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## Teaching About Gender in Geography

Bridging the gap between research and teaching is an important challenge for geographers committed to gender studies. In this issue we would like to note some new resources and current efforts, to call for increased news about work in this area, and to encourage more interchange between geographers interested in geographic education and those engaged in gender research. The initiative follows up on the successful workshop at the International Geographical Congress in the Hague in August, 1996 (reported in Newsletter No. 17).

For the first time in over a decade, a new text on gender and geography has been published. **Ana Sabaté Martínez, Juana María Rodríguez Moya, and María Ángeles Díaz Muñoz** have co-authored *Mujeres, Espacio y Sociedad: Hacia Una Geografía del Género*, published by Editorial Síntesis, S.A., Vallehermosa 34-28015 Madrid (1995). The book is a wide ranging and well organized introduction which incorporates discussion of theory and practice, global scale perspectives, and sections on the integration of the social and

economic in women's work; on the socio-demographic situation of women (health, fertility, family and household, education, international migration); on living conditions and work in developed countries and in countries of the periphery; on gender and daily space at the local and individual level; and on future perspectives -- on policies, development, and environment. Written in Spanish, the book draws on an international literature and is illustrated with numerous graphs, charts, and tables.

Also shortly to be published is *Human Geography: Places and Regions in Global Perspective* by **Paul Knox and Sallie Marston** (Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, 07458 USA), an introductory text that integrates gender perspectives at various scales and in diverse contexts.

Just off the press is a new and revised edition of *The State of Women in the World Atlas* by **Joni Seager** (Penguin Reference, 27 Wrights Lane London W8 5TZ Fax: 44-171-416-3290 (11 pounds UK or \$US16.95). The atlas includes over 40 double page spreads and 8 pages of tables,

and employs imaginative cartography and numerous creative graphics. It presents an overview of status measures and changes; chapters on families (e.g. households, marriage and divorce, lesbian issues, domestic violence); on population issues (e.g. son preference, abortion); body politics (e.g. health, sports, global sex trade); work (e.g. time budgets, work related migrations, agricultural work); well being (e.g. literacy, poverty); and power (e.g., education, political power). The atlas is a significant educational resource, especially for introducing nongeographers to the importance of place and space in women's lives.

At the university level, another Erasmus program for undergraduates and graduate students in several European geography departments is planned for June 24-28, 1997 at the University of Amsterdam. The course will focus on "Women in Public Space: Experiences in Europe." It will introduce theory and methods; case studies from northern and southern Europe and from the local context in the Netherlands; gendered spaces of women travelers and of masculinities; and include field work in Amsterdam and reports on current Ph.D students' research. Coordinator for the course is **Joos Droogleever Fortuijn**, Department of Human Geography, University of Amsterdam, Nieuwe Prinsengracht 130, 1018 Amsterdam, The Netherlands (Fax 31-2--525.4051; JMAAS@isg.frw.uva.nl).

In the United States, a second summer institute for K-12 teachers is planned for July. "Finding A Way", funded by the National Science Foundation and sponsored by the National Council for Geographic Education, will bring 30 teachers to San Diego to work on issues of content, teaching strategies, and classroom and school climate

with the goals of stimulating interest and achievement in geography among girls of diverse ethnic backgrounds. The institute follows a highly successful effort in Philadelphia last year under the direction of **Rickie Sanders** of Temple University (fax 1-215-204-7833; rsanders@astro.ocis.temple.edu). Participating teachers have been doing follow-up work during the year. Model teaching activities are being revised for publication and a video has also been produced on the 1996 institute. The project was recently recognized with an Eleanor Roosevelt Special Commendation award by the American Association of University Women.

Gender is also on the agenda for the 1997 Geographic Education Conference which will be held at the University of Waikato in New Zealand in July. Within the themes of "Dimensions, Directions, and Difference", panels, papers, and workshops are being designed to include feminist and postcolonial perspectives. Further information on the conference can be obtained from **Robin Peace**, fax 64-7-838-4633; rpeace@waikato.ac.nz). The geography department at the University of Waikato also includes three graduate courses that attend to feminist perspectives: "Contemporary Geographic Thought; Crossing Boundaries; and Geographic Education. At the undergraduate level, two existing gender courses at the 2nd and 3rd year levels continue to be popular.

