



# Canadian Women and Geography Newsletter

FALL 2001

## Letter From the Chair

### On Creating Spaces of Hope

Finding the right words to speak to CWAG members has been unusually difficult this fall. As in past years, my thoughts have been drawn to the beauty and inspiration I associate with the autumn months – a season in which possibilities for renewal of life and hope co-mingle in often curious ways with signs of life's passages and passing aways. My daughter's recent departure for University adds a special and personal poignancy to this particular autumn; generating feelings of hope for her future, sadness at the passing away of one chapter in our lives as mother and daughter, and a bittersweet sense of how special our bonds are. But the fall of 2001 is in many ways about much more (and in some ways less) than such seemingly 'normal' lived and symbolic passages in our lives. Since the horrific events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, normal 'taken-for-granted' aspects of our lives as women in Canada, including seasonal and life passages, have felt curiously unsettling, ab-normal and even 'surreal': an odd kind of 'life as usual' with none of the usual implications or certainties about life which, to varying degrees depending upon our places in the world, help to ground us and make us feel confident in our hopes for the future.

Like women across Canada and in nations around the world, I have found it difficult to make sense of a world in which formerly unimaginable acts of hatred, violence and terror against thousands of women, children, and men, have become not only imaginable but increasingly probable everywhere. It is not just that the realities of terrorism, war, hatred and mass destruction have often seemed relatively far away to women living in North America, and have suddenly come to seem all too real and 'close to home'. It is also because it is hard to know where to start imagining how, as women who are themselves all too often victims of hatred and violence, we can help to build an 'other' world and global future – one that is peaceful, understanding, tolerant and inclusive of women in all their diversity. That we must do so has, in the context of our lives at least, never been clearer. How to do so remains troubling and far from clear.

Which brings me to what we can do as women working in Geography in Canada. Part of the

answer is, certainly, to continue to do what we do best and that is to promote a better understanding of the physical and social conditions in which women struggle to survive and thrive in various regions of the world. We can and do investigate aspects of our physical and social environments which can help us to imagine ways of creating more inclusive and hopeful spaces of life for women in all their diversity. And we sometimes use the knowledge and insights gained to make the world a little better place for women now, and in the future – to convince others of the importance of protecting fragile eco-systems, making urban public spaces safer for women and other victims of violence, challenging violence against women living in refugee camps, or combating widespread ‘ableness’ and violations of human rights which result in so many women with physical and mental impairments living impoverished and desperate lives, are among the examples that come to mind. Clearly, we must continue to strive to find ways of advancing our understanding of women’s places in the world and of using our discoveries, academic and applied, to make positive differences in women’s lives – differences that can help to give all women reasons to be hopeful about the future. As women working in Geography, we also can and do take advantage of everyday opportunities to challenge hatred and intolerance in ‘our own backyards’ – whether it is gently correcting racist readings of a black female co-worker, challenging assumptions that ill and disabled women’s lives ‘aren’t worth living’, that profit-making is more important than protecting precious natural environments or becoming involved in the ongoing battles against sexism, racism, homophobia, and ableism in our workplaces – we can and must continue to challenge the devaluation and oppression of ‘othered’ people and places wherever we encounter them.

If our struggles against hatred and violence of global proportions are to succeed, however, it will not be enough to simply go about ‘business as usual’ as women working in Geography. This is because, paradoxically, battling hatred, oppression and violence of this magnitude, requires us to question and challenge our own places in the world and to see something of ourselves in ‘others’. By this I mean recognizing and taking responsibility for the fact that, in a global world, our own lives – where and how we live – is inextricably linked to the lives and too often the suffering of women throughout the world – that the computer on my desktop or the ‘smart’ electronic appliances in my kitchen embody the labour of women in Mexico or the Philippines who are losing their health and eyesight through long hours of work under oppressive and disabling working conditions as they produce parts, such as computer chips. The ‘affordability’ of the products and services we consume, including those produced and consumed ‘close to home’ such as the clean hotel room we enjoy at conferences, depends on the exploitation and suffering of women near and far. While we may not bear direct responsibility for their suffering, we can recognize our indirect often unwitting complicity in the conditions of life other women endure, speak out, and begin to see their struggles in fundamental ways as ‘our own’.

