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COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

I hope that many of you will be attending the CPA convention in Halifax and the SWAP Institute that, once again, precedes the convention proper. The programme contains much of interest to and by members of our Section. Our nominee for CPA Invited Speaker, Jeanne Maracek will speak on Saturday, May 22 at 10.00 am. Her talk is entitled "A short history of the future: reconstituting psychology's subjects and objects". Our nominee for Section/CPA Speaker, Cynthia Mathieson, will speak on *Generating inclusive theories about sexual identities". The date and time are Thursday, May 20 at 11.00 am. Our Section programme, scheduled Saturday, May 22 at 1.00 pm, is intended to recognize that this is CPA 60th anniversary and is entitled "The past and future of the Section on Women and Psychology". We will have four speakers representing a range of experience in the profession, the Section and CPA in general - Sandra Pyke, Cannie Stark, Joanne Gallivan, and Maria Gurevich, Elsewhere

in this Newsletter you will find abstracts for the presentations. I am very pleased that we were able to organize such a promising programme. I thank all those who agreed to participate and those who helped in putting the programme together.

You should also be sure not to miss the other items on the convention programme that are part of the Section's work. The poster session is on Thursday, May 20 at 12.30. There are also two theory review sessions, one on the chilly climate and one on the ethics of justice and care on Friday and Saturday at 12.30.

You will all have received information about this year's Institute. It promises to be extremely stimulating. In addition to the keynote address by Patricia Doyle-Bedwell, there will be a particularly diverse group of presentations in workshop and paper sessions. There should be a great deal to discuss, so I urge as many of you as possible to attend. Denise Larsen and Diane Priebe have invested a great deal of time and overcome a number of obstacles in mounting this year's Institute and they deserve our support.

I also urge you to attend the business meeting of the Section on Friday, May 21 at 3:00 pm. We have, with some difficulty, kept within our budget this year, or nearly This was achieved primarily by reducing expenses for the Newsletter and aided by a light increase in our membership. We have Marla Steinberg to thank for reducing the cost while maintaining the quality of the Newsletter. There has been some dissatisfaction with the cost to the section of mounting the Institute as well as the general cost to members of attending and participating in the convention. This concern is one that is shared by other sections. It was discussed at length at the SRCD meetings held just recently in Albuquerque by members of the Developmental Section of CPA. We may want to add our voice to these others in urging CPA to take seriously the need to reduce the costs of attending the

convention.

In other Section matters, we are gratified that Shake Toukmanian, our nominee for CPA Fellow, was elected. Also, this has been the first full year of operation for the SWAP email list which Meredith Kimball initiated and maintains. It has certainly been a boost to member communications. In particular as Coordinator, in the years before the internet explosion, I am very aware of the contrast with my present term.

I enjoyed my year as Coordinator. I want to thank Meredith Kimball, our Past-Coordinator for making the job go smoothly and hope I can be as helpful to my successor, Joanna Boenhert. I also want to thank all those who with the help of email were available for advice and who performed their particular responsibilities so competently - Marla Steinberg (Newletter Editor), Elizabeth Church (Treasurer), Maria Gurevich (Abstract Review Coordinator), Charlene Senn (Student Paper and Travel Awards). Heather Walters (Graduate Student Representative), Mona Abbodanza (SWAP Liaison), and Olga Favreau (Chair, Status of Women Committee). Finally, it was with great relief and gratitude that I received the prompt and positive replies from the outstanding speakers who agreed to participate in our CPA programme.

I hope to see many of you in Halifax in May.

Christine Storm Coordinator

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Included in this issue are teasers for the upcoming annual convention in Halifax. You will find the abstracts of the major SWAP events including the Keynote Institute Speaker, Patricia Doyle-Bedwell, Jeanne Marecek, the CPA invited Speaker, Cynthia Mathieson, the Section/CPA Invited Speaker, and SWAP programme in

which four feminist psychologists reflect on their professional lives in relation to SWAP. Also included to pique your interest is the 1999 SWAP Institute Schedule.

The May Newsletter also includes the list of current SWAP members and associate members. Because of a time lag between the CPA office and SWAP, some of the faithful SWAP members may not be included on this list. Eventually your names will find their way back to SWAP. Our current membership stands at about 140 with 6 associate members. Interestingly, this number has stayed relatively stable over the past few years despite about a 30% tumover in members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed to the Newsletter over this past year. Joanne Gallivan, Elizabeth Church, Meredith Kimball, Chris Storm, Maria Gurevich, Jennifer Boisvert, Mona Abbondanza, Cynthia Mathieson, Denise Larsen and Diane Priebe. Without your help, the Newsletter would look nice (my job) but have very little content.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and if you have any spare time, consider submitting an article, thought, reaction, reflection, whatever....just keep writing!

Marla Steinberg Newsletter Editor

1999 SWAP INSTITUTE SCHEDULE

Halifax, May 19, 1999

8:45 - 9:00 Introduction to the Institute

9:00 - 9:45 Women's experiences of depression.

- Women's Struggles to understand their depressive experiences. Is it "depression" or "the way things are?" (#15)-15 min
- (2) Experiences of stress and depression among non-western women living in Canada: A qualitative study.(#17)-15 min.

(3) Understanding women's experiences of depression (#18)-15 min.

- Exploring therapeutic safety as one component of connection in teminist therapeutic relationships (#7) - 20 min.
- (2) Women's process of recovery from adult substance abuse and childhood maltreatment (#10)-20 min.

9:45 - 9:55 Transition Time

- 9:55 11:25 (1) The quest for validity in qualitative psychological research (#25)-60 min.
- (2) Understandings of "empowerment" among female mental health professionals: Grounded theory analysis. (#16)-20 min.
- Group therapy for lesbians and bisexual women dealing with relationship issues (#8)-60 min.
- (2) Constructions of gender conformity and non-conformity: A Q-methodological study.(#26)-30 min.

11:30am - 1:00 LUNCH

- 12:00 12:45 KEYNOTE ADDRESS (through lunch): Patricia Doyle-Bedwell
- 1:10 1:55 (1) Mothering during incarceration: Connecting the past and the present (#11)-10 min.
- (2) Relational significance and rupture in the process of women becoming veterinarians (#19) - 30 min.
- Women's experience of their bodies (#3)-15 min.
- (2) The experience of hope in a group for eating disorders (#24)-30 min.

1:55 -2:05 Transition Time

- 2:05 3:20 Violence against women: Enduring issues, new perspectives.
- (1) Assaulted women's perceptions (#12a)
- (2) Intimate violence in cultural perspective (#12b)
- (3) Does pornography still have negative effects? (#12c)-total 75 min.

(1) Necessary tensions: Is feminist therapy possible? (#9)-75 min.

3:20 - 3:30 Transition Time

- 3:30 4:15 (1) Constructing knowledge, creating strategy: Feminist use of gender similarities (#20)-15 min.
- (2) The individuation process in women's development: A paradox of connection/separation.(#23)-30 min.
- Looking at the Invisible: A Qmethodological investigation of young white women's subjectivities of whiteness.(#27)-25 min.
- (2) Restricting our movement: How individualistic approaches to clinical research and psychotherapy militate against social action.(#13)-20 min.

