

CWAG NEWSLETTER

FALL 1998

CHAIR

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

HI AGAIN,

The Newsletters are almost back on schedule. Thanks to all those who sent in submissions for this edition, a plea for submissions from the rest of you. It is very hard to put together your Newsletter if I don't receive enough material. **PLEASE** take some time to write about what the women in your department are doing.

Susan

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THANKS



MESSAGE FROM THE

It seems a long time since many of us were 'face-to-face' at the CAG meetings last June. I look back on our various interactions there with fondness, but also with confidence that I will not need to take on so many duties at CAG '99! I am very pleased to report that:

- Linda Peake and Jennifer Hyndman have agreed to organize the Special Sessions at Lethbridge.
- Susan Dakin has agreed to handle arrangements 'on site'.
- Vera Chouinard will be the CWAG Chair for the 1999/2001 term.
- Linda Peake and Kim England have crafted a proposal for disbursements from the Grenda Laws Memorial Fund.
- Audrey Kobayashi continues as Treasurer.
- Kathi Wilson, Susan Fitzgibbon and Michele Dupuis continue as Newsletter Editors, under the Faculty support of Evelyn Peters.
- Nadine Schuurman continues as the electronic newsgroup coordinator.

Thanks so much to all of you, as well as those who have continued to donate items to cwag@geography.ubc.ca and to support our organization in other ways.

I hope that all of you are managing to find some time for fun and reflection, despite the undoubtedly busy lives that we tend to have.

Best wishes for the Fall and for the new year. I look forward to seeing many of you in Lethbridge.

Fran Klodawsky

STUDENT SUPPORT FOR TRAVEL TO THE CAG MEETINGS

Each year CWAG provides limited financial support to student members of CWAG who present papers at the annual CAG meetings. If you are a member of CWAG and will present a paper at Lethbridge, please contact:

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Priority will be given to those presenting a paper for the first time. All student recipients are asked to provide a copy of the paper for the CWAG archives. Reimbursements will be made following the 1999 meeting in Lethbridge.

CALL FOR PAPERS

CWAG is putting out a call for papers for the 1999 CAG meetings in Lethbridge. Please submit papers, or direct any questions you may have to one of the women listed below:

Linda Peake (York)
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Tel: (416) 736-2100, ext. 77829
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Susan Dakin (Lethbridge)
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Jennifer Hyndman

GPOW WEB PAGES

The Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group's web page has been established to provide the group with a web presence. The site can be accessed at: <http://www.masu.nodak.edu/hssdiv/meartz/gpow/gpow.htm>.

The Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group page is the team effort of Paul D. Meartz [paul_meartz@mail.masu.nodak.edu at Mayville State University, Mayville, ND], Cynthia K. Pope [pope@u.arizona.edu at the University of Arizona, Tucson AZ], and Kim A. Elmore [kelfmore@geog.unc.edu at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC]. Server space is provided by Mayville State University and the North Dakota University System.

While the home page offers information about the group, its purpose, and its leadership, linked pages offer general announcements, meeting announcements and notes, research notes, mentoring information, and links of interest to the group.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit items they would like to see included on the pages to one of the team members. [If an item on the pages should need correction, that message should be directed to Paul Meartz.] Of special note is the research section. The team hopes that this section can be an on-going index of the kinds of research that is being carried out by the members of GPOW. We welcome short notes describing the work of members. We would also like to serve as a site to which members and others could turn for assistance in finding data or other materials. This latter function is, of course, shared with the GEOGFEM listserv group.

If there are other types of materials the members believe should be included, please let one of the team members know.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWSWaterloo-Laurier Graduate Program

Jody Decker reports:

We have a good representation of women in our joint program with 12 out of 16 doctoral candidates and 19 out of 24 Master's candidates among our continuing students. We have no new women doctoral candidates this year, and 16 of the 40 new Master's students are women. Doctoral candidates are split fairly evenly between special data handling, physical, cultural-historical, urban-economic and resource management specialties. Master's students are working mostly in the resource management area.

News from York

Congratulations to Sarah Payne who has defended her dissertation entitled "Literary Tourism: An Examination of Tourists' Anticipation of and Encounter with the Literary Shrines of Willa Cather and Margaret Laurence". Dr. Payne will officially receive her degree at the fall convocation.

