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**COORDINATOR'S  
MESSAGE**

Welcome to the 2000-01 SWAP year. As your new Coordinator, the initial demands of the job were made much easier by the able assistance of Joanna Boehnert, whom I thank dearly. Joanna is now enjoying a much deserved sabbatical and trip to Poland. Planning for the 2001 CPA annual conference at Laval University (Ste-Foy, a suburb of Quebec City) has begun in earnest. The dates are June 21 to June 23, 2001, so be sure to mark your calendar now.

To everyone who planned and participated in the SWAP program in Ottawa, it was a tremendous success thanks to you. A special thanks goes to Maria Gurevich, who undertook the task of Review Coordinator, and to Joanna Boehnert who planned the program. The opportunity to view the special Canada Day 2000 celebrations in Ottawa was an extra perk for those who stayed over July 1.

The SWAP program had a very large presence at the conference. Jan Yoder gave an engaging CPA Invited address entitled: "Context Matters: Understanding Women and Work." Jan is professor of Psychology in the Industrial/Organizational Psychology program at the

University of Akron, and is now president of Division 35 (Psychology of Women) of APA. In addition, our CPA/Section Speaker Dr. Fran Cherry, professor of social psychology at Carleton University in Ottawa gave a thought-provoking talk that combined her interest in social psychology and history of psychology entitled "Lives in Action in Contemporary Feminist Research."

A SWAP sponsored designated program organized by June Larkin entitled "A Community Health and Education Study on Body-based Harassment and Girls" was very well-received and had a great turnout. A multidisciplinary panel presented a unique program of collaborative work that focused on girls' experience of harassment.

During our business meeting, Maria Gurevich presented the **SWAP Distinguished Member Award** to Janet Stoppard (University of New Brunswick), for her outstanding work in SWAP, CPA, and for women in psychology in Canada. Past recipients of this award have been Sandra Pyke, Meredith Kimball, Cannie Stark-Adamec, Lorna Cammaert, Esther Greenglass, Elinor Burwell, and Joanne Gallivan. Marla Steinberg has stepped down as Editor of the SWAP Newsletter, and a motion was passed to acknowledge her contribution. Thanks Marla! Renee Cormier (University of Windsor) replaces Marla as Editor.

Because SWAP's financial circumstances have improved, student awards were restored to their previous levels. Elizabeth Church has done a great job in improving our financial situation, and a motion was passed to

acknowledge her contribution. The **Student Paper Award** (\$500) went to Joti Samra-Grewal (Simon Fraser University) for her paper entitled "Ethnic differences in prevalence rates and predictors of disordered eating behaviours," co-authored by Avneet Sidhu. Four **Travel Bursaries** (\$200 each) went to Paula Barata (University of Windsor), Josee Casati (OISE), Renee Cormier (University of Windsor), and Heather Getty (University of Windsor).

Olga Favreau, Chair of the Status of Women Committee, held a brief discussion about the role of the committee, and would like to hear from our members about issues or concerns the committee should be addressing. Olga will be looking for someone to take over as chair in 2001. She can be reached at [favreauo@psy.umontreal.ca](mailto:favreauo@psy.umontreal.ca).

An important outcome of Jan Yoder's interactions with the executive was the creation of a formal link with Division 35. Thanks goes to Sandra Pyke (York University), who has volunteered to be our first "monitor" for Division 35—a monitor is someone with joint membership to the purpose of monitoring what is happening in the other group and reporting back initiatives of shared interest. Being a monitor also opens the Executive Committee meetings to the appointee. Unfortunately monitors are not funded to attend meetings, but the expectation is that they would be attending APA meetings anyway.

A reminder that donations to the Student Awards and Bursaries Fund is an important way we can support our students. Although, we are not able to get a tax exempt status for donations, members who

want to donate to the fund could do so by sending the donation to our Treasurer, Noreen Stuckless. Last year donations kept us out of the red -- so they will continue to be gratefully received!

The date for submissions for the 2001 CPA convention is rapidly approaching (October 27<sup>th</sup>). Quebec City will be lovely in June! By the end of September, I will have sent nominations to CPA for our invited speakers. In order for the SWAP program to be a success, we need your participation. Please think about symposia, papers, and posters that would be appropriate for our section program. If in doubt, don't hesitate to run your ideas by me, or other members of the executive.

I am still looking for a SWAP sponsored symposium, so if anyone has an idea for one, please contact me soon. The chair of this symposium will have her registration fees waived by CPA.

As Joanna mentioned last year, the vitality of SWAP is dependent on continued renewal of our membership. Please encourage your students and colleagues to become members of SWAP. If regular CPA dues are a burden, an associate membership for students is only \$10.70 a year -- a real bargain!

In 2002, the conference will be in Vancouver, and I believe it will be at UBC. Thus, planning for the next SWAP Institute should begin soon. If you are interested in organizing an Institute in Vancouver, or assisting in the process, please contact me. There is considerable



documentation that will be handed over to anyone interested in organizing an Institute that makes the process quite manageable.

Although SWAP did not organize an Institute for the Ottawa conference, Joanne Gallivan, Nicola Brown, and myself are busy planning one for Ste-Foy.

The usual refrain I hear from all quarters is that there is too much to do, and too little time! Yet, an important role for SWAP members is to nominate women for the various CPA awards that were announced in the recent Psynopsis. All of you know of deserving women. I hope you will find the time to make sure their contributions to psychology don't go unrecognized.

Some other news--over the course of the year, the CPA Convention Committee chaired by Jennifer Veitch will undertake a major evaluation of the CPA convention. Joanne Gallivan has volunteered to represent the interests of SWAP on this committee -- thanks Joanne!

**Psynopsis** is seeking articles/commentaries from the SWAP section. Apparently our voices have been fairly quiet recently. Please think about using this venue to communicate with our fellow psychologists. Let me know if you have any ideas for this publication. The next deadline for submissions is December 1.

For many of us, it is too soon after starting a new term to think about pulling an abstract together, but October 27<sup>th</sup> will sneak up on you, so begin your planning now for the SWAP meetings in Ste-Foy!

Bonita C. Long, Coordinator

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Hello everybody! I am happy to be taking over from Marla Steinberg as the SWAP newsletter editor. While I have big shoes to fill, I hope to be able to continue producing a quality newsletter filled with relevant and interesting material.

