

NEWS LETTER

OF THE WOMEN AND GEOGRAPHY STUDY GROUP OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHERS Fall 1994

At the Canadian Women and Geography Business Meeting during the Annual Meeting of Canadian Geographers at Wilfred Laurier University a group of female geographers from York University volunteered to compile and co-edit the "Newsletter of the Canadian Women and Geography Study Group." Judy Bates, Cassie Lyon, and Sarah Payne will be responsible for the newsletter this academic year.

We welcome submissions from women in all fields of geography and from all regions of the country. Since the newsletter is a collective

effort please send your submissions to any of us.

**Sarah, Cassie
and Judy**

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Feminist Economics, Journal of the International Association for Feminist Economics. Feminist Economics is a new and innovative journal dedicated to developing an interdisciplinary discourse on feminist perspectives on economics and the economy.

The journal solicits high quality contributions from a broad spectrum of intellectual traditions in economics. It also welcomes contributions which treat economic issues from cross-disciplinary perspectives, including, among others, work in geography, anthropology, gender studies, cultural studies, post-colonial studies etc. Specifically, Feminist Economics seeks submissions which:

- advance feminist inquiry into economic issues affecting the lives of women, men, and children;
- provide a feminist rethinking of theory and policy in diverse subfields and related areas of economics, including those not directly related to gender;
- provide insights into the relationship between gender and power relations in the economy and in the construction and legitimization of economic knowledge;
- extend feminist theoretical, historical, and methodological insights into economics and the economy;

- provide feminist insights into the underlying constructs of the economics discipline and into the historical, political, and cultural context of economic knowledge.

Manuscripts should be sent to: Diana Strassmann, Editor, Feminist Economics - MS 9, Rice University, 6100 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77005-1892; (713) 527-4660; dls@rice.edu

OF INTEREST:

Women in Geography Reading Group Toronto. Our first meeting of the year will be held on Friday, November 25, at 6 p.m. in Room S410 (fourth floor) Ross Building, York University. A pot-luck social will precede an informal discussion of Janice Monk's paper entitled "Place Matters: Comparative Perspectives on Feminist Geography" in *The Professional Geographer*, August 1994, Vol. 46, #3 pp. 277-288. Any questions or requests for directions please call Allison Williams (416) 736-5106.

STUDENTS NOT GENDER BLIND

Cassie Lyon, York University

An article by Susan Bascow entitled "Student ratings of professors are not gender blind" was recently forwarded to all teaching staff here at York University, including those involved in assessing the applications for tenure and promotion. The article focuses on the growing concern about gender bias in student evaluation of teaching. Bascow writes:

The ratings of male professors are unaffected by student gender, but female professors frequently receive lower ratings from their male students and higher ratings from their female students. Female professors also appear to be evaluated according to a heavier set of expectations than are male professors.

There has for years been considerable concern about gender bias in teaching evaluations, what makes Bascow's article so important is the conclusions her research provides in support of previous anecdotal evidence.

She continues:

... women professors are judged more negatively than males if they are not more interested in and available to students than male professors. But even when women professors are more available and more helpful, their overall ratings are no higher. In order to receive comparable ratings, female professors need to do more than their male counterparts. Thus, findings of no difference between male and female professors in overall ratings may mask the fact that different standards are being used to judge male and female faculty.

Of special interest to women working in traditionally male-dominated fields, Bascow also states:

... A female teacher whose direct teaching style lacks marked warmth or friendliness may find the cards stacked against her when teaching male students in a field where women are a rarity.

A copy of the article is available through the CWAG 'news team' here at York. Bascow writes that everyone is welcome to make use of the essay as long as the author and title are cited. To contact her

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HOW TO CHASE THOSE CHINA BLUES AWAY

Cathy Young, York University

There is a saying in the Arctic that if you venture there for a week, you can write a paper, if you stay for two weeks, you can write a book and if you survive the summer, you are an "Arctic Expert". Having spent four months in South-east China (1987) I can assure you that I am not a "China expert", but I can offer some friendly advice to women considering field work there.

First, you must have a good sense of humour or develop one pretty quickly. That is a necessity for coping with cockroaches in your underwear, chasing huge spiders around the lab because your male colleague is afraid of them and running through snake alley when it is pitch black and the monsoon rains are upon you.

Another survival tip is that you will require extreme patience (not one of my virtues).

This is a must especially when you are part of a million dollar project, but there is no money to buy 50c stop watches for simple process studies, or that "YES" in China really means "NO" but they are too polite to say so.

