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About the Centre

The Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations is a research centre within the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of British Columbia. Its primary purposes are:

- i. to highlight the significance of research in Women's Studies or Gender Relations, and feminist research in all fields;
- ii. to encourage UBC faculty, graduate students, and others to meet together in multi-disciplinary groups for discussion and research in these areas;
- iii. to bring UBC researchers together with activists and researchers at other institutions in Canada and abroad, and within the community;
- iv. to communicate support for Women's Studies, gender analysis, and feminist research to governments, institutions, community groups, and the public in BC, Canada, and elsewhere.

The Centre receives annual operating support from the University. It fosters collaborative projects and grant applications, organizes conferences, sponsors seminars and lectures, and hosts post-doctoral, visiting, and UBC scholars. Collaboration is welcome in all of our activities.

Close ties are maintained with UBC's undergraduate Women's Studies Programme in the Faculty of Arts, which is housed in the same building, and with other UBC undergraduate and graduate programmes. The MA and PhD programmes in Women's Studies and Gender Relations are administered by the Centre, with close collaboration with Simon Fraser University at the doctoral level.

The Centre has Faculty Associates from many departments in the Faculties of Arts, Law, Education, and Medicine, as well as from Nursing, Community Planning, and International Development. A directory of faculty at UBC engaged in relevant research is prepared and revised regularly, and is available on-line.

The Centre collaborates with other campus units and groups with an interest in Women's Studies and Gender Relations, such as the Access and Diversity Office, the Centre for Human Settlements, the Institute for Sustainable Development, and the Institute of Asian Research. In addition, it has links with local research centres such as the BC Centre for Excellence in Women's Health. Close ties are maintained with the other Women's Studies programmes in BC, and international exchanges include links with centres in Vietnam, India, Thailand, the Philippines, Japan, and China, as well as France, Australia and New Zealand

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2003/2004 Report from the Director

Sneja Gunew

One of the most inspiring events of the last year was the fact that one of our MA students, Itrath Syed, took the courageous step of running as a federal candidate for the NDP in the Delta-Richmond East area. This action severely tested her spirits but one thing was certain, she was a wonderful inspiration to her peers and her teachers. She was a reminder of why we commit to the preservation and continuation of Women's Studies in the university. Itrath was a reminder of the connection between academic theory and community activism which is part of what we hold dear in producing informed citizens for the future.

Once again we had a group of stellar visitors passing through the Centre. It was a pleasure to welcome Rathi Menon, St Xavier's College, India. Malashri Lal was another memorable visitor from the University of Delhi and we had the opportunity to plot future collaborations on the 'Gender & Food' project that is currently being reconfigured into a Multi-Collaborative Research Initiative (MCRI). Celia Kitzinger was a lively presence



Sneja Gunew speaks to a gathering of students, faculty and friends of the Centre, International Women's Day, March 8, 2004.

at the Centre and we celebrated her marriage to long-time partner Sue Wilkinson (who, alas, came to the end of her tenure of the Ruth Wyn Woodward Chair at SFU). Susan Boyd was first term's UBC Scholar at the Centre and it was gratifying to acknowledge her long affiliation with Women's Studies in this manner. I was reminded of my previous existence in another hemisphere through the visit of an old friend and former colleague from the University of Queensland, Australia, Bronwen Levy and my memories of that life were further stirred by Marilyn Lake's visit later in the term. Marilyn has long been one of Australia's leading historians and it was good to catch up with her and her work. It was inspiring as well to meet Maori artists Colleen Waata Ulrich and Gabrielle Belz, from Aotearoa/ New Zealand, who gave a talk we co-sponsored at the Museum of Anthropology, part of a week's series of events linked to a powerful and in-

novative exhibition at the 'Spirit Wrestler Gallery' downtown which brought together Maori and First Nation artists. Karin Widerberg from the University of Oslo came to work with Dorothy Smith and shared with us her project on 'tiredness,' a theme which resonated for many of us, as one might imagine. We also welcomed year-long visitors Qingfeng Jiang and Chunmei Wang from PR China as well as Aiko Ogoshi from Osaka who gave a moving talk on the international tribunal on 'comfort women'. Rocio Davis visited us from Spain and Patricia Elliott from Wilfred Laurier University, sharing with us her work on transgendered subjects.

During the first term I was consumed with preparing for the "Performing Hybridity" conference which involved many of our students both in the preparations leading up to this event and the conference itself. The conference built on the international three-year Transculturalisms project sponsored by the International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) for which I had been appointed as one of five directors. One of the central organising principles of the project, exemplified in the UBC component, was the notion of 'performance' in its many variants. Two groups in the ICCS 'Transculturalisms' project (including our sister group based in Latin America) examined métissage/hybridity in some of its facets and performance permeated the four themes we were examining: Indigeneity; mixed race; performing hybridity (new art forms) and citizenship/immigration/multiculturalism. Throughout this project we analysed the ways in which individual bodies constituted in specific spaces and places 'performed' their social relationships with institutions, the dominant culture and with other 'minorities'. So performance in its many aspects was a component that structured many of the seminars and conferences. The 'we' consisted of a number of networks: an international team drawing on scholars in Canada, Australia, USA, UK; the Transculturalisms teams framed by

the International Council of Canadian Studies (ICCS) based in Germany, Canada, New Zealand and South America; an interdisciplinary group of UBC scholars including a number of graduate and undergraduate students. The website <http://transculturalisms.arts.ubc.ca> contains many papers and other information on the project.

