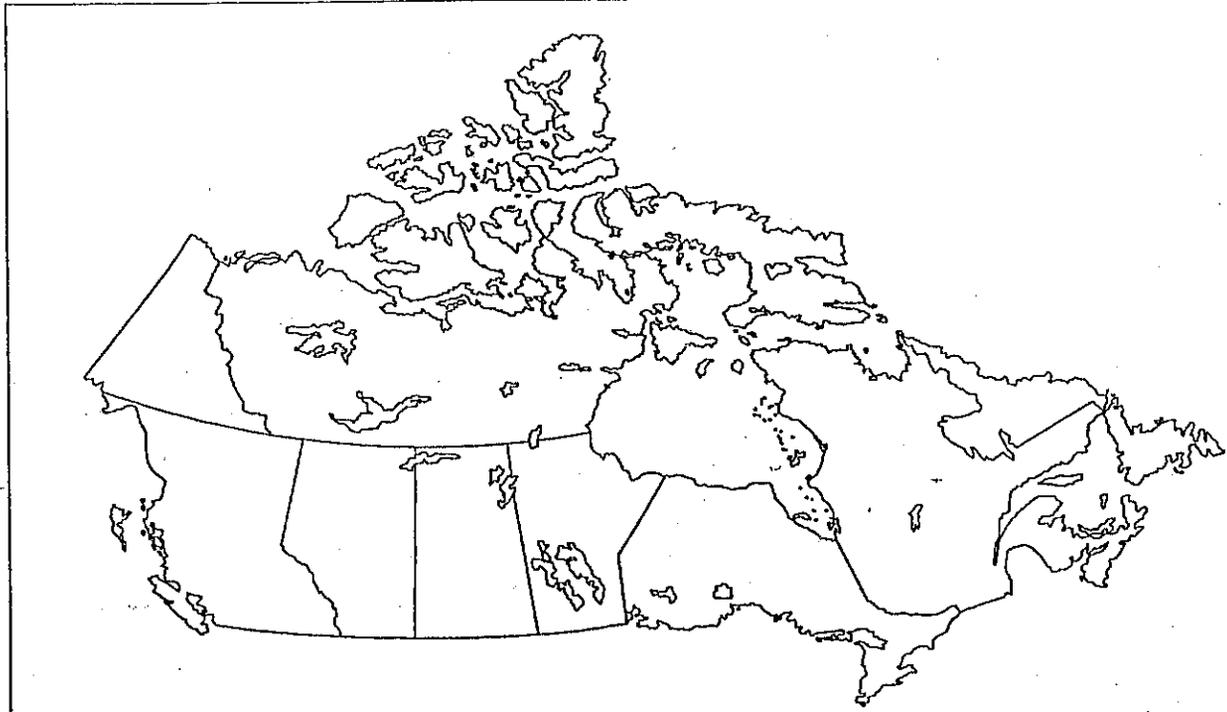


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NEWSLETTER OF THE CANADIAN WOMEN AND GEOGRAPHY STUDY GROUP OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHERS

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PROFILES

Regina Women and Geography

The University of Regina's Department of Geography has many active women. Currently there are six women in the Master's program. Their names, degrees, and topics of research are as follows:

Laura Herman, M.Sc.

"The Impact of Science Policy on Farming Practices in Southwestern Saskatchewan."

Rhonda Koster, M.A.

"An Investigation of the Role of Tourism Economic Development of Regional Economics with Particular Reference to Saskatchewan."

Diane Livingston, M.Sc.

"Environmental Impact Assessment of Resource Development in Northern Saskatchewan."

Lana Phillips, M.A.

"Women and Planning: Towards a Safe Urban Environment."

Sona Verma, M.A.

Cartography

Lorie Wiesner, M.Sc.

"Research in National Parks."

In addition, three women are involved in teaching Geography at the University of Regina. First, **Linda Paul** has been involved in the department for many years. She attained her B.A. in History at the University of Alberta and her M.A. in Geography, also at the University

of Alberta. Her topic title was "Spatial Differentiation Among Residential Districts in Red Deer." Besides her current role as an Instructor in Geography (Luther College), she has many publications to her credit including:

"Geographical Implications of Native and Non-native News in the Regina Leader Post and the Saskatoon Star Phoenix." Brandon Geographical Studies No. 1, Dept. of Geography, Brandon. 1991.

