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SWAP is looking for people to fill the role of provincial representative for the following provinces: Manitoba, Ontario, and Newfoundland. The duties of provincial representatives are to send news to the SWAP newsletter and to occasionally review papers for SWAP. If you are interested, please contact the Coordinator, Elizabeth Church at: echurch@mum.ca
Welcome to the 2002-2003 SWAP year. As this is my first message as Coordinator, I would like to take some time to introduce myself. I work at Memorial University in St John's, Newfoundland as an Associate Professor and as the Training Director in the Counselling Centre. I am cross-listed to Women's Studies and cross-appointed to the Faculty of Medicine where I teach in family medicine. My current research focus are stepfamilies and rural mental health. In my clinical practice, teaching, and research, my professional identity has been both as a psychologist and as a feminist and I am continually working at how to integrate the two. Having been involved in SWAP for a number of years and found it a dynamic and supportive organization, I am delighted to have the opportunity to be Coordinator.

The SWAP program at the CPA convention in Vancouver this year was a great success thanks to the hard work of all the organizers and the enthusiastic participation of so many. The pre-conference institute, "Doing Feminist Psychology: Feminist Therapy and Feminist Teaching," wonderfully organized by E.B. Brownlie, Meredith Kimball, Karen Kranz, and Ase-Sophia Maglio, had something for both practitioners and teachers. In the morning, Marlo Rivera described her feminist approach to working with trauma survivors and in the afternoon Jan Yoder presented a workshop on teaching the psychology of women and gender.

We were fortunate to have two SWAP-sponsored speakers, Tannis McBeth and Nancy Russo, who gave thoughtful and thought-provoking talks. This year's SWAP Distinguished Member Award was presented to Olga Favreau for her significant contributions to feminist research and for her long-time dedication to SWAP. Diane Priee, now Past Coordinator, did a fabulous job of planning and orchestrating the SWAP program. Thanks also to Maria Gurevich who was the Abstract Reviewer for the convention submissions and Charlene Senn who coordinated the student paper and travel awards (see Charlene's report for the names of this year's winners).

We have already begun planning for next year's convention to be held in Hamilton, June 14-16. The deadline for submissions for symposia, papers and posters is October 14. Please think about submitting proposals that would fit with SWAP. If you have any questions, you can get in touch with me or any other member of the executive. We are tentatively planning a SWAP-sponsored symposium on feminism and psychology. If you would like to participate in the planning, please contact me.

Enhanced collaboration with SPW (Division 35 of APA)

In the past few years, SWAP has developed a closer relationship with SPW - through the reciprocal membership fee option for SWAP and SPW members, through having a designated SWAP liaison to SPW (currently Sandra Pyke), and, most recently through the joint hosting of Jan Yoder's presentation at the pre-conference institute in Vancouver.

This August I was invited, as Coordinator of SWAP, to participate in a SPW-sponsored panel, "Fostering Collaboration and Leadership: Beginning Partnerships," at the APA convention in Chicago. In addition to SWAP, SPW invited representatives from five American organizations: Association of Black Psychologists, Sociologists for Women in Society, Women's Division of the Asian American Psychological Association, and National Association of Female Executives, and one international group, the International Council of Psychologists. The aim of the panel was to explore ways of developing a collaborative feminist agenda in the areas of research, leadership, and advocacy projects. Some potential joint activities were highlighted: addressing the wage gap between men and women, developing training in feminist psychology, and collaborating among the various organizations. SWAP and SPW identified two areas of possible collaboration - revising the guidelines on therapy with women and on non-sexist research and examining the teaching of women and psychology. The CPA Board has asked SWAP to review the CPA guidelines on non-sexist research and on therapy and counselling with women since these guidelines were developed in the 1980s and have not been substantially revised since then. SWAP's Status of Women Committee will be taking on this task. SPW currently has a task force revising their guidelines on therapy with women so there may be some places where we can work together. The other initiative would focus on the teaching of women and psychology courses. As many of you know, 40% of universities in Canada have no women and psychology courses listed in their calendars. This is of concern to us. At the panel, I discussed the possibility of forming a joint task force with SPW on this issue.
of Coordinator, I have begun to appreciate how much energy it takes to keep SWAP running smoothly. Diane Priebe made it look so effortless last year and made my transition very easy. Many thanks to her for all her hard work.

Elizabeth Church
SWAP Coordinator

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Distinguished Member Award: Dr. Olga Favreau. A list of the past holders of the Distinguished Member Award was read. Dr. Sandra Pyke's name was added to the list. Bonnie Long introduced the SWAP Distinguished Member Award recipient, Dr. Olga Favreau of the University of Montreal, who was honoured for her outstanding work in SWAP, CPA and for women and psychology in Canada. Dr. Favreau has been a member since the early days of SWAP. She received her Ph.D. from McGill in 1973 and is a full professor at the University of Montreal. She has helped shape the Psychology of Women for over 40 years. The nomination letter submitted by Delores Pushkar was read by Diane Priebe who also presented Dr. Favreau with the 2002 Distinguished Member Award. Olga made a very gracious response to the award stating that she believed that she received more from SWAP and women in psychology than she gave.

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4. Presentation and report for the 2002 Student Paper Award and Student Paper Award and Student Travel Bursaries: The Student Award Report was presented by Charlene Senn. The 2002 Student Paper Award ($500) recipient is Lori Brotto. Six Travel Bursaries were awarded this year. The four recipients of $200 Travel Bursaries were Nathan Hall, Christine Schwarz, Paulette Bateson Brazeau, and Lisa Van Bruggen. The recipients of $100 Travel Bursaries were Toria Nichols and Zina Lee. A number of the recipients were present to receive their awards and bursaries and all were extended congratulations. Charlene suggested that we encourage students to apply for these bursaries and also noted that donations to help finance the...
bursaries are most welcome. The students will be encouraged to become members of SWAP.

