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We have two vacancies on the SWAP executive. Volunteers are needed for the two new positions of Membership Secretary and Nominations Coordinator. The Membership Secretary will update the membership list on a regular basis by combining the list that CPA provides with the information that the treasurer receives and communicating this information to the treasurer, the newsletter editor and the list serve coordinator as needed. The Nominations Coordinator will be responsible for seeking and organizing nominations for the various positions and awards that come up throughout the year, such as those associated with seats on the CPA Board of Directors and CPA Fellowships. There is more information about these positions in the Coordinator’s message below. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Connie Kristiansen connie.kristiansen@carleton.ca.

Hello All!

In this my last column as SWAP Coordinator, I want to tell you about the upcoming CPA Convention, let you know about a few upcoming vacancies on the SWAP Executive, and take the opportunity to thank the many women who have, through their contributions to SWAP, made my life so much easier.

Convention. Thanks to the contributions of our members, SWAP will be hosting a number of events at the upcoming CPA Convention in Calgary, June 8 – 10. The first day of the Convention, Thursday, will be a busy one. It will begin with SWAP nominated CPA Invited Speaker Laura Brown talking on Psychotherapy at the Intersections of Multiple Identities from 11:00 to 12:00 in the Mayfair room. After lunch, from 2:00 to 4:00, there will be a symposium addressing Violence against Women: Perceptions and Prevention in the Met Centre Royal room. At the same time there will be two conversation sessions. From 2:00 to 3:00 Toupey Luft will chair a discussion of The Utility of Mentoring Relationships for Primary Prevention with Adolescent Girls in the Mayfair room, and from 3:00 to 4:00 Lana Shimp will hold a conversation session on The Impact of Pregnancy and Motherhood on Clinical Practice in the Lac Louise room.

There will be several SWAP sponsored events on the Friday of the Convention, beginning [too] bright and early with the SWAP Business Meeting from 8:00 to 9:00 in the Lakeview room. If you want to get involved with SWAP, want to learn what SWAP is about, or want to honour the contributions of feminist psychologists, the SWAP Business Meeting is the place to be. At this year’s meeting the Feminist Mentoring Award will be given Dr. Alexandra Rutherford from York University. Interestingly, Dr. Rutherford is currently involved in a project called “Changing the Face of Psychology: Documenting Women's Pasts and Presence,” supported by the Society for the Psychology of Women (Division 35, APA). This project involves interviewing feminist psychologists about their personal and professional histories as well as their present lives. Included in this project are several interviews with SWAP members such as Sandra Pyke and Esther Greenglass that document the history of SWAP. The SWAP Distinguished Member Award will also be given at the Business Meeting, this year to Hilary M. Lips from Radford University in Virginia. Since receiving her doctorate degree, Dr. Lips has been an active contributor to teaching and research relevant to women. During her first academic appointment at the University of Winnipeg, for example, Dr. Lips developed a course on the psychology of gender and helped initiate the Women’s Studies program. She has also conducted research and written books and articles on the psychology of women and gender (e.g., A New Psychology of Women: Gender, Culture and Ethnicity, McGraw-Hill, 1999, 2003, 2006) and the psychology of women, gender and power (e.g., Women, Men and Power, Mayfield, 1991). Over the years, Dr. Lips has also consistently...
provided administrative service to organizations relevant to women, including being the SWAP Coordinator from 1983 to 1984 and currently as the Director of the Center for Gender Studies at Radford University. For more information about the SWAP Business Meeting, see the Agenda in this Newsletter.

After the Friday morning Business Meeting there will be a symposium on ‘Reality’ Television and Other Distorting Media in the Rideau room from 11:00 to 1:00. [Given her experience as the on-set/on-site psychotherapist for one reality program, our SWAP sponsored CPA Invited Speaker, Laura Brown, may be able to offer us a few insider insights into the ‘reality’ of reality television. For more info, you could ask her directly or see her article, Outwit, Outlast, Out-Flirt? The Women of Reality TV in E. Cole and J.H. Daniel (Eds.), Featuring Females: Feminist Analyses of Media (pp. 71-83). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association]. Immediately following this symposium, from 1:00 to 2:00 in the Bonavista room, our SWAP Keynote Speaker Sandra Byers will talk about her research concerning Women, Men and Sexual Satisfaction: Similarities and Differences. The SWAP Social Hour will follow from 2:00 to 3:00 in Bonavista. The SWAP Social Hour is a great place to see old friends and make new ones while enjoying a refreshing break from the hectic pace of conferencing, so I encourage you to attend.

