concern representations of gender and 'race/ethnicity in sustainable development discourse of the Pacific Northwest. Margaret Schmidt, a soil scientist, is studying the impact of forest practices on soil fertility in various world regions, using GIS as a tool to examine resource management issues.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Leboe who received a NSERC award to fund her Master's research on Quaternary geology and stratigraphy of Southwestern Alberta. Ann Rowan, PhD student, received an Eco-Research grant for her work on restructuring urban water systems for sustainability. Michele Johnson, MSc student, received a CIDA award for Indonesian field work in remote sensing and mapping. Michele will integrate participatory rural appraisal techniques with remote sensing.

Lydia Harris is completing her dissertation on the cultural landscapes associated with Emily Carr. Tanya Behrisch will be defending her MA thesis in December; *Preparing for Work: A Case Study of Secondary School Students in Powell River, B.C.* Soon to defend Master's theses are: Carolyn Teare (*Nutrient Chemistry of tundra streams in the Western Arctic*); Katherine Pipke (*Methane Emissions from the Mackenzie River Delta*); and Robyn Adamache (*Discourse and Regional Development: Selling the Mexican Maquiladora Industry in the US Popular Press*).

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Fran Klodawsky is fully immersed in the intricacies of 'needs talk' about housing for low and moderate income households in Ottawa and Winnipeg. She is finding this sabbatical project, with funding from SSHRC, to be very satisfying.

Shelagh Squire is engaged in ongoing historical oriented work related to women's multifaceted activities in early tourism in the Canadian Rockies. Shelagh has initiated a project concerning women and social movements. Also, Shelagh has begun teaching the new interdisciplinary social science course using the integrated skills as a geographer to work within challenging interdisciplinary contexts.

Nancy Doubleday's in progress research continues to focus on environmental change and the high arctic. Nancy's research is directed toward "Commons" concerns in search of uncommon solutions: arctic contaminants catalysts of change.

The geography department at Carleton has just initiated the PhD program this past September. **Shona Van Zijll de Jong** and **Aining Zhang** are two women who have began the PhD program. Carleton welcomes new MA students as well:

Audrey Dellimore, **Michelle Driedger** (housing and ageing), **Kari McLeod** (retirement communities as a reconceptualisation of space), and **Alette Willis** (cultural geography, international education). Continuing MA students are engaging in a diversity of geographical topics: **Celeste Wincapaw** is continuing with her cyberspace, women and

lesbian research. **Tamara Dionne Stout's** research interests focus on indigenous peoples' resistance and social movements; as well as the impacts of intellectual property and biotechnology on biodiversity and local knowledge systems.

Brenda Sproule's thesis research is developed from her 3 month (June-August 1995) field work concerning the Agrotopoclimate of the Takhini Valley, Southern Yukon.

Colette Murray has focused upon the issues of identity and post colonial theory to analyze aboriginal self government and community in Nova Scotia. **Sherrill Johnson** is putting the final touches on her thesis which focuses on participatory research.

Cynthia Gunn is completing her MA thesis concerning sustainable tourism and Banff. **Alice Hovorka** has been awarded external funding from CIDA for her field work (to take place January until June 1996) concerning

"Women and Home ownership Harare, Zimbabwe: Role of the NGO community". Alice co-edits this newsletter with **Paula Carty**. Paula's research is concerned with public environmental information and participation in environmental policy.

Congratulations to these female MA students who have successfully defended since the last newsletter: **Kim Winnicky** (On the Permeability of Frozen Silt to Organic Contaminants); **Tiffani Fraser** (On the Nature and Origin of Muck Deposits, Klondike District, Yukon Territory); and **Robin Phillips** (Land Owner Attitudes toward Private Stewardship Programs: an Examination of the Island Nature

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