"Human Encroachment on a Domineering Physical Landscape." A Few Acres of Snow: Literary and Artistic Images of Canada. 1992. She has also presented at many conferences, most recently at the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain American Association of

Geographers Conference, the Prairie Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers, and at the Indian Native Studies Association.

Marilyn Lewry is also an Instructor in the Geography Department. Her B.Sc. degree was obtained at the University of London, England and her M.A. degree was obtained in Geography at the University of Regina. Her thesis title was "A Study of the Locational Changes Among Hebridean Immigrants in Southeastern Saskatchewan." Her recent publications include:

"The Invisible Partner: The Influence of the Financial Sponsor on the Development of Three Nineteenth Century Hebridean Colonies in Western Canada." Regina Geographical Studies, The Moose Mountain Papers. Dept. of Geography, University of Regina. 1988.

Evans, D., M. Lewry and D. Russell. Technology and Change in Canada. Weigl Educational Pub. Ltd. Edmonton. 1990.

Bland, S. and M. Lewry. The Living Soil: A Renewable Resource. Weigl Educational Pub. Ltd. Edmonton. 1991.

Her current research interests include the historical geography of Grasslands National Park.

The newest addition to the Department is **Janis Dale**, as a Sessional Lecturer for Physical Geography. She received a B.Sc. with Distinction in Physical Geography from the University of Guelph, a M.Sc. in Coastal Geography from McMaster

University, and her Ph.D. in Geomorphology, Sedimentology and Invertebrate Zoology from Queen's University. Her most recent publication is:

Dale, J.E., Aitken, A.E. Gilbert, R. and M.J. Risk. 1989. Microfauna of Canadian Arctic Fjords. In: R.D. Powell and A. Elverhoi (Eds.), Modern Glaciomarine Environments: Glacial and Marine Controls of Modern Lithofacies and Biofacies. Marine Geology, 85, pp.331-358.

...Lorie Wiesner
University of Regina

NOTES AND NEWS

Who's Who?

Dr. Marcia Faurer, University of Winnipeg, has been very busy over the last year. A newcomer to the faculty, she has made good use of the first year and a half of full-time teaching. In addition to initiating new areas and expanding old ones in the G.I.S. area of the department, she has an article published in "The Year without a Summer," editor C.R. Harington, Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, 1992, *The Development and Testing of a Methodology for Extracting Sea Ice Data from Ships' Log-Books*.

She is the co-chair of the Advisory Committee of the G.I.S. post-diploma programme at Red River College and the chair of Educational Interest Group of the Canadian Cartographic Association.

Her skills do not end here. In 1992 she was the coordinator and

facilitator of the 5th Annual Colloquium on G.I.S. Applications held at the University of Winnipeg in May and is the Coordinator of the 1993 Cartographic Association meeting (and formally asks that papers be forthcoming).

Geri Sweet, University of Winnipeg, was the coordinator of the Elder Hostel Programme in Churchill. This programme of educational courses for senior citizens includes the geography, anthropology, history, ornithology and wildlife of the Churchill area and is based at the Northern Studies Center. She was also the provincial representative to Canadian Equestrian Federation. A recent publication is: "Bats are not only found in Belfries" *Journal of British Cave Research*, 1992.

Mary Jo Welch, University of Brandon, is a senior student who spent six weeks in Botswana in '91, then took six months off from her degree to learn French. She is presently completing her four year degree in Geography, and preparing for a career in development through her membership in W.U.S.C.

... Geri Sweet
University of Winnipeg

What's going on in Departments Across Ontario?

Universite d'Ottawa

Anne Gilbert is happy to report that for the first time a feminist geography course will be offered. In 1992/1994 she will begin teaching a fourth year course, *femmes et espaces*; it will be cross-listed with

women's studies. This heralds a union between geography and women's studies at Ottawa. Megan McKenna is working on her Ph.D thesis "Ontario farm women's discourses on agricultural issues". There has also been an extensive safety audit on campus, with special attention being paid to the spaces where women feel unsafe and what causes them to restrict their activities.