Included in this newsletter are the following items: Maria Gurevich's nomination of Janet Stoppard for Distinguished Member; Joti Samra-Grewal's winning paper from the SWAP Student Paper Competition; the minutes from the SWAP Annual Business Meeting; Jennifer Boisvert's Feminist Review; and pages of calls for papers, notices of upcoming conferences, and various other announcements.

Unfortunately, due to a shortage of space in this edition of the newsletter I was unable to publish the paper presented by Jan Yoder at the CPA conference. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of Dr. Yoder's paper "Context Matters: Understanding Women & Work", they can contact me through email: (renee\_cormier@hotmail.com).

I'd also like to draw your attention to page 12 under the section **SWAP-Net List**. Please note that the majority of SWAP members are not on the SWAP-Net List; therefore, I encourage all of you who are not on the list to contact Meredith Kimball, who will add you to the list. The SWAP-Net List is an excellent information-sharing resource.

Finally I would like to thank Marla Steinberg for helping me with the switch-over, Joanne Gallivan and Jennifer Boisvert for their numerous contributions to the newsletter and to Bonnie Long for providing me with guidance.

Enjoy and feel free to give me feedback!

Renee Cormier  
Newsletter Editor

## CPA 2000

Westin Hotel, Ottawa, ON,  
June 29-July 1, 2000

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING June 29, 2000

Submitted by Noreen Stuckless  
Secretary/Treasurer

Coordinator: Joanne B. Boehnert  
Past Coordinator: Chris Storm  
Coordinator Elect: Bonita Long

The meeting was called to order by Joanna Boehnert at 7:05 pm. There were 17 members present.

1. Joanna Boehnert presented the agenda. Mona Abbondanza requested that a report from the CPA Board be added to the agenda. Moved by Bonita Long and seconded by June Larkin that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

2. The minutes of the 1999 Annual General Business meeting were read. A motion to approve

the minutes was moved by Maria Gurevich and seconded by Bonita Long. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Presentation of the

Distinguished Member Award: Maria Gurevich introduced the SWAP Distinguished Member Award recipient, Janet Stoppard of the University of New Brunswick, who was honoured for her outstanding work in SWAP, CPA and for women and psychology in Canada. Joanna Boehnert presented Dr. Stoppard with the 2000 Distinguished Member Award.

4. Treasurer's Report: The 1999 financial report was presented by Joanna Boehnert on behalf of Elizabeth Church. She noted a total gain of \$1376.04 this year instead of the projected loss forecast last year. This was due mainly to the unanticipated profit from the 1999 Institute in Halifax, the generosity of members who contributed to the Student Travel Fund, and the reduction of Newsletter expenses by the Editor, Marla Steinberg. The Student Awards were restored to their previous levels of \$500 for the Student Paper and four travel awards of \$200 each. The total of cash and assets at Dec. 31, 1999 was \$6,065.47.

The projected deficit for the present year is \$100; however, this is not a problem this year because of the 1999 surplus. In the past, Institutes have been a good source of revenue for SWAP and we may want to explore developing others. Members are encouraged to contribute to the Student Award Fund.

Olga Favreau moved a motion of gratitude for Treasurer, Elizabeth

Church for the great work she has done in improving SWAP's financial position. The motion was seconded by Mona Abbondanza and passed unanimously.

### 5. Student Awards Report and

Acknowledgments: The Student Award Report was presented by Joanna Boehnert on behalf of Charlene Senn. The award amounts have been restored to their previous amounts. The recipient of the SWAP Student Paper Award (\$500) was Joti Samra-Grewal, a graduate student at Simon Fraser University. The paper entitled Ethnic differences in prevalence rates and predictors of disordered eating behaviours was co-authored by Avneet Sidhu.

The four travel bursaries (\$200) were awarded to four graduate students. Paula Barata (University of Windsor), Josee Casati (O.I.S.E.), Renee Cormier (University of Windsor) and Heather Getty (University of Windsor.)

6. Newsletter Report: The Newsletter report was presented by Joanna Boehnert on behalf of Marla Steinberg. She noted that three Newsletters were produced at a cost of \$1102.95 and were sent to both associate and full members. She thanked those who had contributed to the Newsletter over the past year, particularly Joanne Gallivan, Joanna Boehnert and Jennifer Boivert. Marla announced that she was stepping down as Editor and that Renee Cormier is taking over. Joanna Boehnert moved and Janet Stoppard seconded a motion that the Newsletter Editor be thanked for her contributions and that her report be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

### 7. The Graduate Student

Representative: The Graduate Student report was presented by Joanna Boehnert on behalf of Heather Walters. Heather noted that she was involved in communicating with the SWAP executive on matters relating directly to graduate students. She is very pleased that, with the increase in SWAP revenue, the graduate student funding has been restored to previous levels. She commented that SWAP funding is among the highest of all the sections of CPA and that this is a tangible way that SWAP supports the next generation of feminist psychologists. Heather said that she very much enjoyed her time as student representative on SWAP. Bonita Long moved and June Larkin seconded a motion to accept this report. The motion was passed unanimously.

### 8. Proposed 2000-2001

Executive Slate: The following proposed slate was read:

*Coordinator:* Bonnie Long  
*Past Coordinator:* Joanna Boehnert  
*Coordinator Elect:* Diane Priebe  
*Treasurer/Secretary:* Noreen Stuckless  
*Newsletter Editor:* Renee Cormier  
*Graduate Student Rep:* Nicola Brown, Laura Reddekopp, E. B. Brownlie

Maria Gurevich moved and Janet Stoppard seconded the motion that the proposed slate up to the Graduate Student Representative be accepted. This motion was passed unanimously.

Graduate Student Representative vote: A secret ballot vote was conducted by Joanne Gallivan.

Nicola Brown was voted in as the Graduate Student Representative.