4:15 - 4:25 pm Transition Time

- 4:25 5:25 pm (1) Swimming with the shifting undertows of success and power (#2)-20 min.
- (2) Making it in a man's world: Perspectives from women on the frontline (#1)-40 min.
- Real life: Making a place for professional mentorship and support (#21)-20 min.
- (2) Collaborative narrative research: Struggling with voice re-presentation and position.(#28)-30 min.

5:25 - 5:30 pm Closing Remarks

Denise Larsen and Diane Priebe For the 1999 SWAP Institute Coordinating Committee

SWAP EVENTS IN HALIFAX

Institute Keynote Speaker.

CULTURAL ISSUES AND MENTAL HEALTH

Patricia Doyle-Bedwell Wednesday May 19, 12:00

Based on her research and experience, Patricia will discuss the cultural issues tacing psychologists working with Aboriginal people. She will also discuss the necessity of psychologists learning about the history of Aboriginal peoples, especially the residential school experience.

Section/CPA Invited Speaker.

GENERATING INCLUSIVE THEORIES ABOUT SEXUAL IDENTITIES

Cynthia Mathieson, PhD Associate Professor MSVU, Psychology

Thursday May 20, 11:00 am

Identity theory has been an integral part of research in psychology. Momentum in discursive analyses has further encouraged a dialogue about how we view sexual identities and their theoretical formulations. In addition to integrating personal experiences, the production of accounts provides a component essential to the creation of communities based on identity. The source of information necessary to generate inclusive theories about sexual identities may be found in the recent emergence of the bisexual narrative, a story about how identity is constructed in a heterosexist and monosexist society. After a brief review of identity theory and its configuration in psychological research, the elements of the bisexual narrative will be examined against a backdrop of accounts of heterosexual and gay/lesbian identities. The construction of a bisexual discourse provides a significant challenge to the dualistic thinking that continues to dominate our models of sexual identity.

CPA Invited Speaker:

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE FUTURE: RECONSTITUTING PSYCHOLOGY'S SUBJECTS AND OBJECTS

Jeanne Marecek Swarthmore College

Saturday May 22, 10;00 am

Evolutionary psychology. with explanations of why Bill Clinton philanders and why women find Leonardo di Caprio sexy, captivates popular audiences. Offstage, another revolution is surging forward, one that re-situates the person within history, culture, and society. I begin with new questions this revolution uncovers. What are the social practices that produce and naturalize cultural meanings? How do gender, race/ethnicity, nationality, and material conditions shape identities and experience? To address such questions, some psychologists are dusting off psychological methods that had fallen out of favor. Others make forays into our sister social sciences. My own research on suicide, which I take up next, does some of both. The setting is Sri Lanka, an idyllic island in the Indian Ocean, which holds the world's record for suicide deaths. How are suicides described and explained in popular accounts? What makes a suicidal act morally acceptable, reprehensible, heroic, or inexplicable? How do suicidal acts operate in mundane social relations? Finally, I will argue that, like our subjects, researchers are embedded in social contexts. We cannot excise ourselves from our questions, strategies, interpretations, and speaking and writing practices. Rather than deny that this is so, we can capitalize on it to produce better knowledge.

Section Programme:

THE PAST AND FUTURE OF THE SECTION ON WOMEN AND PSYCHOLOGY.

Christine Storm (Moderator)
Mount Allison University
Joanne Gallivan
University College of Cape Breton
Maria Gurevich
Mount Saint Vincent University
Sandra Pyke
York University
Cannie Stark
University of Regina.

Saturday May 22 1:00 pm

Psychology has seen great increases in the number of women in the discipline since the founding of the Section on Women and Psychology. In keeping with CPA's 60th anniversary theme, the Section will present a workshop on the past and future of the Presenters will review the Section. Section's history and reflect on its role in CPA and the profession generally. Sandra Pyke and Cannie Stark will talk about the original objectives, both for women and for psychology, of the members of the underground symposium and early leaders of the Section. Joanne Gallivan will draw on her recent experience with the Section and on the Board to discuss the impact of the Section on the national organization. Maria Gurevich will present her perception of the experience of women currently entering the profession. All presenters will discuss the future for women in psychology and the potential contributions of SWAP to that future.

FROM THE BOARD

Word from the Board liaison on the very hot 'Diversity issue debate'.

Bonjour à toutes et à tous,

I was asked as SWAP liaison, to keep you

informed about: 1) the Board activities; and 2) some current issues of interest to SWAP being debated. There are many Board activities and I will list only a few and will also share with you my view of what I consider to be a very important issue for SWAP currently and repeatedly being debated at the Board.

- First then, here are some of the current board activities:
- a) The board is actively working on trying to increase membership by:
- looking at the possibility of linking membership with other organizations;
- enhancing membership services (survey on the membership needs, a survey on membership location in Canada; trying to maintain cost to membership low...).
- b) The board is actively working on increasing communication and dissemination of knowledge by:
- working on the enhancement of the CPA webpage;
- having formalized the web editor position;
- looking into the possibility of increasing CPA publications; and
- working with APA to develop electronic versions of our journals.
- c) The board is actively trying to enhance lobbying activities by:
- producing press releases when relevant;
- strengthening contact with each federal grant agencies; and
- having produced a lobbying guide.
- d) The board is also actively involved in the organization of the Annual Conventions by:
- working closely with section chairs to organize the best Conventions possible both in terms of quality and of relevance to the membership; and
- trying to limit cost through serious negotiations with possible Convention sites.
- e) The board actively looks into changes in legislation or new legislation that affect the profession by:
- tracking legislation relevant to our

profession; and

- playing a role in working on lobbying efforts required by changes in the law.
- Second there is also one current very important issue being debated on the Board that should be of great interest to SWAP: The diversity issue.

CPA By-law IV-4 states: The Directors shall, as far as practicable, be representative of the geographical regions of Canada, and of gender, subdiscipline interest and degree. This By-law assures that the very diversified membership of CPA is well represented on the Board and that the debates and decision making reflect the growing heterogeneous nature of the membership. This By-law makes CPA an organizational leader in term of the management of diversity. Boards are usually notorious for their homogeneous composition, a composition that rarely reflects their membership and that can have negative impact on decision making. In my view By-law IV-4 defines the very nature of CPA and should be preserved at all costs.

During my short time on the Board (1 year), I have seen By-law IV-4 repeatedly challenged. The article of Richard Allon in Psynopsis's winter 1999 issue is yet one other attempt to challenge this By-law. I encourage members of SWAP to read it and send your reactions to CPA Head Office with a copy to your Board liaison (me). The argument made by Allon is that because seats are designated (by region, sex...) it is difficult to find people who are willing to stand for office. However, when this issue came up at the board, it was repeatedly pointed out that it is difficult to find people who are willing to stand for office whether the seat is designated or not: the problem is not By-law IV-4. In my view preserving By-law IV-4 should be of great concern to SWAP. The section should be very vigilant and react to attempts to modify or remove the By-law.

