

NEWS LETTER

OF THE WOMEN AND GEOGRAPHY STUDY GROUP OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHERS SPRING 1995

The Spring issue of the Newsletter of the Canadian Women and Geography Study Group has finally arrived. This issue features a programme preview of the Canadian Women and Geography Study Group Special Sessions at the upcoming Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting in Montreal.

Also included are an update by Joan Marshall, CWAG's representative on the Women's Issues Network discussing government cut-backs and their impact on women academics, as well as news of interest to women in geography around the country.

The search is on again for new editors for the newsletter. This will be on the agenda at the CWAG

meeting and lunch on Friday, June 2 in Montreal at 12:10 p.m. We look forward to seeing you all there. We hope you have found the newsletter to be informative and interesting and welcome suggestions on ways in which it could be improved.

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and Sarah*

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Nationalism, Gender and Sexuality: An International Perspective

A call for abstracts for an edited volume. If you are working on issues of gender and nationalism or on issues of sexuality and nationalism Tamar Mayer would like to receive a two page abstract before May, 25th 1995, which is the deadline for submissions. Please answer privately if you are interested in participating in such a volume or know of others who may be interested.

Abstracts should be sent to: Tamar Mayer, Chair, Department of Geography, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753; mayer@middlebury.edu

Praxis/Nexus: Feminist Methodology, Theory, Community

The University of Victoria is holding a conference January 18-20, 1996 that will bring feminists together from various academic disciplines and community groups and provide them with an opportunity to discuss issues of feminist methodology in a focused environment. Pamela Moss invites you to submit one-page abstracts or proposals by August 25th 1995. Keynote speakers at this conference include: Maria Mies and Vanadana Shiva.

Abstracts and Proposals should be sent to: Praxis/Nexus c/o Pamela Moss, Department of Geography University of Victoria, P.O. Box 3050, Victoria, B.C. Canada V8N 3P5. Phone: (604) 721-7347 Fax: (604) 721-6216 E-Mail: moss@uvic.uvvm.ca

Race, Gender and the Construction of Canada

The University of British Columbia has announced that it will be holding a conference on October 19-22, 1995. The conference will explore the question of race and gender within Canada from an interdisciplinary perspective. The Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations welcomes those wishing to attend and contribute.

For more information please contact: Conference '95, The Centre for Research in Women's Studies and gender relations, 1869 East Mall, Vancouver B.C., V6T 1Z1. Telephone: (604) 822-9171 Fax: (604) 822-9169. E-mail: Joey@Unixg.UBC.ca

1996 AAG Conference

Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen is organizing sessions on the geography of labour at the AAG conference to be held in Charlotte, NC from April 9 - 13, 1996. The UGSG has agreed to sponsor the sessions. Topics include gender equity and the labour market, income inequality among race-gender groups, industrial and occupational shifts, access to jobs, commuting patterns, role of unions, role of services in the labour market, flexibility, theories of labour segmentation, labour relations, policies regarding human capital, and other labour issues.

Please contact Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen, Assistant Professor, SUNY-Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14221. Telephone: (716) 645-2722 ext 21. Fax: (716) 645-2329. E-mail: GEOSBS@UBVMS.cc.buffalo.edu

CAGONT - 95

The meeting of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers will be held at York University on October 27-28, 1995. CAGONT has traditionally served as an excellent outlet for papers by students. Cash prizes are awarded for the best papers presented at the meeting at the Undergraduate, Masters, and Doctoral levels. Titles and abstracts (200 words or less) should be sent to: Local Arrangements - CAGONT '95, Department of Geography, York University, 4700 Keele Street, North York, Ontario M3J 1P3.

Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography**Special Issue on Gender and the Urban Environment in the Tropical World**

Brenda Yeoh, the Joint Issue Editor requests papers from Canadian women in geography. This special issue of the Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography welcomes papers focusing on the contrasting uses women and men make of urban space and the different, if not overlapping, ways in which they experience place in tropical cities. Papers should focus on discussion around specific aspects of the urban environment and the urban experience, using case study material to explore spatial dualisms such as the public/private, formal/informal, market/non-market, production/reproduction, as well as other conventional categories of spatiality impinging on the lives of men and women in the tropical world.