The October conference focused on the ways in which artists/performers have created new artforms and how these contribute to advancing the conceptualising of métissage/hybridity as well as clarifying its embodied everyday complexities. It showed how artists produce theory and, conversely, how academics 'perform' theory. We were reminded of the truth of this during Nancy Nesbit's stay with us as UBC scholar in the second term. Her work on surveillance technology and art was an inspiration to many of us. A month after the 'Performing Hybridity' event, I was fortunate to be able to convey some of the excitement of the conference at the Canadian Studies conference in Brazil. Some of my other activities for this past year included co-convening a workshop on Transculturalism at the Rockefeller Centre, Bellagio, Italy and participating (together with Gerry Pratt) at a workshop convened at Harvard around "Canadianation: Negotiating New Spaces, Politics, and Identities In and Through Global Cultural Flows".

There is no doubt that one of the social highlights in the second term was the party we held on International Women's Day. I took the opportunity to launch a new category of affiliation to the Centre, that of Research Associate. We honoured our longest serving Sessionals: Ann McKinnon, Marina Morrow and Dorothy Seaton who have been central in building up the Undergraduate Programme and have been wonderful colleagues to many of us over the years. In the future we will add many others to this category since colleagues in other universities and colleges in the region, as well as colleagues in the community, are precluded from being Faculty Associates because they do not hold full-time faculty appointments at UBC. On the other hand, the Centre owes much of its energy and pioneering bridge-building between the community and the university to these individuals and it is crucial that they be acknowledged as part of our wider networks.

I was reminded of the importance of such affiliations as I was constructing the first version of the MCRI – SSHRC application 'Women and Food' together with Cynthia Andruske (and the help of colleagues such as Nikki Strong-Boag) over the Xmas break. Such projects are predicated on multi-directional links: international, national and regional as well as the kind of interdisciplinarity and collaboration which Women's Studies has pioneered over many decades. Not surprisingly, institutions such as SSHRC, and universities themselves, now feature such research paradigms as the most efficient and effective ways of gathering and disseminating knowledge.



Master's student Itrath Syed who ran as a federal candidate for the NDP in Delta-Richmond East.



PhD Student Bianca Rus with Visiting Scholar Rathi Menon, St. Xavier's College of Women, India.

Another highlight in the second term were the two graduate student conferences: "(un)knowable violences: non-innocent conversations" in March and "Critical Directions in Feminist Graduate Studies" in April (see Kim's and Heather's report within). Congratulations to the various people whose books were published, including my own book *Haunted Nations: The Colonial Dimensions of Multiculturalisms* (Routledge); Gerry Pratt's *Working Feminism* (Edinburgh); Nikki Strong-Boag's and Michelle Rosa's edition of Nellie McClung's autobiography (Broadview), Tineke Hellwig's *In the Shadow of Change*. Particular kudos to the graduate students whose 'ampersand' volume of last year's graduate conference papers is an aesthetically elegant addition to the Centre's publications. Sam Semper is the moving force in this project and we hope it launches a series of such publications in the future.

On a slightly sadder note, we farewelled Tineke Hellwig who stepped down as Chair of the Undergraduate Programme but we fervently hope that she will continue to be a part of our flourishing network. Tineke has been a superb colleague and we will miss her. We welcome Wendy Frisby as the new Chair and look forward to working with her. Stepping down as well at the end of June is Gerry Pratt who was the Graduate Advisor for this year. Her style and wit definitely lifted our collective game and we hope that she too will continue her close association with the Centre. Isabel Dyck will be returning from her sabbatical to take up this position in the new year. Best wishes to last year's UBC Scholar Erin Hurley for her new position at McGill University. Finally, congratulations to Sunera Thobani who was awarded a SSHRC grant for her project "Television representations of women and the war on terrorism" and to our graduate students who were spectacularly successful in gaining SSHRC and UGF awards in the last year.

Report on SAGA (Centre for Studies in Autobiography, Gender, and Age)

Valerie Raoul, SAGA Director

The space on the main floor of the Koerner Library (with 15 workstations) is now available for use by researchers, and has been used over the past year by visiting scholars, faculty members, postdoctoral fellows, research assistants, and graduate students. It has already brought together researchers who are interested in making future applications for funding for innovative, collaborative, interdisciplinary projects using the facility, and this will be a priority in the coming year. SAGA has a dual mandate, to preserve a legacy of auto/bio/graphical materials relating to women's lives (initially in BC) which might otherwise be lost, and to solicit new materials (such as oral histories) through research projects. We have already received some offers of archival materials (diaries etc.), and are currently investigating what we should welcome, how to assess and classify the materials proposed, and what can be converted to electronic form. A pilot project will be completed, with text scanned, tagged, and made available on-line to researchers, once the database is up and running (by Dec. 2004).

So far, SAGA has provided employment for several RAs associated with the CRWSSGR's graduate programme, all of whom have made valuable contributions. Bianca Rus was responsible for overseeing the space in the first months of operation (summer 2003), and began to catalogue the book collection. Sara Koopman and Sedi Minachi shared responsibility during the academic year 2003-4. Sara has set up the web-page (incorporating information from the PWIAS project on Narratives of Disease, Disability, and Trauma from which SAGA grew) and established a communications network. We now have two listserves, one for those interested in auto/bio/graphy related events in the Vancouver area, and one for those engaged in relevant research who want to be involved in SAGA. Sedi has prepared a database of community groups and organizations in the Lower Mainland interested in collaborating on future SAGA projects, such as collective oral history. This summer (2004), the RAs are Xin Huang and Huiling Lin. Jenéa Tallentire (History) will be taking a lead in getting the database up and running for a pilot project based on her research. We have already welcomed a number of international visiting scholars from Asia and Europe, and hope these contacts will contribute to forming an international network of feminist researchers working

on the stories of women's lives, told through various media and analysed from a range of disciplinary perspectives.