5. Coordinator's report (reported in the May, 2002 Newsletter). Diane Priebe reported that this has been a very busy year and was a very steep learning curve. She thanked Bonnie Long for all her help. The convention planning included the Section CPA Invited Speaker, Tanis MacBeth, PMS, TV and Stereotyping: Cultural and Feminist Perspectives; our Keynote Speaker, Janet Russo, Post Abortion Syndrome: What's the Evidence? What's the Threat?, symposia, theory reviews and poster sessions and the very successful Pre-Conference workshops. Diane thanked all the members of the Executive, particularly the Past Coordinator, Bonnie Long. The Newsletter Editor (Renée Cormier) was commended for her excellent work with the Newsletter and the web site. The Treasurer, Noreen Stuckless, worked to keep us in good financial shape. The Abstract Review Coordinator, Maria Gurevich, the Student Award co-ordinator, Charlene Senn, and the Graduate Student Representative were thanked for all their hard work and contributions. Sandra Pyke has facilitated a number of collaborative initiatives in her role as Monitor with Section 36 of APA. We are financially in good shape. A welcome was extended to the new co-ordinator, Elizabeth Church, and thanks to the SWAP members for their continued support. Diane presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Bonnie Long as Past Coordinator.

6. Treasurer's report. The 2001 financial report was presented by Noreen Stuckless. The Budget can be found in the May, 2002 Newsletter. Once again, SWAP's financial situation continued to improve. For the last two years our revenues exceeded our expenses. For the year 2001 we had a surplus of $700.92 instead of the projected surplus of $50. This is due, in part, to the decreased costs of the Newsletter, for which we congratulate the Newsletter editor Renee Cormier. We also had profits from the 2001 Institute for which we thank the Institute Coordinators Joanne Gallivan and Nicole Brown, and Bonnie Long for her obtaining monies from the American Psychological Foundation for Institute Expenses. The Miscellaneous amount of $400 reflects our donation to the Joanna Boehmert Memorial Fund, for which we received a gracious letter of gratitude. For 2002 we have budgeted $500 for the Student Paper Award ($500) and Student Travel Bursaries ($1000). This maintains the year 2001 level of funding and also allows for the full number of Student Travel Bursaries. We have decreased the budgeted amount for the Newsletter to reflect the reduced production expenses. The projected conference expenses have been increased to include expenses for our SWAP endorsed speakers. We project a deficit of $1400 to cover these expenses. One item of uncertainty at this time is revenue/expenses associated with the 2002 SWAP Institute. In the past, Institutes have been a source of revenue. However, because of the unknown nature of attendance etc. the budget does not reflect a surplus nor a deficit. Our up-to-date financial situation is very good. At the end of April, 2002 we had cash on hand of $9447.69. Our monies payable are approximately $3600, which leaves a balance of $5847. The membership for 2001 is comparable to the last number of years. As of December, 2001, there were 162 CPA members and 13 Associate Members, including 4 APA members. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Sandra Pyke and seconded by Rhona Steinberg. The motion passed unanimously.


The Newsletter. Three issues were produced with printouts ranging from 170-175. The hard copy format is being retained. A reminder was given that there is also an email option for receiving the Newsletter. The Editor reminded us that the Newsletter is a resource for posting Calls for Papers and Reviewers, Conference and Workshop Announcements, Award Notices and job advertisements. She thanked Jennifer Boisvert for her "Feminist Review" submissions and Joanne Gallivan for regularly forwarding information. Any suggestions or material is welcome and can be e-mailed to rcormier@cw.bc.ca

The Webpage. At www.cpa.ca/swap. Suggestions were asked for ways that the web page could be used. The web page is updated three times a year. A link could be made to the CPA web page. Noreen Stuckless moved and Elizabeth Church seconded a motion that Renée get a quote for obtaining a link. The motion passed unanimously. The list of Distinguished Member Award recipients should be put on the web page. Also, a list of members who request links to their home pages. The abstracts and biographies of Award winners could be added. Renée was congratulated for her work. Charlene Senn moved the
acceptance of the report and Noreen Stuckless seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

8. The Graduate Student Representative Report: Nicola Brown was not present.

9. The Status of Women Committee: Olga Favreau and Mona Abboudanza serve as Co-chairs. Olga Favreau did not give a formal report but said that a new issue was coming up. John Service has asked one of the CPA Board members, Lucy Morain, to review all the documents produced by the Status of Women Committee. Sandra Pyke asked and Olga agreed to look into this. What are the guidelines for the Committee etc?

10. CPA Board Liaison: Elizabeth Church moved and Rhona Steinberg seconded that Sandra Pyke be our CPA Board Liaison. The motion was passed unanimously. The inauguration of the CPA Foundation was announced at the CPA luncheon. Documents are going to be reviewed and we will be kept apprised of this. Noreen Stuckless moved and Tonia Nichols seconded a motion that the report be accepted. The motion was passed unanimously.

11. APA Division 35 Monitor: Sandra Pyke, reported on communications and negotiations with our sister section in APA.

SWAP Institute: July 2001 - At the suggestion of Diane Priebe, I initiated discussion with the then President of Division 35, Jan Yoder, regarding the possibility of co-sponsoring the 2002 SWAP Institute. The suggestion was enthusiastically received and the possibility of exporting the APA Division 35 Workshop of the Teaching of Psychology to Vancouver was subsequently explored with Karen Kranz, the SWAP Institute Coordinator, who then took on the job of negotiating arrangements.