If you wish to send a one-page proposal to the issue editors, it must be done before 30 June 1995. Prospective contributors should also provide a corresponding address for the period up to December 1996, including an e-mail address if any.

All correspondence should be addressed to: Issue Editors (December 1996) Special Issue on Gender and the Urban Environment *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* Department of Geography National University of Singapore 10 Kent Ridge Crescent Singapore 0511

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

I hope everyone will attend the 1995 CAG meeting in Montreal from Wednesday, May 31 to Sunday, June 4. I am very grateful to Fran Klodawsky who has coordinated five topical sessions with the help of Allison Williams, Nancy Ross, and Damaris Rose. The presentations promise to be lively and provocative. See you all there!

The business meeting for the Canadian Women and Geography Study Group will be held on Friday June 2nd, at 12:10 p.m. (Check program for room number). Please send any agenda items that you wish to have discussed. We will be seeking a new Chair of the Study Group and new Editors for the Newsletter. Volunteers anyone??

A lunch consisting of salad, sandwiches and hot and cold beverages, similar to last year's, will be available. Both vegetarian and non-vegetarian tastes will be accommodated. The cost is \$3 per person. Please tick the appropriate box and send it me together with your cash or cheque as soon as possible as I have to confirm our order in advance.

Valerie Preston.

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\$3.00 enclosed: Cash Cheque

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Special Summer Session in Boston

The Center For Psychology and Social Change Announces its new summer institute for a sustainable future, June 12-19, 1995: Green Pastures Retreat Centre, in Epping New Hampshire. Fellowships are being made available for those wanting to participate in an eight day/seven night intensive training program designed to provide potential leaders in a variety of fields with the tools to understand the complexity of the problems facing the world today in new, creative, and effective ways. Applications are being sought from any discipline, and the fellowship will cover all training, room and board costs. Students will provide their own transportation to and from Boston.

PLEASE: Do Not Send Inquiries Via E-mail. The deadline is May 15, 1995. Two letters of reference, a university transcript, a brief statement, and a non-refundable application fee of \$25 US are required.

Please contact: Center for Psychology and Social Change, 1439 Cambridge street, Cambridge, MA 02139 Attn.: Summer Institute or telephone (617) 497-1553. Fax: (167) 497-1022.

~CWAG PREVIEW~

A Detailed Outline For the Canadian Women and Geography Study Group (CWAG) Special Sessions at the 1995 Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting in Montreal

(Check programme for room numbers)

Women, Work and Economic Restructuring

Thursday, June 1, 1:30 - 3:10 p.m.

Chair: Audrey Kobayashi, Queens University

Organizers: Fran Klodawsky, Carleton University, Valerie Preston, York University

- * A. Victoria Bloomfield (McMaster University) 'Women and Men Living and Working in Toronto During World War II'
- * Judy Bates (York University) 'Working at home: The impacts of Home-based work on family life and domestic work in a peripheral mill town'
- * Katherine Gibson (Monash University) 'Siting the Fruits of Exploitation: Industrial Restructuring and Class Distributions'
- * Wendy Larner (Carleton University) 'Economic Globalization and Women's Work: The Telecommunications Service Industry in New Zealand'

Women's Health

Thursday, June 1, 3:10 - 5:10 p.m.

Chair: Vera Chouinard

Organizers: Nancy Ross, McMaster University and Allison Williams, York University

- * Joan Gillie (Victoria) and Susan J. Elliot (McMaster): 'A Geography of health and Ethnicity: The Health Experiences of South Asian Fijian Women living in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia'
 - * Allison Williams (York): 'Dimensions of Quality of Life: A Case Study of female community Health Care Practitioners in Northern Ontario'
 - * Andrea Litva (McMaster), Pamela Moss (Victoria), John Eyles (McMaster): 'And What About Women? Coming out with a Feminist theory in the geography of health and health care'
- Discussant: Susan J. Elliot (McMaster)

Workers and Families: gender relations in pulp and paper communities

Friday, June 2, 10:30 a.m.- 12:10 p.m.