The section should however be concerned by the lack of candidates for Board positions and play a very active role in finding members who are willing to stand for office on the Board.

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SWAP FINANCES

A copy of the budget can be found on the last page of this Newsletter.

Although SWAP's finances are still not great, our financial situation continues to improve. While in 1997, our expenses exceeded our revenues by \$1348.48, in 1998 this was cut in half so that our expenses outweighed our revenues by \$670.39. (It may appear at first glance at the 1998 budget statement that our revenues exceeded our expenses, but this is only because we withdrew \$1300 out of our GIC in order to cover expenses.)

The good news is that it looks like we will be in even better shape in 1999 than we were in 1998. I am predicting that our expenses will exceed our revenues by about \$300 (once again cutting the expected deficit in half).

The main reason for this trend is that we have cut expenses: we have eliminated the travel bursary for the Coordinator to attend CPA, cut back on the Student Paper Award and Student Travel Bursaries, and cut down the cost of the SWAP Newsletter. Credit for the latter goes to Marla Steinberg, Newsletter Editor, who has done a wonderful job in reducing the expense of producing the Newsletter.

Although past Institutes have been a source of revenue for SWAP, this may not be the case for this year, because of the huge expense of room rentals at the Convention Centre in Halifax. It appears

that SWAP may have to absorb some of the expenses of the Institute. I have budgeted \$300 for this, but this figure may go up or down depending on the final enrolment of the Institute.

Over the past few years, our revenues from CPA have gone down each year. I have therefore budgeted for a slight decline this year as well. On the positive side, our Associate memberships were up a little in 1998, compared to 1997, so perhaps we can keep this trend going.

When we cut back the Student Paper Award and Student Travel Bursaries two years ago, it was with the understanding that we would return to the original level of funding, if our financial situation improved. It has improved, but we will still be running a deficit in 1999. The SWAP Executive has discussed this issue. and recommendation is that we should hold off on restoring the funding for this year at least. This is an important issue, however, that needs to be discussed by the membership at the SWAP Business meeting in Halifax.

Overall, we are in a much better financial position than we were a few years ago. At this point, I think we have decreased our expenses as much as we possibly can and are working towards a balanced budget for 2000. Suggestions about how to increase SWAP revenues are always welcome. Let me know if you have any ideas.

Elizabeth Church Secretary-Treasurer

FEMINIST REVIEW

Canadian Women - Making an Impact: Women's History Month (1998). Ottawa, ON: Status of Women Canada, 16pp.

A Review by Jennifer A. Boisvert

Any woman who wishes to celebrate Women's History Month (October) or to learn more about women's history of

entrepreneurship and unpaid work may be interested in reading this document. The brochure's theme "The Business of Women" not only sites those challenges which lie ahead for women as entrepreneurs, but highlights women's role as the major providers of household work, caregiving, and volunteer work.

The booklet itself may be considered a tribute to women who, over the course of the last century, have played a vital role in Canada's economic and social structure. The brochure acknowledges that "[w]ith women making up the fastest-growing segment of entrepreneurs and creating 1.7 million jobs each year, this makes women crucial to Canada's economy" (p.1). This document may be of interest and use to teachers, entrepreneurs, and women's advocates.

Content is presented so that the reader achieves insight as to the link between women's history of performing unpaid work and their future contribution to Canada's heritage by way of entrepreneurship. The document provides examples of how women entrepreneurs may apply those skills learned in running a household, performing volunteer work, or abserving their mothers to help them run their own business.

The brochure further explores the concept of "double shift" and women's success in juggling family responsibilities while their many fulfillina duties businesswomen. Recognizing this reality of women's lives is emphasized: "As we get ready to face a new century with more economic clout than ever, it is the perfect time to remember our foremothers and the women who still do double time today in their lives as businesswomen, caregivers, and activists" (p. 3).

The booklet's main objective is to instill a sense of pride in Canadian women's historical origins and to provide role models for women of all ages. It achieves this goal through anecdotes of historical women to illustrate women's skills, resourcefulness, and vision. Pertinent information in the form of statistics, quotes, and facts complement the icons and photographs that appear on each page, which makes for interesting reading.

In general, the brochure acknowledges and celebrates the rich heritage of Canadian women entrepreneurs. Although the brochure has a clear focus, this focus is presented in an eclectic, hands-on fashion akin to magazine layout: concise, eye catching, and easy-to-read. Information contained within its pages is intended to broaden women's knowledge of business and serve as a resource guide for future reference and use.

The brochure's introductory pages are devoted to examining how women's unpaid work has typically been measured and valued in society. Also expressed in these first few pages is an appreciation of pioneering businesswomen combined with a recognition of women's milestones in business (p. 1-4).

The next three or four pages (p. 5-10) examines various entrepreneurial skills while offering practical advice as to how women may benefit financially from their learned domestic skills. This portion of the brochure explores the pros and cons of establishing a business and provides a list of web sites that may be of interest to women entrepreneurs. Moreover, it draws attention to the many achievements of Canadian women via brief biographical sketches of female inventors.

Subsequent pages (p.11-12) list relevant film titles on women entrepreneurs and unpaid work available by the National Film Board of Canada. An accompanying list of literary sources available from Status of Women Canada is cited. Both lists serve to establish the brochure as a practical and educational document.

The remaining pages (p. 13-14) entail a list of suggested activities to celebrate Women's History Month which are adaptable to classroom activity and/or

community events. Suggested activities include researching the life of a woman in history, designing artwork which can be displayed throughout the school or community, or reviewing one of the films/web sites listed in the brochure.

The booklet concludes with a short "Women's History Month Quiz" to summarize its contents (p.15-16). The quiz encourages the reader to learn factual knowledge and information and challenges the reader to take to heart awareness gained from reading personal stories of female inventors.

In sum, this brochure offers insight as to how Canadian women have made an impact in Canada's economy and social structure, and gives indication as to how they may continue to make advancements in years to come. The format and style of the document is such that women can read with enjoyment the achievements of past businesswomen while learning how they may apply their skills to start a future business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AWP - ANNUAL LESBIAN PSYCHOLOGIES UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPT

The Association for Women in Psychology Announces the Annual Lesbian Psychologies Unpublished Manuscript Award.

PURPOSE: The Association for Women in Psychology encourages theoretical and empirical scholarship that addresses the psychology of lesbians.

TOPICS: Unpublished manuscripts focusing on any topic relevant to the psychology of lesbians are invited.

ELIGIBILITY: An unpublished manuscript (e.g., conference paper, thesis, dissertation) that has NOT been submitted for publication. Both sole and jointly authored papers are eligible. Manuscripts must be no more than 50 pages.

SUBMISSION: The following material must accompany submissions: four copies of the manuscript, two self-addressed stamped legal sized envelopes, and a cover sheet with the author's name, address, phone number, and title of the paper. The author's name should not appear anywhere on the paper itself. Please send the above information to:

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REVIEW: A panel of AWP members will conduct a blind review of the manuscripts. Submissions will be evaluated on the basis of sound methodology, clarity of writing, and relevance to the advancement of the psychology of lesbians.