The full slate is as follows:

*Coordinator:* Bonnie Long

*Past Coordinator:* Joanna Boehnert

*Coordinator Elect:* Diane Priebe

*Treasurer/Secretary:* Noreen Stuckless

*Newsletter Editor:* Renee Cormier  
*Graduate Student Rep:* Nicola Brown

*Abstract Review Coordinator:* Maria Gurevich

*Student Award Coordinator:* Charlene Senn

*SWAP-CPA Board Liaison:* Mona Abbondanza

#### 9. Status of Women Committee:

Olga Favreau reported there was a lack of activity this year. Mona reported that she brought up the issue of reporting of gender in journals to the CPA Board and that this information is now available. She said that SWAP should be more aggressive in putting forward names for anything and everything - fellowships, other committees, call for awards in the fall. Olga said that she would stay on as chair for another year and will give a report for the bulletin. Joanne said the bulletin could be a vehicle for suggesting names.

The Status of Women Committee members are as follows:

Olga Favreau, Chair

(*Université de Montréal*) Chair

Bonita Long, ex-officio

(*University of British Columbia*)

Mona Abbondanza

(*University of Quebec at Three Rivers*)

Maria Gurevich

(*Princess Margaret Hospital*)

Naomi Holobow

(*Sacramento, California*)

Karen Korabick

(*University of Guelph*)

Tannis MacBeth

(*University of British Columbia*)

Charlene Senn

(*University of Windsor*)

Marla Steinberg

(*University of British Columbia*)

Shake Toukmanian

(*York University*)

Anne Crocker, Student Member

10. CPA Board Report: In addition to her comments on gender reporting in journals, Mona Abbondanza reported on an upcoming Psychology week and the state of the CPA web page. She suggested that the SWAP web page needs work.

11. New Business: Bonnie Long, the new Coordinator discussed having an Institute at the next CPA conference in Quebec. She asked for leadership for the Institute. Our Invited Speaker, Jan Yoder, was welcomed and thanked for agreeing to participate in this year's CPA conference. The past executive was thanked for all their work for SWAP.

12. Adjournment: Bonnie Long moved and Olga Favreau seconded a motion that the SWAP Annual General Meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

## SWAP STUDENT PAPER AWARD/TRAVEL BURSARY AWARDS REPORT

Submitted by: Charlene Y. Senn,  
Student Award Coordinator

For the 2000 Ottawa convention, notices for the SWAP Student

Paper Award and the SWAP Travel Bursaries were published in the SWAP Newsletter and mailed to all Canadian universities with a Chair in Psychology. This year our number of applicants was back down to our normal level (pre-1999) telling us clearly that the demand for bursaries and awards is considerably higher when SWAP holds a pre-convention conference. This should probably be taken into account for our budgets in the future.

We reinstated the prize awards this year after the awards were advertised so a number of our prize winners will be quite surprised with higher awards. Again this year the papers submitted for the \$500 Student Paper Award were of high quality. The two reviewers were unanimous in their choice for the SWAP Student Paper Award to go to Joti Samra-Grewal, who is a graduate student at Simon Fraser University. Ms. Samra-Grewal's submission was entitled Ethnic differences in prevalence rates and predictors of disordered eating behaviours (printed in this newsletter). The paper was co-authored by Avneet Sidhu who is also a student at Simon Fraser.

This year travel bursaries, in the amount of \$200, were awarded to four graduate students. Paula Barata (University of Windsor), Josee Casati (O.I.S.E.), Renée Cormier (University of Windsor), and Heather Getty (University of Windsor) are the winners of those awards. Congratulations to all our winners.

Donations to the student award fund can be made at any time (a tax receipt cannot be issued due



to government regulations). Your generosity could help us keep the awards at this higher level!

## SWAP DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

Nomination of Janet Stoppard  
by Maria Gurevich

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Dr. Janet Stoppard of the University of New Brunswick for the Section of Women and Psychology (SWAP) Distinguished Member Award. Janet completed her B.Sc. at Exeter University, UK and her M.Sc. and Ph.D. at Queen's University in Belfast, N. Ireland and Queen's University in Canada, respectively. She then took a position in the Psychology Department at the University of New Brunswick, where she has been full Professor since 1988. She has also held a number of clinical appointments outside of academia during this time.

Janet has contributed significantly to feminist psychology and to SWAP since the beginning of her career. Apart from being New Brunswick's provincial representative for SWAP from 1982-1985 and co-organizer of SWAP's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at CPA in 1986, she served as the Coordinator-Elect from 1987-88, the Coordinator in 1988-89, and the Past Coordinator in 1989-90. She has also acted as a reviewer for SWAP's Student Paper Award (1989-90) and SWAP's Institute (1985, 1989, 1990).

Her CPA service has included membership in the Nominations Committee (1982-83), the

Accreditation Panel for Doctoral Programmes and Internships in Clinical Psychology (1984-87), the Professional Affairs Committee (1985-86), and the Status of Women Committee (1989-1994).

Apart from her active involvement in SWAP, her commitment to feminism is also exemplified by her membership in the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women, the Canadian Women's Studies Association and APA's Psychology of Women section. Her university and professional service record is considerable, with numerous contributions to the advancement of women. Among the positions that she has held in this regard are: Coordinator of UNB's Women's Studies Programme (1986-88), Women's Studies Liason for the Advisory Committee to the President on the Status of Women (1986-88); and she continues to sit on the Women's Studies Coordinating Committee since 1986. Janet has also presented numerous invited addresses and workshops on a wide array of women's mental health issues. And all of this in addition to an endless roster of journal, book and grant reviewing.

Janet's extensive publication record on gender and depression has been critical in the evolution of research in this area -- both here in Canada and abroad. She has been particularly influential in the development (and application) of innovative theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of depression.

Janet and Linda McMullan have also recently received a contract with NYU Press for an edited collection based on a CP special

issue to be published as part of Jeanne Marecek and Michelle Fine's qualitative research series.

Her highly impressive list of scholarly contributions towards feminist psychology also includes publications in the areas of: occupational roles, personality, alcohol abuse, mental health and clinical practice, and the medicalization of women's bodies. A commitment to gendered analyses informed by interdisciplinary perspectives has been central to all of these works. One example of this is a forthcoming compilation, due out in August, entitled *Women's Bodies/Women's Lives: Health, Well-being and Body Image*, which she co-edited.

In addition to her outstanding publication and service record, she has also distinguished herself in teaching. Her 1998 nomination for the Allan P. Stuart Excellence in teaching Award and her doctoral student's (Yvette Scattolon) 1997 SWAP Student Paper Award are just two examples of her achievements in this area.

