

CANADIAN WOMEN AND GEOGRAPHY GROUP -  
at the  
CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHERS  
ANNUAL MEETING

7:00, Thursday, June 10 1982  
Room 024,  
Department of Geography

We have called this meeting to assess interest in the formation of a group which would

- encourage research within geography about questions concerning women
- develop personal and research links among women working in Canadian geography.

Exactly what form the group might take and what activities it might engage in will be decided by participants in the meetings.

AGENDA : Chairperson: Ruth Fincher (McMaster)

1. Speakers from other women and geography groups
  - AAG Committee on the Status of Women in Geography and Specialty Group on Geographic Perspectives on Women : Damaris Rose (Rutgers University)
  - Institute of British Geographers  
Women and Geography Study Group : Suzanne Mackenzie (Queens)
  - CAG, Committee on the Status of Women in Geography in Canada : Dr. Marie Sanderson (Windsor)
2. Discussion of current research in the field. Speakers : Marie Truelove (Ryerson), Suzanne Mackenzie (Queens).
3. Discussion of possible directions and activities for our group:
  - a. Research register of research interests of women in Canadian geography/research about women and the environment by Canadian geographers (the latter has been done or begun by the American and British groups). An exchange could provide some useful sources and contacts.
  - b. Collection of course outlines/bibliographies on women and the environment in geography and related disciplines (this is being

done by members of the American group - possibly we could set up a central 'bank' and even consider some kind of publication.)

- c. Surveys of the status of women in Canadian geography (such a survey is being carried out by the CAG Committee convened by Dr. Sanderson - can we help?) *and Can. ♀ geographers*
- d. Contacts/meetings with other groups in related areas (e.g. Toronto based women in/and Planning - York University women and the Environment Newsletter group - any other suggestions?)
- e. Circular to all geography departments in Canada informing them of the group.
- f. Regional meetings - seminars - guest speakers list.
- g. A Newsletter to inform one another about all the above?
- h. How are we going to fund any or all of the above?
- i. A co-ordinating committee to organize some of these activities.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS:

What would you like to see the group do  
What would be most useful to you?

Have you or would you like to teach courses with a women/environment  
content?

SOME GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND DISCUSSIONS OF

WOMEN AND THEIR ENVIRONMENTS

IN GEOGRAPHY

Loyd, Bonnie, "Women and Geography: An Annotated Bibliography and Guide to Sources of Information" Council of Planning Librarians, Exchange Bibliography #1159, Nov. 1976.

Monk, Janice and Hanson, Susan, "On Not Excluding Half of the Human in Human Geography", pp 11-23 in Professional Geographer, Vol. 34, No.1, Feb. 1982. (Critical review and discussion of the field, with suggestions for future research).

Mackenzie, Suzanne and Rose, Damaris, "On the necessity for Feminist Scholarship in Human Geography" forthcoming in Professional Geographer, Vol. 34, 2 1982 (A response to Monk & Hanson).

Zelinsky, Wilbur, Monk, Janice & Hanson, Susan, "Women and Geography: A Review and Prospectus" forthcoming in Progress in Human Geography, 1982. (The most extensive current review article to date; includes reviews of unpublished papers).

Palm, Risa, "Geographic Perspectives on Women", pp 1-4 in Geographical Perspectives No. 48, Fall, 1981.

Bowlby, Sophie, Foord, Jo and Mackenzie, Suzanne, "Feminism in Geography", pp 19-25 in Area, Vol. 14, No.1, 1982. (A review and critique of the theoretical and methodological issues, with special reference to its relation to the women's movement).

The September/October 1978 issue of Journal of Geography (Vol. 77, #5) is focussed on "Women in Geographic curricula", coordinated by Bonnie Loyd and Arlene Rengert. (Contains many detailed and concrete ideas on how to develop courses on women's studies in geography and how to add information on women to many existing geography courses)

For a list of papers given at AAG Annual Meetings on women's issues, write to Roger Miller, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis MN 55455.