AWARD: The award will be announced at the American Psychology Association convention in August 1999. The award recipient will be invited to present the manuscript at the AWP conference in March, 2000, and will receive up to \$250 in transportation expenses.

DEADLINE: Entries must be postmarked by May 1, 1999.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

CALL FOR PAPERS - ABSTRACTS OF 300 WORDS BY JANUARY 15 1999

WOMEN AND POLITICAL ACTION: DEBATING WAYS FORWARD FOR FEMINISTS MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY,

LONDON 18-19 JUNE 1999

This conference will bring together feminist researchers, political activists and policy makers worldwide to discuss and evaluate experiences of feminist campaigning over a wide range of issues. Building on these diverse experiences, the conference will provide a forum for debating political strategies which can develop united campaigns without ignoring differences.

KEY THEMES OF THIS CONFERENCE INCLUDE:

Dealing with difference Single issue campaigns Women and the law Women in conflict Women in formal politics Work and the family Poverty and social exclusion

CONTRIBUTORS INCLUDE:

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This conference is organised by Middlesex University and this call for papers went out quite a while ago. When it came out I met with a few of the women in technology and we have suggested to the conference organizers that a panel on Women, power and technology (or even computers) is a must for such a conference, because without such a discussion the feminist movement cannot really move forward (my own words here). The organizers thought it was a good idea and we are now waiting for some decision on the exact date and details of the organization of this. The organizers will accept late entries if you want to write an abstract of 300 words for full paper, but a short paper or a discussion topic for the panel would also be great. I have asked prof. Wendy Hall (who may not be free), to be a panelist, please suggest other people and perhaps think about your own attendance. I shall keep you posted on the details. Thanks. Eva Turner, Middlesex University, Gender Research Centre

CALL FOR PAPERS UNIVERSITY OF HAVANA, CUBA

THIRD INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON WOMEN'S STUDIES UNIVERSITY OF HAVANA

The Women's Studies Center (CATEDRA DE LA MUJER) at the University of Havana announces its Third International Scientific Workshop on "Women on the Eve of the Twenty-First Century to be held on 25-29 October, 1999.

The workshop is sponsored by the Federation of Cuban Women. Its general purpose is to conduct the academic exchange and evaluation of issues

concerning women, and to plan future work in this field for the next few years.

Objectives:

- -- To create a space for theoretical-scientific reflection with respect to the dimension of gender and other important issues of concern to women
- -- To promote a dialogue and exchange of experiences among specialists on this topic, from among different disciplines
- -To make known the results of research and practical-scientific work on women, as well as to stimulate an on-going exchange of scientific work on this topic

Participants:

Persons who work on these topics professionally as specialists or who are interested in these questions are invited to participate. Participation in the meeting is guaranteed on the basis of the acceptance of the applicant's paper.

Scientific Program:

The Workshop will take place in the form of panels, round tables, individual papers, commissions, lectures, and pre-workshop courses.

Commissions and Thematic Topics:

- I. Feminist Thought: Theory and Methodology
- II. Gender and History
- III. Gender and Socioeconomic Development
- IV. Gender and Environment
- V. Gender and Migration
- VI. Gender and Health
- VII. Gender and Feminine Subjectivity
- VIII.Family and Gender
- IX. Gender and Sexuality
- X. Education and Gender
- XI. Gender Studies in Art and Literature
- XII. Gender and Social Communication
- XIII.Gender and Power
- XIV Feminine Identity and Life Cycle
- XV. Gender and Violence
- XVI. Gender, Race, and Social Class

XVII. Human Rights and Women XVIII.Science, Technology, and Gender

PRE-WORKSHOP COURSES

Pre-workshop courses will take place on October 25. They will have a maximum length of six hours. They will focus on the study of Cuban women according to the following themes:

- 1. Women, the couple, and the family
- 2. Women and health
- 3. The actual situation of Cuban women
- 4. Women and Cuban emigration
- The sociodemographic characteristics of Cuban women
- 6. Domestic violence

Registration fees:

PRE-WORKSHOP COURSE: \$20.00

(US DOLLARS)

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP: \$80.00

DEADLINES:

The papers are to be submitted at the time of the conference registration in Havana. The 200-word abstract should be mailed no later than July 24, 1999.

The following information should be submitted with the abstract:

Title, Author's Name, Institution, Subsection (I-XVIII above) for which the paper is being submitted, and whether there is need of audiovisual equipment.

SEND APPLICATION TO:

Norma Vasallo, Cedra de la Mujer, Universidad de La Habana, San Rafael No 1168 esquina Mazn Zona 4 Cdigo Postal 10400, Ciudad Habana, Cuba. Fax: (537) 335774 and (537) 335960 E-mail: cmujer@psico.uh.cu

ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH ON MOTHERING (A.R.M.)

We are pleased to announce the birth of a new feminist academic and activist association

In September 1997, 150 women from Canada, the United States, and Europe participated in the first international conference on mothering and motherhood sponsored by the Centre for Feminist Research at York University, Toronto, Canada which focused on "Mothers and Daughters: Moving into the Next Millennium." The interest and enthusiasm generated by the Mothers and Daughters conference motivated us to do a second Mothering conference in September 1998 entitled "Mothers and Sons Today: Challenges and Possibilities*. Two books and a special journal issue have already been published from the conferences:

- Sharon Abbey and Andrea O'Reilly, Redefining Motherhood: Changing Identities and Patterns, Second Story Press, Toronto, 1998.
- Andrea O'Reilly and Sharon Abbey, Mothers and Daughters: Connection, Empowerment, Transformation, Roman and Littlefield, summer 1999.
- Mothers and Sons: Feminist Perspectives, edited by Andrea O'Reilly is forthcoming from Routledge.
- Looking Back, Looking Forward: Mothers, Daughters, and Feminism, Canadian Woman Studies Journal, Special 20th Anniversary Double Issue, summer/fall 1998.

The overwhelming response to the conferences and the subsequent publications demonstrate the compelling need for women to come together and share their experiences, insights, and concerns about motherhood.

In response to this demand, we have formed the first international feminist organization devoted specifically to the topic of mothering-motherhood. At the Mothers and Sons conference, September 1998, the Association for Research on Mothering (A.R.M.) was officially launched. We are delighted to announce that the response to our new association has been phenomenal! In less than six months we

have seen close to 200 people join our association. We aim to have a membership of 500 by summer 1999.

A.R.M. is an association for scholars. writers, activists, professionals, agencies, policy makers, teachers, parents and artists, A.R.M. will be housed in the Centre for Feminist Research at York University. Toronto, Ontario. Our mandate is to bridge academe and activism providing a forum for the discussion and dissemination of maternal theory and praxis. In other words, the association will establish a network of individuals working and researching in the area of motherhood. To this end, we will be hosting an annual international conference on Mothering: in October 1999, A.R.M. will host "Mothers and Education; Issues and Directions for Maternal Pedagogy"; in the year 2000 the topic will be Mothering: Literature, Popular Culture and the Arts*, and in 2001, "Mothering and Public Policy." Next year, in celebration of African Heritage Month, we will be hosting the international conference "Mothering in the African Diaspora: Literature, History, Society, Popular Culture and the Arts".