You will cope longer in China if you have an iron stomach since you will be consuming such delicacies as turtle soup, snake, scorpions and chicken claws. If you have a weak one like mine, seek out the "correct" bananas and drink beer daily. You should also take along a good supply of coffee, peanut butter and chocolate bars.

Finally, take time out to travel in China and absorb as much as you can of this amazing country and its people. Last, but not least, take lots of money to blow in Hong Kong.

Best of Luck! Young-fe.

CWAG COURSE SYLLABI LIBRARY: THE RESOURCE NETWORK CONTINUES...

The CWAG Resource Network is still active! As many of you know, course syllabi, encompassing many fields of geography, have been collected from women faculty across North America for more than two years now. This was initiated in order to assist the planning of courses for university women teaching for the first time. In addition, this resource has been found to be helpful to more experienced women who have gathered helpful information on their teaching and/or research project. Although the syllabi were to have been published in book form, this project has been postponed.

This dynamic network is open to further submissions (in fact we welcome them with open arms!) and is eager to respond to any requests for syllabi. If you would like to submit course syllabi, please send them to me at the address below (either by post or e-mail). Likewise, if you would like to make a request for syllabi, please do so at the address below and please be sure to specify your field of interest.

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MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING CWAG

- **Chair's Report:** The Chair of the meeting thanked the editors of the CWAG Newsletter and the organizers and participants in the CWAG sponsored sessions at the CAG. Thanks also to Jody Decker for organizing an excellent lunch. Finally, thank you to the Regional Representatives for their comments on the Childcare Policy.
- **Social Sciences Federation of Canada Report (SSFC):** Damaris reported that she has been the CAG representative to the Womens Issues Network, but that she would like someone else to take over the position. WIN meets regularly in Ottawa and it suggested that the representative be bilingual. Joan Marshall, of the University of Ottawa, agreed to be the representative for the next two years.
- **Standing Committee on Equity:** Following her initial report in the Spring, 1994 Newsletter, Damaris Rose reported that the proposed questionnaire to be distributed to all Departments for information on faculty and students is to be tested and submitted for an ethics review. The questionnaire asks for information on gender, disabilities, and racial and ethnic background. Damaris asked all of us to urge our Department Chairs to complete and return the questionnaire promptly.
- **Syllabi Library:** Allison Williams and Pam Moss have acquired 30 - 40 syllabi about gender and geography. They have also had several requests for the syllabi. Questions were raised about our ability (both financial and legal) to publish these syllabi. A decision to publish them has been postponed until next year.
- **CWAG Newsletter:** It was decided that non-CAG members who request a copy of the CWAG Newsletter will be charged \$5.00 per copy. Any monies raised will help defray the costs of the lunch at the annual business meetings.
- **CWAG Officers:** Elections were held and positions filled as follows:
 Chair: Valerie Preston, York University
 Treasurer: Audrey Kobayashi, Queen's University
 Newsletter: Judy Bates, Cassie Lyon, Sarah Payne, York University
 Regional Representatives:
 Ontario: Jody Decker, Wilfred Laurier University
 Quebec: Ann-Marie Seguin, INRS, Universite du Quebec
 Prairies: Geri Sweet, University of Winnipeg
 BC & Alberta: Robyn Dowling, University of British Columbia
 SSFC Representative: Joan Marshall, University of Ottawa
 CAG Sessions Coordinator: Fran Klowdowsky, Carleton University
- **New Business:** Fran Klowdowsky agreed to act as coordinator of the CWAG sessions for the CAG in Montreal. Among those expressing interest in organizing sessions for next year were Suzanne Mackenzie and Susan Ruddick, and Allison Williams and Nancy Ross.

CWAG INFORMATION

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

I want to thank everyone for their participation in the CAG meetings last year. The study group sponsored three lively sessions and held a business meeting where a new slate of officers was elected.. I want to thank Vera Chouinard and Donna Maitland who organized the sessions, all of the participants, and Jody Decker who arranged lunch.

I have received a letter from Sheila Smail, a member of the study group who was at Concordia University. She asks if there is any interest in compiling a directory of Canadian Women Geographers. The directory would be useful for keeping female geographers in touch with each other. Female students who are looking for a mentor or supervisor could also use the directory to identify someone in their area of interest. Sheila is willing to do the hard work, soliciting and compiling the directory, however, some funding would have to be obtained from the CAG or other sources for the directory to be published and distributed. Will you please contact me or Sheila if you have any comments on this proposal. I may be reached at:

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If we don't hear from anyone we will assume that there are no objections to the proposal.