The CFI/BCKDF grant that enabled SAGA to become a reality covers only infrastructure (space, furniture, IT connections) and equipment. We have to spend the remaining portion of this grant by the end of December 2004, and still have some purchases to make (transcribing equipment, mobile scanner etc.). Unfortunately the grant does not cover operating costs or the training of researchers, so we need to obtain further project-based funding in the coming year. In the meantime, we greatly appreciate the support of the administrative staff at the CRWSGR, FoGS IT services, and staff members at the Koerner Library. Our thanks go to the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies for allowing us to use part of the Wall grant for SAGA operations, and also to our Advisory Committee members: Jean Barman (Ed. Sts/ BC history), Connie Canam (Nursing/ qualitative research), Sneja Gunew (CRWSGR/cultural studies), Gabi Helms (English, autobiography), Anne Martin-Matthews (Social Work/ aging), and Carla Paterson (Foundations/ history of medicine). To find out more about SAGA, consult our web-page (saga.ubc.ca) or contact us at saga@saga.ubc.ca. We welcome input from all those whose research interests relate to auto/bio/graphics, gender and diversity across the lifespan.

Advisory Committee 2003-2004

Chair: Sneja Gunew (Director)
Anne Condon, Computer Science
Margery Fee, Associate Dean of Arts / English
Tineke Hellwig, Chair of Women's Studies / Asian Studies
Angela Hendersen, Nursing
Deirdre Kelly, Educational Studies
Heather Latimer, Student Representative
Madeleine MacIvor, Associate Director, First Nations
House of Learning
Judy Mosoff, Law
Geraldine Pratt, Geography / Graduate Advisor CRWSGR
Valerie Raoul, Director of SAGA
Kim Snowden, Student Representative
Veronica Strong-Boag, Educational Studies
Sunera Thobani, Women's Studies



Graduate Advisor Geraldine Pratt with Director Sneja Gunew

Publications

ampersand: working papers 2003

UBC Scholars 2003-2004

Susan Boyd, Law
Nancy Nisbet, Arts History, Visual Art, and Theory



PhD student Kim Snowden and Master's student Sam Semper.

Visiting Scholars 2003-2004

Qingfeng Jiang, English, Hengyang Normal University, PR China
Celia Kitzinger, Psychology, University of York, UK
Malashri Lal, Women's Studies & Development Centre/English, University of Delhi, India
Bronwen Levy, School of English, Media Studies & Art History, University of Queensland, Australia

Rathi Menon, Dept. of Malayalam, St. Xavier's College of Women, India
Nanna Mik-Meyer, Sociology, Copenhagen University, Denmark
Chunmei Wang, Beijing Language University, PR China
Karin Widerberg, Sociology & Human Geography, University of Oslo, Norway
Aiko Ogoshi, Kinki University, Osaka, Japan
Patricia Elliot, Sociology and Anthropology, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada
Rocio Davis, American and Post-Colonial Literatures, University of Navarre, Spain
Ase Rothing, Sociology, University of Oslo, Norway



Visiting Scholars Chunmei Wang (left), Beijing Language University, PR China, and Rocio Davis, University of Navarre, Spain.

Postdoctoral Fellows

Sharon Wall, Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine
Linda Morra, English

Research Associates

In addition to about 50 UBC Faculty Associates, the Centre appoints a number of local scholars as Research Associates. Anyone who wishes to be considered for such an affiliation with the Centre may apply.

Melody Hessing, PhD, Faculty/Instructor, Sociology, Douglas College
Yvonne Brown, PhD, Manager, International Initiatives, Faculty of Education, UBC
Ann McKinnon, PhD, Sessional Lecturer, Women's Studies
Celia Kitzinger, PhD, Professor, Psychology, University of York, UK
Marina Morrow, PhD, Sessional Lecturer, Women's Studies
Dorothy Seaton, PhD, Sessional Lecturer, Women's Studies

Faculty Associates: Selected Highlights

Below are Faculty Associates' research projects funded, awards, and publications for 2003-2004, based on information received. Papers presented and community contributions are not included.

Leonora Angeles (Women's Studies / School of Community & Regional Planning)

Grants

SSHRC-CURA (Community University Research Alliance), Promoting Participatory Budgeting in Canadian Municipalities: Building Community Capacity for Deliberative Local Governance,

\$20,000, LOI Stage, 2004, Leonora Angeles principal investigator, with 20 community partners, and 15 academic co-applicants and collaborators

Status of Women Canada Grants on "Engendering Human Security", Understanding the Effects of Canada's New Immigration and Refugee Protection Act on Women Asylum Seekers, \$49,000. Total Grant: \$98,513, 2003-2005, Catherine Dauvergne, Leonora Angeles, and Erin Baines

Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada, Gender Guidelines for University Partnerships for Cooperation and Development, \$5,600, 2003, Dawn Currie, principal investigator, with Leonora Angeles

Refereed Publications

Journals

Angeles, L. "New Issues, New Perspectives: Implications for International Development Studies", *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, Special Issue on White Paper on International Development Studies, ed. Paul Bowles, 25, 1 (April 2004).

Angeles, L. "Creating Social Spaces for Transnational Feminist Advocacy: The Canadian International Development Agency, the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women and Philippine Women's NGOs," *The Canadian Geographer*, 4, October 2003, pp. 283-302.