A.R.M. will have its own List serve and Website. In addition, A.R.M. will publish an academic journal twice annually; our first journal issue, to be published May 1999, will contain more than a dozen articles on subjects as diverse as motherloss, maternity poetry, lesbian mothering, mothering in the academe, native mothering, mothering and writing, feminist mothering, and lots more. As well, the issue will feature numerous book reviews, poetry, and will include notices of upcoming events/conferences/publications on Mothering etc. We are also planning to

publish an annual community newsletter. A.R.M. also hosted a four part free, public entitled lecture series Redefining Motherhood in celebration of International Women's Day, March 1999, For Mother's Day, A.R.M. will be sponsoring a fundraising Mother's Day Dance celebration, MAY 8,1999, to launch our first journal issue. We are also partnering with a local community centre to co-host a one

day international symposium on Lesbian Mothering, in celebration of Pride Day, being held on June 12th. Attendance and participation are free for members.

We hope that you will consider joining this new and vibrant feminist organization. Please join TODAY! We need your membership! We are currently applying for governmental funding; a successful grant depends upon a diverse and LARGE membership. Cost of membership is \$25 Cdn. /\$20 US. We also have A.R.M. Tshirts and posters for sale (t-shirts @ \$20.00 Cdn and \$15.00 US/ posters @ \$10.00 Cdn and \$8.00 US), designed by artist Christy Taylor, who is the Administrative Assistant and Community Executive Director for A.R.M. membership with t-shirt would make a thoughtful Mother's Day gift!).

We look forward to receiving your membership,

Best wishes, and thank you in advance for your A.R.M. membership!

The Association for Research on Mothering invites membership from individuals and institutions interested in issues related to mothers and mothering including:

'international scholarship and diverse perspectives on mothering and motherhood

*collaborative networks of scholars and writers

*interdisciplinary areas of feminist research

"annual conferences on Mothering; to follow the widely successful international conferences "Mothers and Daughters" (1997) and "Mothers and Sons" (1998) hosted by A.R.M., held at York University. In 1999 there will be a one-day symposium on Lesbian Mothering held on June 12 and an international conference on Mothering and Education, to be held at Brock University, Oct. 1-3, 1999; in 2000 there will be two conferences: Mothering in the African Diaspora and Mothering in

Literature, the Arts, and Popular Culture, both to be held at York University.

"two annual journals that include poetry, artwork, photography, commentaries, conference reviews, announcements of upcoming events, policy/research reports, personal reflections, articles, community/agency reports etc.

"the first journal will be published in May 1999 and will include: more than a dozen articles on subjects as diverse as motherloss, maternity poetry, lesbian mothering, mothering in the academe, native mothering, mothering and writing, feminist mothering, and lots more. As well, the issue will feature numerous book reviews, poetry, and will include notices of upcoming events/conferences/publications on mothering and lots more.

*an A.R.M. Listserve and A.R.M. website is being created

For more information and/or to become a member please contact:

Andrea O'Reilly, President/ Christy Taylor, Administrative Assistant Email: arm@yorku.ca; Fax: 416-736-5416; Phone: 416-736-2100, ext.40206 or by mail: A.R.M., c/o CFR, 228 York Lanes York University, 4700 Keele Street Toronto, Ontario, Canada M3J 1P3

CALL FOR PAPERS

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON LESBIAN MOTHERING JUNE 12, 1999

The Association for Research on Mothering, ARM, and the Community and Academic Research on Mothering Association, cARMa of Toronto is hosting an international one day symposium on Lesbian Mothering, June 5, 1999.

Please send a 200 wd. abstract by April 15,

1999 to:

Andrea O'Reilly and Christy Taylor Conference Co-ordinators ARM/cARMa 228 York Lanes, c/o CFR York University, Toronto, Ont, Canada, M3J 1P3

email arm@yorku.ca phone 416 736-2100, Ex. 40206 Fax: 416 736-5416

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Association for Research on Mothering, ARM in celebration of African Heritage Month is hosting an International Conference on:

Mothering in the African Diaspora: Literature, History, Society, Popular Culture and the Arts

> February 4-6, 2000 York University

We are currently applying for a government grant to support this conference. As part of our application we must submit an initial draft programme. Presenters who submit an abstract and are included in the draft programme for our application are considered invited speakers. As an invited speaker, some of your travel costs will be paid for by the grant. If you are interested in being considered as a partially funded speaker, please send a 200 word abstract (single spaced and no longer than 3/4 of a page) and a list of your publications in this subject area. The General Call for Papers will be distributed in July.

We must receive your abstract no later than by APRIL 15, 1999

Please send to:

Andrea OReilly, Conference Co-ordinator

A.R.M.

726 Atkinson College, York University 4700 Keele Street Toronto, ON Canada M3J 1P3

or by fax 416 736 5416

For further information, please contact A.R.M. at the above address, call us at (416) 736-2100 x40206, or email us at arm@yorku.ca

Participants must be a member of A.R.M.

WOMEN AND DEPRESSION SPECIAL ISSUE OF CANADIAN PSYCHOLOGY

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STUDENTSHIP IN WOMEN'S HEALTH

The British Columbia Health Research Foundation and the BC Centre of Excellence for Women's Health announce the 1999 Joint Studentship in Women's Health Program for BC Graduate and Post-Graduate students.

Applicants must complete a standard BC Health Research Foundation Studentship application and enclose a letter outlining their interest in the area of women's health. Deadline for applications is May 5, 1999. For more information, see the studentship section of

http://www.bchrf.org/home/ or contact Judy Finch at BCHRF, 604-436-

or Celeste Wincapaw at BCCEWH, 604-875-3715.

NONPROFIT CAREER CENTER

Last week we launched a new Nonprofit Career Center at: http://www.idealist.org/career.html

This includes:

- * Every nonprofit job site and directory we could find on the Web, arranged by country and state.
- A directory of Fellowships in Public Service.
- Academic Programs with degrees for nonprofit managers.
- * Schools and programs that introduce young people to the sector.
- * Tips and advice for nonprofit job seekers.
- * Professional associations.
- * Salary surveys.
- * Tips for working and volunteering abroad.

Like every other part of Idealist, this new site is a work in progress. If you know of a good nonprofit job resource that is missing there, please let us know.

CALL FOR PAPERS: INSTITUTE FOR FEMINIST THEORY AND RESEARCH

Feminist Pedagogy. One Day Conference:

Friday 28th January 2000 to be held at the Department of Philosophy, University of Liverpool.

This conference will explore the theory and practice of teaching and learning in Higher Education from a feminist perspective.

General areas of interest include: the RAE,

the TQA, the distinction between teaching and research, the 'normative subject of educational practice', the relationship between feminist theory and practice within the academy.

We particularly welcome papers that question definitions of quality and good practice circulated in the Quality Assurance procedures and papers which address the role and function of feminist pedagogy within the academy. Papers need not be of traditional form.

