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## **Study Group Annual Report**

**Deadline: January 31**

Please fill in all relevant sections by typing text into the boxes. The boxes will expand as needed.

Name of Study Group:

Feminist Intersectional Solidarity Group

Executive Members (names, roles, term of office):

Zoe Meletis, Chair (term was extended until June 2021)  
Kate Parizeau, Secretary (term was extended until June 2021)  
Rosemary Collard, Member (started in spring 2020; term TBD in June 2021)  
Brittany Davey, Student Member (started in spring 2020; term TBD in June 2021)  
Nasya Razavi, Member (started in January 2021; term TBD in June 2021)  
Ileana Diaz, Student Member (started in January 2021; term TBD in June 2021)

Summary of activities at the national CAG Conference:

There was no CAG held in 2020 but our group did have an AGM.

Summary of activities at other conferences (e.g. regional divisions):

2020 was a difficult year for conferences.

Summary of activities outside of conferences:

Our Exec met regularly (quarterly+) throughout the year. We also worked with Kathryn at the CAG (many thanks!) to continue moving FIGS' finances, web presence, and more over to the CAG. We are grateful for this support and the resources it brings with it.

We also put forth a successful proposal for a funded day of feminist programming for the CAG 2020, which will be instead undertaken at CAG 2021. The day of programming broadly concerns the theme of "Difference in global economies and the university." It features a plenary research panel on international feminist economic research (speakers: Norma Rantisi, Caroline Faria and Gerry Pratt), a strategy session on recruiting and retaining/supporting racialized faculty (facilitated by Minelle Mahtani and Caroline Faria), and culminates in the Suzanne Mackenzie Memorial Lecture by Beverley Mullings. The day of events is co-sponsored by two other CAG

study groups: Economic Geography, and Diversity, Migration, Ethnicity and Race. This work required a substantial amount of email communications. FIGS particularly notes the contributions of Rosemary Collard and the organizing committee at CAG 2020 (UVic) here.

In response to academic and institutional pressures to stay productive in pandemic times, FIGS released a “call for anything” in May 2020, resulting in a zine published online in Fall of 2020; it is posted to the FIGS CAG webpage. It was also printed and delivered in hard copy to contributors and other members who requested it. The editors presented on the zine as process, product, and more at an upcoming “Disruptions and Eruptions” conference held remotely in the US, on Feb 26th and 27th. The video was shared widely with 300 conference attendees, and there was a live Q&A component as well. We are planning a zine-related workshop for the CAG 2021.

We held our annual FIGS Student Paper Award contest in spring/summer and awarded \$100 to the winner to Bryanne Lamoureux for being the 2020 FIGS Student Paper Award winner (undergraduate). The announcement described her paper in this way: “winning paper is titled Choosing Childlessness in a Time of Climate Crisis: Redefining Chrononormativity . Bridging the personal with the academic, Bryanne explores questions of gender, happiness, social reproduction, bodily freedom, and agency in a time of climate crisis. The paper was adapted from a submission for the course Sex, Gender, Space and Place, taught by Allison Norris, at the University of Winnipeg.”

FIGS regularly welcomes feminist and/or geography-related posts to our active Facebook page, and we interact with our members there.

Communication with members (frequency and type, e.g. email list, website, social media, in person)

We have struggled with listserv issues in the past few years and are working to resolve this. We appreciate the CAG efforts to provide us with updated lists.

We communicate via email on some issues.

We publish at least one newsletter a year and these are now posted to the FIGS page at the CAG.

The Exec met online this year but meeting with our members, other than at the AGM, was not possible. We look forward to the CAG 2021 and to future meetings.

Planned use of study group funds:

We hope to continue offering student awards and to increase the dollar amounts for these. We hope to continue hosting academic and social events centred on feminist geography. We are contemplating a second zine and might spend funds on other activities to keep our community connected in 2021.