For those of you interested in women’s issues, (which I suspect is all of you!), the last day of the Convention, Saturday, will be equally busy. From 11:00 to 1:00 in the Met Centre Plaza, Judy Chew will conduct a workshop entitled Lifting the Veil of Blue: Clinical Practice with Women’s Experiences of Depression. This will be followed by the SWAP Poster Session from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Britannia room. Finally, SWAP and the Sections on International and Cross Cultural Psychology and Social and Personality Psychology will be co-sponsoring a symposium entitled Exploring Prejudice and Discrimination. Moderated by Gira Bhatt, this symposium is a tribute to Kenneth Dion (1944-2004), whose research concerns included prejudice and discrimination against women. The first presenter, Jay Van Bavel, will present findings regarding the role of religion in anti-gay attitudes. Don Taylor will then share his reflections on “prejudice gone underground” and “modern” prejudice and William Huggon will consider prejudice and discrimination in jury decisions. Finally, in a talk entitled Prejudice and Discrimination Against Women: Remembering that ‘The Personal is Political,’ I will suggest that strategies to enhance women’s status are likely to be more successful if they address the power-related and structural factors that contribute to sexism rather than women’s ability to cope with sexism or the ‘empowerment’ of individual women.

Issues relevant to women will also be considered in a number of events sponsored by other sections. For example, on Friday, from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Eau Claire South room, the History and Philosophy Section will be holding a symposium entitled Women, Discourse and Embodiment. So, look between the lines of the Convention program and I’m sure you’ll find a lot of programming devoted to women-relevant issues.

**Changes to the executive.** It will be my pleasure to pass the reins of the SWAP Coordinator over to Charlene Senn at the upcoming SWAP Business Meeting. I say pleasure because of my confidence in Charlene’s ability, confidence that stems from Charlene’s sincere commitment to SWAP. Indeed, Charlene has been an active member of SWAP for over twenty years! In 1985, while at the University of Calgary, she received the Student Paper Award for her paper entitled A comparison of women’s reactions to violent pornography, non-violent pornography and erotica. In 1991, while at York University, Charlene received the Student Paper Award again, this time for her Q-methodological research on Women’s perceptions of the impact of pornography on their lives. Added to this, Charlene has been responsible for the administration of the Student Paper and Travel Awards since 1994. Given her familiarity with SWAP, her ongoing commitment and her contagious enthusiasm, I have no doubt that the next two years will be exciting ones for SWAP.

E.B. Brownlie has graciously volunteered to take Charlene’s place as the administrator of the Student Paper and Travel Awards. However, there are still a few vacancies on the SWAP Executive. One is for the new position of Membership Secretary. As noted in the last Newsletter, this position will involve updating the membership list on a regular basis by combining the list that CPA provides with the information from the SWAP treasurer, and then communicating this information to the treasurer, the newsletter editor and the list serve coordinator. Another new position, Nominations Coordinator, is also vacant. The Nominations
Coordinator will be responsible for seeking and organizing nominations for the various positions and awards that come up throughout the year, such as those associated with seats on the CPA Board of Directors and CPA Fellowships. Neither of these new positions is very onerous, so if you have a wee bit of time to spare and would like to help SWAP, these positions are good ways of doing so. Although willing to stay on, both our current Liaison to the Society for the Psychology of Women (Division 35 of APA), Joanne Gallivan, and our current Web Mistress, Connie Langille-Rowe, would like to move on to pursue other things. Anyone interested in more information about these positions is welcome to contact me or any other member of the Executive.

Thanks for the memories. Leaving the position of Coordinator affords me the opportunity to publicly thank all the women who have facilitated my role. The list of people I owe much gratitude to is a long one, and begins with Bonita Long who first nominated me for the position of Coordinator. Elizabeth Church deserves thanks for making my transition to Coordinator relatively seamless, providing me with information and answering what I fear were countless questions. I also want to thank Elizabeth for the continuous support she has provided to SWAP throughout the years. Paula Barata deserves special thanks for her skill and competence producing the Newsletter, and also for her seemingly endless patience with me when I missed each and every Newsletter deadline. And then there are all those women who did things so efficiently and timely that I didn’t even know they were being done, including Noreen Stuckless, Suzanne Cooper, Joanne Gallivan, Maria Gurevich, Erika Horwitz and Connie Langille-Rowe. And last but not least, I would like to thank the people at CPA whose valuable work is also frequently unnoticed. In particular, I want to send a huge thanks to Kathy Petrin whose hard work made organizing a SWAP Institute so easy for me. Finally, I want to thank all of the members of SWAP – without you it would not be possible to work systematically to promote the study of the psychology of women in Canada or the well-being of those who do such work.

I’m sure that many of you are making plans for the CPA convention in Calgary. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this year and, as Murphy’s Law would have it, the convention seems to be jam-packed with interesting sessions on women’s issues –see the coordinator’s message for details. Since I’m not going, I will not be able to give the newsletter editor’s report at the Annual General Meeting, but fortunately there is not very much to report and I can easily do so in this column.