I hope everyone will attend the 1995 CAG meetings in Montreal from Wednesday, May 31 until Sunday, June 4. Please contact Fran Klowdowsky at Carleton University if you have any ideas about sessions, papers, or panel discussions.

Valerie Preston, York University.

SSFC WOMEN'S ISSUES NETWORK:

Joan Marshall, the CAG's recently appointed representative on the SSFC Women's Issues Network, reports that the SSFC is designing a questionnaire on women in professional associations and has requested feedback on the initial draft. An ad hoc group (including Liisa Cormode, Sarah Payne, Damaris Rose and Joan Marshall) has responded on behalf of the CWAG. Generally the consensus was that the questionnaire will provide a useful base of information about the level of women's participation in professional associations. A concern has been expressed that some individuals charged with the responsibility of acting as respondent might not be fully aware of women's activities and, therefore, that attention should be given to ensuring accuracy. In some of the questions greater detail was requested. A third area of concern was with the focus of the questionnaire being only on the committees, networks and newsletters established specifically for any by women, without any apparent interest in the extent to which women participate and are fully integrated into the overall structures of the associations.

There is expected to be further information on the questionnaire at the November 19 meeting of the W.I.N. in Ottawa. Also for the November 19 meeting we have requested an update on the changes to the Women and Change programme under Strategic Grants (SSHRC).

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EQUITY SURVEY PROGRESS REPORT:

Damaris Rose reports that the English version of the Equity Survey was mailed by the CAG office to all Department Chairs in mid-August, and the response rate has been very encouraging. Reminders were to have been sent in mid-October. The French version of the Survey, prepared by Anne-Marie Seguin with Damaris Rose, was to have been sent out in late October. The Survey results should be available in time for the CAG annual meeting in Montreal.

If you would like to contact Damaris her address is:

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CWAG AND THE 1995 MEETING OF THE CAG:

At CWAG's 1994 AGM, Fran Klodawsky volunteered to be the CWAG special sessions coordinator for the 1995 meeting of the CAG (to be held in Montreal from Wednesday, May 31 until Sunday, June 4). Please call or write to her with ideas, proposals, suggestions, etc.

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CAG 1994: THE GEOGRAPHY OF PARTICIPATION

The CAG Conference, held this Spring at Wilfred Laurier University, included a variety of works by women both in individual sessions and in three panels of feminist geography dealing with innovative and exciting areas of research. A cursory overview of the areas in which women geographers are currently producing research resulted in the realization that virtually every session at this year's CAG included women participants. The topics were broad-ranging as the following examples illustrate: women in the high mountains, gender and manufacturing, knitting toques and citizenship, women and

social services, urban dystopia: Toronto women write the city, women and textiles, and the evolution and operations of the Native Indian women's craft industry.

The discussion of these issues took place in sessions that were organized around themes that provided a strong mix of physical and human geography. Women participated in sessions on snow and ice hydrology, transportation, climate change with particular reference to Arctic climates, recreation and tourism, manufacturing, economic restructuring in both rural and urban environments, historical perspectives from across Canada and Europe, social service provisions for refugees, urban landscape literature, local development projects, and Native community development efforts. In addition, issues surrounding industrial restructuring, particularly 'flexible' processes, received attention, and of particular interest at this year's CAG was the special session on Canadian Native Perspectives.

Those of us who attended the conference probably took part in one or more of the sessions on theory and methods, or in the session on women in rural areas, sponsored by CWAG. The first of these feminist panels was organized by Vera Chouinard. Participants included Vera Chouinard, Ali Grant, Lisa Cormode, Nancy Ross, and Susan Ruddick. The discussion entitled "The Frontiers of Feminist Geography: Theory, Methods and Political Practices" examined ways in which feminist geographers can challenge 'ableism' and 'heterosexism' within conventional geographic theory and methodology. The panelists invited women geographers to include 'sexuality', 'ethnicity', 'race', and 'age' in our constructs of 'difference', and in so doing, to include people from the margins on their own terms in both theory and practice. Ali Grant suggested that conventional use of space is heterosexual and that heterosexism is challenging the rights of gays and lesbians on the issue of equal access to space. These topics spilled over into an engaging dialogue from the other members of the panel and the audience. Look for papers from the members of this panel in the upcoming issue of *Antipode*.