The conference "Geography and Geographic Education in the 21st Century, Southeast Asia: Directions and Challenges" also plans to incorporate gender perspectives. It will be held in Singapore, November 30-December 4, 1998 under the auspices of the Division of Geography, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological

University and the Department of Geography, National University of Singapore in cooperation with the Southeast Asia Geography Association, and the IGU Commission on Geographical Education.. Further information is available from Assoc. Prof. Goh Kim Chuan, Division of Geography NIE, fax 65-469-2427 or [GOHKC@nievax.nie.ac.sg](mailto:GOHKC@nievax.nie.ac.sg) or Dr. Henry Wai-Chung Yeung, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore, fax 65-777-3091 or [geoywc@nus.sg](mailto:geoywc@nus.sg).

At the University of Venda (South Africa) **Agnes Musyoki** is a member of the Executive Committee of a new Gender and Equity Unit which aims to address gender issues on campus and in the community. A full professor will be appointed to head a Gender Studies Program. Agnes notes that an increasing number of undergraduate and graduate students in geography are working on gender issues, especially on women. Also in South Africa, at the University of Pretoria, a Gender Resources Centre is being established in the postgraduate School of Agriculture. Geographer **Joan Fairhurst** will chair the management committee. The program will be launched with a training workshop in June on "Women - A Developing Resource in the Construction Industry," in collaboration with the Development Bank of Southern Africa. The Centre is designed to be an independent program fostering gender awareness in research, training programs, and university/education curricula.

News from the Institute of Australian Geographers Gender and Geography Study Group includes reference to the Waikato (NZ) teaching as well as to the introduction of gender into courses being taught in geography at the Australian Defense Forces Academy by **Elaine Stratford** (focusing

especially on masculinities and femininities), at the University of Newcastle across all undergraduate courses in human geography.

As these brief reports indicate, work in teaching about gender continues to expand internationally, though attention to gender at the school level is still modest. We are interested in hearing about other teaching efforts and especially about cooperation with geographic educators.

## CYBER News

"The Gender in Geography Bibliography" is now incorporated in the home page for the University of California Berkeley website at <http://geogweb.berkeley.edu/BerkGeogHome.html>

Mechtild Rossler has published an article in "Cybergeog - Journal of European Geography" (English/French). It is accessible at <http://193.55.107.3/revgeo/revgeo.htm>

German women geography students have initiated a home page: <http://stud-www.uni-marburg.de/~Menzels/>

## Books

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Sylvia Chant, *Women-headed Households: Diversity and Dynamics in the Developing*

World, Basingstoke: Macmillan/New York: St. Martins, 1997

--- *Gender, Urban Development and Housing*, New York: UNDP, Publication Series for Habitat II, Vol. 2, 1996.

Peggy Fairbairn Dunlop, *Tamaitai Samoa: Their Stories* (oral histories of Samoan women), Suva: Institute of Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific, 1996.

Kim England (ed.) *Who Will Mind the Baby?: Geographies of Child Care and Working Women*, London/New York: Routledge, 1996.

J.K. Gibson-Graham *The End of Capitalism (As We Knew It): A Feminist Critique of Political Economy*, Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 1996.

Iain Hay (ed.) *Gender and Environments: Proceedings of the Institute of Australian Geographers' Gender and Geography Study Group Conference*, Adelaide: Institute of Australian Geographers, 1996.

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Vera Norwood and Janice Monk (eds) *The Desert Is No Lady: Southwestern Landscapes in Women's Writing and Art* (re-publication), Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 1997.

Ros Pesman, *Duty Free: Australian Women Abroad*, Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 1996.

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Carolyn Sachs, *Gendered Fields: Rural Women, Agriculture, and Environment*, Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1996.

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## Special Journal Issues

*London Journal of Canadian Studies* has produced a special issue on "Geography, Gender and Identity in Canadian Literature," edited by Richard Dennis. It includes an introductory essay on the issue theme by Richard Dennis and Coral Howells. Five of the papers focus on writing by women. For further information contact Richard Dennis, Department of Geography, University College, 26 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0AP, email : rdennis@geog.ucl.ac.uk

*Antipode*, 28 (4), 1996 features commentaries on the book *Gender, Work and Space* (Susan Hanson and Geraldine Pratt) by Damaris Rose, Richard Walker, Jamie Peck, and Gerda Wekerle, with a response by Susan Hanson and Geraldine Pratt.