The new newsletter format appears to be working well as no one has complained. I am also pleased to report that the new format makes putting together the newsletter MUCH easier. I no longer have to scroll up and down to read the columns while editing and there are fewer nasty surprised when I print the first draft. I guess the only downside is that I no longer have a good excuse for the editorial mistakes and typos that I’m sure have continued with the new format, but hopefully these have been reduced.

I am very please to report that there were four submissions for the relatively new “Recently Defended” column. I have to admit that I was tempted to hold back two of the submissions for the next newsletter fearing that I might not get any for September, but then I decided to be optimistic in thinking that the windfall of submissions will now continue. (So please e-mail your abstracts to me!) The column begins on page 10 and showcases the work of three PhD dissertations and one Master’s thesis. I hope you will all agree that this makes for an interesting column as it is great to see the different research produced by SWAP student members.

And as always I welcome any others submissions that you think SWAP members would be interested in reading. The deadline for submissions is August 31, 2006.

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This document was written with the main goal of illuminating how Aboriginal women, as leaders of positive social change for their communities, might adopt a holistic approach to Aboriginal and gender-based policy research. It is argued throughout this document that the adoption of such an approach is expected to promote the representation of Aboriginal women among policy makers and governmental systems, and in turn, promote greater recognition of their presence, rights, and responsibilities as an Aboriginal people, and as concerned and pro-active citizens of Canada.

This document appears to be written for a reader audience comprised primarily of policy-makers, academicians, and researchers with an interest in the intersection of gender-based policy, and the Aboriginal context and community. Unfortunately, the authors’ penchant for highly sophisticated and scholastic language renders it difficult for the reader to grasp fully the arguments that are put forth in some sections. Stylistically, the brevity of some of the sections and the lack of “flow” in the introduction of ideas or arguments creates a sense of disjointedness throughout the document. From a stylistic standpoint, the sense of disjointedness that resurfaces across sections is sufficiently noticeable that the reader may conclude that the document, as a whole, does not well exemplify the document’s topic – holism.

This document is divided into eight separate sections. The sections build on one another in their provision of information concerning Aboriginal women’s adoption of a holistic framework for policy research. This layering of information helps the reader to understand more fully how Aboriginal women might adopt the model proposed in this document. Preceding the first section is a listing of tables and figures, and acronyms pertinent to the content of this document. The list of acronyms is especially useful as it acquaints the reader with research-related organizations, councils, and funding bodies.

The first section, “Introduction,” offers a brief insight into those events that preceded the writing of this document. As aforementioned, the primary purpose is to “…provide a document to support Aboriginal researchers working in an Aboriginal context and to encourage them to adopt a holistic approach to Aboriginal policy research” (p. 1). The secondary purpose of this document is to promote greater understanding of gender-based policy research relevant to Aboriginal women and in this way, increase the representation of Aboriginal women among policy makers and governmental systems. In view of the above purposes, the authors have argued that Aboriginal women, as researchers and pro-active community members, possess the power to create change processes that have the potential to enhance the wellness of their families and communities.

The second section, “The Nature of Knowledge,” briefly discusses historical factors surrounding social discourse around policy research, notably how past research design and conduction have implications for our existent knowledge of Aboriginal and gender-based policy research. Arguably, the conduction of Aboriginal and gender-based policy research requires a close examination of historical and political factors,
and their role in shaping research in this area of date. Such an examination is speculated to yield a broader, and hence, more whole, awareness of the diversity of factors that make-up the holistic framework proposed in this document, and their influence on Aboriginal and gender-based policy research.

The third section, “Aboriginal Women: Historical and Political Background,” offers the reader a succinct overview of select historical and political forces, particularly that of colonization, that have altered social structure and welfare of Aboriginal people. Through this overview, the reader acquires an understanding of how “[Aboriginal] women were deprived of their traditional roles and responsibilities, whole Aboriginal nations were weakened as traditional structures and systems were eradicated” (p. 5). The reader is then led to see how the conduction of community-based research by Aboriginal women researchers as holding potential to facilitate empowerment and positive social change among Aboriginal people on familial and communal levels. This section concludes with the presentation of a visual diagram that represents what the authors have regarded as “…the holistic historical journey of Aboriginal people and the correction of the changing role of Aboriginal women” (p. 6).