We intend to publish the conference proceedings. Please send paper abstracts by 1st June 1999 to either of the conference organizers.

Abstracts, in hard copy, of no more than 500 words should be accompanied by a separate sheet detailing the following information: description of content, name and contact details.

Conference Organizers: Dr Gillian Howie, Dept of Philosophy, University of Liverpool, 7 Abercromby Square, Liverpool L69 3BX 0151 794 2787 aphr05@liverpool.ac.uk

RESOURCE CENTER FOR CYBERCULTURE STUDIES

The Resource Center for Cyberculture Studies is an online, non-profit organization whose purpose is to research, study, teach, support, and create diverse and dynamic elements of cyberculture. Recent additions and current works-in-progress include the following:

- * A fully updated list of Spring 99 university and college-level courses in cyberculture:
- Four new full length book reviews: Anne Balsamo, TECHNOLOGIES OF THE GENDERED BODY: READING CYBORG WOMEN:

Julian Dibbell, MY TINY LIFE: CRIME AND PASSION IN A VIRTUAL WORLD: Christopher Dewdney, LAST FLESH: LIFE IN THE TRANSHUMAN ERA; and a Review of "Sexuality and Cyberspace: Performing the Digital Body," a special issue of WOMEN & PERFORMANCE: A JOURNAL OF FEMINIST THEORY:

- The establishment of the Cyberculture Working Group, a collection of Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC-based scholars and activists who meet face-toface to discuss issues of cyberculture;
- * And the creation of a low volume announcement list for RCCS events and updates (see below for instructions to join).

resource center for cyberculture studies http://otal.umd.edu/~rccs if you are interested in joining a low volume announcement list for rccs events and updates. please email: majordomo@majordomo.umd.edu no subject is required. in the body, type: subscribe cyberculture

2ND CALL FOR PAPERS: IDENTITIES IN ACTION!

An inter-disciplinary conference University of Wales Conference Centre, Gregynog

Friday 10th - Sunday 12th December 1999

Proposals are invited for the presentation of scholarly papers on the theme of identity construction which are based on studies of groups and/or individuals in action. We have currently received over 40 proposals, including some that deal with gender:

- Black masculinity as constructed in U.S. 'Doo Wop' music in the early 1960s
- Boys and girls in the classroom
- · Culture, identity, and the 'new technologies'
- Cyber-identity and virtual friendship amongst children

- Exotic genders and sexual identities in the Argentine tango
- Female skilled migrant workers in Nottingham; their negotiations of identity
- Gendered identity construction in children's toy advertisements
- Identity construction amongst British nurses
- Lesbian and gay identity construction using specific print-based media
- Male identity practices in webcam and chatroom environments

The deadline for proposals (to be presented as 500-word abstracts, in electronic form) is May 1st 1999. Should you wish to submit a paper, we would welcome notice of intent before that date. Although formal papers should be submitted, our emphasis during the sessions themselves will be presentations that are stimulating and provocative rather than read verbatim. Suggestions are also welcome for workshop sessions, the duration of which is open to negotiation.

Proposals and papers are welcome in both Welsh and English. Interpretation services for these languages will be available at the conference. The conference aims to gather together diverse perspectives on the ways in which concepts of identity, alienation and belonging, and modes of language and discourse, reveal themselves in cultural and political undertakings. At this turning point of the millenium, we hope to identify some emerging patterns in the negotiation, rehearsal and affirmation of identities, and to consider the roles of visual, verbal and other codes in mediating, as well as defining, cultural positions and forging alliances. What, for instance, is the role of imagery drawn from advertising, popular music and the mass media in the construction of identities? In what ways are identities 'under construction' in online media? What are the variations and constraints in the ways in which we represent ourselves when we use various modes of communication? What dynamics can we identify in the ways language and

other discourses shape the identities of groups in action, and help to construct their trajectories?

Details at http://www.aber.ac.uk/-dgc/identact.html

EMBODIED UTOPIAS: GENDER, SOCIAL CHANGE, AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

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A conference sponsored by the Center for Gender Studies at the University of Chicago with a grant from the Graham Foundation, will be held April 16-18, 1999 in Chicago. Speakers include philosophers, architects. historians of art and architecture, and social scientists; the conference focuses on relations among the politics of gender and sexuality, social reform movements, and the utopian ambitions of modern architecture and urban planning. For more information, call the Center for Gender Studies at (773) 702-0278. email rezorach@midway.uchicago.edu or go to

http://humanities.uchicago.edu/cgs/embodi edutopias.html

SEX AND GENDER IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Hulman Memorial Student Union Indiana State University, Terre Haute IN March 8-9, 1999

HIGHLIGHTS include 'Lunch with Powerful Women':

3/8 Marilyn Schultz, ISU VP for Planning and Budgets (brown bag or \$6 box lunch with reservation) 3/9 Myra Selby, Assoc. Justice, Indiana Supreme Court (lunch \$7) RESERVATIONS NEEDED FOR BOTH

Closing Keynote: Jennifer Drake, English Prof: The Mis/Education of Righteous Babes: Popular Culture and Third-Wave Feminism

3/9 Dinner (\$15, with RESERVATION)

PROGRAM: Monday, March 8

8:00-8:30 am Continental Breakfast, HMSU 320

8:30-9:00 am Plenary Session: "Welcome" by Joe Weixlmann, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences & "Opening Remarks" by Maryann Valiulis, Director of Women's Studies

9:00-10:15 am Session I. HMSU 321 Plenary Session: Promoting Gender Equity at ISU; Policies & Procedures Tick-Tock the Tenure Clock Family Leave Spousal Accommodation Family Friendly Campus

10:30-11:45 am Session II.A. HMSU 321: Grants Session

10:30-11:45 am Session II.B. HMSU 407: Faculty Session (Anderson, Hews, Ray)

Noon-1:30 pm, Dede III Marilyn Schultz "Women in Political Settings" [Box Lunches available.]

1:30-2:45 pm Session III.A. HMSU 321 Plenary Session: International Women's Day

3:00-4:15 pm Session IV.A. HMSU 321: Faculty Session (O'Laughlin/Bischoff, Haynes, Russell)

3:00-4:15pm Session IV.B. HMSU 407: Exploring Sexualities

6:00-7:15 pm "All That I Am" (theater event), Dreiser 330 'dramatic musical tribute to six unsung women'

PROGRAM: Tuesday, March 9

8:00-9:00 am Continental Breakfast HMSU 320

9:00-10:15 am Session V.A. HMSU 321: Student Scholarship (Sabol, Washington, Mark)

9:00-10:15 am Session V.B. HMSU 407: Faculty Session (Kray, Cummins, Mayer, Simpson-Taylor)

10:30-11:45 am Session VI. HMSU 321 Plenary Session: "Integrating Women into the Curriculum" (members of ISU School of Education, Indiana Dept of Education, AAUW, St Mary-of-the Woods, and others]

Noon-1:30 pm, Justice Myra Selby will speak at a luncheon on HMSU's 9th floor. Please call x4333 to reserve a seat. Reservations are limited.

