

**Canadian Women
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Study Group
Newsletter**

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While the winter has been brutal over much of Canada, this hopeful picture is a reminder that spring will come again!

From the CWAG Chair

Ranu Basu

As the interim Chair for CWAG this year I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Margaret Walton-Roberts, our outgoing Chair, and Bonnie Hallman, our CWAG Newsletter Editor for their invaluable contribution and hard work over the past few years. Building community and support through dedication, perseverance and common vision is never an easy task, and their talent and leadership representing CWAG and its collective mission is greatly valued. But as both of them step down, I'd like to make a call for nominations for a new Chair and Newsletter editor in the coming year. Please consider sending in your name or nominations either by email or at the upcoming CWAG annual meeting at this year's CAG conference in June.

Building emancipatory communities through the collective efforts of teaching, research and outreach remains crucial to combat the many injustices in the world today. How do we continue to strive and fight for critical research and academic practices that are threatened by the logics of neoliberal modes of governance in academia and beyond? How do we maintain and constantly strive to achieve an academic culture that is genuinely and proactively transformative in socially progressive ways despite the barriers and roadblocks that often conform us to follow very different and rigid paths? How can we be critical and sensitive to power

relations that arise from hegemonic interactions that thwart creative energies and challenge dominant discourses? How can we assure that a genuine means (rather than mere tokenism) of social justice is celebrated and maintained in our collegial spirit and life?

Historically, the vision of CWAG and its members have fought hard to maintain these ideals through their scholarship and activism. Creating supportive and strong critical foundation for scholarship to be challenging, provocative and transformative has not deterred us in the past, nor hopefully will it in our collective future endeavours ahead.

I am grateful for the support of CWAG colleagues on this journey and look forward to supporting the new CWAG chair.

Regards,

Ranu Basu

Department of Geography

York University



From the Newsletter Editor

It has been awhile, but here at last is our latest issue of the CWAG newsletter.

I want to thank everyone that responded to my calls for contributions, and those who have supported the ongoing work of putting this newsletter together.

At this time I would like to formally request that others consider taking on the role of Newsletter Editor, and put their names forward at the annual CWAG meeting at this year's CAG conference in Quebec City. Research and administrative commitments necessitate my stepping aside after several years of work on the newsletter; I will not be Editor after June 1, 2008, as I take on the role of Dean of Studies, St. John's College, a founding and constituent college of the University of Manitoba.

This has been a great experience, and I believe the electronic format has been a success, as has the archiving of past newsletters on the Department of Environment and Geography, University of Manitoba website.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Hallman



Announcements

Gender, Place and Culture:
A Journal of Feminist Geography
**Annual Award for New and Emerging
Scholars**

The editorial team at Gender, Place and Culture is pleased to introduce an annual award valued at US\$1000 for new and emerging scholars. Priority for this award will be given to current graduate students or faculty members within 3 years of receiving their Ph.D, who work in departments where little or no money is available for conference participation and who have no recourse to grants from funding agencies such as the Economic and Social Research Council in the UK and the National Science Foundation in the USA or equivalent (if you currently hold one of these grants or have just completed one you will not be considered eligible for this award).

This award is intended to be used for attendance at an international conference of your choice, at which you will present a paper on a topic relating to feminist geography. The successful applicant is expected to use the award within one year of its receipt.

Applicants are asked to submit the following:

- an abstract of the conference paper (250 word max);
- a brief CV;
- a paragraph outlining how your research contributes to feminist geography;

- a proposed budget (for accommodation, travel, conference fees, per diem, etc);
- conference information including confirmation of acceptance of your paper;
- and a cover letter including your contact details (mailing address, email, and telephone number).

Please send your applications to Brenda Yeoh (geoyasa@nus.edu.sg) by March 1, 2008. A decision on the award will be made within 6-8 weeks of this deadline.

Within one month of attending the conference the successful applicant is expected to submit receipts as well as a one page report.

2) The 2008 Gender, Place and Culture Jan Monk Distinguished Lecture will be given by Geraldine Pratt at the AAG in Boston. Details to follow. Please make others aware of this event. We hope to see you there.

Cheers,
Leeann Townsend
Editorial Assistant
Gender, Place and Culture

Congratulations to **Sutama Ghosh!!** (York University), one of the two Doctoral winners of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's of the Housing Studies Achievement Award, which recognizes young Canadians whose work contributes to the understanding and advancement of quality, affordable housing in our country. Five prizes of \$10,000 - three at a Master's level

and two at a Doctoral level - were presented to students across the country at an event held in Ottawa.