The fourth section, “A Holistic Approach to Aboriginal Research,” presents information on traditional and ecological views of Aboriginal people. It is argued in this section that the incorporation of Aboriginal knowledge and worldview is a critical aspect of policy discourse and research. The authors succinctly outline various components of a general framework for holistic research. Following this, authors take these varied components and construct a framework for holistic research specific to Aboriginal people and gender-based policy. It is noted that in a holistic model such as that proposed in this document, Aboriginal women researchers are encouraged to achieve balance between the diverse components of Aboriginal people’s traditional and contemporary values, beliefs, and identifies. This section concludes with the presentation of a visual diagram that represents what the authors have regarded as a “holistic model for Aboriginal research” (p. 9).

The fifth section, “Challenges of a Holistic Framework in Aboriginal Policy Research,” pinpoints and outlines specific “historical challenge[s]” that have presented themselves in the course of conducting research in an Aboriginal context and community. Partnerships between Aboriginal women researchers, communities, and organizations are identified as a key element in the conduction of community-based research in Aboriginal communities. Other key elements are also identified and include (but not limited to) the following: the researcher’s roles, responsibilities, values and beliefs; the rights of the Aboriginal participants and communities; culturally relevant factors and issues; and the usefulness of quantitative and/or qualitative research methods. Turning from the discussion of “historical challenge[s],” it is argued that there exists the “political challenge” of conducting Aboriginal and gender-based policy research that is holistic in its focus and centered on addressing particular needs of Aboriginal women. Many thought-provoking questions about policy analysis are posed and an equal number of issues are raised. These questions and issues each highlight the political and postmodern dimensions and criticisms of policy research. Together, these questions and issues lay the foundation for the argument that future researchers consider adopting the holistic approach to Aboriginal and gender-based policy research that is proposed in this document. This section concludes by presenting the reader with a multitude of questions as a means to illustrate the “unique challenge” of conducting Aboriginal and gender-based policy research.

The sixth section, “Formulating Definitions of a Holistic Approach,” explores holism as a concept in and of itself, and as an approach to the conduction of Aboriginal and gender-based policy research. A holistic approach to the conduction of Aboriginal and gender-based policy research is described as one that is socially, culturally, and methodologically inclusive rather than divisive. As such, it is an approach that is designed to reflect gender and cultural sensitivity, and to incorporate a range of research methods in its approach to inquiry. It is argued that an “interdisciplinary strategy” is an optimal way for Aboriginal women researchers to integrate differing perspectives, and hence, facilitate the developing and sustaining of “unifying relationships” – respectful and viable partnerships between Aboriginal women researchers, organizations, communities, and participants.
The seventh section, “Developing a Meaningful Approach,” highlights the importance of establishing a “good fit” between Aboriginal women researchers’ personal values and beliefs, participants’ characteristics and the context to be studied, and the research approach and methods to be used in the study. A discussion ensues concerning research perspectives, the political aspect of conducting human research, and the goodness-of-fit between different research methods, and the cultural values and traditions of Aboriginal people. This discussion cites literature in support of the authors’ assertion that “…research acts are political acts when it comes to Aboriginal policy research” (p. 17). It is emphasized in this section as it is elsewhere in this document that the conduction of Aboriginal and gender-based policy research represents a “culture of inquiry.” It is argued that Aboriginal women researchers are best situated to create unifying relationships with organizations, communities, and participants, and to select research methods that appear most suitable for advancing knowledge of Aboriginal people in the aim of enhancing the wellness of their families and communities.

The eighth and final section, "Research Methods," examines the relevance and appropriateness of using certain types of research methods, particularly qualitative methodology, to study the Aboriginal context and community. Specifically, the authors provide a strong rationale for the appropriateness and usefulness of qualitative research methods given their alignment with indigenous practices such as oral traditions and face-to-face personal interactions. The authors offer a balanced discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of utilizing qualitative methods. Following this discussion is an exploration of how Aboriginal people might benefit from the conduction of community-based qualitative research. This section concludes with the presentation of a visual diagram that represents what the authors have regarded as a “community-based qualitative research” (p. 24).

In summary, this document presents the reader with several perspectives – historical, political, and cultural, but to name a few – that together form the foundation of a holistic framework that may serve as the basis of future Aboriginal and gender-based policy research. While this document has drawbacks such as a disjointed presentation of content that detracts from it as a whole, it nevertheless has many positive features and aspects. The authors succeed in presenting a diversity of perspectives in an effort to illustrate the advantages of adopting a holistic approach in Aboriginal policy research, one being its potential to promote the greater representation of Aboriginal people, particularly women, in governmental policies and systems. The complexity and density of the text suggests that this document is intended for those persons who have a focused or vested interest in this area. Certainly, the annotated bibliography would be of interest and use to those persons who wish to learn more about the methodological approaches used in select Aboriginal and/or gender-based policy research studies conducted to date. As well, the research-related content of the other appendices, particularly that citing the eight ethical principles for Aboriginal research, would likely be of use to those researchers who are intent on conducting future policy research in this area in the aim of extending our existent knowledge of Aboriginal people, particularly women, in Canada.
Thank you to the students that submitted their recently defended work. If you have recently defended your work, please send a short abstract (about 200 words), your university affiliation and the name of your supervisor to the newsletter editor at Paula.Barata@uhn.on.ca.