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Industrial Geography Study Group

Chair: Suzanne Mackenzie

- * Glen Norcliffe (York University) 'Family life and domestic work of four categories of workers in a mill town on the periphery'
 - * Damaris Rose (INRS-Urb) 'Childcare and work patterns: the effects of shift schedules in a metropolitan mill community'
 - * Valerie Preston (York University) and John Holmes (Queen's University) 'Relocating to a greenfield mill: implications for the division of household labour'
- Discussant: Katherine Gibson, Monash University

Feminist Geography And Identity, 1

Saturday, June 3, 8:30 - 10:10 a.m.

Chair: Suzanne Mackenzie, Carleton University

Organizers: Fran Klodawsky, Carleton University, Suzanne Mackenzie, Carleton University, Susan Ruddick, University of Toronto

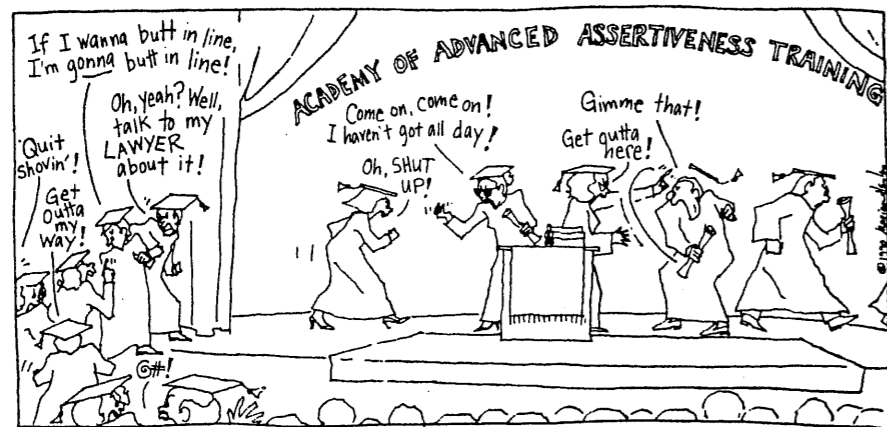
- * Evelyn Peters (Queen's University) 'Writing Aboriginal Women and the City: What Researchers Say and What Aboriginal Women Say'
 - * Celeste Wincapaw (Carleton University) 'The English-Speaking Women in National Capital Freenet: A Feminist-Geographical Grounding of Cyberspace Research'
 - * Cassie Lyon (York University) 'Exploring Desired Spaces: Feminist Activism and Spatial Organization'
- Discussant: Vera Chouinard, McMaster University

and of clearly showing how the project being proposed will effect change.

These comments will indicate the importance of the WIN as a forum for sharing concerns and for initiating changes that can support women in their academic careers, regardless of the diversity and flexibility that they may bring to them. Having said all of this, I must now report that **everything is in jeopardy**. The government's recent budget has cut SSHRC funding by 14% over three years, and the Council has decided that within the organization the cuts will be selective. This means that while highest priority has been given to protecting funding of basic research, low priority to core funding for the Federations (SSFC and CFH) will entail the complete elimination of their administrative grants which represent about 60% of the operating budgets. Effectively then, the survival of the SSFC and of the Women's Issues Network is in question. Already there had been a move to change the format of the annual WIN meeting in order to cut back on expenses; whether there will be any

meeting next year is definitely problematic. What we are faced with is the potential demise of one important network for women in the social sciences and with it, the loss of opportunity to explore ways of improving conditions for private scholars, ensuring that women's particular professional records are recognized in more flexible formats, and that all women, not simply feminist issues, are being included in discussions for change.