As the first recipients, the 2007 award winners represent the "future of housing research and policy development," which contributes significantly to the understanding and advancement of housing in Canada, whether in social, economic, design or technical aspects of housing.

Sutama's completed her PhD at York; her dissertation which won her the award is: **"We Are Not All the Same: The Differential Migration, Settlement Patterns and Housing Trajectories of Indian Bengalis and Bangladeshis in Toronto"**

This study examines similarities and differences in migration, settlement patterns, and housing trajectories by comparing two 'South Asian' immigrant groups in Toronto - Indian Bengalis and Bangladeshis. The author contends that the reasons people migrate, where they live within the destination city and the characteristics of the housing they occupy are interconnected themes. This study reveals the symbiotic relationships between these three themes. It shows how immigrant housing experiences are often initiated even before the household arrives in the migrant city and may continue to influence where and how they live for many years after.

Janet Forbes / Damaris Rose

Personal Notices

Heather Castleden,

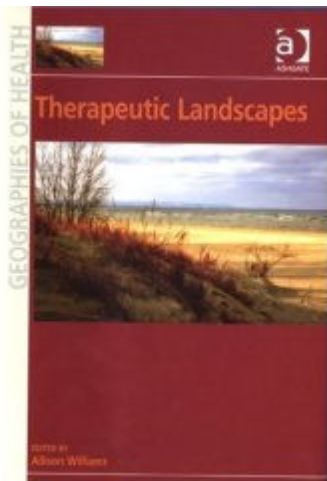
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Victoria

1. I am delighted to announce the birth of my second child, daughter Jordan Drew Castleden Krawchuk on June 12, 2007.
2. I successfully defended my PhD on August 31, 2007 in the Department of Earth & Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Alberta. My dissertation is titled "**As Sacred as Cedar and Salmon: A Collaborative Study with Huu-ay-aht First Nation, British Columbia into Understanding the Meaning of 'Resources' from an Indigenous Worldview**". I'd like to thank my supervisor, Theresa Garvin, for her tremendous support throughout my program. I'd also like to thank my committee members, Tara McGee and Naomi Krogram, and examiners, Bob Summers, Ellen Bielawski, and Maureen Reed.
3. I am currently a Research Associate at the Institute for Coastal and Oceans Research at the University of Victoria in Victoria, British Columbia. I am teaching (1) Intro to Resource Management and (2) Qualitative Methods in Human Geography for the Department of Geography at UVIC. My new contact email is: **heatherc@uvic.ca**

New Publications

Apologies to anyone with the papers, reports and books recently out and not noted here – please be sure to let your new Editor know about your accomplishments!

BOOKS:



Williams, Allison (2007) Editor.
Therapeutic Landscapes.
Geographies of Health Series.
Ashgate Publishing Limited, Aldershot
UK.

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

Benbow, S.M.P. and B.C. Hallman
(2008) Reading the zoo map: cultural heritage insights from popular cartography. *International Journal of Heritage Studies*. 14(1): 30-42.

Hallman, B.C. and S.M.P. Benbow
(2007) Family leisure, photography and zoos: exploring the emotional geographies of families. *Social and Cultural Geography*. 50(2): 256-264.

ACCESS TO ARTICLES:

Dear Colleagues,
The Editorial Team at Gender, Place and Culture are pleased to offer new free online access to selected articles published in the journal. The following articles are currently available:

Liz Bondi and Damaris Rose
"Constructing gender, constructing the urban: a review of Anglo-American feminist urban geography" (GPC 10.3)
<<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/content?content=10.1080/0966369032000114000>>

Lise Nelson "Topographies of citizenship: Purhépechan Mexican women claiming political subjectivities" (GPC 11.2)
<<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/content?content=10.1080/0966369042000218437>>

Robert Vanderbeck "Masculinities and Fieldwork: Widening the Discussion" (GPC 12.4)
<<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/content?content=10.1080/09663690500356537>>

Chandra Talpade Mohanty "US Empire and the Project of Women's Studies: Stories of citizenship, complicity and dissent" (GPC 13.1)
<<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/content?content=10.1080/09663690600571209>>

New articles will be available periodically throughout the year. Please make others aware of this new initiative.
Best,
Linda Peake
Gender, Place and Culture

Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers/

Women and Geography

Launched to celebrate International Women's Day, the first virtual issue of Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers is on 'Women and Geography' and is now available free online

Reflecting the importance and diversity of feminist research within the discipline, this virtual issue brings together a range of landmark articles in the field. Key themes include research on feminist historiographies of geography; feminist theory and methodology in geography; and substantive areas of ongoing concern for women, including geographies of work, fear, domestic violence and the family. Nine articles published from 1991 to 2008 form the main contents of the virtual issue. Several of these articles include links to others published in Transactions that address women, travel and the history of geography; feminist methodology; gender and work; geographies of home; and family and relatedness.