1:30-2:45 pm Session VII.A. HMSU 321: Take Back the Night Session

1:30-2:45 pm Session VII.B. HMSU 407: Student/Community Organizations

3:00-4:00 pm Session VIII. HMSU 321
Plenary Session: Keynote Address by
Jennifer Drake "The Mis/Education of
Righteous Babes: Popular Culture and
Third Wave Feminism"

4:00-5:00 pm Social Hour Generations Restaurant

5:00-7:30 pm Dinner Generations Restaurant

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON PERSONHOOD: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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Thursday, October 14-Saturday, October 16, 1999

The Rozsa Centre, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Celebrating the Past ... Building the Future.

This conference is being held in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Persons' Case in Canadian history, whereby Canadian women were recognized as "persons" in matters of rights and

privileges, and not only in matters of pains and penalties.

Confirmed Speakers:

Naina Kapur

Advocate and Director, SAKSHI: A Violence Intervention Centre, New Delhi, India

Emily Lau Legislative Councillor, Hong Kong

Kathleen Mahoney Chair, International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development Professor of Law, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Marie Smallface Marule President, Red Crow College, Cardston, Alberta, Canada

Olga Voronina Co-Director, Moscow Institute for Gender Studies, Moscow, Russia

Lois Wilson Canadian Senator (Independent), Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Co-sponsored by the Calgary-based Famous 5 Foundation and the University of Calgary's Committee for the Institute for Gender Research and the International Centre. In conjunction with the conference there will be celebrations for the unveiling of monuments of the Famous 5 in downtown Calgary. Plan to stay and enjoy the fun on October 17 and 18, 1999!

Registration Fee Includes: Canadian Goods and Services Tax, Reception, Lunch (Friday) and Coffee Breaks **All fees must be paid in Canadian Dollars**

Before Sept. 1, 1999 After Sept. 1, 1999

Full Delegate \$100.00 \$120.00 Student or Unwaged \$50.00 \$60.00 For more information, visit our conference website at:

www.ucalgary.ca/~gpopconf/, e-mail us at gpopconf@ucalgary.ca, or send a postal request to: Susan Austen, The University of Calgary, Conference Management Services, 1833 Crowchild Trail N.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2M 4S7 Phone: (403) 220-6773 Fax: (403) 284-4184.

Come stand among great women!

CALL FOR PAPERS

TRANS/FORMS INSURGENT VOICES IN EDUCATION

Issue 6 of Trans/forms, Fluid Spaces & Regulated Borders, will investigate how the production, reproduction, and transformation of geographies are shaped through public and private spaces. How have various forms of social regulation and cultural resistance emerged in response to cultural transmigration, diasporic identities, and global expansion of capital?

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- -visual media and arts as tools for resistance
- -the effects of transnational identity on nationalism
- -globalization, new forms of regulation -identity politics as a site of resistance
- -social resistance through pedagogy
- -the politics of representations of place
- -language and nationalism
- -geography of urban/rural spaces as sites of transformation/regulation

Submissions may be in form of essays (max 6000 words); reviews of print, visual, or performance formats (max 1500 words); visual works; short fiction; poetry; or other literary pieces. Please submit 5 copies of work. Manuscripts should be typed, double spaced, with margins of at least one inch on all sides. Please send only paper copies

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS APRIL 29, 1999

Trans/forms, a graduate student journal issued out of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto, publishes original, refereed works on a broad range of issues in the area of transformative education. It provides a forum for addressing relations of social difference as they inform educational theory and practice. Trans/forms welcomes submissions dealing with all areas of education for social and global justice including First Nations politics, feminism, post-colonialism, anti-racism, Afrocentrism, anti-ableism, class politics, lesbian and gay, bisexual, transgender, and transsexual politics, community activism, popular education, media and cultural studies, critical global education, and critical pedagogy.

CALL FOR PAPERS

THE SCIENCE AND POLITICS OF THE SEARCH FOR SEX DIFFERENCES

A Special Issue of the NWSA Journal

Anne Fausto-Sterling, along with others in feminist science studies, argues that women's studies faculty and feminists in the sciences need to join forces in order to develop fully multidisciplinary women's studies theory and research. This year 2000 special issue is intended to feature articles that toster feminist analyses of the scientific evidence for the sex differences from biology, neurobiology, behavior genetics, evolutionary psychology, and sociobiology, as well as the medical sciences. Essays should be accessible,

and of interest, to the general multidisciplinary audience of NWSA Journal.

While research on sex differences may produce important new insights into the biology of women's bodies, it can also make deeply troubling contributions to essentialist understandings of women's subordination. We invite manuscripts that consider the implications of sex difference research from any field or perspective within women's studies, including but not limited to feminist science studies, lesbian studies, cross-cultural studies, standpoint theory, gender theory, as well as philosophical, historical, psychological, sociological, or language-focused research. We are also interested in research that explores the interconnections among biological determinist approaches and any of the key categories of societal "difference" as these relate to women. We strongly encourage manuscripts that are a product of collaboration among colleagues across the humanities/social sciences and sciences disciplinary divide.

Guest Editors: Mary Wyer and Laura Severin

Guest Editorial Board: Anne Fausto-Sterling, Bonnie Spanier, Sue Rosser, Carol Burger, Donna Cookmeyer, Cheryl Ney, Marta Wayne, Banu Subramaniam

Manuscript Deadline: June 1, 1999

Send three double -spaced copies of your manuscript (20-30 pages), with parenthetical notes and a complete references page formatted according to the hicago Manual of Style (14th edition) to:

Mary Wyer and Laura Severin Women's and Gender Studies Box 7107 North Carolina State University Raleigh, NC 27695

Inquiries can be emailed to: mbwyer@unity.ncsu.edu and

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REMINDER . . . LAST CALL FOR PAPERS

The Association for Research on Mothering (ARM) presents

The Third Annual International
Conference
Brock University, St. Catharines Ontario
Canada L2S 3A1

Mothers and Education: Issues and Directions for Maternal Pedagogy

October 1st - 3rd, 1999

~ Featured Speakers / Authors -

Mary Catherine Bateson, Composing a Life and Peripheral Vision

Veronica Lacey, Ontario Deputy Minister of Education

Jane Roland Martin, The Schoolhome: Schools for Changing Families

Valerie Polakow, Single Mothers and Children in the Other America

Shireen Dodson, The Mother Daughter Book Club

Miriam David, Gender Equity and Schooling

Jane Gaskell, Gender Matters from School to Work

Lisa Goldstein, Teaching with Love: Feminist Early Childhood Education Katherine Arnup, Lesbian Parenting and Education for Motherhood

Babette Smith, Mothers and Sons Jacqueline Haessly, Practical Peacemaking for Families

Dorothy Smith, The Everyday World as Problematic

Proposals are now being accepted for papers, workshops, roundtables, panels, performances and media displays examining interdisciplinary issues related to mothers and education. Participants are invited to explore the challenges women face today as they seek more empowering images of motherhood and active roles as

change agents related to schooling, learning and pedagogy and with particular emphasis on differences of culture, race, class, ability or sexuality.