The second session, organized by Vera Chouinard and Valerie Preston, included contributions from Kim England, Pamela Moss, and Fran Klodawsky. This panel concentrated on theory and methods within feminist geography and provided valuable empirical studies focusing on changes facing women inside and outside the discipline. Donna Maitland organized the third panel which concentrated on women in rural areas. Participants included Donna Maitland, Tony Fuller, Clare Wasteneys and Jackie Wolfe-Keddie. Here the participants engaged in explorations of issues surrounding Native women, childcare in remote communities, and the status of women farmers in contemporary rural society. Of course, these were only some of the contributions by women geographers at the CAG conference. There were many other interesting papers that contributed to a strong representation by women engaged in research in both human and physical geography at the conference.

Sarah Payne, York University.

JOBS IN GEOGRAPHY

There are a number of jobs in geography currently being advertised. The University of Toronto is inviting applications for Assistant Professors (tenure stream) in the areas of Urban-Economic Geography, Urban Historical Geography, and Urban-Environmental Planning and Policy Analysis. In addition, McGill University is seeking to appoint an Assistant Professor (tenure track) in Human Geography, while Concordia University is inviting applications for an Assistant Professor (tenure track) in Physical

Geography. Ryerson Polytechnic University would like to appoint an Assistant Professor (tenure track) in Applied Geography with preference for a specialty in business geography and the service economy. For more information on these and other job openings in geography please see the September, 1994 Newsletter of the CAG or the October, 1994 AAG Newsletter.

In addition, Syracuse University is inviting applications for an Assistant Professor (tenure track) in Historical and Cultural geography. For more information please contact Professor John Mercer, Chair, Department of Geography, 144 Eggers Hall, Syracuse, New York 13244-1090. Phone: 315-443-2605; Fax: 315-443-4227.

Wilfred Laurier University is seeking applicants (subject to budgetary approval) for a tenure track position at the Assistant Professor rank in Economic Geography. The successful applicant will be required to teach transportation, tourism and recreation, and some GIS. For more information please contact: Dr. Alfred Hecht, Chair, Department of Geography, Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, N9B 3P4.

YORK UNIVERSITY

Tenure stream position in G.I.S..

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NOTHING PERSONAL:

THE GREAT FEMINIST GEOGRAPHY OR WOMEN IN GEOGRAPHY DEBATE (GFGWIGD)

In her letter, which appeared in the last CWAG newsletter (Fall, 1994), Liisa Cormode courageously put into print several questions that I suspect many of us ask ourselves about the CWAG, the newsletter and a plethora of feminist and/or women's issues, groups and organizations that we are involved in. In responding to some these questions, I want to be clear at the outset about two things: 1) I am not taking issue with Liisa per se - she has merely expressed some points that many other women have been making in other forums; and 2) I am making no comment on what CWAG should or should not be, but raising some questions, hopefully for discussion, in the GFGWIGD.

What I do want to comment on is the often confusing distinction made between non-feminist geographers and feminist geographers, and on the notion that feminist geography and feminist geographers should be all things to all women.

First there is the question of "non-feminist geographers": are "non-feminist geographers" women in Canadian geography who are not doing specifically feminist work; or are they women in Canadian geography who are not feminist? Read it again, because this is a crucial distinction when it comes to the GFGWIGD. Since, to me, feminism is about acknowledging women's oppression and trying to change it, I understand non-feminists to be women who neither acknowledge women's oppression, nor want to change it. Thus I see feminists and non-feminists as having very different investments in feminist geographers' groups, women geographers' groups, feminist geography conference sessions, conference sessions on women and geography, collections, journals and articles on feminist geography or geographies of women, etc., etc..

From Liisa's letter, some of the more general "women in geography/academia" (i.e. not specifically feminist geographers') issues are: "women's difficulties in finding mentor relationships, sexual harassment, the influence of the old boy's network, the difficulties of integrating professional and personal lives . . . how women typically receive less support from family and possibly undergraduate teachers to continue with their studies. . ." Surely there are feminist issues? Why would these issues NOT have room in a specifically "feminist" forum? I can't see the distinction between "feminist" issues and more general "women in geography/academia" issues. Perhaps the apparent distinction has something to do with the term "feminist" itself, and women wanting to distance themselves from feminism? Surely any woman concerned with the above issues is recognizing women's oppression and trying to change it? Seems like feminism to me.