One final item needs to be mentioned regarding the upcoming Learned's Conference, allowing me to close on a slightly more positive note. A special session related to the conference theme "Workers" is being organized by the Women's Issues Network. Titled **Women, Work and Stress: Developing Mechanisms for Change by Bridging the Gap between Research and Policy**, the session promises to address many issues of importance to us all. It is scheduled for **Monday, 5 June, 1995, 3:0 - 4:30 p.m.**, and I hope there will be a great representation of geographers. See you there!



Marlan Henley

NEWS FROM MONTREAL & the CAG EQUITY COMMITTEE

Damaris Rose

Conferences:

-Two women geographers from Canada attended the IGU joint international symposium of the Commission on Gender and Geography and the Commission on Population Geography, "Migration and Gender", held at the University of Pretoria (Department of Geography), South Africa, 9-13 April 1995. Jennifer Hyndman (Geography, UBC) presented a paper on "UN assistance to refugees: A gender critique"; Damaris Rose (INRS-Urbanisation, Institut national de la recherche scientifique) gave a paper entitled "State policy, immigrant women's social support networks and the question of integration in Montréal".

-AAG, 14-18 March, Chicago:

Damaris Rose and Paul Villeneuve, "Engendering class in the metropolitan city: occupational and income disparities among two earner couples".

Damaris Rose was one of four panelists who presented a critical appraisal of Susan Hanson and Geraldine Pratt's book, Gender, Work and Space in an "Authors meet the critics session". These critiques, as well as the authors' rejoinders, will be published in Antipode.

Grants: SSHRC Women and Change Programme:

Of the 23 grants awarded in March 1995, one was obtained by two geographers, together with an urban sociologist. Damaris Rose (INRS-Urbanisation, Institut national de la recherche scientifique), Brian Ray (Geography, McGill) and Johanne Charbonneau (INRS-Urb.) obtained

\$70 000 for a study entitled "Les réseaux d'entraide et de sociabilité des femmes immigrantes après quelques années d'établissement à Montréal: le rôle de la proximité (The social support networks of immigrant women after several years' residence in Montreal: the role of proximity). The research will mainly use qualitative methods. The project was ranked 2nd out of 50 submitted to the programme. If there are any CWAG people out there, including students) working on related issues, we would like to hear from you!

Another project funded this year under the Women and Change programme may be of interest to some CWAG people: David Tindall of the University of British Columbia received funding for his project entitled: "Gender inequality and alternative opportunity structures for affecting [sic] social change: women in the conservation movement and forestry-based communities".

A further project that might interest CWAG people is Brian Ray's SSHRC funded work entitled "Visible minority immigrant women, work and neighbourhood within Montreal". The study will address the interrelated spheres of home and work in Montreal as experienced by immigrant women from Haiti, Latin America and the countries of the English-speaking Caribbean. If you would like to contact Brian, he can be reached at the Department of Geography, McGill University.

-CAG 1995: Since the programme isn't being sent out ahead of time this year for budgetary reasons, the Local Arrangements Committee would like everyone to know that all geographers are invited to turn up for an

"icebreaker" on Wed. 31 May anytime between 5:30 and 9 p.m. in the rear courtyard of the Bar St-Sulpice, 1680 rue St-Denis, Montreal, which is very close to UQAM.

-CAG Executive/Equity Committee survey on equity issues in Canadian Geography Departments: update:

As of 30 April 1995, 32 out of 42 Geography Departments had responded to the questionnaire survey sent out in August (English version) and October (French version) 1994. Coding is in progress and the Committee will submit a draft report to the CAG Executive in fall 1995. The findings are to be made available to the membership in spring 1996.

-CAG Equity Committee, call for student member:

The committee still does not have a student member. It would be very helpful if someone with a particular interest in issues facing graduate students on account of gender, disability or identification as a member of a visible minority group could join the committee as of June 1995. This person should be willing and able to contribute to the analysis and interpretation of the Equity survey. Membership in good standing in the CAG is an official prerequisite. Access to e-mail is an unofficial but equally essential prerequisite, for reasons of money and time! If interested please contact: Damaris_Rose@INRS-Urb.UQuebec.CA (or rosed@...) as soon as possible.