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Meghan Cope, "Participation, power, and policy: developing a gender-sensitive political geography," *Journal of Geography*, 96 (2), 1997, 91- 97.

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Steven Holloway, "Job accessibility and male teenage employment, 1980-1990: the declining significance of space,"

*Professional Geographer*, 48(4) 1996, 445-57.

Shirlena Huang and Brenda S.A. Yeoh, "Ties that bind" state policy and migrant female domestic helpers in Singapore," *Geoforum*, 27 (4) 1996, 479-94.

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## Future Conferences

The University of Venda Geography Department will host the South African National Geography Students conference entitled "Geography and Sustainable Development," August 31-September 3, 1997. Among the themes are gender and sustainable rural development. For more information, contact Mr. T.N. Tapela ([nigelt@caddy.univen.ac.za](mailto:nigelt@caddy.univen.ac.za)).

The Gender and Geography Special Interest Group of the Society of South African Geographers will have a session at the forthcoming conference on "Environment and Development in Africa: An Agenda and Solutions for the 21st Century" on June 29-July 4, 1997.

The Inaugural International Critical Geography Conference to be held in Vancouver, August 10-13, 1997 includes among possible themes gendered cities; development and gender; queer space; and a number of themes related to class, ethnicity, globalization, environmentalism, and theory and activism. The conference plans to offer diverse formats for discussion. For information contact Neil Smith, [<nsmith@rci.rutgers.edu>](mailto:nsmith@rci.rutgers.edu), Department of Geography, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 08903-5080 USA.

A variety of abstracts from Asia, North America, and Europe have already been submitted for the IGU Gender Commission's co-sponsored Conference on Gender and Tourism to be held at the University of California, Davis, 24-26 October, 1997. Registration information for the conference is available from Janet Momsen, Department of Human and Community Development, University of California, Davis, CA 95616 fax: 916-752-5660 [<jdmmomsen@ucdavis.edu>](mailto:jdmmomsen@ucdavis.edu).

The 51st Deutscher Geographentag to be held in Bonn, October 6-10, 1997 will feature two feminist sessions. Verena Meier and Ilse Helbrecht will participate in a session on methods of social research in geography and the Study Group on Feminist Geography of the DVAG will hold a session on "Feminist Geography: A Challenge for Research and Practice." A business meeting is also scheduled.

## Recent Conferences

Korean Women Geographers met on April 26, 1997. About 40 geographers attended. Included in the program were a discussion of residential differentiation in Seoul (**In Ock Hong**), on landscape in the Kyushu area of Japan (**Yang Ja Kim**), and a panel discussion on the future of women geographers in the 21st century moderated by **Kyung Sook Chung** (President of the Society of Korean Women Geographers and Vice President of the Korean Academy of Tourism Geography). Participants included academic geographers and geographers from government housing, educational, and development agencies.

**Robin Peace** reports that **Kathy Gibson** (Monash University, Australia) gave the keynote address at the joint Australia and New Zealand Geography Conference held in Tasmania in January, 1997. She provided a feminist perspective on the conference theme, "Islands: Economy, Society, Environment" by articulating a number of previously 'unspeakable' topics ranging from epistemological realists to homophobia, the denigration of Aborigines, and 'interarchipelagic conversations' to 'islands of exclusion.' Her presentation symbolized the impact of feminist perspectives in Antipodean geography, and a wide range of feminist papers were threaded through the conference in the 'mainstream' urban, economic, rural, population, and qualitative methods sections, as well as in focused sessions on 'Gendered Geographies,' 'Embodied Geographies,' 'Cultural Geography,' and 'Postcolonial Geographies.'

With support from the European Science Foundation, a conference on "Gender Inequality in Old and New Households" was held at the Autonomous University of Barcelona in January, 1996. The conference

covered demographic trends in household composition and gender relations, as well as focusing on work and caring responsibilities, looking at the role of the state and of families.