Educators. theorists. teachers. administrators, graduate students, politicians and community members working in areas of child-care, teaching, humanities, sociology, psychology, history, law and policy, culture and media, arts and literature, health and care-giving might consider the following topics: coping with multiple roles of career, mothers and schooling; mothering special needs children; intergenerational connections; home-schooling; mothers as mentors; educating teen mothers; mothers roles in schools: school violence and peace education: home/school barriers; body image and health curriculum.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS is April 1, 1999. Please send two copies of a proposal (3 page maximum) along with complete mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail and type of session to Dr. Sharon Abbey, Mothers and Education Conference, Faculty of Education, Brock University, St. Catharines Ontario Canada L2S 3A1. For more information please phone (905) 688-5550 ext. 3349, fax (905) 684-4638, e-mail mothers@ed.brocku.ca, web site http://www.ed.brocku.ca/mothers

REGISTRATION FORMS will be sent with acceptance (by April 30, 1999) or upon request. Full conference fee (Canadian dollars) includes Friday night reception, \$25.00 ARM membership and annual ARM journal subscription as well as admission to all sessions. A limited number of one-day passes and speakers luncheon tickets are also available. Graduate students, local school board teachers, other interested community members and seniors are eligible for a special discount rate.

Full conference member \$125.00 non-member \$150.00 Discount \$70.00 Earlybird (by May 30) 110.00 135.00 55.00 Saturday only: 45.00 55.00 25.00 Speakers Lunch: 30.00 30.00 30.00

- * Hotel reservations call Embassy Suites-Niagara at (905) 984-8484.
- * Airport pick-up will be arranged to and from Toronto and Buffalo.
- * Direct all other inquiries to Dr. Sharon Abbey at Brock University ph. (905) 688-5550 ex 3349 / fax (905) 684-4638 / mothers@ed.brocku.ca

"TAKE THE TIME TO 'BE' WHO YOU HAVE BECOME!" CALL FOR PAPERS:

IRIS: A JOURNAL ABOUT WOMEN INVITES SUBMISSIONS FOR THE UPCOMING ISSUE "THE POLITICS OF MONEY."

Coordinating Editor: Eileen Boris

Metaphor and material reality, not enough and too much, one's own and owned by others: Money will be the focus of issue #40 of IRIS, A Journal About Women. We are looking for articles, artwork, creative writing and personal reflections on such topics as women in philanthropy; poor women and their daily lives; the lives of rich women; welfare; entrepreneuring women; glass ceilings and muddy floors; pay equity and fair wages; shopping and consumption; and women gambling, handling money, organizing workplaces and related issues.

Guidelines:

Submissions should be typed and should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to better facilitate our response. Poetry should be specifically addressed to the attention of poetry editor Margo Figgins. "Women and Money" contributions should arrive no later than June 30, 1999.

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CANADIAN WOMEN STUDIES

WOMEN AND JUSTICE VOL 19, NO 1 (SPRING 1999). RELEASE DATE: MAY 1999

CWS is proud and excited to announce the upcoming publication of its Spring 1999 issue, :Women and Justice." Our aim is to examine the Canadian legal and justice system in particular with respect to its impact and effect on the lives of women and their children. Articles in the issue will include analyses of: systemic barriers to women's equality in the justice system; strategies for promoting more women to the judiciary; the impact of civil legal-aid cutbacks on women, and their children; rights codes and human responsiveness to disadvantaged groups; applications of self-defence provisions to battered women; same-sex rights, privileges, duties, and benefits; sexism, racism, and homophobia in the prison system; feminist perspectives of the law; the juvenile justice/young offender system; issues for Aboriginal, visible minority, and immigrant women in trouble with the law. This issues will be an indispensable resource for those involved in areas of law. political science, women's studies, and sociology--activists and students alike--as well as being fascinating reading for women everywhere!

REMEMBERING MARY O'BRIEN VOLUME 18, NUMBER 4 (WINTER 1999)

This issue is devoted to honouring and celebrating the life and work of Mary O'Brien--feminist philosopher and theorist, nurse, midwife, and teacher. In this issue, Mary's colleagues, friends, and students

pay homage to her life and discuss her work and continuing impact on feminism and the feminist movement in Canada.

CONFRONTING THE CUTS. A SOURCEBOOK FOR WOMEN IN ONTARIO

Edited by Luciana Ricciutelli, June Larkin, Eimear O'Neill. Published by Inane Publications and Education Inc., 1998.

This volume examines the impacts of the dramatic spending cuts on women and their families across the province, as well as explores some of the ways women and women's organizations have responded to the challenges presented by the current eco-nomic climate. By exposing some of the myths in fiscal policy development and critiquing social policy reform, this book is an important resource tool for women and community groups, or anyone interested in understanding current social policy reform and its impact on the lives of people

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From time to time, the CPA office sends to the SWAP Coordinator information that comes to the main office from the government and other sources. Depending on the content these items are kept by either the Coordinator or passed onto the Chair of the Status of Women Committee. Sometimes they are given to a member of SWAP to review and comment on. As a regular part of the Newsletter, these items are listed along with a brief description of each. All items for this Newsletter are in the Coordinator's office. If you wish to receive an item, please let her know.

Items Received:

 Yanz, L., Jeffcott, B., Ladd, D., and Atlin, J. Policy options to improve standards for garment workers in Canada and internationally. Status of Women Canada.



THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE PRINTED IN SEPTEMBER 1999. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 1, 1999. PLEASE SEND ANY ITEMS TO THE EDITOR.

SWAP ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(1 JANUARY 1998 - 31 DECEMBER 1998)

| | ACTUAL JAN - DEC 1998 | PROPOSED BUDGET JAN - DEC 1999 | INTERIM STATEMENT JAN1-APR15/00 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| REVENUE | RIFE DE LE | | |
| CPA Dues | \$ 2557.25 | \$2500.00 | \$2243.20 |
| Bank Interest and GIC Withdrawal ¹ | 1312.31 | 10.00 | 0.00 |
| Institute Profit | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Associate Member Dues | 107.00 | \$0.00 | 10.70 |
| Book Royalties | 10.73 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | \$3987.29 | \$2590.00 | \$2253.90 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| CPA Conference Expenses | \$64.90 | \$100.00 | 0.00 |
| Institute | 300.00 | 300,00 | 0.00 |
| Newsletter | 2056.67 | 1300.00 | 453.12 |
| Award/Bursaries | 900.00 | 900.00 | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 36.11 | 100.00 | 38.15 |
| TOTAL | \$3357.68 | \$2900.00 | \$491.27 |
| NET GAIN/LOSS | 629.61 | -310.00 | |
| Bank Balance 31.12.97 | \$97.09 | | |
| Bank Balance 31.12.98 | \$726.70 | | Name of the last |
| Investment Cert 31.12.98 | \$3810.69 | | |
| TOTAL CASH & ASSETS: | \$4537.39 | | |

Submitted by Elizabeth Church, Secretary-Treasurer, April 1999

¹ \$12.31 (Bank Interest) + \$1300 (withdrawn from the Investment Certificate) = \$1312.31