Angeles, L. and P Boothroyd, "Canadian Universities and International Development: Learning from Experience" in P Boothroyd and L Angeles, eds. *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, Special Issue on Canadian Universities and International Development, 24, 2, May 2003, pp. 9-26.

Books

Authored

Angeles, L. and D. Currie, *Engendering University Partnership for Cooperation and Development: Gender Guidelines for UPCD Projects*, Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada. Ottawa <<http://www.aucc.org>>

Edited

Boothroyd, P. and L Angeles, eds. *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, Special Issue on Canadian Universities and International Development, 24, 1, May 2003

Chapters

Angeles, L. "Grassroots Democracy and Community Empowerment: The Policy and Political Requirements of Sustainable Poverty Reduction in the Philippines," in *Democracy and Civil Society in Southeast Asia*, ed. Jayant Lele and Fariq, (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004).

Angeles, L and F Magno. "The State of Local Governance and Decentralization in the Philippines," in P Oxhorn, A Selee and J Tulchin, eds. *Decentralization, Democratic Governance, and Civil Society in Comparative Perspective: Africa, Asia, and Latin America*. (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004)

Angeles, L. "Gender and Governance in Poverty Alleviation: Social Services Delivery in Baguio City, Philippines" in Lisa Drummond and K.C. Ho, eds. *Critical Perspectives on Cities in Southeast Asia* (Netherlands, Singapore: Brill Press, 2004).

Other

Angeles, L. "Women, Bureaucracies and the Governance of Poverty in Southeast Asia: Gender and Participatory Governance in Poverty Reduction Programs in the Philippines and Vietnam" in Rodolphe de Koninck, Jules Lamarre and Bruno Gendron, eds. *Understanding Poverty in Vietnam and the Philippines* (Montreal: University of Montreal and the Localised Poverty Reduction in Vietnam Project, 2003), pp.49-70.

Mandakranta Bose (Emeritus)

Mandakranta Bose, Professor Emerita at the Institute of Asian Research, was a Visiting Fellow in Performance Studies at the University of Surrey at Roehampton, England, in the Spring term of 2004.

Publications

"Confrontation, Transgression and Submission: Ideals of Womanhood in the MANASAMANGALA," in *Playing for Real: Hindu Role Models, Religion and Gender*, edited by Jacqueline Suthren Hirst and Lynn Thomas (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2004, pp. 102-16).

Susan B. Boyd (Faculty of Law)

Awards

Distinguished UBC Scholar in Residence, Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies (2004)
UBC Scholar Award, Centre for Research on Women's Studies and Gender Relations (Fall, 2003)

Publications

Articles in refereed publications

"From Same-Sex to No Sex"? Trends Towards Recognition of (Same-Sex) Relationships in Canada," *Seattle Journal of Social Justice* 1(3) (2003): 757-793 (with C. Young).

Articles in non-refereed publications

"Walking the Line: Canada's Response to Child Custody Law Reform Discourses", *Canadian Family Law Quarterly* 21(3) (2003): 397-423.

Book / Book chapters

"Legal Regulation of Families in Changing Societies", in Austin Sarat, ed., the *Blackwell Companion to Law and Society* 255-270.

Other writing

"From Custody And Access To Parental Responsibilities? Bill C-22, An Act To Amend The Divorce Act", Procedural updates section of the CLE Family Law Conference material, July, 2003.

"Gender in the Legal Profession: Fitting or Breaking the Mould", by Joan Brockman. Vancouver: UBC Press, 2001", *Labour/Le Travail* 52 (Fall 2003): 261-3.

Grants

SSHRC Standard Research Grant (PI), Co-Investigator D. Chunn, \$87,500, 2001 – 2005.
Law Endowment (PI), \$5126.80, 2003-

VP Research UBC (PI), \$2000, 2004 (workshop support)

PWIAS UBC, \$5000, 2004 (workshop support)

Anne Condon (Computer Science)

J. Bingham, A. Condon, and A.J. Hu, "Towards a decidable notion of sequential consistency", Fifteenth Annual Symposium on Parallel Algorithms and Architectures (SPAA), June 2003, 304-313.

A. Condon and A.J. Hu, "Automatable Verification of Sequential Consistency", *Theory of Computing Systems*, 2003, 36(5):431-460.

O. Madani, A. Condon, and S. Hanks, "On the Undecidability of Probabilistic Planning and Infinite-Horizon Partially Observable Markov Decision Process Problems", *Artificial Intelligence*, Special Issue on Planning with Uncertainty and Incomplete Information, Sven Koenig, Tom Dean and Craig Boutilier (Eds.), 147:1-2,5 – 34, 2003.

M. Andronescu, D. Dees, L. Slaybaugh, Y. Zhao, B. Cohen, A. Condon, and S. Skiena, "Algorithms for testing that sets of DNA words concatenate without secondary structure", *Natural Computing*, 2(4):391-415, 2003. (Special Issue of selected papers from the Eighth International Workshop on DNA Based Computers, Hokkaido, Japan, June 2002.)

M. Andronescu, R. Aguirrez-Hernandez, A. Condon, and H. Hoos, "RNA-soft: a suite of RNA secondary structure prediction and design software tools", *Nucleic Acids Research*, 31:3416-3422, July 2003.

A. Condon, "Problems on RNA Secondary Structure Prediction and Design", invited survey paper, *Proceedings of the Thirtieth International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming*, July 2003.

M. Andronescu, A.P. Fejes, F. Hamze, F. Hutter, and H. Hoos, and A. Condon. "A New SLS Algorithm for RNA Secondary Structure Design", *Journal of Molecular Biology*, 2004, 336(3):607-624.