I won't rehash the reasons so many women are scared to call themselves feminist. However, I think that "I'm not a feminist but . . .", has to be challenged every time since it feeds into the demonization of feminism, feminists, feminist geography and feminist geographers. Which brings me nicely on to those scary feminist geographers. I always think that a feminist geographers' group or a feminist geography session is a place for me. I realize, needless to say, that I go with many, often mistaken, assumptions. I assume that all the women present will know some feminist basics, or will be there to learn some. I assume that all the women there will know that women are oppressed, that different women are oppressed in different ways, and will be interested in doing something to change that. I assume that I won't come up against women who don't believe (or acknowledge) that women geographers have a hard time in the discipline, that women students get less air time than men, and that sexual harassment happens.

These assumptions are, of course, wishful thinking. Nonetheless, I think it is fair for feminist geographers to wish for some space where they know they will be with others who have a similar (not necessarily the same) understanding of how the world works. I think it is fair for feminist geographers to wish for some space where they don't have to explain for the 100th time, what this or that has to do with Geography. I think it is fair for feminist geographers to wish for some space where they can get involved in some lively and sophisticated debates instead of going back to feminism 101.

ELITISM!, ELITISM!, I hear many of you cry. I think not. Exclusion, yes - with all of its own problems - but not necessarily elitism. Our socialization as women makes it very hard for us to demand space for ourselves. It goes against everything that we have been taught about being nice, about being polite, about letting everyone in and about always thinking about everyone else. Without even touching the racism, classism, heterosexism, ableism and ageism inherent in the notion of all being "women together", there is the question of WHY? Why can't women who don't want to be associated with

feminism have their own group? I don't want to spend time in groups with women who are anti-feminist. Why should I?

Theoretically, feminist geography SHOULD be for all women - if all women acknowledged that women are oppressed and wanted to work towards changing that. But, and especially in a time of backlash, feminist geography should not be COMPELLED to be all things to all women, including those who are not feminist. Perhaps clarity is the best policy. If a group or session or any other type of forum is set up and advertised as feminist geography, or for feminist geographers, then that should mean something other than "for all women". On the other hand, if a forum is set up for all women, that should mean something too. In that way, women would have more choice, make fewer assumptions and have less disappointments.

Ali Grant, McMaster University.

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REGIONAL REPORTS

Apologies in advance to those universities and individuals who have been omitted.

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Rachel Spronken-Smith successfully defended her Ph.D. and is now lecturing in Geography at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand. **Alison Blunt** takes up her appointment at the University of Southampton in February, 1995, and **Robyn Dowling** has accepted an appointment at Macquarie University in Australia starting in June 1995. **Ilse Helbrecht**, a post-doctoral scholar from Munich, is affiliated to UBC while she conducts research on lifestyle and social formations in the inner city. Five women geographers have recently completed post-graduate degrees: **L. Kate Boyer**, **Catherine Griffiths**, **Averill Groeneweld-Mijer**, and **Natalie Jamieson** were all awarded MAs and **Stacy Warren**, whose dissertation is

entitled "The City as Themepark and the Themepark as City: Amusement Space, Urban Forms and Cultural Change" completed her Ph.D. Congratulations to the following women geographers who have all received grants or scholarships: **Anne-Marie Bouthillette** received a CMHC Scholarship to fund her Comparative Analysis of Gay Men's and Lesbian's Housing Needs and Neighbourhood Choices, while **Nicky Hicks** received a University Graduate Fellowship for her Masters research on women and public space. **Jennifer Hyndman** received a York University Centre for Refugee Studies grant for her doctoral research on Culture, Gender and Power in UN Refugee Camps: The Case of Somali Refugee Camps in Kenya, and **Gisele Yasmeen** who is

currently in Thailand conducting her doctoral research on street vendors, aided by a IDRC Young Canadian Researchers Award. Recent publications from women geographers at UBC include:

Alison Blunt (1994) *Travel, Gender and Imperialism: Mary Kingsley in West Africa* New York: Guildford.

Alison Blunt and Gillian Rose, eds. (1994) *Writing Women and Space: Colonial and Postcolonial Geographies* New York: Guildford.

Anne Marie Bouthillette (1994) "The role of gay communities in gentrification: a case study of Cabbagetown, Toronto", in *Margins of the City: Gay Men's Urban Lives* ed. Stephen Whittle. Ashgate: UK.

Jennifer Hyndman (1994) "Review of Gillian Rose *Feminism and Geography*, forthcoming in Antipode.

Geraldine Pratt and Susan Hanson (1994) "Geography and the construction of difference" *Gender Place and Culture* Vol 1 (1).