This inspiring list of accomplishments is just a sampling of her keen intellectual and professional integrity and dedication to issues of relevance to women. Her thoughtful approach to critical issues makes her a pleasure to work with. And as if that wasn't enough, she is also a delightful and engaging dinner companion...

Given her extensive albeit non-exhaustive (but exhausting) list of contributions to SWAP, CPA, and feminist psychology at both the local and international levels,

Janet is an ideal candidate for the SWAP 2000 Distinguished Member Award.

## SWAP STUDENT PAPER AWARD WINNER

Ethnic Differences in Prevalence  
Rates And Predictors of  
Disordered Eating Behaviors

Joti Samra-Grewal &  
Avneet Sidhu  
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### INTRODUCTION

Adolescent and young adult females constitute the highest-risk groups for disordered eating behaviors (e.g., McCarthy, 1990; Striegel-Moore, Silberstein, & Rodin, 1986). It has commonly been held that eating disorders predominately affect Caucasian women from upper-middle class socioeconomic backgrounds (Dinsmore & Mallinckrodt, 1996; Hamilton, Brooks-Gunn, & Warren, 1985; Striegel-Moore et al., 1986) in Western, industrialized societies (see Littlewood, 1995). Perceptions that eating disorders are rare in non-Western nations abound (Mumford, 1993; Mumford, Whitehouse, & Choudry, 1992). However, research with both adult and adolescent female samples in non-Western nations and with ethnic minorities in Western nations has increasingly revealed that the manifestation of disordered eating behaviors is more universal than previously thought (Sjostedt, Schumaker, & Nathawat, 1998). Attitudes and stereotypes toward body weight and size differ markedly across cultures, and such variations have been used to

explain differences in prevalence rates of disordered eating behaviors across cultures; yet, exposure to a dominant culture may, and has been demonstrated to, impact views of minority groups (see Yoshimura, 1995 for a review). Thus, although disordered eating behaviors have traditionally been thought to be under-represented in non-European minority groups, acculturation of the minority groups to Western culture values has resulted in less dichotomized behaviors between minority and non-minority groups (Littlewood, 1995; Pumariega, 1986).

### Disordered Eating and Ethnicity

Overall, the literature on the rates of disordered eating among ethnic minority females, as well as explanatory models for such, are mixed (Yoshimura, 1995). However, there are some reports that the incidence of eating disorders among minority groups in Western countries have been increasing (Clarke, Salmoni, & Harrison, 1988). Two explanations for this increase have been postulated: (a) acculturation, wherein ethnic minority females identify with, and hence adopt the values of the dominant culture, including the Western emphasis on thinness as a marker of beauty; and (b) culture clash, where eating psychopathology is the product of conflict between familial versus adolescents' personal ideals (i.e., where parents desire their children to conform to values they think are important, which may conflict with minority adolescents' attempts to identify with the Western culture; McCourt & Waller, 1995).

Despite the recognition and theoretical support for the increased prevalence of disordered eating behaviors among minority

groups, there is a relative paucity of research examining weight concerns and disordered eating behaviors in non-Caucasian groups (Littlewood, 1995; Smith & Krejci, 1991; Story et al., 1995; Yoshimura, 1995). Furthermore, interpretation of the research that does exist is often limited by factors such as poor description or delineation of the ethnic backgrounds of respondents (Dolan, 1991; Yoshimura, 1995). Many studies aggregate ethnic minorities into one heterogeneous group labeled "Asian", which may include individuals from such diverse countries of origin as Japan, China, Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, India, and Pakistan. This aggregation renders interpretation of ethnic differences difficult, as within-group diversity may occlude differences between groups (Kumanyika, 1994). In particular, there is a dearth of literature on disordered eating symptomatology among Chinese and East Indian ethnic groups – two ethnic groups which are predominate in Canada. Further, there are limitations with the research that does exist (e.g., undefined ethnic categories; absence of control groups). This study constitutes a preliminary investigation of disordered eating behaviors among East Indian and Chinese female adolescents. To address limitations in the existing research, a comparison group of British females was included. Additionally, ethnicity was strictly defined and stringent inclusion/exclusion criteria were utilized. The purpose of this study was twofold: first, to present descriptive data on the prevalence rates of disordered eating and compensatory behaviors among adolescents from ethnic minority groups; and



second, to examine the correlates and predictors of disordered eating behaviors among these ethnic groups.

## METHOD

### Sample

The sampling frame for this study included all public and independent schools in British Columbia, Canada that had students in grades 7 through 12. For the purpose of this study, analyses were conducted on a distinct subset of a total of 15,549 participants. Female participants who reported belonging to British, Chinese, or East Indian ethnic groups were retained for inclusion in this study. The final sample for this study consisted of 1802 females aged 13 to 18.

### Procedure and Questionnaire

Following receipt of parental consent, students were administered the Adolescent Health Survey (AHS). The AHS includes questions on a broad range of health-related behaviors, including the following: feelings about weight and appearance; exercise and dieting behaviors; sexual victimization experiences; drug, alcohol and tobacco use; involvement in sexual activities; physical health status and practices; emotional health and self-esteem; and, knowledge about the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. Adolescents' participation was completely voluntary, anonymous, and confidential. Questionnaire responses provided information on the following: body mass index (BMI); attitudes about weight and appearance; weight loss behaviors; disordered eating behaviors; emotional distress; personal esteem; and, family esteem. Questions were also included which

asked about any history of physical abuse/mistreatment, any history of sexual abuse, and perception of self as a spiritual or religious person.

## RESULTS & DISCUSSION

### BMI Categories

In comparison to the British and East Indian groups, a significantly higher proportion of Chinese adolescents had a BMI that classified them as being underweight, and a lower proportion were classified as being overweight. Based on findings such as BMI being indicative of different levels of body fatness across different ethnic groups (see Deurenberg, Yap, & van Staveren, 1998), it has been suggested that there may be a need for different BMI category cutoff points for different ethnic groups. For example, using Caucasians as a reference group, Deurenberg et al. (1998) found in their review that accounting for age and gender, Chinese adults had a significantly lower BMI for the same level of body fat. Among adolescents, ethnicity has been identified as being a potentially confounding factor in the use of the BMI as an indicator of risk for being overweight (Malina & Katzmarzyk, 1999). Overall, differences in the predictive ability of the BMI have been found to be related to differences in the distribution of fat (Wang et al., 1994), differences in body proportions, and also differences in sexual maturation (Malina and Katzmarzyk, 1999) -- all variables which vary by ethnicity.