How we go about our work as women in Geography is as vitally important to struggles for a more peaceful, inclusive and tolerant world, as is learning to understand our own places in more inclusive and concerned ways. I have written before about the contradictory pressures women working in Geography often feel – negotiating tensions, for example, between institutional pressures that reward individual success in ‘careers’ with desires to do our work in more collective (and collectively empowering) ways. Since September 11<sup>th</sup>, those kinds of tensions and pressures and the significance of how we respond to them loom especially large. Consider, for example, a recent call for papers on “spaces of terrorism” – trendy and timely it is a topic with obvious ‘attractions’ in a discipline which generates numerous pressures to keep up with the latest fashions in topics, theories,

techniques and so on. There will be many more such calls I predict. But what sort of papers, ideas, knowledges and professional practices will such calls produce I wonder? Will they be 'business as usual' in the sense of appropriating and 'owning' the knowledge of 'others' and sharing it only in elite academic or professional circles? Will those of us privileged within such circles be treated to gripping narrative accounts of women and men working tirelessly in the rubble of ground zero in New York City (and how that affects their sense of place, perhaps) – stories re-told to exclusively academic audiences for academic purposes? Will we be reminded of how useful GIS techniques can be in mapping and monitoring the shadowy terrorist networks and cells we fear? Will we enjoy sensational geographic accounts of the hidden life spaces of terrorist networks and cells? Or will we debate together how to approach topics such as terrorism in ways that, by challenging our 'professional business as usual' including elitism in the production, communication and use of knowledge, will help to create spaces of hope not just for ourselves but for the diverse women with whom our lives are visibly and invisibly linked? I fervently hope that we will do the latter; for it is only by working long and hard together that we will find 'other' ways of doing our work – ways that name and challenge diverse forms of terrorism to which the world's women are being subjected. Whether we are speaking about the terror of abject poverty which makes religious extremism and a 'martyr's death' for a male household head (a death which ensures women and children will be supported by 'martyrs' associations' in countries such as Afghanistan) seem the most hopeful 'way out' or the terror that elderly and disabled women feel in Canada and around the world as they realize that attacks on private and public supports, including income support, homecare, paratransit and others, are aimed at eradicating 'them' or, in other words, amount to a terrifying but largely silent act of genocide against women who 'don't count' – it is important that we speak and act in ways that challenge the boundaries and assumptions of our professional places in the world and ways of doing our work that exclude so many women from our conversations and struggles to make positive differences in women's lives.

If what I am proposing sounds like a tall order for women working in Geography in Canada it is because it is. But we can work toward meeting the challenge of building a less terrifying world for all women right here 'at home'. With that in mind, I would like to ask all of you to imagine, discuss and debate projects in your own workplaces and academic departments as well as within CWAG and the CAG, that can bring women of diverse backgrounds together in ways that promote a more peaceful and inclusive world at home and elsewhere. By working with and listening to women 'other' than ourselves we will not only learn to 'see ourselves in others' but we will discover that the differences we embody can become bases of hope – for our own futures, for the futures of women with whom our lives connect, and for the women of the future.

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## Your Votes Are Needed!!!

It has been brought to our attention that many other specialty groups of the CAG and AAG have electronic formats for their newsletters. We need to know if you would prefer to receive this newsletter:

**1) through the mail**

**2) via e-mail**

**3) online**

Please e-mail Valorie Crooks at [crooksva@mcmaster.ca](mailto:crooksva@mcmaster.ca) or Liz Haack at [haaceka@mcmaster.ca](mailto:haaceka@mcmaster.ca) to let us know which format you prefer.

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*E-mail:* [cwag-request@geog.ubc.ca](mailto:cwag-request@geog.ubc.ca)

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**Members: please join the discussion list!**

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Nothing in life is to be feared.  
It is only to be understood.

- Madame Curie

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**In Memory of Phoebe Nahanni**  
**January 17, 1947- May 14, 2001**  
Submitted By: Colleen Youngs

“Every spring I watch the formations of geese honking as they gracefully fly northward - and I long to follow them. You see, I am one of the Aboriginal Dene people. Now I live in Montréal, but my roots are in the North where I was born in a bush camp many years ago. And, like the geese, I am compelled to go back every year to my homeland” (Phoebe Nahanni: New Internationalist, Issue 226 - December 1991).