Recent Masters graduates and the titles of their theses and research papers include:

Yuen Ngor Chu

"Birds of a Feather Flock Together: the meaning of home for Hong Kong immigrant women in Toronto suburbs"

Colleen Crummey

"Semiotics and Graffiti in Sectarian Belfast"

Merrin Macrae

"Variations in Organic Carbon Storage in Shallow Tundra Ponds"

Kathy Morihovitis

"Ergonomics and Women's Work in the City of Toronto: A Case Study of Cashiers"

Nadine Smith

"Community Participation in the Implementation Process: Barbados - A Case Study in the Management of Coastal Areas"

Katherine Topelko

"The Reproductive Health of Guyanese Women"

Jessica Zippin

"The Geochemistry and Mineralogy of Termite Mounds Eaten by Chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) of the Mahale Mountains, Western Tanzania"

Congratulations and best wishes to everyone.

We are pleased to welcome four new women to the department:

Sally Bradden, who is working with Martin Kellman in the area of biogeography.

Dianne De Genova who is working with Robert Murdie on immigration in Toronto.

Susan Russell is working with Bill Mahaney on soils and paleosols.

Eva Sadowski is studying biogeography with Alan Hill.

GLENDA LAWS MEMORIAL FUND

Two years ago, CWAG set up a fund in memory of Glenda Laws. It is hoped that the fund will grow sufficiently that the proceeds can be used to support the work of women geography students and to further Glenda's longstanding concern for geographic education.

The fund currently stands at \$1,120.

Please send donations to:

Canadian Women and Geography
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**CWAG FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance Sheet
Year ending 31 December 1997

Balance 31 December 1996	989.00
Revenue 1997: membership dues*	532.50
Expenses:	
student assistance	200.00
Bank charges	
(less interest)	2.58 (202.58)
Balance	1,418.92

Projected expenses (1998)

Student travel assistance	500.00	
Ottawa meeting expenses	300.00	800.00

Glenda Laws Memorial Fund

Balance 31 May 1997	495.33
Received one donation	50.00
Balance 31 May 1998**	545.33

Notes:

* \$100 remains outstanding

** Does not include interest estimated at \$15.00

SUZANNE MACKENZIE

On Saturday, 24 October 1998, Suzanne Mackenzie, a much beloved member of the geographical community in Canada and internationally, died at her home in Nelson, B.C. Suzanne had been recovering from a lengthy chronic illness when she was diagnosed with cancer in the fall of 1997. She spent her last days in the care of her family, her partner Alan Nash, her sister Sally (Crescent Valley, B.C.) and brother Jim (Mackenzie, B.C.), and their families, who provided care for her at home. Suzanne was predeceased by her parents, Tom and Jean Mackenzie.

Suzanne was born in Vancouver on 22 March 1950. She grew up in the Kootenay district, in Nakusp and China Creek, where her family was deeply involved in the labour movement. After finishing high school at J. Lloyd Crowe School in Trail in 1968, she graduated with a degree in Geography from Simon Fraser in 1976, and completed an MA at the University of Toronto in 1978, followed by a PhD from Sussex University in 1983. She taught at Queen's University from 1982-1985 and moved to Carleton University, where she became an Associate Professor in 1985. She was the first woman geographer in Canada, and one of the first in the world, to develop a substantive research programme in geography and gender. Over more than two decades, her numerous books and articles exploring how women's lives shaped and were shaped by their social environments have become a beacon for and an inspiration to a whole generation of feminist geographers. She has influenced profoundly the ways that gender is now understood in Canadian universities. She was also an inspired teacher and a dedicated community activist who tried always to make her work count for something towards improving living and working conditions for Canadian women. She was one of the founding members of the Canadian Women and Geography Study Group, and active in the CAG (a Council Member from 1988-1991), a founding member of the Institute of British Geographers Women and Geography Study Groups and active in the AAG Geographic Perspectives on Women Speciality Group.

During her years in Nelson, she was very involved with the work of the West Kootenay Women's Association and the Nelson Women's Centre.

Suzanne will be remembered for her courage, her commitment to feminism, her deep sense of caring for friends, family and students, her sense of justice and right and her irrepressible humour, bound up in a generous spirit that has left us far, far too soon.

Donations may be made to the Canadian Women and Geography Study Group, care of the CWAG Treasurer, Dr. Audrey Kobayashi, Department of Geography, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada K7L 3N6

MEMORIES OF SUZANNE

The Canadian Women and Geography study group is compiling memories of Suzanne Mackenzie, which will be posted to a web site in the near future. If you would like to contribute your memories, please send them to:

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