Of the females whose BMI categorized them as being underweight or of normal weight, a higher proportion of Chinese females viewed themselves as

being underweight (i.e., in comparison to the other ethnic groups). This finding may be explained by cultural differences in perceptions of appropriate and/or attractive weight for individuals from Chinese background. Specifically, in contrast to the Western emphasis on dieting, fitness, and appearance, traditional Chinese culture emphasizes social role performance rather than external physical appearance for self-esteem, happiness, and luck (Lee, 1991).

### Weight Loss Techniques

Ethnic differences were observed both in the proportions of females who were attempting to lose weight, as well as the techniques they utilized to achieve this goal. Overall, approximately half of the Chinese and East Indian females reported they were presently trying to lose weight, versus two-thirds of the British females. A significantly higher proportion of the British females (60%) reported engaging in dieting and/or exercise behaviors, in comparison to both the East Indian (44%) and Chinese (40%) groups. Previous research has found that participation in physical activity/exercise is lower for Chinese versus American women, with body weight management being the primary motivation for engaging in physical activity/exercise for American, but not for Chinese women (Chen, 1998). Thus, the higher levels of dieting/exercise behaviors observed in the British group in this study appear to be consistent with the finding that a higher proportion of British females were attempting to lose weight. However, others have reported finding no significant differences

in dieting behaviors between Asian (Indian sub-continent) and Caucasian young adults (Button, Reveley, & Palmer, 1998).

In terms of the more objective pathological weight loss techniques, over one-quarter (27%) of the East Indian females reported engaging in binge-eating 2-3 times a month or more. This was significantly higher than the percentage engaging in binge-eating from both the British (17%) and Chinese (14%) groups. These findings are at odds with the overall literature on eating disorders, which indicates that the incidence of eating disorders is generally lower among individuals from non-Western backgrounds. However, at least one study has reported the prevalence rate of bulimia nervosa to be higher among Asian (Indian subcontinent) females, in comparison to Caucasian girls (i.e., 3.4% versus 0.6%; Mumford et al., 1991). The overall frequency of purging behaviors was low for all females, and did not differ by ethnicity -- a finding that conflicts with other research that reports much higher levels of purging behaviors among Caucasian (as opposed to East Indian) females (Button et al., 1998).

### **Disordered Eating Behaviors**

Overall, a higher proportion of East Indian females (29%) demonstrated any disordered eating pattern, in comparison to the British (22%) and Chinese (18%) groups. Generally, the proportions of disordered eating patterns observed in this study are in line with previous research. For example, Graber, Brooks-Gunn, Paikoff, and Warren (1994) found that approximately one quarter of adolescent females in school demonstrate serious eating

problems. Others have reported rates of eating disorders in Asian (Indian subcontinent) females to equal, or even surpass rates found in English/British populations (Ahmad et al., 1994; Dolan, Lacey, & Evans, 1990; McCourt & Waller, 1995; Mumford & Whitehouse, 1988; Mumford et al., 1992). Ethnic differences in disordered eating patterns across the BMI were found to be significant. Among the underweight category, British females were more likely, and Chinese females were less likely, to demonstrate disordered eating patterns; in contrast, within the normal weight category, East Indian females were more likely to demonstrate disordered eating patterns. No ethnic differences in the overweight category were observed. These findings appear to be a function of the nature of the disordered eating patterns demonstrated by the different ethnic groups. Specifically, more of the East Indian females demonstrated disordered eating by virtue of their bingeing behavior, whereas for the other groups, disordered eating was more likely to take the form of over-exercising or attempting to maintain current weight while having an underweight BMI. Although the data do not allow testing of this hypothesis, it may be that East Indian females are more likely to demonstrate bulimic-type disordered behaviors (a disorder in which low BMI is not a characteristic or diagnostic symptom), and that Caucasian females are more likely to demonstrate anorexic-type disordered behaviors (a disorder in which low BMI is a diagnostic symptom). Further examination of the plausibility of this is warranted. Alternatively, when the findings on exercise and dieting behaviors are considered, it may be that the

ethnic minority females are less likely to adopt healthier weight control behaviors (i.e., dieting and exercise) in comparison to their non-minority counterparts. Research examining ethnic differences in the motivations behind engagement in exercise/dieting behavior may serve to clarify this possibility.

### **Predictors of Disordered Eating Behaviors**

Regression analyses were conducted to examine the variables that predicted the presence or absence of disordered eating behaviors for each of the respective ethnic groups. The predictors of disordered eating were found to vary by ethnicity. For the British group, disordered eating was predicted by lower satisfaction with weight, higher levels of emotional distress, lower personal esteem, view of self as a religious or spiritual person, and the presence of suicidal ideation over the preceding year. For the East Indian females, disordered eating was predicted by lower levels of personal esteem and lower levels of family esteem. None of the predictors were significant for the Chinese group.

The predictors for the British group are consistent with existing research. There is a significant body of research indicating that disordered eating is associated with self-injurious behavior, such as suicide (Casper & Lyubomirsky, 1997; Favaro & Santonastaso, 1996). Low self-esteem/worth has been found to predict disordered eating symptomatology (Canals, Carbajo, Fernandez, & Marti-Henneberg, 1996; Grant & Fodor, 1986; Wichstrom, 1995) and



unhealthy eating attitudes (Wood, Waller, & Gowers, 1994). Negative emotionality (Leon, Fulkerson, Perry, & Cudeck, 1993), negative affect (Leon, Keel, Klump, & Fulkerson, 1997), and depressive symptoms (Casper & Lyubomirsky, 1997; Gross & Rosen, 1988) have also been found to be risk factors for eating disorder symptomatology. The finding that disordered eating was predicted by religiosity/spirituality was an interesting and unexpected finding, given that at least one group of researchers has found that a sense of spirituality functions as a protective factor for adolescents who are at risk for a variety of problems, including disordered eating (i.e., Chandy, Blum, & Resnick, 1996). Further research on the predictive validity of this variable needs to be conducted before arriving at definitive conclusions regarding the predictive utility of this variable.