Reciprocal Fee Arrangement: August 2001 - Positive comments about the reciprocal fee arrangement appeared in Jan Yoder's Presidential Report. The reciprocal fee arrangement was announced in the Fall 2001 issue of the Feminist Psychologist (the newsletter of the Division) and this issue also contained an application form for Division members to apply for membership in the Section (pp. 8 and 42). Four Division members have applied for SWAP membership under the terms of the agreement. An application form for SWAP members who wanted to join was drafted and was included as a flyer with the January 2002 issue of the SWAP Newsletter. This issue also contained a copy of my report of liaison activities for 2001. A total of 13 SWAP members have taken advantage of the reciprocal fee arrangement.

September 11: The Winter 2002 issue of the Feminist Psychologist contained a special section on the events of September 11. As part of that section, on behalf of the members of SWAP, I submitted the following message. Thanks to Diane Priebe and Noreen Stuckless for their review of the note.

A message of Sympathy and Support

From the Canadian Psychological Association section on Women and Psychology

The members of the Canadian Psychological Association section on Women and Psychology would like to express their sympathy and support for our colleagues in the Society for the Psychology of Women and all Americans following the horrendous events of September 11. As true of people around the world, we viewed the events, riveted in front of our televisions, first with denial and disbelief, then with shock, then with anger, and then with overwhelming sorrow. That such atrocities could be perpetrated on thousands of people innocently going about their business was beyond the cognitive and emotional capacities of most of us, yet vivid memories of that day will be with us forever. We mourn with the families and friends of those who lost their lives; we honour the many brave and selfless individuals who risked their own lives to save others; we respect and appreciate the efforts of those who laboured night and day in rescue operations. Such acts of courage and the immediate and overwhelming outpouring of offers of help and assistance were truly inspiring. Perhaps the best of the human spirit is never more clearly revealed than in crisis situations. In the aftermath of the terrorist attack we hope that we can work together to move forward in eradicating not only acts of terrorism but all forms of violence from our global society (p. 13).

Thanks were extended to Sandra for her work as Liaison. Rhona Steinberg moved and Barbara Wells seconded a motion that the report be accepted. The motion was passed unanimously.

12. The 2002 SWAP Institute Report: Coordinators were Karen
Kranz, Meredith Kimball and E.B. Brownlee. The Institute was held at in the Student Union Building of UBC on May 29th and there were approximately 100 registrants. The speakers were excellent and very well received. Three hundred dollars were given to help with expenses by Educational and Psychological Counselling. Although we had not received a final accounting from CPA, it certainly appears that the Institute will provide revenue for SWAP. The profits will be shared with Division 35, APA, which also paid for Jan Yoder's flight. Details of the Institute were submitted to the Feminism and Psychology Newsletter. Karen Kranz will produce guidelines, etc. for the next Institute's organizers. The coordinators thanked everyone who helped with the Institute. They, in turn, were thanked and congratulated for the success of the Institute. There are plans to have an Institute next year at CPA in Hamilton, Ontario. Olga Favreau moved and Christine Storm seconded a motion to give a vote of thanks to the Institute committee and to accept the report. The motion was passed unanimously.


The following Proposed Executive Slate for 2002-2003 was presented.


Noreen Stickless was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer for a new 2-year term. Sandra Pyke suggested that Renee Cormier put a call for volunteers as Provincial Representatives in the Newsletter. Joanne Gallivan volunteered to be the Province of Nova Scotia Representative. Lynn Robinson moved and Sandra Pyke seconded a motion to adopt the proposed Executive Slate. The motion was passed unanimously.

14. Other Business. Due to the shortness of time not all items for Other Business were discussed: 1) Charlene Senn suggested that we take another look at the criteria for the Student Award paper. Charlene will send around ideas to the listserv and ask for other ideas; 2) Due to the lack of time, Bonnie Long presented a shortened report on the pre-conference Section Meeting. Next year the submission requirement of a long summary section will not be required. The CPA dues will increase by $10 in 2003 and by $10 in 2004. The Foundation will permit tax deductible donations; 3) We had a discussion about increasing the length of the Coordinator's term of office which presently is one year. Sandra Pyke noted that an examination would have to be made of the by-laws in case they needed to be changed. A motion of the notice to increase the length of the term of the Coordinator and any other positions would be put in the Newsletter and voted on at next year's AGM; 4) Meredith Kimball asked that members check whether their email address is correct on the listserv; 5) It was mentioned that there is a French name for the section, i.e., Section: Femmes et Psychologie.

15. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn was moved by Sandra Pyke and seconded by Rhona Steinberg. All in favour. We adjourned at 4:30 pm.

SWAP DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

Nomination of Olga Favreau
by Delores Pushkar

I wish to nominate Olga Favreau for a SWAP Distinguished Member Award in recognition of her contributions to Psychology in research and university teaching. Dr. Favreau, who is a Full Professor, at the Université de Montréal, has made significant contributions in three major areas, representing long standing and passionately held interests of hers.

Dr. Favreau's first contribution has been in perception. She became fascinated by the study of perception as a graduate student at McGill University when she attended a talk on the McCollough Effect, which was discovered at McGill University, by Colleen McCollough. Her interest in perception focussed on identifying and delineating pathways that process visual information about colour, motion, and contours. From 1964 to 1990, Dr. Favreau was an active and successful researcher in perception, publishing in leading journals and giving talks at national and international conferences and universities.
However, alongside her work in the field of perception, Dr. Favreau was equally absorbed by the study of gender. During her early years as a university professor, her interest in the study of gender expressed itself primarily through her teaching. For many years she combined her interests by conducting research in perception and teaching in gender. During this time, she also began her active and continuing participation in SWAP. But the practical constraints of staying abreast of two rapidly growing areas of psychological research forced her to make a choice. True love won out and Dr. Favreau switched her research to the study of gender. Her work in this area ranges broadly from examining the construction of the scientific and statistical meaning of gender to the social consequences of gender. Her research publications have elegantly demonstrated the differences between what we mean in everyday talk about gender and what the methodological and statistical procedures that psychologists use to detect and infer gender differences reveal. The results are frequently not the same and are often interpreted in ways that reinforce social bias.