-Child care at conferences.

DR came across this reference which may be of interest: M. Gorman (1994) Child Care at Conferences. Wilson Library Bulletin 68 (9): 9-??

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Finally, some news via GEOFEM which may be of interest to CWAG members:

EDEQUITY (Educational Equity Discussion List) is an international theory and practice discussion list on issues of educational equity in a multicultural context in schools, colleges and other education sites. Educational equity is designed to encourage discussion between teachers and other educators, equity practitioners, advocates, parents, policymakers, counselors and others interested in equity. EDEQUITY serves as a forum to discuss how to attain equity for males and females; and how gender equity can be a helpful construct for improving education for all. The participation of both women and men is welcomed.

Educational equity refers to an educational environment in which individuals can consider options and make choices based on their abilities and talents, not on the basis of stereotypes, biased expectations, or discrimination. The achievement of educational equity enables females and males of all races and ethnic backgrounds develop skills needed to be productive, empowered citizens. It opens economic and social opportunities regardless of gender, ethnicity, race or social status.

Topics for discussion include, but are not limited to, classroom interactions, curriculum development, school environment, education reform, violence prevention, math and science education, vocational and nontraditional education, school-to-work issues, community-based learning, and counseling. This list gives people an opportunity to ask questions and exchange information about teaching strategies, useful texts and films, innovative programs, current research, and funding sources.

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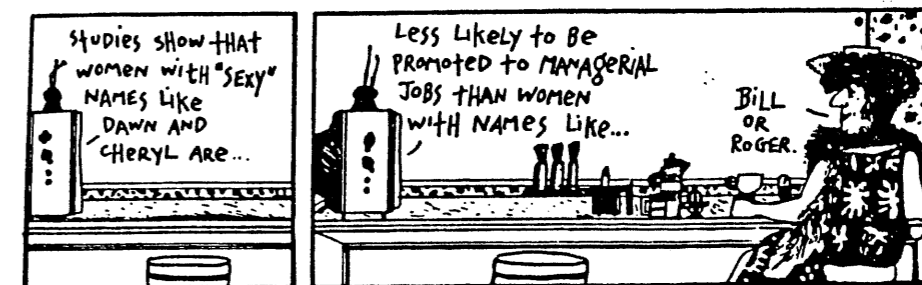
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TAKE OUR CHILDREN TO WORK DAY

On April 27th, the University of Toronto participated in an event entitled, "Take Our Daughters to Work Day". The event was designed to give daughters (or relatives/family friends) aged 9-15 of all employees, a glimpse of what their parents do all day. We want to hear from you about how your university participated in this event.

Initiated in the United States by the Ms. foundation, the event took place in various workplaces across North America. The organizers believe that while much has changed in the past generation, girls are still socially constrained when they consider their future. Hence, activities during the day were focused on encouraging girls to think as broadly as possible about the world of work and their place in that world. Involving children in their parents' workday allows them the opportunity to begin to think concretely about what they might be doing, or like to be doing, ten years from now by observing both men and women in a work environment. Because this issue is both personal and political, we want to hear from you about your involvement in the programme. Your responses will be published in the next CWAG newsletter in the fall of 1995. Please Contact the current co-editors with your responses and we will forward them on to next year's newsletter (co-)editor(s).