QUEER WOMEN PARTNERS OF FEMALE-TO-MALE TRANSEXUALS: RENEGOTIATING SELF IN RELATIONSHIP

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This research was a qualitative examination of the experiential accounts of sexual-minority women whose female-bodied partners ‘came out’ as transsexual men and underwent transition female-to-male (FTM). Little research has been done in this area and the purpose of the study was to investigate how FTM transition influences a queer woman partner’s conceptualization of her sexual identity; the interpersonal negotiation of the partners’ respective sexual and/or gender identities; and community adjustments resultant of transition. The researcher interviewed twenty queer-identified women in Canada and the United States who had experienced or were experiencing the transition of an FTM partner. Using grounded theory, transcripts were analyzed for similarities and differences among participant accounts of their experience of transition. Based on this analysis, a trajectory model of dyadic adjustment is proposed, including key tasks. Findings indicated participants managed the renegotiation of their sexuality through continued participation in queer life as well as theoretical reconciliation. Adjustment was affected by women’s flexibility and investment in their sexual orientation, and ability to be socially recognized, which could result in identity sublimation, transition, or consolidation, understood through tenants of social identity theory. Additionally, many partners experienced caregiving burden, which emerged as another substantive category understood through social exchange theory principles. Perceptions of burden were related to the availability and quality of psychosocial resources, the intensity and chronicity of care demands, and the ability of queer women to limit-set in the context of transphobia and their socialization as caregivers. A minority of participants reported abuse by their FTM partner. Retrospective risk factors included the context of a ‘first relationship’ with a transman, and not knowing other transmen. Numerous women reported their partner mobilizing identity politics as a tactic to normalize and minimize the abuse. Implications of the research findings at the community and societal level, as well as applications to counseling are discussed.
REFLEXIVITY AND RESISTANCE IN THE IDENTITY CONSTRUCTION OF YOUNG MOTHERS (2005)

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Social categories offer inference-rich associations for identity and it has been argued that to have an identity is to be cast into a category. One such category is that of single young mother, which is established in the mainstream academic literature and popular media as a social problem. From the perspective of Discursive psychology, this study investigated the ways in which ostensible members of a problematic social category locally construct the meaning and relevance of that category as a resource for their own identities. Discussion groups of single young mothers were recorded and analysis examined the discursive practices by which young mothers construct the category, resist negative inferences, and negotiate more positive category associations. Their discourse shows delicate and rhetorically effective work to both engage with and distance themselves from category associations and identity inferences. The implications of discursive resistance as a strategy for accomplishing identity are discussed.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HOPE, COPING, SPIRITUALITY, AND EATING DISORDER SYMPTOMATOLOGY IN WOMEN

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Introduction: Despite recognition in the literature of eating disorder symptomatology as multidetermined process, no study to date has investigated hope, coping, and spirituality as predictors of this multidimensional phenomenon. This gap in the literature suggested the value of hypothesizing and testing a causal psychological model of eating disorder symptomatology. Procedure: A large sample of nonclinical women attending a Western Canadian university participated in this study. The participants completed a questionnaire comprised of several self-report instruments. Path analysis (linear regression analyses) and model fit analyses were performed. Results: The original hypothesized path model only partially supported hypothesized direct and indirect effects of study variables, and did not provide an adequate fit to the data, which suggested the need for further revision. Accordingly, the original hypothesized model was revised and retested; this revised model adequately supported hypothesized direct and indirect effects of the study variables. Implications: This study makes a valuable contribution to the literature by hypothesizing and testing a causal psychological model of eating disorder symptomatology. The results have implications future theory, research, and practice in this area. Potentially, the results may increase awareness or knowledge among feminist researcher-practitioners and educators of predictors of women’s development of eating disorder symptomatology, which may in turn, lend support to their treatment and prevention efforts.