The VI Encuentro of Latin American Geographers held in Buenos Aires in March represented an advance for gender studies in the discipline in Latin America. Among the invited plenary speakers was **Maria Dolors Garcia-Ramon** (Autonoma of Barcelona, Spain) who gave a revised version of the paper she presented for the Gender Commission "state of the art" lecture in the Hague at the IGC, August, 1996. A session of gender papers included presentations from Argentinean geographers focusing especially on public and private space and women's sense of place. An informal session of about 20 women, including students and secondary teachers as well as university teachers, initiated a Gender Study Group which plans a reading and discussion day in September at the University of Lujan. Participants in the informal session discussed their interests in gender and work, economic development, women and migration, gender and sense of place, and issues of introducing gender into geographic education. Further information on the Argentinean efforts is available from **Monica Columbara**, Universidad Nacional de Lomas de Zamora (Fax 54-1-292-42450).

The annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Fort Worth TX in April included an overwhelming array of presentations on women and gender. Fourteen sessions were organized or co-sponsored by the Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty group, and many papers were incorporated into other sessions. Among innovations was the first joint session between the GPOW group and the China Specialty Group on "Women's



Role, Women's Work, and Migration in China under Reform." Thematic sessions covered such topics as identity and difference; social services; migration; qualitative methods; recreation, tourism, and sports; and the environment of gender and science. Several professional development sessions were co-sponsored with the Committee on the Status of Women in Geography. A number of sessions, organized by GPOW and others, honored **Glenda Laws**, who died suddenly in 1996. The student paper award has also been named for Glenda and an international effort is underway to fund another award that recognizes her contributions to social issues in geography.

Several recent events have taken place among German-speaking geographers interested in gender. The 16th meeting of women geography students held in Marburg Nov. 29-Dec.1, 1996 centered on "Experience and Knowledge." Lectures were given by **Dagmar Reichart**, **Patricia Fry** and **Ursina Steinemann**. The plenary session focused on women in East German geography. The next meeting will be held June 6-8 in Bremen. In January, 1997, the first session of a Working Group on Feminist Geography was organized at the German Association for Applied Geography (DVAG) in Bonn. In February, a meeting on the theme "Land Use Planning as an Issue for Women" was held in Hannover, and in March, on "Women Specific Issues in Urban and Transportation Planning in Times of Urban Financial Crises" in Karlsruhe.

A Special Interest Network (SINet) for Women in Geographic Education has been formed within the National Council for Geographic Education (US/Canada) replacing the former Committee on Women in Geographic Education. (NCGE has reorganized its structure -- the SINet

represents a continuation of previous work.) The group plans to continue its scholarship fund for women and its annual lunch program, as well as to build a mentor network.

A strong gender component was included in the Economic Study Group Workshop of the Institute of Australian Geographers held in Sydney, September, 1996. Central to the discussions were the "public" and the "private" in contemporary politics and economics, particularly in presentations by **Jenny Cameron** on sexualities and on domestic labor.

More on the 1996 International Geographical Congress: **Ulrike Meyer-Hanschen** and **Katharine Fleischmann** (Free University, Berlin) wrote a report for *Georundbrief* on their reactions to attending their first IGC meeting under the title "Shaking Hands and Other Feminist Movements." They described the intensive networking (hand-shaking, card exchanging), the problem of time pressures that allow little opportunity for discussion (except in the workshop on gender and geographic education), and the lesser degree of hierarchical distance between women students and professors than they have observed in German-speaking countries. They also noted the low German representation, the presence of terms rarely used in German feminist geographic literature (racism, sexism, ethnic minorities), and the extent to which geographers from other countries use the terms gender and feminist more or less interchangeably. Additionally, they commented that while geographers from so-called industrialized countries often seemed to present on so-called developing countries, women from the latter worked almost exclusively in their own cultures and social settings.

At the 1997 Annual Meeting of the Royal Geographical Society/Institute for British Geographers a session was held jointly with biogeographers to discuss "Gender and Natural Resources." The session was designed to include assessment of the current status of women in physical geography in the UK as well as research on the gendered use, interpretation, and theorization of 'natural resources.' The Women and Geography Study Group also planned to hold a reading day in March, 1997 in Hull. For the 1998 RGS/IBG meeting papers are sought on the theme "Mobilising Gender - Reconfiguring Place(s)" to be held jointly with the Political Geography Research Group. Title and abstracts should be submitted to **Fiona Smith** (Dundee) Fax: 44-1382-344434 <f.m.smith@dundee.ac.uk> or **Nina Laurie** (Newcastle upon Tyne) Fax: 44-1919-222 5421 <Nina.Laurie@newcastle.ac.uk> by June 2, 1997.