NICOLE HOLLANDER

REGIONAL REPORTS

Special thanks to our contributors for this edition: Evelyn Peters, Fran Klodawsky, Mireya Folch-Serra, and Victoria Bloomfield. Apologies in advance to those universities and individuals who have been omitted.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

A number of women graduate students at Queen's university deserve congratulations. **Kim Brisbin** and **Heather Nicol** successfully defended their theses. **Kim's** M.S. thesis was called "Soil Variability on a Stratified Drumlin of the Quinte Drumlin Field, S.E. Ontario". The title of **Heather's** Ph.D. thesis was "Ambitious Cities: Enterprise Culture in Eastern Ontario's Urban Places, 1872-1892". Recent awards to women graduate students include **Dawn Bowen's** Canadian Studies Graduate Student Fellowship from the Canadian Embassy in Washington D.C. for her work on the back-to-the-land movement in the prairie provinces in the 1930's, and **Joan Schwartz's** SSHRC doctoral fellowship to study photographs and the construction of images in Canada. Joan presented a paper in a session on "Photography, the State and the North American West" at the AAG meeting in Chicago. **Colleen McNaughton** recently had an article on the development of water service in Kingston, 1842-1894 published in Historic Kingston.

There are currently five women faculty offering courses in the Department at the present time. While **Audrey Kobayashi** is Director of the Institute of Women's Studies, she also has an affiliation with the Geography Department. **Catherine Hooley** is in her third year of her sessional appointment. She organized a session on "Perceiving and Planning for Change in Non-Metropolitan Communities" at the recent AAG meeting and has submitted for publication two articles on residents' perceptions of big industries moving into their small towns. **Deborah Carter-Park's** SSHRC post doctorate focuses on the role of the Ontario Children's Aid Societies in institutionalizing intellectually challenged people and the rise of the asylum between 1876 and 1970. Deborah has an article in press in the Annaler on the sense of place in the countryside. **Evelyn Peter's** recent activities include organizing a workshop on self-government for urban Aboriginal people and, with **Jackie Wolfe-Keddie**, editing a special edition of the Canadian Geographer which focuses on Aboriginal people. She has two articles in press on the social construction of Aboriginal culture in relation to urban life. **Anne Godlewska's** book Geography and Empire: Critical Studies in the History of Geography, co-edited with Neil Smith, was published recently. Anne has papers in press in Cartographica, the Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers, and a book edited by Joan Winearls on Editing Early and Historical Atlases.

CARLETON UNIVERSITY

Carleton's new Ph.D. program in Geography is concentrated in two broad fields: the Geography of Societal Change and the Geography of Environmental Change. Within these, faculty expertise supports five themes: global political economy -restructuring and the environment; geographies of socio-cultural evaluation; feminist geographies; appraisal and societal management of environmental resources; and environment processes and anthropogenic impacts.

Women graduates from their Masters program in the 1994/95 academic year include: **Allison Grose**, **Ruth Harrison**, **Marla Huddleston**, **Roxanne Lalonde**, **Nicola Laxton**, **Mona Marshy** ("Negotiating Spaces of Struggle: Palestinian Women's Research Centres in the West Bank and Gaza"), **Charlotte McCallum**, **Sarah Payne** ("An Examination of Women's Employment trends in Two Industries within Toronto's Manufacturing Sector: Footwear and Small Appliances"), **Wilhelmina Rea**, **Juliana Wafula**, **Ming Wang**, **Valerie Warmington** and **Ann Wiles**. As well, **Simon Pinnegar** has just defended successfully a Master's thesis entitled "Men, Masculinities and Feminist Theory: Having A Gender Too".

Fran Klodawsky has received 3 year SSHRC funding to examine the manner in which housing 'needs' come to be defined for low and moderate income households, using Ottawa and Winnipeg as case studies. **Fiona Mackenzie** was the recent recipient of a University of Edinburgh Faculty Exchange Award to support her research on Scottish environmental movements.