Author Note: This dissertation research was supervised by a Dr. Mary Hampton, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, University of Regina, and defended on June 23, 2005. The researcher is grateful to her participants for their involvement and partnership, and to Dr. Hampton for the provision of feminist guidance and mentorship.
This study used Q methodology to explore diverse constructions of gender. A multiethnic sample of 180 urban Canadian adults aged 20 to over 80 of various gender identities and sexual orientations completed the main phase of the study. Participants sorted 61 statements in a specified distribution from “most agree” to “most disagree”. Statements addressed gender theories, children, adults, sexuality, transgender, and intersex. Using principal components analysis, I identified five distinct perspectives: Gender Diversity, Social Essentialism, Biological Progressive, Gender Minimizing, and Different But Equal. Interpretation of the perspectives was based on patterns of Q-sort responses and interviews with representative participants. The five perspectives combined divergent understandings of gender with varied responses to gender conformity and nonconformity. One quarter of participants’ Q-sorts combined multiple perspectives and 10% reflected none of these perspectives. Diverse groups of participants endorsed each perspective, however, most sexual and gender minorities endorsed Gender Diversity or Biological Progressive. Results suggest that unidimensional gender inventories may exclude or misinterpret many participants’ views. In addition, gender nonconformity was important in differentiating perspectives; instruments that include narrow representations of gender risk overlooking these distinctions. Finally, the substantial overlap in policies advocated by the Biological Progressive and Gender Diversity perspectives suggests potential for coalition-building to challenge gender-based oppression.

CALL FOR PAPERS

MEN SPEAK OUT: PROFEMINIST VIEWS ON GENDER, SEX AND POWER

Deadline: September 15, 2006

How can we better understand and imagine new possibilities for men and feminism? Are you a guy who hates sexism? Do you call yourself a feminist? Have you spent hours over coffee (or beer) thinking about issues of gender, power, race, class, and sexuality? Are you involved with social justice activism? If so, then you have stories to tell and I'd like to hear what you have to say.

To receive a more detailed description of this project please send an email to: MenSpeakOut@yahoo.com

THE INSTITUTE FOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH ON WOMEN
Handbook on Service Learning in Women's Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies,
and the Disciplines


The Institute for Teaching and Research on Women (ITROW) is publishing a "Handbook on Service Learning in Women's Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, and the Disciplines." Recognizing that many courses outside of Women's Studies may have a focus on women/gender and diversity issues we welcome submissions from those teaching disciplinary or interdisciplinary courses with such a focus that have a service learning component.

As the title suggest, we are looking for hands on advice to faculty members who want to design a servicing learning course. This includes: 1) syllabi that describe a service-learning course in full detail, including detailed descriptions of assignments. Particularly welcome are assignments concerned with reflections on the service learning experience. 2) Brief articles (nor more than 6 double-spaced pages) on applications, recommendations, and/or lessons learned. Such articles may be independent of a syllabus or may accompany one.

To discuss submissions further you may reply to kdugger@towson.edu.

Deadline for submission is June 15, 2006.

Please submit via e-mail to kdugger@towson.edu or by mail to: Karen Dugger, Institute for Teaching and Research on Women, Towson University, 8000 York Road, Towson, MD 21252

JOURNAL OF BISEXUALITY
Bisexual Perspectives on Same-Sex Marriage
M. Paz Galupo, Ph.D., Guest Editor

Deadline: August 1, 2006

Submissions are sought for a special issue of the Journal of Bisexuality. This special double issue will include theoretical and research articles (peer reviewed) as well as personal essays and interviews that explore bisexual perspectives on same-sex marriage or other means of legal recognition of same-sex relationships. This double issue will be published simultaneously as a book by The Haworth Press.

Disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches representing a variety of experiences and perspectives, both positive and negative, will be included. Possible topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

Implications of same-sex marriage and/or civil union legislation for bisexual women and men; Political discussions and media representations of bisexuality in the same-sex marriage debate; Bisexual perspectives on same-sex marriage activism; Traditional marriage, same-sex marriage, monogamy and non-monogamy; Attitudes toward bisexual women and men in the context of same-sex marriage; Bisexual experience of relationships within the context of legal and same-sex marriage. Especially encouraged are articles that consider the topic across experiences of race, class, gender, nationality, and other forms of diversity.

Please direct inquiries to the special issue editor at pgalupo@towson.edu. If you are considering submitting please let me know in advance. Submission deadline for full articles: August 1, 2006.
Papers are invited for a Special Issue on “The Health of Girls and Young Women”, edited by Dr. Vappu Tyyskä, Department of Sociology, Ryerson University. Manuscripts may address the full range of health issues of the journal (see below). Papers addressing the social determinants of health, as they pertain to the lives of girl children and teenage girls are particularly welcome.

Deadline for submission is July 1, 2006. The Special Issue is scheduled for publication in December, 2006.