Dr. Favreau's interest in the study of gender has led into her continuing contributions in a third area of psychology. As her curriculum vitae indicates, one of her earliest publications is concerned with how psychology is used by students after they graduate. She has published many papers and given many talks reflecting her concern with the accuracy and validity of the methods that we use and the inferences we make in the testing of hypotheses and the search for constructs. Her work has served as a gadfly to good researchers to be more responsible in their proclamations, not just about gender but about other issues of social significance.

I am confident that Dr. Favreau's work and contributions to psychology merits recognition as a Distinguished Member of SWAP.

SWAP STUDENT PAPER AWARD/TRAVEL BURSARY AWARDS REPORT
Submitted by: Charlene Y. Senn, Student Award Coordinator

For the 2002 CPA 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. We had an unusually low number of applications for travel awards this year, probably due to the cost of travelling to the west coast. The up side of this was that we were in the very unusual situation of being able to provide travel assistance to everyone who applied.

The submissions for the Student Paper Award are submitted for blind review to two reviewers with different training and interests. Again this year the papers submitted for the $500 Student Paper Award were of high quality. The recipient of the 2002 SWAP Student Paper Award was Lori Broto who is a doctoral student in Clinical Psychology at the University of British Columbia. Ms. Broto's submission was entitled The comparison of clinical assessment and laboratory-based assessment of sexual arousal in women with and without arousal disorder. The abbreviated version of this paper is printed in this newsletter.

This year travel and conference bursaries, in the amount of $200, were awarded to four students, and in the amount of $100 to two local students. The winners were: Paulette Bateson Brazeau (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education), Nathan Hall (University of Manitoba), Christine Schwartz (University of Victoria), Lisa VanBruggen (University of Victoria), and Toria Nicholls and Zina Lee (Simon Fraser University).

Congratulations to all our winners. Donations to the student award fund can be made at any time. Your generosity could help us keep the awards at this high level.

SWAP STUDENT PAPER AWARD WINNER
The comparison of clinical assessment and laboratory-based assessment of sexual arousal in women with and without arousal disorder

Lori Broto
University of British Columbia

Pioneers of sexuality research, Kinsey (1953) and Masters and Johnson (1966), paved the way for the formalized study of human sexuality in a way that had never been done before. Their exquisite documentation of the physiological changes taking place during sexual behaviour encouraged the
The development of a new field of "sexual psychophysiology" focused on the application of psychophysiological methods to the study of sexual arousal, with a special emphasis on the relationship between the cognitive or affective features and the physiological components of sexual arousal (Rosen and Beck, 1988). The development of a vaginal photoplethysmograph (VPP) for women (Sintchak & Geer, 1975) allowed for a more detailed, objective, and methodologically rigorous study of genital sexual arousal than those early pioneers were capable of. The VPP is composed of a tampon-shaped acrylic probe that is inserted vaginally by the subject. It emits an infrared pulse of light which, when the vaginal area becomes aroused and inflated with blood, is backscattered and detected by a phototransistor. In essence the VPP provides an indirect measure of genital sexual arousal based on the presence of blood flow, or vasocongestion. After three decades since its creation, the VPP remains the most widely used instrument to measure genital sexual arousal in women because of its robust sensitivity and specificity to erotic stimuli, and because of its ease of use by both the investigator and the subject.

The overall experience of sexual arousal is composed of an intricate interaction between cognitive/affective (i.e., subjective), physiological, and behavioural components, with each component contributing unique variance to the overall sexual arousal response (Barlow, 1986). Thus, psychophysiological investigations typically include a measure of subjective sexual arousal in the laboratory setting. Subjective sexual arousal reflects an estimate of the extent to which the subject is "mentally aroused". In studies that have combined subjective and physiological assessments, there is often no significant correlation between the two (Rosen & Beck, 1988). That is, these processes are desynchronous. Moreover, therapeutic techniques aimed at improving sexual arousal do not necessarily ameliorate all components of the sexual arousal response, and an increase in genital sexual arousal may not be accompanied by a concomitant increase in subjective sexual arousal (Tuten et al., 1996). Several hypotheses have been put forward to explain why genital and subjective arousal seem to correlate in men (Heiman, 1977), but not women. However, even after attempts at controlling for methodological variables, genital-subjective desynchrony remains (Laan, Everaerd, van Bellen, & Hanewald, 1994). Despite this lack of concordance between genital and subjective sexual arousal for women, the VPP is commonly used as an endpoint measure in outcome studies on treatments for female sexual arousal disorder. Pharmaceutical companies are investing large sums of money into the use of this instrument to detect "real" changes in sexual arousal after administration of vasoactive medications. However, given that, at least in the laboratory context, women's experience of genital arousal is contributing little to their experience of subjective sexual arousal, the extent to which this instrument will inform researchers about clinically significant improvements in sexual arousal following treatment remains unknown.