Abstracts were due April 30, 1997 for the International Conference on Women in the Asia Pacific to be held in Singapore under the joint sponsorship of the several units at the National University and the Commission on Gender and Geography. For updates and registration information for the conference which will take place August 11-13, 1997, contact **Henry Yeung**, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore, 10 Kent Ridge Crescent, Singapore, 119260 Fax: 65-777-3091 <geoywc@nus.sg>

## **Congratulations**

**Hyoun-Young Lee**, Professor at Kunkuk University, and former President of the Society of Women Geographers or Korea, has been elected president of the Korean Geographical Society. It is the first time a

woman geographer has served as president of the KGS in its 50 year history. Also incoming as President of the Society of South African Geographers is **Joan Fairhurst**, and as President of the Association of American Geographers, **Patricia Gober**.

Belgian geographer **Yola Verhasselt** was recently appointed to the Executive of the International Council of Scientific Unions (to which the IGU adheres). She will serve as Treasurer.

## **News from Around the World**

**Stephanie Scott**, University of British Columbia, is beginning field work in Vietnam on a project provisionally titled "Agricultural Decollectivization and Economic Transition in Vietnam: Implications for Sustainability and Gender Issues." She plans to use a feminist political ecology approach and would be interested in communicating with others with similar interests. Her address is <stscott@unixg.ubc.ca> or Department of Geography, University of British Columbia, 1984 West Mall, Vancouver BC, Canada, V6T 1Z2.

**Saraswati Raju** is working as a consultant for the Population Council in New Delhi on their project "Enhancing Male Responsibility in Reproductive Health and Family Planning." It is a three year effort. Her work is beginning with a state-of-the art review of the literature and on-the-ground efforts. Her new email is <pcindiareg@popcouncil.org> attention Dr. Saraswati Raju.

**Janet Momsen**, University of California, Davis, and **Judit Timar** and **Irene Szorenyi**

(Hungarian Academy of Sciences Centre for Regional Studies) have received support from Hungarian and US funding agencies for a collaborative project on rural women and entrepreneurship. They will compare women in the Austro-Hungarian and Hungarian-Roumanian border regions. Field research will begin in the summer of 1997.

**Joanna Regulska** (Rutgers Univ. USA) is dividing her time between the US and Budapest where she is co-directing the Gender Studies Programme at the Central European University, which is introducing a one-year Postgraduate Programme. A key feature is the Inter-Regional Faculty Seminar which brings together 20 faculty from eastern and central Europe, western Europe, and North America for workshops in gender studies. For further information contact Joanna Regulska, Co-Director, Programme on Gender and Culture, Central European University, nado u.9, 1051 Budapest, Hungary. fax 361-327-3001; <regulska@ceu.hu>

**Tovi Fenster** (Tel Aviv) is on leave at the Gender Institute, London School of Economics. She is currently editing a book on gender, human rights, and planning in multicultural societies which is forthcoming in the Routledge series *International Studies of Women and Place*.

A new group on feminist geography has been established within the German Union of Applied Geography (Deutscher Verband für Angewandte Geographie). The group will organize working meetings, discussions, conferences and place articles in various journals, especially *Standort*, the Union's own journal. Main focus will be aspects of urban and traffic planning, ecological aspects of development, regional planning, tourism, economics etc. Further details on the group can be obtained from

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<kathi@160.45.60.50> or **Ulrike Meyer-Hanschen**, Naunynstr. 46, D-10999 Berlin, Germany.

**Halldis Valestrand** (Tromsø, Norway) and **Gudrun Olafsdottir** (Iceland) were among the geographers participating in the first congress of the newly established Nordic Institute of Research on Women and Gender in Oslo in November, 1996. Halldis reports that one of four permanent Women's Studies Centers has been established at Tromsø and that they will host the 1999 7th International Interdisciplinary Conference on Women.

**Nora Chiang** (Taiwan) has completed eight weeks as a visiting professor in Hong Kong. She also reports that the Women's Research Program at National Taiwan University is about to begin a Certificate Program on women and Gender Studies. The aims of the program are to give students the skills to teach a gender-related course at the school level, and to advance their studies in gender for future education or employment. The program was initiated partly in response to recent sexual attacks on women in Taiwan.