Phoebe Nahanni was the first Slavey-Dene woman to acquire a Masters Degree which she earned at McGill University in geography. This is where I met Phoebe, and I was moved by her warmth and her capacity for sharing. She was the first Aboriginal woman I met in academia, and her being was alive with good humour and determination. Phoebe Nahanni possessed a deep understanding of the teachings of the Elders and of the love of the land. Her thesis, which dealt with the education of Slavey women, was developed from interviews with those Elders. In conversation with Dr Theo Hills at Phoebe’s memorial service, I heard how he had been asked to read her thesis. He was so impressed and moved by her writing that he stayed up the entire night reading it through.

Phoebe was involved in many projects to benefit Aboriginal peoples including: the research resource centre of the Dene-Métis land claim negotiation; an education project with the Grand Council of the Crees of Québec and a research project with the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. Phoebe worked with great care and understanding to remedy the challenges between Euro-Canadian and Aboriginal cultures, and she was fearless in her struggle. Though she was a fervent supporter of the needs of Aboriginal peoples, her family was central. This was part of the teachings and her life was lived like the stories.

One of her close friends, Michael Posluns, wrote “I know that there will be innumerable friends throughout the country, from coast to coast, and especially in Denendeh and the towns in which she lived in southern Canada - London, Ottawa, and Montreal - who will count our memories of Phoebe Nahanni among the great blessings of our lives.”

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# SUZANNE MACKENZIE MEMORIAL LECTURE

## CAG 2002, TORONTO • FIRST CALL FOR SUGGESTIONS

The Canadian Women and Geography Study Group (CWAG) of the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) invites suggestions for the Second Suzanne Mackenzie Memorial Lecture. This Lecture will take place at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the CAG, to be held in Toronto, Ontario between May 29 and June 3, 2002. CWAG is most honoured to sponsor this Lecture. Suzanne Mackenzie was a much beloved member of the geographical community, in Canada and internationally, who died at home in Nelson, B.C. on October 24, 1998. She will long 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.

Every second year, this Lecture is presented by a woman whose involvement in geography bears some significant correspondence with Suzanne's interests and passions.<sup>1</sup> A reception is held after the event.

A sub-committee of CWAG is responsible for the selection. For the 2002 Lecture, the sub-committee consists of: Jennifer Hyndman, Fran Klodawsky and Damaris Rose. Further inquiries and/or nominations should be forwarded, *in confidence*, and *no later than December 1, 2001*, to one of these individuals at:

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## Placing Gender/ Making Policy

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<sup>1</sup> For example, please see any of these articles by Suzanne Mackenzie:

"Women in the City". In Richard Peet and Nigel Thrift (editors) *New Models in Geography, Volume Two*, London: Unwin Hyman, 1989, pp. 109-126

"Restructuring the relations of work and life: women as environmental actors, feminism as geographic analysis". In Audrey Kobayashi & Suzanne Mackenzie (editors) *Remaking Human Geography*, Boston: Unwin Hyman, 1989, pp. 40-61

"Women's Responses to Economic Restructuring: Changing Gender, Changing Space". In Roberta Hamilton and Michele Barrett (editors) *The Politics of Diversity: Feminism, Marxism and Nationalism*, Montreal: Book Center Inc., 1986, pp. 81-100

"The Status of Women in Canadian Geography", *The Operational Geographer*, 7.3, pp. 2-8.

## Call For expressions of interest

"Placing Gender/ Making Policy", a three-day IGU Gender and Geography Commission workshop, will be held in Toronto between May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 2, 2002 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The workshop is co-sponsored with the Canadian Women and Geography Study Group and there will be a one-day overlap with the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers.<sup>2</sup>

The workshop will explore place-specific aspects of creating gender-inclusive public policy. 'Gender-inclusive' recognizes that women and men's experiences emerge from the intersections of gender with 'race', class, ability, sexual orientation and other markers of identity. Social, economic, cultural, and political processes affect public issues and policy-making in different ways at various geographical scales. The topics to be discussed, at local, regional, national and international levels, may include gendered aspects of:

- governance
- safe environments
- urban issues
- social policy
- inclusive public policy
- civil society, globalization, and policy-making
- role of social movements in public policy-making
- economic inequalities and restructuring
- social cohesion and identity
- environment and development
- determinants of health
- education
- media
- methodologies for public policy
- migration, refugee and transnational movements
- technology

Some examples of appropriate themes:

- diversity and women and men's socio-spatial access to the policy process
- women and men's 'places' as citizens and service users within the state
- marginalised women and men's efforts to create more inclusive and supportive spaces
- international gendered reflections on the Circumpolar Survey
- aboriginal women and men and place-based development