To date there exist no published studies on the applied use of the VPP in a clinical context. The purpose of this investigation was to investigate the clinical utility of the VPP by exploring the extent to which genital patterns of arousal correlate with detailed, self-report assessments of sexual arousal in the real-life sexual setting. Sixty-one premenopausal women participated in this study; 30 were free of sexual difficulty and 31 women self-reported clinically significant sexual arousal difficulties. Based on an in-person interview, subjects were grouped into one of the following categories: (1) no sexual arousal complaints; (2) presence of subjective sexual arousal impairment; (3) presence of impaired genital sexual arousal; or (4) both impaired genital and subjective sexual arousal. The session was conducted by a female researcher and began by orienting the subject to the laboratory equipment, obtaining written consent, and answering any questions about the study protocol. Genital arousal to a neutral and erotic stimulus was obtained with a VPP in a private, internally locked room. Subjective sexual arousal was assessed using self-report questionnaires during the neutral and erotic stimulus conditions. Immediately following, a structured interview, which was developed based on the clinical assessments of women with arousal disorder (Basson & Brotto, 2001) was administered. This interview was designed to assess a woman's experience of sexual arousal in her real-life sexual setting, and separately measured (1) mental excitement, (2) general physical arousal (i.e., temperature, heart rate), (3) awareness of genital arousal (i.e., throbbing, wetness), and (4) experience of pleasant sexual genital sensations (i.e., clitoral arousal) in response to genital and non-genital stimulation by self or partner. All procedures
were approved by the University's Behavioural Research Ethics Board.

Our results revealed a significant increase in genital arousal during the erotic condition for all women. Whereas subjective arousal increased in all women, it was significantly more pronounced in women without sexual dysfunction. Genital and subjective sexual arousal were not correlated in women with or without arousal disorder. Responses to the detailed assessment of "at-home" arousal revealed that all women, including those with the various subtypes of arousal disorder, attributed greater awareness of mental arousal than awareness of genital arousal in their natural sexual context. Arousal ratings at home were significantly higher in sexually healthy women than in the various subgroups of arousal disorder, confirming our laboratory observations. Correlations between the detailed interview assessment and genital arousal in the laboratory revealed that for all women, laboratory-based genital arousal did not correlate with mental sexual excitement in the naturalistic setting. There was a significant correlation between laboratory-based genital arousal and awareness of genital arousal for women with sexual arousal disorder, but not for sexually healthy women.

Overall these data demonstrate that genital sexual arousal, as assessed by the vaginal photoplethysmograph, correlates rather poorly with subjective sexual arousal in sexually healthy women, and in women with sexual arousal disorder. This is true for subjective arousal assessed in the laboratory context, and in the naturalistic setting. Interestingly, women with arousal disorder were better able to detect genital arousal than sexually healthy women, though this did not translate into the experience of subjective sexual arousal for these women. These findings are consistent with our clinical assessments of women, both with and without arousal difficulties, in that there seems to be little awareness of genital arousal in the sexual context. Moreover, there has been a recent reconceptualization of the sexual response cycle of Masters and Johnson as being less genitally focused than once thought (Tiefer, 1991). This lack of agreement between the detailed interview of at-home arousal and laboratory-based testing bears important implications on the future use of laboratory-based instruments in outcome studies of treatments for sexual dysfunction in women. If the VPP is to be used in clinical trials for arousal disorder, it would seem imperative to establish that women describe their experience of sexual arousal in a manner that taps into genital vasocongestion; however, this is clearly not the case. Indeed the penile photoplethysmograph is justified in outcome studies of male erectile disorder; however, in men there is robust synchrony between genital and subjective sexual arousal. These findings do not suggest that genital arousal, as assessed by laboratory-based instruments, bears no relevance to sexual arousal in women, rather that it contributes little to what women report as being "important" in their experience of sexual arousal. Future outcome studies examining the efficacy of pharmaceutical agents or sex therapy should take these findings and gender-differences into account when designing protocols, and include broader endpoint measures of sexual arousal.

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The SPW and SWAP have entered into a reciprocal fees arrangement such that any member of SWAP may join SPW (Division 35) for $15.00 US. This fee applies to all categories of membership. Such members would receive the four issues of the Psychology of Women Quarterly published annually as well as the four annual issues of the SWAP Newsletter, and enjoy full rights and privileges of membership. SWAP members who are not full members of APA are also eligible for SPW membership but may not vote in division elections for APA representatives.

Note that the membership renewal schedule for SPW follows the calendar year as does APA membership. For more information please visit the SWAP website at http://www.cpa.ca/swap/notices.htm

**Feminist Review**


Reviewed by Jennifer A. Boisvert, M.A.

As stated by the authors, “[t]his report seeks to make connections between gender, housing and health by developing an explanatory theoretical model that is grounded in the experiences of women who have lived in and who are living in sub-standard housing” (p. i). The lack of available research concerning the consequences of recent changes in Canada’s housing policies on prairie women’s psychological and physical health prompted the authors to conduct a research project within the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Accordingly, this document details a research study designed to draw links between housing issues and women’s health by exploring the following: government housing policy changes; the effect of sub-standard housing on women’s well-being; the addressing of women’s housing issues; and the inclusion of women’s concerns in the development of future housing policies.