The absence of findings supporting the role of traditional predictors of disordered eating for the ethnic minority groups is interesting. Prospective studies among adolescent samples robustly demonstrate body dissatisfaction to be the single strongest predictor of eating disorder symptomatology (see Phelps, Johnston, & Augustyniak, 1999), yet this factor was not a significant predictor of disordered symptomatology in either the East Indian or Chinese groups. It has previously been found that body image distortions (which tend to be correlated with body satisfaction) were absent among East Indian females who were characterized as suffering from an Eating Distress Syndrome (EDS; Srinivasan, Suresh, Jayaram, & Fernandez, 1995). Also, as concerns with body

fatness have been found to be uncorrelated with disordered eating behaviors in East Indian females (see Littlewood, 1995), the utility of diagnostic criteria such as those of the DSM-IV's for ethnic minority groups is questionable. In the present study, however, levels of body distortion and satisfaction with weight were similar across the ethnic groups -- thus, the presence of lower degrees of body distortion and body dissatisfaction is not an adequate explanation for their lack of predictive value in this study. For the East Indian group, the predictive value of personal esteem is consistent with existing research. The predictive value of family esteem is not completely in contrast with existing research. For example, family factors such as lack of parental care and support (Haudek, Rorty, & Henker, 1999; Smolak, Levine, & Sullins, 1990; Wichstrom, 1995), lack of family interaction (Waller, Slade, & Calam, 1990), chaotic family environment (Hastings & Kern, 1994), and high maternal and paternal overprotectiveness (Furukawa, 1994) have been found among females displaying disordered eating behaviors, but generally play a lesser role than other factors such as body dissatisfaction (Wertheim et al., 1992). Others have suggested that conflicts between independent peers and family control may play an important role in the development of psychopathological symptoms such as disordered eating behaviors among Asian (Indian subcontinent) females (Ahmad et al., 1994). Family factors may therefore be particularly important for adolescents from different ethnic groups. The present findings reveal that, at least for the East Indian adolescents, the importance of family factors is more

important than that of factors relating to body distortion and dissatisfaction. Further examination of the predictive role of family variables with minority youth is therefore important.

The lack of significant findings on predictors of disordered eating patterns for Chinese females demands replication; also, future researchers would be well-advised to incorporate measures tapping variables that may be more important to individuals of Chinese background (e.g., academic functioning). Overall, these findings concur with other research which has found that similar patterns/correlates of eating disorders are not consistently evident across all ethnic groups (Abrams, Allen, & Gray, 1993; Akan & Grilo, 1995; French et al., 1997).

*[Submission edited by Newsletter Editor due to space constraints]*

## SWAP-Net LIST

SWAP-Net is a list for members of the Section on Women and Psychology (SWAP) of the Canadian Psychological Association. The list is designed to allow SWAP members to share information with each other.

Many kinds of messages and requests for information are welcome: information about SWAP and CPA business; notices of job postings, calls for papers, conferences; requests for curriculum information concerning text books, course outlines and assignments; information about



research tools, e.g., copies of questionnaires, questions about interview techniques, and archival resources; information about professional and legal matters of concern to private practitioners; and information about political actions of concern to feminists.

To date, only 60 members of SWAP are on the e-mail list. If you wish to add your name to the list, please send a message with this request to [kimball@sfu.ca](mailto:kimball@sfu.ca).

Meredith Kimball

## CALL FOR PAPERS

**MOTHERING:  
POWER/OPPRESSION:  
An International Conference**  
The University of Queensland  
Brisbane, Queensland,  
Australia  
July 7-8th, 2001

Submission Deadline: Jan 15, 2001

This conference, sponsored by the Association for Research on Mothering (ARM) will explore, examine, critique and respond to the key issues of power and oppression as they relate to mothering and motherhood in recent research, theory, organizing, activism, experience and practice. Our aim is to bring together academic scholars, family life professionals/researchers/educators, mothers and fathers, workers (both paid and voluntary) in the field of mothering/motherhood, public policy makers, activists, and

students to explore this important topic from cross-cultural, international, intergenerational and interdisciplinary perspectives.

We invite proposals for panel presentations, informed personal reflections, scholarly papers, and workshops. If you are interested in being considered as a speaker, please submit a one page proposal and short bio by Jan 15th, 2001 to:

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Selected papers will be published in the Journal of the Association for Research on Mothering and/or a Demeter Press edited volume. **ONE MUST BE A MEMBER OF ARM TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT!**

The Association for Research on Mothering (ARM) is committed to serious scholarship on mothering from a feminist, multi-cultural perspective.

For information about ARM and/or to request a membership brochure, please contact:

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**THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S  
STUDIES ASSOCIATION  
22nd Annual Conference**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
June 13-17, 2001

Submission Deadline: Oct 15, 2000

The Association for Research on Mothering (ARM) is hosting as part of the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) Conference two panel sessions on:

### 1. Mothering as a topic in the academy

- \*designing mothering/motherhood courses
- \*raising mothering/motherhood issues in the classroom
- \*problems & positives of teaching mothering/motherhood in Women's Studies courses
- reports on specific units on motherhood adopted in multicultural courses

### 2. Mothering and feminist academics

- \*getting through grad school and into the job market as a mother
- \*incorporation of single mothers into mainstream departments
- \*stopping the tenure clock for parents
- \*how becoming a mother changes research and creative interests, impact of mothering on scholarship and creative output
- \*day care and childcare as workplace and graduate student issues

The NWSA 22nd Annual Conference takes place June 13-17, 2001 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These panels will likely be scheduled early in the conference.

We welcome submissions from a variety of disciplines. If you are interested in being considered as a speaker, please send a 250 word abstract and a 50 word bio by Oct 15, 2000 to:

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ONE MUST BE A MEMBER OF ARM TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT, and a member of NWSA for the panel proposal to go forward from ARM to the national conference.

These sessions are co-sponsored by the NWSA Feminist Mothers and their Allies Task Force.