I hope that you will be able to read the papers in the virtual issue, and recommend it to colleagues and students.

With best wishes

Alison Blunt

Editor, Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers

Contents - Free access

*If you are not able to access the links below - for free access to the below

contents visit the RGS-IBG virtual issue webpage at:*

*www.rgs.org/TIBGVirtual
<<http://www.rgs.org/TIBGVirtual>>*

Toward a feminist historiography of geography
http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/pdf/Feminist_Historiography.pdf
M. Domosh

*Links to other articles on women, travel and the history of geography: *

Cutting power lines within the palace?
Countering paternity and Eurocentrism in the 'geographical tradition'
<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.0020-2754.1998.00371.x>

C, McEwan

British women travellers and constructions of racial difference across the nineteenth century American West
<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.0020-2754.1998.00311.x>
K. M. Morin

Gender, nature, empire: women naturalists in nineteenth century British travel literature
<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/abs/10.1111/1475-5661.00024>

J. K. Guelke, and K. M. Morin

Do we need a feminist historiography of geography. And if we do, what should it be?'
<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-2754%281991%292%3A16%3A4%3C484%3ADWNAFH%3E2.0.CO%3B2-A>

D. R. Stoddart,

Beyond the frontiers of geographical knowledge

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-2754%281991%292%3A16%3A4%3C488%3ABTFOGK%3E2.0.CO%3B2-A>

M. Domosh

The "Map Girls": British women geographers' war work, shifting gender boundaries and reflections on the history of geography

<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1475-5661.2007.00290.x>

A. Maddrell

*Doing gender: feminism, feminists and research methods in human geography *

http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/pdf/Doing_Gender.pdf

L. McDowell

*Links to other articles on gender and work: *

The particularities of place: geographies of gendered moral responsibilities among Latvian migrant workers in 1950s Britain

<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/abs/10.1111/1475-5661.00075>

L. McDowell

The geography of gender divisions of labour in Britain

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-2754%281992%292%3A17%3A2%3C198%3ATGOGDO%3E2.0.CO%3B2-Q>

S. Duncan

Flexibility, gender and part-time work: evidence from a survey of the economically

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-2754%281992%292%3A17%3A2%3C198%3AFGAPWE%3E2.0.CO%3B2-A>

S. Pinch and A. Storey

Doing gender and development: understanding empowerment and local gender relations

<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/abs/10.1111/1475-5661.00093>

J. Sharp, J. Briggs, H Yacoub and N. Hamed

Feminism and the spaces of transformation

<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.0020-2754.2000.00285.x>

J Robinson

Life without father and Ford: the new gender order of Post-Fordism

http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/pdf/Father_and_Ford.pdf

L. McDowell

Social geographies of women's fear of crime

www.blackwellpublishing.com/pdf/Social_Geographies.pdf
<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/pdf/Social_Geographies.pdf>

R. Pain

'I must get out': the geographies of domestic violence

<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/abs/10.1111/1475-5661.00028>

M Warrington

*Links to other articles on geographies of home: *

The Cinderella complex - narrating Spanish women's history, the home and visions of equality: developing new margins <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1475-5661.2005.00164.x>

R. Mohammad

Imperial geographies of home: British domesticity in India

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-2754%281999%292%3A24%3A4%3C421%3AIGHBD%3E2.0.CO%3B2-6>

A. Blunt

*Mothers in the making? Exploring liminality in cyber/space

<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1475-5661.2005.00153.x>

C. Madge and H O'Connor

*Links to other articles on family and relatedness: *

Geographies of relatedness

<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1475-5661.2005.00178.x>

C. Nash

Family photographs and domestic spacings: a case study

<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/abs/10.1111/1475-5661.00074>

G. Rose

Women and children last: the poverty and marginalization of one-parent families

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-2754%281990%292%3A15%3A1%3C70%3AWACLTP%3E2.0.CO%3B2-W>

H. Winchester

Call for Submissions

Content is always needed for the next edition! Please consider making contributions to *any* section of the newsletter. Profiles (student, research, professional, teaching), articles on issues of interest to CWAGers, and notices of publications are the backbone of the newsletter.

Please send your contributions to the Editor (until July 1, 2008) at:

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