Workshop Organizers: Fran Klodawsky ([fran\\_klodawsky@carleton.ca](mailto:fran_klodawsky@carleton.ca)) and Valerie Preston ([vpreston@yorku.ca](mailto:vpreston@yorku.ca)). For further information about the workshop, please contact Ebru Ustundag at [geogendr@yorku.ca](mailto:geogendr@yorku.ca). Please indicate your interest in presenting a paper, organizing a special session, or simply staying informed about the workshop by contacting [geogendr@yorku.ca](mailto:geogendr@yorku.ca) or by mail to IGU Workshop, c/o V. Preston, Geography, York University, 4700 Keele St., North York, Ontario, Canada M3j 1P3 no later than December 1, 2001. Please include full contact information: postal and email addresses, phone, and fax in your message.

## Call For Nominations For THE STARKEY ROBINSON AWARD

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<sup>2</sup> The meetings will be held under the auspices of the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, which brings together over 100 learned associations and more than 5,000 researchers from Canada and internationally. (For further information, see their web site at <http://www.hssfc.ca/english/index.cfm>).

The Starkey Robinson Award is adjudicated annually by the Awards Committee of the CAG. The Award gives recognition to high quality graduate research that furthers understanding of the geography of Canada.

Eligibility for the Award is based on the completion of a thesis or comparable work at the Masters or Doctoral level at a Canadian University within the preceding 2 years. The CAG will accept ONE nomination for the Award from each Geography department with a graduate program.

Nominations for the Award should be submitted to the CAG Office by Departmental Chairs or Graduate Supervisors by January 15th, 2002. Each nomination should include a brief statement (maximum two pages) outlining the topic and findings of the work and explaining its significance for the geography of Canada. An extract from the thesis (or equivalent) of a maximum of eight pages may be attached to the nomination. Four copies of each nomination and accompanying documents must be submitted.

The Award is a cash prize, currently a single award of \$500. The number and value of awards made annually will be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee of the CAG. In any year, the Awards Committee may decline to make an award.

Nominations (four copies) should be forwarded to the CAG office:

The Canadian Association of Geographers  
McGill University, Burnside Hall, Rm 425,  
805 Sherbrooke St. West, Montréal, QC H3A 2K6

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## Book Release!

### Women in the Canadian Academic Tundra: Challenging the Chill

Linda Paul (Geography, University of Regina), Swani Vethamany-Globus (Biology, Waterloo), and Elena Hannah (Psychology, Memorial) have co-edited a juried book through McGill-Queen's Press entitled: "Women in the Canadian Academic Tundra: Challenging the Chill"

This book has nearly fifty articles, comprising contributors from across Canada, disciplines, and academic rank. The topic is of interest to geographers but is also useful to academics in other disciplines. *The book is now at the printers and will be available in the spring.*

## **PARTICIPANTS FOR THE AAG 2002 (LOS ANGELES):**

### **"GUATEMALA I and II" PANEL SESSIONS**

#### **CO-ORGANIZERS:**

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#### ***PANEL: GUATEMALA I: FIELDWORK, ETHICS, AND POSITIONALITY IN POST-CIVIL WAR LANDSCAPES***

**CHAIR:** Catherine NOLIN, University of Northern British Columbia

#### **PANELISTS:**

- David Carr, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, [dcarr@email.unc.edu](mailto:dcarr@email.unc.edu)
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#### ***PANEL: GUATEMALA II: POST-CIVIL WAR RESEARCH AND REALITIES***

**CHAIR:** Michael STEINBERG, University of Southern Maine

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#### ***BOTH PANELS SPONSORED BY:***

Latin American Specialty Group (LASG)

Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG)

Qualitative Research Specialty Group (QRSG)

Ethics, Justice, and Human Rights Specialty Group (EJHR)

## Natural Resources Canada has just published a new wall map of Canada!

Published in both official languages, this attractive wall map of Canada is the latest in the Reference Map of Canada Series produced by Natural Resources Canada. The map shows the political units in 1999, provinces and territories including Nunavut.

The map's vertical near-side perspective at a scale of 1 : 4 000 000, provides an interesting three-dimensional view of Canada, effectively showing its geographic relationship with other nations of the Northern Hemisphere. Digital relief shading was used to show the physiography of the country.