Gillian Creese (Sociology)

Grants

SSHRC Standard Research Grant: \$68,029 (awarded April 2003)
Gillian Creese (P.I.)
"African Immigrant Women in Vancouver"

UBC HSS Research Grant: \$1,964 (awarded April 2003)
Gillian Creese (P.I.)
"What colour is your English?' Accent and perceptions of language mastery"

Publications

Refereed

Gillian Creese and Edith Ngene Kambere, 'What Colour is Your English', *Canadian Review of Sociology & Anthropology*, Volume 40, No. 5, Dec 2003:565-573. (Creese: 80%)

Veronica Strong-Boag and Gillian Creese, "Women's Issues in Canada" in *Women's Issues: North America and the Caribbean*, edited by Cheryl Kalny, Westport: Greenwood Press, 2003:49-77. (Creese: 45%)

Non-Refereed

Gillian Creese and Brenda Beagan

"Gender at work: strategies for equality in neo-liberal times", in J. Curtis, E. Grabb and N. Guppy, Editors, *Social Inequality in Canada: Patterns, Problems, Policies*, Fourth Edition, Toronto: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2004: 245-257 (Creese: 60%).

Gillian Creese

Review of "Silicon Valley, Women and the California Dream: Gender, class & opportunity in the twentieth century", *Canadian Journal of Sociology Online* (July-August 2003).

Isabel Dyck (School of Rehabilitation Sciences / CRWSSGR)

Publications

Articles

Dyck, I & O'Brien, P. 'Thinking about environment: Introducing geographies of disability to rehabilitation', *Canadian Geographer*, Special Issue on Disability, 47(4), 400-413, 2003.

Dyck, I. "Feminism and health geography: twin tracks or divergent agendas?" *Gender, Place & Culture* 10 (4), 375-382, 2003.

McLaren, A.T. and Dyck, I. 'Mothering, human capital, and the "ideal immigrant",' *Women's Study International Forum* 27(1): 41-53, 2004.

Dyck, I & McLaren, A. "Telling it like it is ... Gender, place and multiculturalism in immigrant women's settlement narratives" *Gender, Place and Culture*, 11(3), 2004 (in press)

Levins, S., Redenbach, D & Dyck, I. 'Individual and Societal Influences on Participation in Physical Activity Following Spinal Cord Injury: A Qualitative Study,' *Journal of Physical Therapy*, 84(6) 496-509, 2004

Margery Fee (Department of English)

Publications

"What Use is Ethnicity to Aboriginal People?" Reprinted in *Unhomely States: Theorizing English-Canadian Postcolonialism*. Ed. Cynthia Sugars. Peterborough: Broadview, 2002. 267-76.

With Laurel Brinton. "Canadian English." *North American English*. Ed. John Algeo. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2002. 422-40.

With Gaelan Dodds de Wolf, Janice McAlpine, eds. *The Survey of Vancouver English: A Sociolinguistic Study of Urban Canadian English*, by R.J. Gregg et al. *Occasional Papers No. 5*. Strathy Language Unit, Queen's University, Kingston, 2004.

"The Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis and the Contemporary Language and Literary Revival among the First Nations in Canada." *International Journal of Canadian Studies*. 27 (Spring 2003). 199-208.

Wendy Frisby (incoming Chair, Women's Studies/ Human Kinetics)

Awards

Recipient of the Earle F. Zeigler Award, the highest scholarly awarded given by the North American Society of Sport Management.

Grants

SSHRC Strategic Grant on "Addressing the Self-Determined Health Problems of Low-Income Women Through Participatory Community Interventions", 2000-2003. \$217,369.

Edited

Editor, *Journal of Sport Management*, (2000-2003).

Articles

Frisby, W., Thibault, L. & Kikulis, L. (2004). "The organizational dynamics of under-managed partnerships in leisure service departments". *Leisure Studies*. 23(2), 109-126.

Thibault, L., Kikulis, L. & Frisby, W. (2004). "Partnerships between local government sport and leisure departments and the commercial sector: Changes, complexities, and consequences". In T. Slack (Ed.), *The Commercialisation of Sport* (pp. 119-140). London, U.K: Frank Cass Publishers.

Frisby, W. (2003). "Understanding sport management research". In J. Parks, B. Zanger & J. Quarterman (Eds.), *Contemporary Sport Management*. (pp. 407-420). Champaign, Ill: Human Kinetics.

Ponic, P., Taylor, J., Shubat, T. & Frisby, W. (2003). "Women organizing activities for women" (WOAW). SSHRC *Phase 6 Report on Strategic Planning for Sustainability*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, 39 pp.

WOAW Collective (2003). Women organizing activities for women (WOAW): SSHRC Phase 5 Report on Recognizing and Valuing Women's Action in their Communities, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, 44 pp.

Rita De Grandis (French, Hispanic and Italian Studies)

Publications

Chapters

"Recontextualizing violence as founding myth: La sangre derramada by José Pablo Feinmann, in *Contemporary Latin American Cultural Studies*. Stephen Hart and Richard Young (Eds.), London: Arnold, 2003: 90-101.

(Posted at <http://www.fhis.ubc.ca>)

Articles

"Uma alegoria nacional: Respiración artificial: vinte anos depois." *Alea Estudos Neolatinos* Number 5, vol 2 (5/2) 2003: 33-51 (Brazil)

(Posted at <http://www.fhis.ubc.ca>)

Sneja Gunew (CRWSGR Director/English and Women's Studies)

Grants

Rockefeller Foundation (with Kaplan & Bernd) Bellagio Research Center Workshop) 120, 000

SSHRC Conference Grant (Performing Hybridity) 10, 000

Awards

Killam Research Prize (Snr) 5000
Celebrate Research Award, UBC, March, 2004.