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Women’s Health & Urban Life is located at the Department of Sociology, University of Toronto. The journal addresses a plethora of topics relating to women’s and girls’ health from an international and interdisciplinary perspective and link health to globalization and urbanization issues. General topics include but are not limited to: Women’s health in general; Health related to reproduction; Health related to sexuality; Health related to paid or unpaid labour; Health related to parenthood; Health and the environment; Health and social policy and Health related to urbanization and globalization issues. The orientation of the journal is critical, feminist and social scientific. Both qualitative and quantitative manuscripts, and theoretical or empirical works are welcome. Papers should not exceed 30 pages, and four copies of the paper should be submitted. All submissions will be peer reviewed by anonymous reviewers. For more details about the goals, substantive basis and submission guidelines of the new journal, please contact:

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

NATIONAL MULTICULTURAL CONFERENCE AND SUMMIT 2007
The Psychology of Multiple Identities: Finding Empowerment in the Face of Oppression
January 24-26, 2007
Sheraton Hotel, Seattle, WA

Deadline: May 31, 2006

The mission of the National Multicultural Conference and Summit (NMCS) is to convene students, practitioners, and scholars in psychology and related fields to discuss human diversity and multiculturalism. Participants engage in a critical discourse on extant research and practice facing psychologists and educators. The objective of the 2007 NMCS is to explore the intersections of social identities, to understand how individuals, groups and communities are empowered, and to elevate frequently unheard voices. We believe that multiculturalism creates opportunities as well as challenges within the context of constantly negotiating multiple levels of privileges and oppressions. This conference is designed to explore how psychologists understand, intervene, and promote multiple identities.

While we acknowledge the vast diversity of cultures within the dimensions of age, race, ethnicity, and geographic region, the 2007 conference specifically addresses the intersection of the dimensions of race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, social class, age, ability, and gender.

Go to www.multiculturalsummit.org to submit a proposal.

THE DENNIS H. MAY ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON DIVERSITY ISSUES
AND THE ROLE OF COUNSELING CENTERS
September 25 & 26, 2006
University of Illinois

Deadline: June 9, 2006

This year, we welcome Beverly Greene, Ph.D. as our keynote Speaker.

As we work with students and colleagues to honor our multiple identities, how do we make sense of the complexities and intersections that occur? Treatment issues are impacted by many factors, including race, sexual orientation, position in society, privilege, and marginalization. Treatment can be impacted by therapist dynamics as well. How do we develop coherent therapeutic skills that incorporate the range of intersections? This conference will provide a forum to explore the variety of issues and opportunities that arise as we take up this challenge to acknowledge the multiplicity that we each represent and also to build bridges and cross boundaries to meet on common ground.

Topics for papers, presentations, or panels may include, but are not limited to the following:

Feminism; Individual & group counseling; Consultation to campus units; Ethnocentrism; Healing processes in other cultures; Civil Rights & Immigration; Non-Traditional Students; Men's Issues; Intersecting identities; Ableism; Racism; Sexism; Social class issues; Heterosexism

Submit proposals on the forms available online at: http://www.counselingcenter.uiuc.edu
The Third Annual Conference on Innovations in Trauma Research Methods (CITRM; www.citrm.org) will be held November 3-4, 2006, in West Hollywood, California, contiguous with the annual meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (November 4-7, 2006). CITRM is dedicated to the promotion and dissemination of cutting-edge research methodologies among those engaged in the study of psychological trauma and its consequences. The theme for CITRM 2006 is Research Methods for Prevention, Intervention, and Service Delivery in Psychological Trauma. This broad theme encompasses research methods (sampling, design, measurement, and data analysis) applied to the testing of risk and resilience models to explain positive and negative outcomes following trauma exposure, clinical trials or psychosocial interventions aimed at alleviating symptoms and enhancing functional status for trauma victims, as well research that assesses the quality of health services to populations experiencing highly stressful life events.

CITRM welcomes submissions on research methods topics that can be applied to the study of psychological trauma, both within and outside of the conference theme. Instructions for submissions can be found at http://www.citrm.org/posters.shtml. Deadline for submissions is June 1, 2006.

Funds to support attendance at CITRM 2006 are available for members of underrepresented groups, with awards made to both novice and more experienced scientists. Instructions can be found at http://www.citrm.org/travel_awards.shtml, and the deadline for applications is July 31, 2006.

Attendance at CITRM is limited to 100-125 persons. Please visit www.citrm.org for the latest information.

The 22nd annual conference of the International Society for the Scientific Study of Subjectivity will be held 2006 September 28 to October 1 in Trondheim, Norway. This notice requests proposals for papers or presentations for the conference. Contact person is Nancy Grudens-Schuck, program chair and Vice President ISSS.

For more details about the conference or the abstract submission: http://www.qmethod.org/News/2006Convention/q_conference_2006.htm

Send abstracts and correspondence about the program to: <ngs@iastate.edu>
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2006 NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN, ADDICTION AND RECOVERY:
NEWS YOU CAN USE
July 12-14, 2006
Anaheim, CA

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), in partnership with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), is pleased to host the “2006 National Conference on Women, Addiction and Recovery: News You Can Use,” July 12-14, 2006, in Anaheim, CA.