The map depicts the location and name of each of the National Parks. Also shown is a large selection of cities with populations updated to the 1996 Census. The map shows Canada's limits, both the international boundaries and the boundary delineating Canada's 200-mile fishing limit (also known as the Exclusive Economic Zone). This bilingual map of Canada would be a valuable addition to any boardroom or classroom.

Size: 46 in. x 62 in. or 116.8 cm x 157.5 cm

Number: MCR 0105

Scale: 1 : 4 000 000

Cost: \$25.00

For purchasing information, visit the Products and Services link on the  
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<http://atlas.gc>

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## Information for next year's CAG annual meeting and conference can be found at:

[http://www.yorku.ca/geograph/cag\\_acg2002/](http://www.yorku.ca/geograph/cag_acg2002/)

*The more I travelled, the more I realized that fear makes  
strangers of people who should be friends.*

- Shirley MacLaine

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## **Geography Program Updates:**

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA (UNBC)  
PRINCE GEORGE, BC**

<http://www.unbc.ca/geography>

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### ***Melissa BAXTER, MA Candidate***

Melissa is completing her MA thesis, tentatively titled "Beggars and Scholars: Rethinking the Geographies of Off-Reserve First Nations," which examines the implications for off-reserve students of the devolution of jurisdiction over post-secondary education to First Nations bands. Supervisor: Dr. Gail Fondahl

### ***Gail A. FONDAHL, PhD, Associate Professor***

PhD (University of California-Berkeley, 1989), [fondahlg@unbc.ca](mailto:fondahlg@unbc.ca)

Gail's research interests include the cultural and legal geography of Northern aboriginal societies, with specific foci on aboriginal land tenure systems and land claims in the Russian North, and on reindeer husbandry. Gail spent last year as a visiting scholar at Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge University working on articles and a book-length manuscript, tentatively entitled "Re-forming Aboriginal Spaces in Northeastern Russia: Legal Discourses, Local Evaluations".

Gail recently co-organized (with Natasha Novikova, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Moscow) a summer school on "Aboriginal Peoples Rights to Resources: Russian and Canadian Experiences", (Pushkin, Russian Fed.) for Russian aboriginal students and activists.

### ***Kelly GIESBRECHT, MA Candidate, [klamwege@shaw.ca](mailto:klamwege@shaw.ca)***

Kelly is in the first year of the Master's of Geography in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies. Kelly's research topic is public participation in Land and Resource Management Planning in British Columbia with a focus on Community Resource Boards. Supervisor: Dr. Greg Halseth

### ***Chris JACKSON, Senior Lab Instructor, MSc [chrisj@nimbus.unbc.ca](mailto:chrisj@nimbus.unbc.ca)***

***Jen MCCONNACHIE*** is studying the seasonal variation of organic matter sources in mountain streams. Supervisor: Dr. Ellen Petticrew

***Catherine L. NOLIN, SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow***

PhD (Queen's University, 2000), [nolin@unbc.ca](mailto:nolin@unbc.ca)

Catherine recently joined UNBC to undertake postdoctoral research on Central American – Canadian transnationalism, cross-border solidarity, and the creation and negotiation of "space spaces." This year, Catherine was elected to the boards of the Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS) and the Qualitative Research Specialty Group of the AAG.

***Ellen L. PETTICREW, PhD. Associate Professor***

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Ellen's research interests are in aquatic science including aspects of limnology, hydrology, and sediment-related environmental issues. Ellen is working on several projects including: (1) restoration of Tabor Lake, BC - community and scientific approaches; (2) effects of fine sediment storage on fish bearing gravel bed rivers; and (3) use of artificial flood flows for characterizing sediment fluxes in rivers.

***Erinn RADOMSKE*** is planning to study the effects of nutrient enrichment on bacterial growth in streams. Supervisor: Dr. Ellen Petticrew

***Lana SULLIVAN, MA Candidate, [sullival@unbc.ca](mailto:sullival@unbc.ca)***

Lana Michelle Sullivan is an MA Candidate in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies. Her thesis research is exploring the concepts of social cohesion, social capital and community capacity in single-industry towns, with a case study focus on Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia. Lana is also involved with the New Rural Economy Project of the Canadian Rural Restructuring Foundation. In March, Lana won the prize for the best Master's paper presented at the Western Division meeting of the CAG for the paper: "The geography of community crisis: An outline for studying social capital, social cohesion, and community capacity." Supervisor: Dr. Greg Halseth

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENT FEMALE GRADUATES FROM  
MCMASTER UNIVERSITY!**

***Valorie Crooks, MA:*** Changes in Disabled Women's Experiences of the Workplace, Life Spaces and Employment Supports in Hamilton, Ontario.