Susan Hanson and Geraldine Pratt (1995) *Gender, Work and Space* New York: Routledge.

Finally, in Rehabilitation Medicine, **Isabel Dyck** has been busy co-organizing the Sixth International Medical Geography Symposium, which attracted numerous papers. Isabel also has an article in press in Social Science and Medicine entitled, "Hidden geographies: the changing lifeworlds of women with multiple sclerosis".

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY:

Alison Gill and **Maureen Reed** (UBC) are continuing their work funded by SSHRC, entitled: The Structure, Organization and Dynamics of the Local Resort System in Squamish, Whistler, and Pemberton". From January, 1995, Alison will be Acting Director of the Centre for Tourism Policy Research at SFU. She has also recently published an article with Peter Williams entitled "Tourism growth

management in mountain communities" in *Tourism Management* June, 1994. Congratulations to **Cathy Nesmith** who has received a SSHRC grant for her research on feminist environmental activities. **Bev Pittman** has submitted her dissertation on feminism and the advertising industry in Los Angeles to UCLA.

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA:

Congratulations to the recipients of grants and scholarships at the University of Victoria: **Carol Baker** received a University Grant Fellowship to fund her Masters research on Environmental Curriculum in BC schools; **Joan Gillie** has a BChRF Student Fellowship for her Masters research on Indo Philippino Canadian Women's Health Concerns; **Cheryl Hall** has a Sara Spencer Research Grant and James Woods Fellowship for her Masters research on Second Stage Housing and Feminist Decision Making Processes. **Pamela Moss** has recently published "Spatially differentiated conceptions of gender in the workplace" in *Studies in Political Economy*, Spring, 1994.

YORK UNIVERSITY:

Sanjeeda Ahmed, **Emily Gilbert**, **Mary Halsall** and **Daniela Mucchi** have recently completed their MA Degrees, while **Natalie Barras**, **Angie Brooks** and **Donna Lymburner** have been awarded their MSc degrees. Emily is now at Bristol University where she is doing doctoral work on a cultural interpretation of banks and bank notes. Congratulations to **Emily Gilbert** and **Nancy Kingsbury** who have both been awarded SSHRC Scholarships. Nancy is also the recipient of the John Bene Fellowship in Social Forestry for her doctoral work examining indigenous forest use and environmental change in the Gran Sabana, Venezuela. **Monica Jaggi**, a post-doctoral research scholar from Switzerland, is currently at York conducting research on resource conflicts and co-management projects in Canada with special

focus on the boreal forest and the First Nations people. She did her Ph.D. in Tunisia where she investigated water and land conflicts between indigenous people and the tourism industry. **Lucia Lo**, a member of faculty in the geography department, has recently been awarded a SSHRC research grant to model the economic interdependence in consumer shopping behaviour.

CARLETON UNIVERSITY:

Hot off the press from Carleton! Carleton University Department of Geography is very pleased to announce the recent approval from the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS) to offer a Ph.D. program in Geography. The new program offers instruction in two fields:

A. **THE GEOGRAPHY OF SOCIETAL CHANCE.** Themes focus on the interconnections of process and scale which characterize: a) Global Political Economy: Restructuring the Environment; b) Geographies of Socio-cultural Evaluation; and c) Feminist Geographies.

B. **THE GEOGRAPHY OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE.** Themes focus on the interconnections of process and scale which characterize: a) Appraisal and Societal Management of Environmental Resources; and b) Environmental Processes and Anthropogenic Impacts.

In addition to specifying a place for Feminist Geographies in the Ph.D. program, it should be noted that the significance of gendered perspectives is recognized with every identified theme.

Interested students are encouraged to call or write:

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Additional news from Carleton: There have been three recent additions of women to the faculty ranks in the department: **Dr. Nancy Doubleday**, whose interests include Paleoecological investigation of arctic contaminants; Arctic lifestyles in relation to contaminant assessment, biogeography and wild living resources, traditional ecological knowledge, indigenous rights and international environmental law, common property, impact assessment and decision-making; environmental education, and the Arctic Region; **Dr. Joan Marshall**, whose areas of research are the investigation of women's movements in India as they pertain to issues of development and environmental sustainability; social and economic geography; anglophone/francophone relationships in communities in Ontario and Quebec, and quantitative methods; and finally, **Dr. Shelagh J. Squire**, whose research interests include cultural/social geography, qualitative methods, and tourism.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO:

Mireya Folch-Serra has been appointed to the position of Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at Western.

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!