Recent publications by women geographers and/or on feminist topics from Carleton include: **Caroline Andrew**, **Fran Klodawsky** and **Colleen Lundy**, 1994 'Women's Safety and the Politics of Transformation' Women and Environments 14(1), 23-26. **Simon Dalby**, 1994 'Gender and Critical Geopolitics: Reading Security Discourse in the New World Disorder' Environment and Planning D: Society and Space 12, 595-612. **Nancy Doubleday**, 1994 Arctic Whales: Sustaining Indigenous Peoples; Conserving Whales in Elephants and Whales: Resources for Whom? ed Freeman and Kreuter (Gordon Breach Science Publishers), 1994 **Fran Klodawsky**, **Caroline Andrew** and **Colleen Lundy** 1994 'Challenging Business as Usual in Housing and Community Planning: The issue of Violence Against Women' Canadian Journal of Urban Research 3(1) 40-58. **Joyce Lundberg et.al.** 1994 'A Chronology for the Middle and Late Pleistocene Wet Episodes in the Eastern Sahara' in Late Quaternary Chronology and paleoclimates of the Eastern Mediterranean, ed. Bar-Yosef and R.S. Kra (Radiocarbon) 147-168. **Joyce Lundberg** and **D.C. Ford**, 1994 'Late Pleistocene sea level change in the Bahamas' Quaternary Research, 13, 1-14. **Joyce Lundberg** and **D.C. Ford**, 1994 'Dissolutional Pavements, Canadian Landform Examples - 28' The Canadian Geographer, 38, (3), 286-290. **Fiona Mackenzie**, 1994 'Research into agricultural production and management in Africa: conceptual and methodological challenges' in Food Systems Under stress in Africa ed. R. Vernooy and K. Kealey (Ottawa: International Development Research Centre) 157-169. **Fiona Mackenzie**, 1994 'Is where I sit where I stand? The Ontario Farm Women's Network, Politics and Differences' Journal of Rural Studies 10 (2) 101-115. **Fiona Mackenzie**, 1994 'Un-Customary Laws: Issues for research into land rights, Kenya' in Gender and Environment in Africa: Perspectives on the Policies of Environmental Sustainability ed. I. Yngström, P. Jeffery, K. King and C. Toulmin (University of Edinburgh: Centre for African Studies). **Joan Marshall**, 1994 'A Solitary Pillar: Montreal's Anglican church and the Quiet Revolution' (Montreal: McGill Queen's University Press). **Sheila Squire**, 1994 'The Cultural Values of Literary Tourism' Annals of Tourism Research, 21, 103-20. **Sheila Squire**, 1994 'Accounting for Cultural Meanings: the interface Between Geography and Tourism Studies Re-examined' Progress in Human Geography, 18, 1-16. **Sheila Squire**, 1994 'Gender and Tourist experiences: Assessing Women's Shared Meanings of Beatrix Potter' Leisure Studies, 13, 195-209.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

Mireya Folch-Serra and **Jeff Hopkins** are putting together a course entitled 'Gender and Geography: Spaces of Feminisms and Masculinities'. Mireya Folch-Serra is doing research on the new forms of nationalism in Western Europe and will be presenting a paper entitled 'The everyday aspects of

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McMASTER UNIVERSITY

Vera Chouinard is looking at disabled women, violence and service provision, with a view to better ways of integrating women with disabilities into the workforce. **Theresa Garvin** is examining Women and Health Policy, while **Jenny James** plans approximately thirty interviews on women's perceptions of breast cancer. Both Theresa and Jenny will be conducting focus groups at St Joseph's Hospital in the Eastern Hamilton and Stoney Creek area on breast health, mammography, self-examinations and support groups. **Victoria Bloomfield** is completing her Ph.D. thesis on "Gender and Time Perspectives on the Journey to Work in Toronto, 1901-1951". She continues her research on oral history interviews focusing on men and women who worked during the 1940s and 1950s in Toronto's early suburban factories.

YORK UNIVERSITY

Congratulations to **Cassie Lyon** for successfully defending her MA thesis entitled, "Exploring Desired Spaces: A study of Feminist Activism and Spatial Organization", and to **Judith Earl-Goulet** who will be defending her MSc thesis entitled "Spodosols above timberline as an indicator of middle Holocene palaeoenvironments" on May 19th, 1995.

NOTE:

There are probably many newsworthy items about women in geography that have not been included in this newsletter. Please contact the editors if you have anything to contribute. In particular we look forward to contributions from Eastern Canadian Universities. Thanks!

CWAG SPRING 1995

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