Publications

Books

Haunted Nations: The Colonial Dimensions of Multiculturalisms, London: Routledge, 2004. 171pp.

Chapters

"Multicultural Sites: Practices of Un/Homeliness," in *Complex Entanglements: Art, Globalisation and Cultural Difference*. Edited by Nikos Papastergiadis. Rivers Oram Press: London, 2003 (178-204).

"The Home of Language: A Pedagogy of the Stammer," in *Uprootings/Regroundings: Questions of Home and Migration*. Edited by S. Ahmed, C. Castaneda, A-M Fortier & M. Sheller. Berg: Oxford, 2003 (41-58)

Journals

"Feminist Cultural Literacy: Translating Differences, Cannibal Options," *Ilha do Desterro: A Journal of English Language, Literatures in English and Cultural Studies*. Special Issue: Gender Studies and Feminist Perspectives, ed. by Sandra Regina Goulart Almeida. Vol. 42, Jan./Jun. 2002, Florianópolis, Brazil, 21-48.

DVD

"Transcultural Translators: Mediating Race, Indigeneity, and Ethnicity in Four Nations". Interviews from the Workshop , Rockefeller Center, Bellagio, Italy. Editing (with B. Charles). 50 mins.

Tineke Hellwig (Asian Studies / Outgoing Chair of Women's Studies)

Publications

Books

In the Shadow of Change (Dalam Bayang-bayang Perubahan) Citra Perempuan dalam Sastra Indonesia. Jakarta: Desantara. 283 pp.
[Indonesian translation of *In the Shadow of Change*. (1994)]

Angela Henderson (School of Nursing / CRWSGR Advisory Committee)

Publications

Chapters

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Articles

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Deirdre Kelly (Educational Studies, CRWSGR Advisory Committee)

Publications

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Awards

American Educational Studies Association (AESA) Critics Choice Award for Pregnant with Meaning: Teen Mothers and the Politics of Inclusive Schooling, October 2003

Grants (Principal Investigator)

"Teaching for Social Justice: Veteran and Beginning Teachers' Perspectives and Pedagogical Possibilities for Public Schools." Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2003-2006.

Celia Kitzinger (York University, U.K. / Research Associate)

Publications

Chapters

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Articles

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Bonita Long (Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education)

Grants

As Principal Investigator:

Hampton Fund. Exploring occupational stress in disaster response through forum theatre: A creative elaboration of emancipatory action research methodology. \$ 32,000. 2004-06

SSHRC. Rising from the ashes: A grounded theory of community recovery following the wildfires of 2003. \$103,000. 2004-07

HSS. Systemic and community-level processes in the recovery from the effects of firestorms (2003) in two rural BC communities: A focus group study. \$2,900. 2004-06

As Co-Investigator:

Michael Smith Infrastructure Award. NEXUS: Researching the social contexts of health behavior. \$600,000 (\$150,000 per year). 2003- 2007. J. Bottorff, J. Buxton, L. Greaves, J. Johnson, A. Ostry, P. Ratner, J. Shoveller (all at co-investigator level)

CHIR Training Program. Comprehensive research training program in psychosocial oncology. \$1,800,000. For 6 years. 2003-2009. PI: C. Loiselle, J. Bottorff, L. Degner, L. Butler (and co-investigators).

Publications

Refereed Journal Publications

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Donnelly, T., & Long, B.C. (2003). "Stress and coping discourses: Power, knowledge, and practice". *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*. 24(4), 397-408.

Chapters

Horwitz, E., & Long, B. (2005). "Mothering and stress discourses: A deconstruction of the interrelationship of discourses on mothering and stress". In A. O'Reilly, M. Porter, & P. Short (Eds.), *Motherhood: Power and oppression*. St. Lucia, Queensland: University of Queensland Press.

Geraldine Pratt (Geography / Graduate Advisor Women's Studies 03-04)

Publications

Books

Pratt G. 2004, *Working Feminism*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press and Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Articles

Pratt, G and Kirby, E. 2003, "Performing Nursing: the B.C. Nurses' Union Theatre Project", *ACME*, 2: 14-32.

Pratt, G. 2003, "Valuing Childcare: Troubles in Suburbia", *Antipode*, 35, 581-602. Reprinted in *Life's Work*, edited by Katharyne Mitchell, Sallie Marston and Cindi Katz, Blackwell, 2004, pp. 164-184.

Pratt, G. in collaboration with Ugnayan ng Kabataang Pilipino sa Canada, 2003, "Between Homes: Displacement and Belonging for Second Generation Filipino-Canadian Youths", *B.C. Studies*, 139, 41-68.

Chapters

Hanson, S. and Pratt, G. 2003, "Learning About Labor", in *Cultural Geography in Practice*, (ed. Alison Blunt et al.) Arnold, 106-118.

Pratt, G. 2004. "Feminist Geographies: Spatialising Feminist Politics", in *Envisioning Human Geography* (ed. P. Cloke, P. Crang and M. Goodwin) Sage, 128-145,

Pratt, G. and R. M. San Juan, 2004, "In Search of the Horizon: Utopia in the Truman Show and The Matrix", in *Emancipatory Cities* (ed. Loretta Lees). Sage, 192-206.

Valerie Raoul (French, Italian and Hispanic Studies)

Grants

UBC HSS grant: 2003-04. \$2,800 oral history project, Breton Women in WW 2.

Reprint of Book Chapter

First chapter of *Anatomy of Gender* (co-authored with Dawn Currie, 1993), reprinted in *The Body: Critical Concepts* (University of Aberdeen/Taylor & Francis), 2003.