# **WOMEN, THERAPY & EXERCISE/SPORT**

Submission Deadline: Jan 1, 2001

We are both pleased and excited to announce that volume 24 (no 3 or 4) of Women & Therapy will be devoted to the use of exercise and sport as an adjunct to therapy. This edition, entitled "Constructing Exercise and Sport as Therapeutic Modalities," will explore the healing use of sport and exercise from several therapeutic orientations within a feminist context. The introduction will describe ways in which feminist orientations challenge the "mind/body" dichotomy and will cite the benefits of integrating physical activity,

exercise, and sport into therapy. The introductory material will also include an invited paper on the relationship of physical activity and sport to psychopharmacology, the traditional biological intervention. Major sections to follow will address fundamental orientations in psychotherapy: psychoanalytic, cognitive-behavioral, constructivist and organismic/systems.

Each section will include an invited paper to be accompanied by two to three refereed papers. Refereed papers will focus on how therapists use the principles and techniques of their orientation to introduce and maintain exercise/sport as a therapeutic component. The papers must also address how the therapist's and client's class, race/ethnicity, and sexual orientation serve as barriers to or facilitators of treatment.

Papers are to be no more than 20 pages in length (includes figures, graphics and references): Please use 12 point Times Roman font and APA style. Include three copies of your paper and a copy of your paper on a disc formatted for IBM PCs. Include your name, address, phone number, fax number and email address and your preferred means of being contacted by us. Your paper must not have been published elsewhere.

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# **25 YEARS OF NWSA: VISION, CONTROVERSY, AND TRANSFORMATION"** Special Issue, NWSA Journal Guest Editor: Bonnie Zimmerman

Submission Deadline: Feb1, 2001

The year 2002 marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of the National Women's Studies Association. In its first quarter-century, NWSA has reflected as well as initiated profound transformations in education for and about women; it has also undergone equally profound changes in its organization and vision. And yet its mission has remained constant: to further the social, political, and professional development of Women's Studies throughout the country and the world, at every educational level and in every educational setting. In this special issue of the NWSA Journal, planned to appear Spring 2002, we will explore the history of the organization, discuss its practices and philosophies, and envision its future.

We seek articles, reports, and retrospectives on all aspects of NWSA's existence, including those of its conferences, caucuses, regions, and publications. We welcome evaluations of its major accomplishments and controversies. We look for articles covering both general topics and individual histories. We especially invite analyses of and arguments about its future role and direction within the women's studies movement as a whole.

Topics might include:

\*the relationship between academics and activism, the struggle for diversity, the meaning of professionalism, successes and failures of organizational structures  
 \*the relationship between national organization and local programs, the relation of NWSA to international women's studies and women's studies organizations  
 \*NWSA as a site for theory-building and scholarship.

Because of the special nature of this issue, we invite submissions of all genres and lengths, as well as other printed material including archival documents, illustrations, and photographs.

Send three double-spaced copies of your manuscript (no more than 30 pages with a 150-word abstract), with parenthetical notes and a complete references page formatted according to the Chicago Manual of Style (14th edition) to:

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 2nd International Conference  
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Submission Deadline: Dec 15, 2000

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 Abstracts of up to 200 words, relating to one of the themes, to be submitted by 15 December 2000 in either MSWord or text format to:

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**2001 INSTITUTE Of The  
 Canadian Psychological  
 Association's  
 SECTION ON WOMEN AND  
 PSYCHOLOGY (SWAP)  
 Ste-Foy, Quebec  
 June 20, 2001**

Submission Deadline: Jan 5, 2001

Proposals are invited for the fourteenth Institute of the Section on Women and Psychology (SWAP) of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA). The Institute will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2001, the day immediately preceding the CPA Annual Meeting, to be held in Ste-Foy, Quebec. The theme is Women's Lives: Visions, Culture and Context.

The context and culture of women's lives present varying forces that

shape women's experience and society's understanding of that experience. These forces include working conditions, parental status, race and class, among others. The Institute is designed to bring together psychologists interested in visions of women's lives that include a focus on cultural and contextual influences, and the wider application of the understanding of those influences to feminist research and practice.

This one-day Institute will focus on feminist approaches to psychological theory, methods and research, therapy, teaching, and to our professional lives and professional development. Papers, symposia, panels, round-table discussion, or workshops on research methodology, theory development or clinical practice are welcome. Presentations are expected to cover a broad range of topics.

#### FORMAT

Please submit, for proposals of all types, the following:

1. A cover sheet listing the title of the proposal, author's name(s), professional affiliations, addresses and phone numbers. For a symposium, names of moderators and/or discussants should be included with those of the presenters.
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3. The amount of time you will require for your presentation should be indicated. Single papers should not exceed 30 minutes. Symposia, panel discussion or workshops should be limited to 1 & 1/2 hours.  
4. Audio-visual requirements, if any.

5. Two (2) stamped, self-addressed envelopes with each submission.

**BLIND REVIEW:** All submissions will be subject to blind review. To ensure unbiased selection of proposals, please restrict any identifying information to the cover sheet.

**WHO MAY SUBMIT PROPOSALS:** Anyone may submit a proposal regardless of sex or membership (or lack thereof) in SWAP or CPA. Submissions by people in disciplines other than Psychology are welcome.

**DEADLINE:** Proposals must be received by January 5th, 2001. Notification of decisions will be made as soon as possible.

**TRAVEL FUNDS:** SWAP provides travel awards to a limited number of students who present at either the SWAP Institute or the CPA convention. In addition, students who present a paper at the CPA convention may be eligible for travel funds distributed by CPA.

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# **WOMEN & THERAPY Special Edition Violence in the Lives of Black Women**

Submission Deadline: Jan 30, 2001

You are invited to submit manuscripts to the journal *Women & Therapy* for a special edition on violence in the lives of Black women. This journal is feminist in orientation and is designed to facilitate dialogue about therapy experiences among therapists, consumers, and researchers.

Activists, advocates, academics and service providers are encouraged to submit papers. Topics may include, but are not limited to sexism, racism, classism, and homophobia as they relate to sexual or physical violence against various populations of Black women (e.g., adolescents, incarcerated women, elderly women, women of faith, lesbian/bisexual women, female perpetrators, etc.). Manuscripts that focus on activism and treatment programs are also encouraged.