IN GENERAL

- Peterson, Rebecca, Wekerle, Gerda and Morley, David, "Women and Environments: An overview of an emerging field" pp 511-534 in Environment and Behaviour, Dec., 1978. (Bibliographic essay on the field, with some references to geographic literature).
- Ardener, Shirley (ed.) Women, physical space and cultural maps, Croom Helm, London, 1981.
- Burnett, Pat. (ed.), Women in Society, A New Perspective, Maaroufa Press, Chicago, 1976.
- Keller, Suzanne (ed.) Building for Women, Lexington Press, 1981.
- Mayo, Marjorie (ed.) Women in the Community, Routledge & Regan, 1977.
- Stimpson, Catharine R., et al (eds.) Women in the American City, University of Chicago Press, 1981. (originally a supplement to SIGNS, 1980).
- Wekeree, Gerda, Peterson, Rebecca and Morley, David (eds.) New Space for Women, Westview Press, Boulder. Colorado, 1980.

IN JOURNALS

- Women in Geography. The Newsletter of the Committee on the Status of Women in Geography, AAG. (Department of Geography, Rutgers University, ~~185 College Ave.~~, New Brunswick, NJ 08903).
- Newsletter of the Specialty Group on Geographic Perspectives on Women (AAG)  
David Lee (ed.) (Department of Geography, Florida Atlantic University  
Boca Raton, FL 33431).
- Women and Environments (Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University,  
4700 Keele St., Downsview, Ontario. M3J 2R2).
- Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society
- To contact the British Women Geographers Group: Dr. Sophie Bowlby, Dept. of Geography, Whiteknights, Reading England RG62AF.
- Women in/and Planning (\$10. annual membership fee, Kathleen Bee, 12 Aitken Place, Toronto, Ontario M5A 4E5).

DR NOTES FOR POINTS TO RAISE AT CWAC 1982 meeting:

1. non-competitive support group
2. info w/w on what other women are doing
  - problems
  - research on women
3. enc. prof. respect and inc. no. of women  
acad and non-academic.
4. info. on incorporating research on women  
into teaching etc.
  - incl. awareness.

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Canadian Women and Geography Group

The founding meeting of the Canadian Women and Geography Group was held at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers in Ottawa on June 10, 1982. THE MEETING, chaired by Ruth Fincher, (McMaster University) was attended, by both academic geographers and women working in government services .

Marie Truelove (Pyerson Polytechnic) gave a brief summary of research on <sup>discipline of</sup> women in the geography, pointing out that although this work has a foothold, it is not yet in the mainstream of the discipline. She discussed the specific form of women's travel patterns and environmental needs, noting that whether or not women's travel patterns include journeys to work and to day care and how accessible these locations are, affect most other aspects of a household's way of life.

The meeting then discussed the existing 'women and geography' groups.

Damaris Rose (Rutgers University), spoke briefly about the history, aims and achievements of the NAC Committee on the Status of Women in Geography and the NAC Speciality Group, Geographic Perspectives on Women, Pontiac.

Suzanne Mackenzie (Queen's University) talked about the women and Geography Study Group of the Institute of British Geographers. This group, formed in 1980, is currently concentrating on increasing the awareness of British Geographers through publishing collective articles and establishing ties with geography teachers in schools. They are interested in possible publication of some working papers jointly with the Canadian group.

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Marie Sanderson (Windsor) and Francoise Ricour-Singh

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(Statistics Canada) spoke of the work of the Canadian Association of Geographers Committee on the Status of Women in Geography. Mandated in 1981 by the CAG Executive, to investigate women's roles in geography, this committee carried out a survey of 27 undergraduates who were recipients of the CAG undergraduate awards, finding that women were less likely to go on to graduate school or other further education and generally received less encouragement from their teachers than did men (The full results of this survey will be published in a forthcoming issue of the new CAG journal - The Operational Geographer) DR Sanderson said this committee would now be dissolved and its work taken over by the group formed at the meeting.

The meeting was then opened for discussion of possible objectives and activities of the group. All participants outlined their interests and how they hoped the group would be able to help. Most felt that the group should act as a support network and means of communication <sup>profession</sup> ~~both~~ for women in the ~~discipline~~, facilitating contact between women in the academy and other areas, and for all geographers doing research of interest on issues of especial interest to women.

It was agreed that the group would apply for formal study group status within the CAG at the January Executive Meeting, and also that a first newsletter would be put together and circulated to those on the mailing list early <sup>this</sup> ~~in~~ the fall.