Reflective of a research orientation, Left in the Cold: Women, Health and The Demise Social Health Policies takes the form of a formal research report in presenting the reader with pertinent information. Part 1, “Introduction” establishes the importance of performing gender-based analysis when investigating issues faced by low-income women living in impoverished housing conditions. The reader is made aware that Canada is experiencing a severe crisis in housing, with high levels of homelessness in major cities and a shortage of core housing (i.e., accessible, affordable, and suitable rental units) in some provinces. The appreciation for the significance of housing on health status is stressed with the suggestion that the federal government’s withdrawal from social housing may seriously compromise women’s health given the assumption that adequate shelter is a prerequisite to good health. Part 2, “Review of the Literature” provides an adequate overview of the policy and practice changes in Canadian housing policies in years past with a focus on gender. Both technical and non-technical sources of information are included in this review and key definitions are presented as a way of assisting the reader in becoming better oriented and informed on issues related to women’s housing. Additionally, gender-based analysis, health determinants, compounding issues, international comparisons, and relevant statistics are considered. Contrasting the comprehensive overview of Part 2, Part 3, “Methods,” offers a concise outline of the grounded theory approach to qualitative analysis to the detriment of omitting the basic merits of these theoretical and methodological research approaches. As such, this section suffers the weakness of assuming that the reader is already aware of the critical value of conducting qualitative research as a way of validating women’s lived experiences and promoting a feminist research agenda. The description of the participants and the procedure is succinct and is
somewhat underdeveloped. On a more positive note, Part 4, "Findings and Interpretation" provides the reader with a humanized and holistic understanding of chronic housing problems and adverse housing conditions experienced by women. Participant quotes from the thirteen low-income women interviewed in this study lend a personal and consequential perspective on core housing issues of affordability, adequacy, and suitability and their relevance to personal/familial safety, disability, life quality, sense of community, employability, and housing policy. Moreover, insights shared by the eight housing professionals interviewed in this study supplements statements made by the women regarding the rapidly increasing need to recognize and respond to Canada’s housing crisis. Part 5, “Conclusions and Recommendations” briefly reviews housing policy issues identified in previous sections and attempts to address these areas of concern in proposing recommendations that target general health and housing issues and gender-specific process issues. In doing so, the authors promote a preventative and pro-active population health approach with a special focus on benefiting women and the broader housing community. A notable drawback of this section is that the recommendations, despite their political applicability, are lacking in practicality as sustainable strategies for helping women achieve greater empowerment in terms of finding appropriate housing and dealing with adverse housing problems. References, appendices, and figures included at the end of this report may be useful to those readers with interests and backgrounds relevant to epidemiology, sociology, social economy, and gender equity.

In summary, this report draws the reader’s attention to key points and connections concerning recent changes in Canadian housing policies and their residual outcomes on women’s health and wellness. Both the research findings and recommendations generated from this report appear to suggest the need for further research in this area specific to evaluation of social housing programs. The authors succeed in discussing Canada’s current housing crisis and what it means for low-income women and those working with this client group. Further, they are to be credited with raising social awareness of housing concerns and the necessity of developing future partnerships between government agencies and community-based organizations to promote housing policy change through gender-based analysis. From a feminist and activist standpoint, the authors fail to make salient that their explanatory theoretical model fits within a feminist methodological framework. The authors neglect to articulate possible and workable strategies for promoting empowering change and safeguarding women’s health status beyond that created on communal and/or governmental levels.

CALL FOR PAPERS

CANADIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION 2003 CONVENTION

Deadline: October 14, 2002

CPA call for submissions for the 2003 convention now on-line at www.cpa.ca/hamilton/

The Convention Committee invites submissions to the CPA 64th Annual Convention to be held at the Hamilton Entertainment and Convention Facilities Inc. in Hamilton, Ontario, Thursday, June 12 to Saturday, June 14, 2003.

For individuals who do not have access to the web, submission forms are available by contacting:
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2003 BIENNIAL CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY RESEARCH

Deadline: November 17, 2002

The SCRA: Division 27 Planning Committee is now accepting on-line submissions for the 2003 Biennial Conference on Community Research and Action to be held in Las Vegas, New Mexico on June 4-7, 2003. You can find the Call for Proposals, as well as the link for on-line submissions, at http://www.nmhu.edu/scra/ The Call will also be published in the next issue of The Community Psychologist.

Please contact Jean Hill if you have any questions.

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The first issue of the Women's Health & Urban Life journal is now complete. The issue is scheduled to appear in May 2002. The work on manuscripts for the second issue (due in December, 2002) is underway. The journal addresses a plethora of topics relating to women’s and girls’ health from an international and interdisciplinary perspective and links health to globalization and urbanization issues. The orientation of the journal is critical, feminist and social scientific. Both qualitative and quantitative manuscripts, and theoretical or empirical works are welcome. All submissions will be peer reviewed by anonymous reviewers. For a more detailed copy of the goals, substantive basis and submission guidelines of the new journal, please visit the following website, and click on the journal name or journal cover: http://cldt.scar.utoronto.ca/sever/index.html

We are inviting submissions for our next issue as well as for future issues. We are also continuously reviewing/accepting submissions. The deadline for submission for the December issue is May 1st, 2002 and the deadline for the May 2003 issue is December 1, 2002. The topic is broadly defined as women's/girl's mental, physical and/or sexual and reproductive health. If you are interested in contributing a research or theory paper for this exciting new journal, please let me know (and check out the submission guidelines on our website). I am personally looking forward to hearing from you and having an opportunity to consider your work for publication.

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ATLANTIS: A WOMEN'S STUDIES JOURNAL
Special Issue on Unpaid Work

Guest Editors:
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Deadline: February 28, 2003

We are looking for submissions for an upcoming special issue of Atlantis on unpaid work. The international women's movement has been active for decades, trying to get women's unpaid work recognized and valued, by international agencies, national governments, policy analysts, social movement activists and families. This issue explores a range of perspectives on unpaid work from discussions about what the work involves, reports from activists about what has happened to date and what still needs doing, to analyses of the policy implications of recognizing and valuing unpaid work.