Leslie Roman (Educational Studies)

Invited Distinguished Lectureships and Visiting Professorships

Leslie Roman was selected by the distinguished panelists of the Helsinki Collegium of Advanced Studies in association with the Gender and Education Association and the Education and Difference Researchers of Finland to give the Keynote and plenary address for their bi-annual international and interdisciplinary conference, this year entitled, "Multiple marginalities: Gender and education in the global, local and transnational world."

Refereed Journals

Roman, Leslie G. (May/June, 2003). Guest Editor of and contributor to Special Issue for the *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education* on "Conditions, Contexts and Controversies of Truth-Making: Rigoberta Menchú and the Perils of Everyday Witnessing." Vol. 16(3), May/June 2003, pp. 275-469.

Articles Published in Refereed Journals

Roman, Leslie G. (March/April 2003). "Prelude and Temptation: Arresting a Vitriolic and Defamatory Controversy," *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education*, vol. 16(2), pp. 149-156.

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Roman, Leslie G. (May/June 2003). "Ghostly Evidence: Official and Structural Registers of Voice, Veracity, Avarice, and Violence in the Rigoberta Menchú Controversy," *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education*, vol. 16(3), pp. 307-362.

Roman, Leslie G. (June 2004). "States of Insecurity: Cold War Memory, Globalization and its Discontents," *Discourse: The Cultural Politics of Education*, May/June, 2004, vol. 25(2), pp. 231-259.

Roman, Leslie G. (December, 2003). "Education and the Contested Meanings of 'Global Citizenship,'" *Journal of Educational Change* (Special Issue, Guest Edited by Fazal Rizvi), vol. 4(4), pp. 269-293.

Becki Ross (Department of Anthropology/Sociology & Women's Studies)

Publications

Chapters

Becki Ross and Erin Bentley, "Gold-Plated Footballs and Orchids for Girls, A 'Palace of Sweat for Men': Athletics at UBC, 1945-1955," in *Disciplining Bodies in the Gymnasium: Memory, Monument, and Modernism*, Patricia Vertinsky and Sherry McKay, ed. (London and New York: Routledge, 2004): 99-116 (Ross 80%)

Plenary/Keynote Address

"Risque Bodies and Interzones at Risk: Violent Objections to Abjection." Women's Studies Graduate Students' conference, "Epistemic Violence: (Non)/Innocent Conversations," UBC, March 13, 2004

Grants

\$2,550. UBC-HSS Small Grant, 2003-2004, "The Revival of the 'Tease Factor': Neo-Burlesque at the Fin de Siecle."

\$18,850. Hampton Grant, 2003-2005, "Carnival 'Girly Shows': Staging Burlesque at the PNE, 1910-1970."

Veronica Strong-Boag (Educational Studies / Women's Studies)

Grants

SSHRC. July 2003-June 2006. Total for 3 years \$73,904. Women's Studies/Arts. Making Room: Canadians and Adoption.

Canada Council/Killam. July 2003-June 2005. Total for 2 years \$136,376. Educational Studies. Belonging: Canadians and Adoption from the mid-19th century to the present.

Publications

Books Edited

And Michelle Lynn Rosa. *Nellie L. McClung. Clearing in the West and The Stream Runs Fast*, edited, annotated, and introduced (Peterborough, ON: Broadview Press, 2003), 540 pp.

Other

'Widening the Gulf: Child Care for BC Children', *Reportcards on Women and Children in British Columbia*, Centre for Research in WMST and Gender Relations, UBC, July 2003.

And Gillian Creese, 'Canada' in *Women's Issues in North America and the Caribbean*, Cheryl Kalny, ed. In *Women's Issues Worldwide Series*, Lynn Walter, Series Editor (N.Y.: Greenwood Publishing, 2003).

Sunera Thobani (Women's Studies)

Publications

Refereed Journals

'Exception as Rule: Profile of Exclusion', *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, Vol. 29, No. 2 (Winter, 2004). 597-600.

'War and the Politics of Truth Making in Canada', *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education*, Vol. 16. No.3 (May-June, 2003). 399-414.

Chapters

'War Frenzy', Joseph, A. and Sharma, K. (eds.) *Terror Counter-Terror: Women Speak Out*. London & New York: Zed Books (2003). 90-99. (Reprinted Journal Article).

Grants

Principal Investigator

SSHRC Standard Research Grant. Television Representations of Women and the War on Terrorism. 2003-04: \$57,305.

Hampton Research Fund. Gender, Globalization and International Conflict: Representations of Women in the Print Media. Ongoing. Total for 2003-04: \$28,570

UBC SSHRC. South Asian Women's Narratives of Migration. Ongoing. Total for 2003-04: \$2,000.

Status of Women-Canada. Furthering Race and Gender Studies in Canada. Ongoing. Total for 2003-04: \$120,000.

Co-investigator

SSHRC Strategic Initiatives Grant. The Intersectionality of Race and Gender in Social Cohesion. Ongoing. total for 2003-2004: \$170,000. With A. Henderson, J.A. Lee and Y. Jiwani. Principal investigator M. Jackson.