Queen's University

Evelyn Peters tells us that Anne Godlewska is currently working on two books on the history of

geographic thought and is continuing her research into the history of cartography as well as developing new research in French historical geography. Evelyn is continuing her work on aboriginal people in urban areas and the geographies of aboriginal self-government. She is in the last year of a three year SSHRC Canada Research Fellowship, which will turn into a tenure track position upon completion. She will offer a third year course, Women and the City, for the first time in 1994. She's also mothering very active one- and three-year old children.

There are seven women Ph.D students: Dawn Bowen (government sponsored resettlement schemes in 1930s Saskatchewan), Amanda James (health care utilization by seniors), Loretta Li (influence of chemical, mineralogical and environmental properties on settling red muds), Ferzan Nedimoglu (changing Turkish auto industry in the context of global restructuring), Sally Peberdy (HIV/AIDS, migration and African development) Barabara Snyder (person-place relationships in historic sites), Susan Wurtele (immigrant assimilation and Canadian national identity).

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS CWAG AS A RESOURCE NETWORK

CWAG is putting together a collection of course outlines from courses taught across North America and would appreciate submissions to expand the collection to encompass as many courses as possible. University women teaching for the first time will be able to draw out pertinent outlines for planning their own courses -- there is no doubt that such a resource will assist those starting their own academic career. More experienced women will be able to gather additional information on their teaching and/or researching projects by using other outlines available in this library. By helping each other we will be stronger together.

There are two parts: a "library" and a "book." The library will be

a compilation of course outlines that have been or are presently being taught by women in geography. This will be our resource because we will all contribute to it and we will all have access to it by mail, by computer, or by book (see below).

The second part consists of a publication in book form of these course outlines. Access can then be widened to include women across Canada at a reasonable cost.

In order to facilitate publication, submissions should be sent on a 3 1/2" or 5 1/4" IBM readable diskette and must be in either WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, ASCII or DOS format. Please label the diskette with first and last names and the address of the contributor and enclose in a stiff envelope to protect the diskette during mailing. The diskettes will be returned upon request. Once prepared the collection will be made available at

a low cost. Costs of publication will be subsidized by the Geography Department at UVic.

Please send submissions for inclusion in the publication to one of the addresses below:

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Allison has received quite a few but would like to see many more.

And, there are four women masters students: Kim Brisbin (soil development and soil geomorphology), Gillian Davidge (physical limnology and sedimentology), Susan McFarlane (boundaries and the development of regional identity in Canada) and Pat Pederson (aboriginal policy in Canada).

Ryerson

Marie Truelove is pleased to announce that Ryerson has a tenure track position to fill! The main areas of interest should be GIS, with secondary interests fairly open but preferably in location analysis and certainly in applied geography. This year Mireya Folch-Serra, Sue Laskin (who used to work on U of T's Atlas Project), Donna Senese and Beth Carlson have been teaching at Ryerson. Donna Senese has received a grant to extend her Ph.D research exploring the evacuation patterns and coping/survival strategies in war-time Turino. Each year two undergraduate students visit Ryerson from Portsmouth University, this year one of the visitors is Anne-Lise Cox.

University of Toronto

Miriam Diamond is teaching courses in environmental science and has active research programmes in the fate and transportation of contaminants in lakes, including the Great Lakes and Arctic systems. She has been on the Dean of Arts and Science committee for women and science. Miriam has five women graduate students working on various aspects of contaminant