Atlantis is an interdisciplinary journal devoted to critical and creative writing in English or French on the topic of work. We invite submissions including scholarly articles, poetry, creative writing, visual art, interviews and any other...
relevant forms. Please see our website for submission guidelines: www.MacV.ca/atlantis
Or contact the Atlantis office at: Institute for the Study of Women Mount Saint Vincent University Halifax, Nova Scotia B3M 2J6

Please note: Atlantis articles are peer reviewed both to foster rigorous feminist scholarship and to ensure that Atlantis meets the academic and feminist expectations of our colleagues. When a peer reviewed article is accepted for publication in Atlantis, we ask that the contributor subscribe to the journal for one year. Like many other journals, our fiscal base is vulnerable. We rely on subscribers to Atlantis to keep the journal in print and available to the larger community as part of a commitment to disseminate feminist knowledge. We ask contributors to support that effort. In exchange, they receive the spring and fall issues and an extra copy of the edition carrying their article.

Submissions should be sent to:

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JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH ON MOTHERING
Special Issue: Mothering and Teaching in the Academe

Deadline: May 1, 2003

The editorial board is seeking submissions for Vol. 5.2 of the Journal of The Association for Research on Mothering (ARM) to be published in Fall/Winter 2003.

The journal will explore the topic of mothering and teaching in the academy from a variety of perspectives and disciplines. We welcome submissions from students, activists, scholars, artists and others who work or research in this area. We also welcome creative reflections such as poetry, short stories, and artwork on the subject.

If you are interested in writing a book review, we have books in need of a review, or if you know of a recent publication that you think would be relevant, please contact Cheryl Dobinson at cjDOBINS@YORKU.CA

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:
Book reviews are to be no more than 2 pages (500 words), articles should be 15 pages (3750 words). All should be in MLA style, in WordPerfect or Word and IBM compatible.

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To submit work to the journal, one must be a member of ARM and memberships must be received by May 1, 2003.

CONFERENCES

7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON MOTHERING, RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY
The Association for Research on Mothering (ARM)
York University, Toronto, Canada
October 24-26, 2003

Historically and cross-culturally the world's religions and spiritualities have simultaneously restricted mothers' roles and activities while conversely giving mothers some agency and authority. This conference will explore, from a variety of perspectives and disciplines, the impact of religion and spirituality on the experience of mothering and of mothers on religion and spirituality. It will examine mothers' lived experience as well as representations of mothering-motherhood in religion.

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EFFECTS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE ON CHILDREN...DECREASING THE IMPACT
Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute
Chattanooga Choo-Choo
Chattanooga, TN
October 25, 2002

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Robert Geffner, Ph.D.
INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES: GLOBAL VOICES FOR GENDER EQUITY
A symposium to explore how women create change
Wyndham Washington D.C. Hotel
Nov. 15 to 17, 2002

The American Association of University Women Educational Foundation, which has provided educational and research support for international women graduate students since 1917, and the Educational Testing Service invite you to participate in AAUW's second international biennial symposium.

The symposium will provide policymakers, scholars, and practitioners an opportunity to explore how women have used their education to address four key global issues, especially in emerging nations:
- Literacy improvement
- Peace education and conflict resolution
- Governance
- Education for people with disabilities

Interactive presentations, which will include panel discussions, demonstration/poster sessions, and dialogues, will enable participants to fulfill five primary objectives of the symposium:
1) Exchanging information and ideas on the ways in which women are making an impact on the world
2) Identifying new research, policy, and program strategies to advance education for women and girls
3) Establishing a forum for reporting on current programs and projects that highlight women's progress in the four key areas
4) Strengthening the network of emerging and established scholars who can build on dialogues begun at the symposium and collaborate on research activities across national boundaries.

Topics will include women's roles in literacy, higher education, and economic development; the role of women's non-governmental organizations; and women in leadership and decision-making positions.

Advance registration deadline:
Postmarked by Monday, Sept. 16, 2002. Registration deadline:
Postmarked by Friday, Nov 1, 2002.
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HAWAII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ARTS AND HUMANITIES
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel
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January 12-15, 2003

For more information visit http://www.hichumanities.org/

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NATIONAL MULTICULTURAL SUMMIT III
Hollywood, CA
January 23-24, 2003

The website for the National Multicultural Summit III on Jan 23-24, 2003 in Hollywood CA is officially up. The conference promises to be exciting and to address important issues in multiculturalism. You can register online at: www.multiculturalsummitIII.org

FROM 9-TO-5 TO 24/7: HOW WORKPLACE CHANGES IMPACT FAMILIES, WORK AND COMMUNITIES
Orlando, Florida
Feb. 28Mar. 1, 2003

An Academic Conference Sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Foundation and the Community, Families & Work Program at the Women's Studies Research Center at Florida University

As the economy has shifted from 9-to-5 to 24/7, related changes are rippling through families, communities, and the workplace itself. We welcome proposals for presentations featuring high-quality research using a variety of perspectives and methods taking this transition into consideration.

Previous research has demonstrated two-way linkages between job demands and family life. These linkages may be more complex when family members work nonstandard schedules and when there are two-earners. Moreover, relationships and resources within the family, the workplace, and the community may or may not keep pace as our economy operates 24/7. Finally, has the 24/7 economy facilitated or hindered the ability of families to manage their work and family responsibilities?

Research on the inter-relationships among work, family, and community in the new economy includes, but is not limited to, the impact of new work demands and new work schedules on mothers, fathers, and children. Issues of availability of child care, impact of non-overlapping parental work schedules, personal strain associated with nonstandard work hours, adequacy of transportation, and the ability to perform household sustaining tasks take on special importance.