This 2 ½ -day conference will advance the field of women’s substance abuse treatment by presenting the latest research and discussing how it can be applied and implemented to improve clinical practice and service delivery for women with substance use disorders. Over 40 invited speakers will be featured including nationally recognized researchers on women’s substance abuse treatment, as well as practitioners testing innovative and promising practices to address a range of problems experienced by women with substance use disorders and their families. The conference is free, but registration is limited so register early. Some limitations are placed on the number of attendees per organization. For information and to register, go to http://conferences.jbs.biz/womensconference/.

Call for Nominations

2007 APA SCIENTIFIC AWARDS PROGRAM
Call for Nominations

Deadline: June 1, 2006

The APA Board of Scientific Affairs (BSA) invites nominations for its 2007 scientific awards program. The Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award honors psychologists who have made distinguished theoretical or empirical contributions to basic research in psychology. The Distinguished Scientific Award for the Applications of Psychology honors psychologists who have made distinguished theoretical or empirical advances in psychology leading to the understanding or amelioration of important practical problems.

To submit a nomination for the Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award and the Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award for the Applications of Psychology, you should provide a letter of nomination; the nominee’s current vita with list of publications; the names and addresses of several scientists who are familiar with the nominee’s work; and a list of ten most significant and representative publications, and at least five reprints representative of the nominee’s contribution (preferably in electronic form).

The Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contribution to Psychology recognizes excellent young psychologists. For the 2007 program, nominations of persons who received doctoral degrees during and since 1997 are being sought in the areas of:
• applied research (e.g., treatment and prevention research, industrial/organizational research, educational research)
• behavioral and cognitive neuroscience
• individual differences (e.g., personality, psychometrics, mental ability, behavioral genetics)
• perception, motor performance
• social

To submit a nomination for the Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contribution to Psychology, you should provide a letter of nomination, the nominee’s current vita with list of publications, and up to five representative reprints (preferably in electronic form).

To obtain nomination forms and more information, you can go to the Science Directorate web page (www.apa.org/science/sciaward.html) or you can contact Jennifer Webb, Science Directorate, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242; by phone, (202) 336-6000; by fax, (202) 336-5953; or by E-mail, jwebb@apa.org.

The deadline for all award nominations is June 1, 2006.

NOTICES

OUR NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT

I received a few comments about the new newsletter format, and they were all positive, so we will be continuing with the new format. If you have any comments about the new layout send them to:
Paula Barata paula.barata@uhn.on.ca
Or
Connie Kristiansen connie_kristiansen@carleton.ca

The next newsletter will be printed in September 2006. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is August 31, 2006. Please send any items to the Newsletter Editor.
AGENDA for the 2006 SWAP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8:00 – 9:00 Friday June 9, Lakeview Room

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Minutes of the 2005 AGM
3. Coordinator report: Connie Kristiansen
4. Treasurer report: Noreen Stuckless
5. Newsletter Editor report: Paula Barata
6. Graduate Student Representative report: Suzanne Cooper
7. Status of Women Committee report: Erika Horwitz
8. CPA Board Liaison report: Elizabeth Church
9. Division 35 Liaison report: Joanne Gallivan
10. Proposed Executive Slate for 2005-2006:
    Coordinator: Charlene Senn
    Past-Coordinator: Connie Kristiansen
    Treasurer/Secretary: Noreen Stuckless
    Newsletter Editor: Connie Kristiansen for Paula Barata
    Chair, Status of Women Committee: Erika Horwitz
    Graduate Student Rep.: Suzanne Cooper
    Web Mistress: Connie Langille-Rowe
    Student Paper & Travel Award Coordinator: E.B. Brownlie
    Abstract Review Coordinator: Maria Gurevich
    SWAP-CPA Board Liaison: Elizabeth Church
    SWAP-Division 35 Liaison: Joanne Gallivan
11. Presentation of the 2006 Distinguished Member Award: Connie Kristiansen
12. Presentation of the 2006 Feminist Mentoring Award: Suzanne Cooper
13. Presentation & Report for the 2006 Student Paper Award & Student Travel Bursaries: Charlene Senn
14. Other business: Vacant positions: Membership Secretary and Nominations Coordinator
    Possible vacancies: SWAP-Division 35 Liaison and Web Mistress
15. Adjournment
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Members who have paid their annual fees appear on the following list. If your name does not appear on this list, your 2005-2006 membership fees have not been paid. If you wish to renew your membership, please complete the attached Membership form, contact Noreen Stuckless or visit our web site at www.cpa.ca/swap.

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