movement and behaviour (Helen Ling, Margaret Faye and Hilary Freitas) and environmental policy formulation (Yvette Ali and Rita Mezei). Kim England's research includes women and local labor markets, gender and the urban landscape, and feminist/critical methodology. She is supervising Bernadette Stiell who is looking at foreign domestic workers and nannies in Canada. Mireya Folch-Serra has finished her SSHRC post-doctoral fellowship and has had two grants to conduct her research on the E.C. and Catalonia. Linda Hershkovitz now has a son, Matt Isaac Zuchowski, and is about to embark on a career as a consultant in international development. Virginia Maclaren has research interests in sustainable cities and urban waste management. She is the Director of the planning programme. Virginia is supervising seven women graduate students. Wendy Dickinson is looking at gender differences in environmental attitudes and behaviour, Emma Child, Teresa Deisch, and Anne-Marie Wollicky are working on environmental assessment, and Laurie Bruce, Sue Dixon, and Sonia Labatt (a Ph. D student) are interested in waste management. Sue Ruddick is interested in social policy and the relationship between public spaces and social identities of marginalised groups. She is pursuing comparative work between North America and Europe. She has supervised three students working on social service for the elderly (Terri Lasko, Shannon Weins, and Maureen Wilson) and

shelter provision for homeless women (Laura Van de Bogart).

University of Windsor

Alan Phipps reports that his department has two women faculty. Jin Sei Wang, who works in the physical geography/GIS field, has been successful at bringing NSERC operating grants. Veronika Mogyorody has recently completed a University of Windsor sponsored one year retraining leave. The university in general has been very progressive in equity issues regarding hiring women and attracting women students.

... Compiled by Kim England
University of Toronto

And There's More News from Ontario...

Trent University

The election of a woman as President of the Trent University Geography Society reflects the number of female students in the programme. They account for 50 percent of the undergraduate enrollment and approximately half of the enrollment in the interdisciplinary Master's programmes in which geographers participate.

Guelph

Of the three women on faculty, two are on leave; Jackie Wolfe, who is now formally affiliated with the University School of Rural Planning and Development and Kiyoko Miyanishi, who agreed to stand for elections as a CAG regional

councillor. Janet Mersey is the department's newest addition. With interests in cartography, she is currently book review editor for *Cartographica*.

The number of women in the graduate programme has increased steadily, so next year's admissions include more women than men.

Wilfred Laurier University

Jody Decker and Mary-Lou Byrne are recent additions to the staff. Jody is involved in several research projects in medical and historical geography, while Mary-Lou continues her work in coastal geomorphology.

Women are well represented in all fields in the graduate programme where they make up about one third of the enrollment. Their numbers are expected to increase as the joint Ph.D with Waterloo starts in September.

Carleton

Simon Dalby, who is interested in gender issues, has just been appointed to the Geography Department. Fran Kodawsky is eager to talk about her experiences teaching "Gender and Environments", a course that was taught previously by Fiona MacKenzie. With a methodological focus, Fran has found it an exciting course to teach.

York University

At York, the female graduate students have been very busy. Congratulations are in order for: Emily Gilbert and Judy Bates, who have both won external scholarships; Deborah Carter Park, who has

defended her thesis proposal successfully; and Donna Maitland, who has passed comprehensives. Five women have also defended Masters theses this year.

Linda Peake is on sabbatical in Guyana where she is reported to be happy, healthy and relaxed. Her research is going well. Luisa Lo received tenure this year, so she is looking forward to a well-earned sabbatical. Valerie Preston will spend the summer recovering from the shock of teaching regularly after eighteen months of sabbatical and maternity leave.

... Valerie Preston
York University

Editor's Note: Valerie apologizes for any universities or people who were omitted. She was compiling this information in between marking and other end of term chores. The "missed" universities and people will be (re)covered in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

Canadian Association of Geographers, Ontario

This year the CAGONT meetings were held at Scarborough College, University of Toronto. Kim England and Sue Ruddick (Toronto) organised a pre-conference symposium, held the afternoon before the paper sessions began, that focussed on geography and social identities. About thirty people from McMaster, Ottawa, Queen's, U of T, Windsor and York gathered to listen to a variety of presentations and engage in discussion. The first