TOPICS TO BE CONSIDERED INCLUDE:
I. Workplace Changes
a. 24/7
b. Globalization
c. Increased travel
d. Alternative work schedules
1. Reduced hours
2. Compressed work week
3. Shiftwork
4. Telecommuting
5. Contingent employment
e. Corporate benefits and trends

II. Demographics
a. Sandwich generation
b. Aging workforce
c. Delayed parenting

III. Community Resources
a. Child care
b. After-school programs
c. Nonstandard hours child care
d. Transportation
e. Community Parent Networks

IV. Federal and State Policies
a. Leave policies
b. Welfare-to-work
c. Kindergarten and pre-kindergarten programs

V. Labor Issues
a. Unions
b. Labor laws

c. Employment law

VI. Cross-Cultural Perspectives

VII. Child-Care/Elder-Care Needs

a. Caregiving (paid and unpaid)

A special feature of the 2003 conference will be activities to grow connections among members of the work-family community. The conference will be held contiguous with the annual meeting of the Alliance of WORK/LIFE Professionals. Special "crossover" events are planned for attendees of both conferences at no extra charge, offering researchers important opportunities to interact with corporate practitioners. Plenary and other sessions during the research conference also will be designed with community-building in mind.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW PUBLICATION

Ovarian Connection is a new, Canadian, printed publication designed to congratulate, update and connect those who work with childbearing and breastfeeding women.

Original articles feature reviews of childbearing and breastfeeding biology, discussions of practice-based topics, personal journals, "political" updates as well as book and website reviews.

The first issue (August, 2002) is now available. It is being distributed free of charge to introduce prospective readers to its content, philosophy and format.

For more information about receiving a free copy of the first issue or contributing an article,
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NEW PUBLICATION

Voices from the Frontlines: Models of Women-Centred Care in Manitoba and Saskatchewan

by Robin Barnett, Tammy Horne & Susan White

This report describes women-centred care in the Prairie provinces, and is inclusive of First Nations and Aboriginal models. Building upon prior Canadian research and policy work on women-centred care, the authors sought concrete and detailed information by investigating women-centred practices. Health care professionals, lay workers, and administrators describe how they define and deliver women-centred care based on the needs of women themselves. The report is informed by semi-structured interviews with health care practitioners and contains many quotes to give voice to the practitioners.

While many elements of women-centred care parallel those described previously, others such as Aboriginal spirituality and self-determination, integrated service delivery, a shared women-centred philosophy in the workplace, staff mental health and safety are described for the first time. Thus our understanding of women-centred care is deepened, particularly by evidence of how the workplace supports women-centred care.

This research demonstrates that all-encompassing women-centred care is comprised of:
- The “cornerstones” of women-centred care (A focus on women, involvement and participation of women, empowerment and respect and safety)
- Comprehensive services that reflect women’s patterns and preferences for care and acknowledge women’s ways of communication and interaction
  - Gender-sensitive knowledge development
  - A women-centred workplace

Practitioners describe better outcomes in meeting women's needs because women participated in their own care, and a variety of service delivery models and programming. Successful women-centred models may require support in the form of funding and structural changes. Hence numerous policy issues emanate from this research.

Copies are available for download at: http://www.pwhee.ca

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WOMEN’S PSYCH-E

Women’s Psych-E is a monthly electronic newsletter of the Women’s Programs Office (WPO) of the Public Interest Directorate, the American Psychological Association (APA), which focuses on women’s health and well-being, research initiatives and opportunities for psychologists, announcements about meetings and conferences, WPO and the Committee on Women in Psychology (CWP) news, and general information about women and psychology.

If you would like to subscribe to Women’s Psych-E, or if you have comments, questions, or news about women and psychology that you would like to submit for consideration to the newsletter, send a note to Denise C. Jones at djones@apa.org or Gabrielle Clune at gclune@apa.org at (202) 336-6044.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

STATUS OF WOMEN CANADA Policy Research Fund

Deadline: December 3, 2002

The Status of Women Canada's Policy Research Fund invites research proposals in the following two areas:

1. Engendering the human security agenda
2. Restructuring in rural Canada: Policy implications for rural women

For more information, consult their web site: http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca

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POSITION

YORK UNIVERSITY
Faculty of Arts
Department of Psychology

Start Date: July 1, 2003

York University in Toronto is inviting applications for a tenure-track position in the health psychology specialization in clinical psychology, for July 1, 2003. The position is at the Assistant Professor level.
The Department is a large, active and diverse one that offers doctoral programs in a number of areas. The program in clinical psychology subscribes to the scientist-practitioner model of clinical training and is accredited by both the Canadian Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association. Applicants for this position must have a Ph.D. in clinical psychology with a specialized background in health psychology and skills in cognitive-behaviour therapy. They should have a promising program of scholarship focused on the role of psychosocial factors in the etiology of various physical disorders. Applicants must be eligible for registration as psychologists in the province of Ontario. The successful candidate will be expected to teach both undergraduate and graduate courses and to engage in the clinical supervision of graduate students.

Competence in the teaching and supervision of qualitative research will be an asset. All positions at York University are subject to budget approval. York University has an Affirmative Action Program with respect to its faculty and librarian appointments. The designated groups are: women, racial/visible minorities, persons with disabilities and aboriginal peoples. Persons in these groups must self-identify in order to participate in the Affirmative Action Program. The Department of Psychology welcomes applications from persons in these groups. The Affirmative Action Program can be found on York’s web site at www.yorku.ca/acadjobs/index.htm or a copy can be obtained by calling the affirmative action office at 416-736-5713. Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be considered first for this position.

Enquiries and applications with curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, and relevant reprints should be directed to:

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Review of applications will begin November 15, 2002 and continue until the position is filled.

The next newsletter will be printed in January, 2003. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is January 2, 2003.

Please send any items to the Newsletter Editor.