References, citations, and general style of manuscripts should be prepared in APA style, fourth edition and may be up to 20 typed double spaced pages in length.

Deadline for submissions is January 30, 2001. All manuscripts should be submitted in triplicate with a letter indicating that the material has not been published elsewhere and is not under review at another journal.

Submissions should be made to:

Carolyn M. West, Ph.D.

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The Association for Research on Mothering in celebration of International Women's Day is hosting a one day Symposium on Mothering, Sex and Sexuality Saturday March 3, 2001, York University, Toronto, Canada

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**WOMEN'S HEALTH AND  
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**FEMINIST UTOPIAS:  
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An International Feminist  
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Keynote Speaker: Marie Battiste,  
 University of Saskatchewan

From May 12-15, 2001, the BAITWorM (Biology As If the World Mattered) Network will be hosting its second conference at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto (OISE/UT).

We are professors in the natural and social sciences, women's studies and health professions who are committed to doing and teaching "science the way it should be done" and "science way better than we are doing." In keeping with our mandate to promote academic research and 'teaching as if the world mattered,' we invite traditional paper or poster proposals or proposals in innovative formats on the following topics, around which sessions will be organized:

- \*teaching feminist science
- \*anti-racist, anti-sexist science
- \*integrating environmental education into science
- \*critiques of science in the classroom
- \*spirituality & science
- \*ecofeminism
- \*worker science
- \*public vs. private science
- \*environmental justice

- \*genetically-modified crops/food
- \*how humans relate to nature

Application may be made for partial reimbursement of travel expenses, with graduate students having priority.

Deadline: 23 October, 2000

The title, abstract and an accompanying one-page vitae should be sent (preferably by email) to the Conference Co-ordinator:

Dr. Linda Muzzin  
 Higher Education Group,  
 Theory & Policy Studies in Education  
 OISE/University of Toronto  
 252 Bloor Street West  
 Toronto ON M5S 1V6  
 E-Mail: [l.muzzin@utoronto.ca](mailto:l.muzzin@utoronto.ca)  
 Voice Mail: (416) 923-6641 ext. 4490  
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## CAUT STATUS OF WOMEN CONFERENCE

**University of Windsor  
 Windsor, Ontario  
 October 26-28, 2000**

The CAUT Status of Women Conference is being held October 26-28, 2000, in Windsor, Ontario. The Agenda can be viewed and printed on the CAUT website at [www.caut.ca](http://www.caut.ca) under the heading "Meetings and Travel". On the web site you will also find the on-line registration form, dinner form, as well as the on-line hotel reservation form.

## CALL FOR REVIEWERS

Submission reviewers are needed for the 2001 SWAP Institute, "Women's Lives: Visions, Culture, and Context". If you are interested, please send an e-mail message including your mailing address and the topic areas in which you would review to:

Joanne Gallivan  
 Professor of Psychology  
 University College of Cape Breton  
 Sydney, Nova Scotia B1P 6L2  
 Phone: 902-563-1217  
 E-Mail: [jgallivan@uccb.ns.ca](mailto:jgallivan@uccb.ns.ca)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ms. Foundation for Women has new grant guidelines available on its website (under the publications section):

[www.ms.foundation.org](http://www.ms.foundation.org)

Grants for projects addressing violence against women range from \$5,000 to \$30,000.

Letters of intent are due on October 13, 2000.

Check web site for more information.

## GENDER-RELATED ELECTRONIC FORUMS

Gender-Related Electronic Forums is an award-winning, annotated listing of more than 600 women- and gender-related e-mail lists, including FEMPED-L. Gender-Related Electronic Forums has listings



arranged both alphabetically and by topic. It can be found at:

[www.umbc.edu/wmst/forums.html](http://www.umbc.edu/wmst/forums.html)

As for FEMPED-L, to subscribe, simply send the message SUBSCRIBE FEMPED-L Erika Giesen to [listserv@listserv.uga.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.uga.edu)

## POSITION AVAILABLE

### YORK UNIVERSITY HISTORY AND THEORY OF PSYCHOLOGY

York University, Faculty of Arts, Department of Psychology. Applications are invited for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in History and Theory of Psychology. York University has one of the very few graduate programs in the History and Theory of Psychology in North America, and the successful candidate will teach both graduate and undergraduate courses. Candidates should have a promising publication record and program of research focused on the history of psychology or on historically oriented theoretical approaches to psychology. A Ph.D. in psychology is required, and knowledge of qualitative research methods is an asset. Enquiries and applications with curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, and relevant reprints should be directed to:

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For many years, York University has had a policy of employment equity including affirmative action for women faculty and librarians. Recently, York has included racial/visible minorities, persons with disabilities and aboriginal peoples in its affirmative action program. Persons who are members of one or more of these three groups are encouraged to self identify during the selection process. Please note that candidates from these three groups will be considered within the priorities of the affirmative action program only if they self identify. The Psychology Department welcomes applications from women, racial/visible minorities, persons with disabilities and aboriginal peoples. A copy of the affirmative action program can be obtained by calling the affirmative action office at (416) 736-5713.

In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Review of applications will begin November 15 and continue until the position is filled.

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE

From time to time, the CPA office sends information to the SWAP Coordinator from the government

and other sources. These items are either kept by the Coordinator, or forwarded to the Newsletter Editor or the Chair of the Status of Women Committee. As a regular part of the newsletter, these items are listed with a brief description of each. If you wish to receive an item please let either Bonnie Long or myself know.

### Employment Equity Policy In Canada: An Interprovincial Comparison (Policy Research)

This study provides a review of employment equity policy at the federal and provincial levels. (Available from Status of Women)

### Promoting Equality: A New Vision

A report from the Canadian Human Rights Act Review Panel.

### A Fresh Start: Final Report of the ONHP Transition Team

A report outlining an operational framework for the implementation of the 53 recommendations made by the Standing Committee on Health regarding the regulation of natural health products.

### Women's History Month - Information Kit

(Available from Status of Women)

## SWAP WELCOMES YOUR INPUT

The next Newsletter will be printed in January 2001. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is January 2, 2001.

Please send any items to the Newsletter Editor.