session focussed largely on marginality and ethnicity with presentations by Reiner Jaakson (Toronto) "Social identity in a post-communist world"; Stefaan Bil (Toronto) "Social change in Toronto's King-Parliament neighbourhood"; Judy Bates (York) "Shelter use by homeless youth in Toronto"; and Laura VandeBogart (Toronto) "Concepts of homeless women". The second session looked at gender and sexuality and involved presentations by Allison Williams (York) "Native women in Toronto"; Marcia Nation (Toronto) "Gender and development: Policy and practice"; Bernadette Stiell (Toronto) "Gender and the Spatial Abilities of Children"; Sean DiGiovanna (Toronto) "Gay and lesbian use of urban space"; and Ali Grant (McMaster) "Challenging heterosexism in social geography". Val Preston and Deborah Hierlihy (York) acted as moderators. The sessions were organised along less structured lines than is usual in a traditional conference: the speakers gave short presentations that were intended to generate discussion, each of these was followed by a couple of minutes of brief, clarifying questions, and about half of the time in each session was set aside for general discussion and debate. Given the comments that Sue and Kim received, this format worked very well and the symposium was generally a great success with some very lively and exciting discussion around some contentious issues.

...Kim England
Linda Hershkovitz
University of Toronto

Canadian Association of Geographers, Praries

At the recent meeting of the P.C.A.G., several papers were presented by women:

Karen Stock (University of Manitoba) "The Resources of the Anishinaabe in the Manitoba District 1800-1820".

Helen Lam, J. Richtik, J., Selwood (University of Winnipeg) "Transcona -- Winnipeg's Industrial Satellite and Railroad Capital".

Karen Hamburg, J. Everitt, C. E. Haque (University of Brandon) "The Social Geography of Solid Waste Recycling in Brandon".

... Geri Sweet
University of Winnipeg

Canadian Association of Geographers, Western Division

Capilano College hosted the Western CAG 1993 conference. There were

Bring Nominations With You!

Isabel Dyck is stepping down as Chair of CWAG. If you are interested, or know someone who is interested in being chair, bring the name forward at the CWAG meeting in Ottawa. Remember, too, that there are elections for regional representatives as well as the newsletter editor.

eighteen papers presented and one panel discussion. Four women participated, two as co-authors and two as single authors.

Anna Groot and Tom Jonston (University of Lethbridge) "The Status of Women in Canadian Geography: Towards an Understanding and an Agenda for Change".

They reviewed the published data on the representativeness of women in geography at universities and colleges in Canada and then argue that the disproportionality is linked to social science research.

James Byrne and Dawna Cerny (University of Lethbridge) "Evaluating Human Emotional/Behavioral Sensitivity to Environmental Conditions".

They investigate the centuries old theory connecting emotions and behavioral traits with weather phenomena amongst a group of school age children and a group of people reporting through a crisis line.

Ann Rowan (Simon Fraser University) "Save Our Planet: Campaigns of the Environmental Movement and Place".

She argues that those interested in forging a new relationship with nature should pay more attention to the normative narrative which develops within communities.

Lori Roter (University of Victoria) "Is Technology Enough? The Role of Irrigation Agriculture in Managing Israel's Scarce Water Resources".

She discusses the Israeli state's emphasis on technology to the detriment of addressing the real problem between water demand and supply management strategies.

... Pamela Moss
University of Victoria

American Association of Geographers

The 1993 AAG in Atlanta was quite successful. Fourteen (!) sessions were sponsored by the "Geographic Perspectives on Women" (CWAG's equivalent in the AAG) dealing with gender, women in geography, and feminist analysis. McGill University graduate Heidi Nast organised a special session on feminist methodologies, of which two of the presenters were members of the CWAG: Audrey Kobayashi (McGill University) and Kim England (University of Toronto). In another session, Deborah Carter Park (York University) talked about links between methodology and theory. Other sessions dealt with women's labour issues, women's home life, sexuality, theory, feminism in the academy, undergraduate research, being a women graduate student, feminisms in geography, local politics, and women's organising. Another plus was that pins were distributed that read: "I support women in geography". What a great idea!

... Pamela Moss
University of Victoria

A New Study Group...

Women graduate students, post-docs, and faculty from McMaster, U of T, and York, have formed a feminist reading group that meets about once a month. The topics for this year include the debate between Mona Demosh and David Stoddard (*TIBG*), women and design, ecofeminism, sexuality, the feminism/post-modernism debate among the women of the IBG's women and geography study group (*Antipode*), Mireya Folch-Serra's review of the reviewers of Harvey's The Condition of Postmodernity (forthcoming in *The Canadian Geographer*), and David Harvey's reply to Doreen Massey and Rosalyn Deutsch (*Antipode*). Some of us will meet over the summer and plan to read some of Iris Young's Justice and the Politics of Difference.