***S. Michelle Driedger, PhD:*** From science to policy practice and public discourse: claimsmaking and chlorinated drinking water.

***Adele Iannantuono, PhD:*** The Great Lakes and Human Health: An Interpretive Environmental Policy Analysis.

***Kristi Markham, MSc:*** Digital Terrain Elevation Models: Analysis, Comparison and Data Integration.

**Patty Meyer, MSc:** The nature and depositional history of sediments infilling buried bedrock valleys, southern Ontario, Canada.

**Chantal Nixon, MSc:** Foraminifera and tidal notches: dating neotectonic events at Korpos, Greece.

**Anita Toth, MA:** Historical and Present-Day Tuberculosis in Hamilton: A Public Health Focus. Anita is now a full-time Research Assistant at the McMaster Institute of Environment and Health.

### **GOOD NEWS AT UBC!**

I recently defended my PhD thesis, well now I just have to take it to the library, on transnational immigrant networks between Canada and India. I had a baby boy in May, and I start a new job at Wilfrid Laurier in January 2002, whew!!!

Regards,  
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### **NEWS FROM YORK UNIVERSITY**

*We are very pleased that two women have graduated recently:*

**Eva Sadowski** received a Masters of Science after defending her thesis entitled "The Impacts of Road De-icing Salts on Wetlands and Amphibian Distribution in the Toronto Region". Eva also qualified as an Ontario teacher after a year of study in the Faculty of Education at Brock University.

**Ambrese Montagu** will receive a MA degree after the successful defense of her thesis entitled "Exploring the Spatiality of Ontario's Mental Health System". Ambrese is heading for New Zealand to explore public policy in a new setting.

*New Students:*

In September, the Graduate Programme in Geography welcomed a number of new students in all areas of geography:

**Laura Brown** is planning to study in the Arctic under the supervision of Dr. Kathy Young,

**Valentina Capurri** has come from Italy to work with Dr. John Radford,

**Shirley Chiu** decided to stay at York to continue her research about immigration in Toronto under the direction of Dr. R. Murdie,

**Kathy Ilustre** came from the Philippines to study development issues with Dr. Philip Kelly,

*Eleni Kefalas* is examining public policy issues under the supervision of Dr. Bryan Massam, *Nadia Kelton* is working with Dr. Lewis Molot on ecosystems. *Connie Ko* stayed at York to work with Dr. Qiuming Cheng on various remote sensing issues, *Lisa Oliveira* is studying immigration issues with help from Dr. Robert Murdie, *Anastasia Rapanos* will be examining public policy under the supervision of Dr. Bryan Massam, and *M. Elizabeth Scarborough* travelled north to work with Dr. Paul Simpson-Housley.

*Presentations at the Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting (2001):*

Many faculty and students made presentations at the Canadian Association of Geographers including:

<i>Yifang Ban</i>	Multisensor Satellite SAR Data for CORINE Land Cover Mapping
<i>Lucia Lo, Charlotte McCallum</i>	Predisposing Cultural, Economic and Linguistic Factors in the Outmigration of Quebec Youth
<i>Reecia Orzech</i>	Pain in the Nation- Mordecia Richler's Critical Commitment to Canada
<i>Amrita Prasad, Linda Peake</i>	A Case study of Post Colonial Feminist Research: Understanding Domestic Violence
<i>Valerie Preston</i>	Why the Suburbs? Residential Decisions of Chinese Immigrant Women in Toronto
<i>Sutama Ray</i>	The Differential Settlement Patterns and Residential Segregation of South Asian Sub-Groups in Toronto: A Case Study of the 1996 Census Data
<i>Roxanne Richardson</i>	Development Discourse and Regimes of Representation: Implications for Indigenous Peoples of Guyana
<i>Baoling Wang</i>	A Case Study on Quality of Life: Chinese Seniors in Toronto
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*Other News:*

*Linda Peake* continues as the Undergraduate Program Director for the Social Sciences Division at York University and Valerie Preston is now the Geography Graduate Programme Director.

*Lucia Lo* is enjoying a well-deserved sabbatical after serving as Undergraduate Program Director for the Geography Department. A grant from SSHRC will finance her fieldwork in China about ethnic preferences.

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