... Kim England
Linda Hershkovitz
University of Toronto

CAG in Ottawa

The upcoming annual meeting of the CAG has two key sessions on gender and geography that are sponsored by CWAG:

29. *Gender: The Big Picture*, Chair: I. Dyck

* "Un-natural Discourse: 'Race' and Gender in Geography". Audrey Kobayashi (McGill University) and Linda Peake (York University).

* "Gender and Geopolitics". Simon Dalby (Douglas College).

* "Difference 'Down Under'". Wendy Lerner (Carleton University).

81. *Gender and the Labour Workers*, Chair: Wendy Lerner.

* "Immigrant Women in the Toronto Labour Market". Valerie Preston and Wenona Giles (York University) and Glenda Laws (Pennsylvania State University).

* "Gender Equity, Home-Workplace Separation and Socioeconomic Status: Changes in Greater Vancouver 1972/1990 and Criticism of the SES concept". Lyle G. Courtney (University of British Columbia).

* "Nation, Gender and Unionism: Representations in Hotel Worker Unions" Natalie Jamieson (University of British Columbia).

... Isabel Dyck
University of British Columbia

STUDY GROUP AWARDED COMMISSION STATUS

At the August 1992 IGU meeting, the Study Group on Gender and Geography was approved as a Commission for 1992-1996. The Commission's work will address the intersection of gender and political and environmental change, emphasizing research on 1) relationships between gender and the state at local and national scales, and 2) women and environmental management, especially in the developing nations of Africa, Asia and Latin America. In pursuing this program, we hope to stimulate studies that deal with the diversity of women's experiences and to focus on the significance of geographic context in shaping those experiences.

Projects on these themes have potential for making important contributions at the next two IGU meetings in Prague, 1994 and Amsterdam, 1996. Both Congresses will pay special attention to environmental topics. The Prague meeting also provides an ideal site to deal with issues of political change and women, especially around the questions of citizen rights, state provision of services, and population issues. We are eager to hear from scholars who wish to contribute to the Commission's agenda. Please contact the Chair, **Janet Momsen** or one of the Commission's full members (see below).

Please note, that although the political and environmental themes are listed separately, we are also interested in research on the triple intersection of gender/environmental/ and women's political activity.

Commission members for 1992-1996 are:

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Alberta Association, Canadian Institute of Planners, 1993 Conference: the Land-Water Interface, May 13-16, 1993, Medicine Hat.

Contact: Steve Welling, Southeast Alberta Regional Planning Commission, 623-4th Street, Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 0L1. Tel:(403) 527-3326, Fax: (403) 528-2493.

Canadian Association of Geographers 1993 Annual Meeting, May 30-June 3, Carleton University, Ottawa.

Contact: Ken Torrence, Geography,

Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, K1S 5B6. Tel: (613) 788-2600, Fax: (613) 788-4301.

Innovative Housing '93 A World Conference on Advanced Housing for Energy Efficiency and Environmental Responsibility, June 21-25, 1993, Vancouver.

Contact: Darinka Tolot, Conference Coordinator, Energy, Mines and Resources Canada, 580 Booth Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0E6 Tel: (613) 943-2259, Fax: (613) 996-9416.

Canadian Regional Science Association 17th Annual Meeting, July 11-14, 1993, Whistler, B.C.

Contact: John Munro, Economics, Simon Fraser, Tel: (604) 291-3927, Fax: (604) 291-5876.

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FALL NEWS DEADLINE

The deadline for information for inclusion in the spring newsletter is October 15. Please send information on:

- women in geography;
- women geographers;
- geography of women;
- feminist studies.

Also send references to publications in these fields.

A Note from the Editor

I received lots of news from women in geography across Canada. Thanks for all the contributions.

Also, I want to make a special mention of Kelly Ness who put the newsletter together. Her skills and commitment have made this task a delight.

Thanks, too, to the Department of Geography at UVic for funding the production of the newsletter.



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