Lectures/Events Organized or Co-sponsored by the Centre

Fall Term, 2003

September 10: Celia Kitzinger
Constructing Heteronormativity through Talk in Interaction

September 17: Bronwen Levy
Feminist Speaking, Myths and Conditions

September 22 at the U.B.C. Museum of Anthropology:
Colleen Waata Ulrich and Gabrielle Belz
Maori Artist Talks

October 1: Karen Dubinsky
Babies without Borders: A History of Interracial and International Adoption

October 8: Malashri Lal
Literary Feminism in India: In Search of Theory

October 16-19: Week of Transculturalism Improvisations Conference
Cultural Mingling: Between, Among, Within Cultures

October 22: Margaret Linley
Shelley Jackson's Patchwork Girl: the Print Book that Haunts Literature

October 29: Susan Boyd
Images of Feminism: Child Custody Law Reform Debates of the Late 20th Century

November 5: Rathi Menon

The Female Consciousness and Women Empowerment in Kamala Das's My Story

November 12: Juanita Sundberg

Gender-in-the-making in Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve

November 19: Karin Widerberg

Embodying Modern Times - Time, Body and Emotions in Late-Modernity. A research project and its epistemological background, design and challenges

November 26: Jennifer Hyndman

Beyond Gender: Towards A Feminist Analysis of Humanitarianism and Development in Sri Lanka

Winter Term, 2004

January 7: Geraldine Pratt

The Live-in Caregiver Program as a Space of Exception

January 14: Jennifer Hyndman

Beyond Gender: Towards A Feminist Analysis of Humanitarianism and Development in Sri Lanka

January 21: Nancy Nisbet

Surveillance, Identity and Subversion: A Look at a New Media Art Project

January 28: Laura Marks

Enfoldment and Infinity: Islamic Histories of New Media Art.

February 4: Aiko Ogoshi

The Women's Tribunal on the "Comfort Women" issue as an achievement of Asian feminists

February 11: Susan C. Boyd

Drug Trafficking, Women, and the Law

February 25: Cindi Katz

(co-sponsored with the Geography department)

The State Goes Home: Social Reproduction and the Terrors of Hypervigilance in Contemporary US Childhood

March 3: Sharon Wall

Only Natural: Heterosexuality and Co-education at Ontario Summer Camps, 1920-1955

March 10: Patricia Elliot

Complex Bodies: Feminist Encounters with Transsexuality

March 17: Sneja Gunew

Transcultural Improvisation: Feminist Perspectives

March 25: Gaye Chan (co-sponsored with Department of Anthropology and Sociology)

Dreaming in American: The Banality of Ruling

March 31: Benita Bunjun

A 'New Era': Deepening the Feminization of Poverty

April 7: Rocio Davis

Graphic Selves: Lynda Barry and Marjane Satrapi's Comics as Childhood Autobiography

The Graduate Programme

The Graduate Programme is administered by the Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations, Faculty of Graduate Studies. It allows qualified applicants to undertake graduate work in the field of Women's Studies and Gender Relations. For more information on the Programme as well as course descriptions, application procedures, and fellowships, consult our website www.wmst.ubc.ca. In 2004-05 the Graduate Advisor will be Dr. Isabel Dyck who will have an office in the Centre and can be reached by e-mail at gradadv@interchange.ubc.ca

Courses offered in 2003-2004

WMST 500 (3): Interdisciplinary Research in Women's Studies. Geraldine Pratt.
WMST 501 (3): Feminist Methodology. Gillian Creese
WMST 502 (3): Feminist Theory: Transcultural Hybridities. Sneja Gunew
WMST 503D (3): Bordering Women. Sunera Thobani
WMST 504A (3): Practicum or Internship. Sunera Thobani
WMST 505A (3): Directed Reading.
WMST 505B (6) Directed Reading
WMST 510 (3): Extended Essay
WMST 520B (9): Master's Thesis
WMST 606 (0): PhD Thesis

Report from Graduate Advisor, May 2004

Graduating Masters Students

Autumn 2003

Claire Carter
Negotiating Femininity: An Exploratory Study of Young Women's Everyday Experiences

Ellexis Boyle
Female Bodybuilding and the Politics of Muscle: How female bodybuilders negotiate race, gender, and (hetero)sexuality in bodybuilding competition

Karen Dias
Virtual Sanctuary: Geographies of Pro-Anorexia Websites

Spring 2004

Maren Hancock
The Women's Humanities Year: A Transferable Model

Nancy Spina
Creating Difference: Whiteness and the Othering of Immigrant Women in Italy

Kimberly Book
A Comparison of Black Women in BC and Ontario



PhD Student Naomi Lloyd and UBC Scholar Nancy Nisbet



PhD student Hui-Ling Lin with Master's student Lisa Hickey

Katherine Buffington
*New Selves, Undecided Futures:
"Reading" the female body in Modern
Shojo Manga*

Sedi Menachi
*The Experience of Skilled Workers of
Colour in Canada*

There are only two Masters students who began their programs before 2003 who have not yet completed, which means that our Masters students are generally completing their programmes in very good time.

Progress Among PhD students

We accepted our first PhD students in 2001 and there are now 10 students in the PhD programme. Four PhD students completed their comprehensive exams this year, and one is in the process of writing them. We have regularized this process, and students seem to be moving through it in a timely and productive way.

Student Conferences and Publications

Graduate students organized and ran two student conferences this year:
March 13, (un)knowable violences: non-innocent conversations;
April 16, Critical Directions in Feminist Graduate Studies.

Graduate students published the proceedings of the 2003 graduate conference in a beautifully designed publication, entitled 'ampersand'.

Good news from past graduates

Karen Dias (who graduated from our Masters program last summer and is now in her first year of her PhD program at University of Minnesota) won a AAUW (American Association of University Women) International Fellowship. She is one of only 58 awards winners out of 1143 applicants. The award is worth \$US 20,000.

UGFs and other Scholarships

We had good success in the UGF competition this year. We put forward 10 applications, including one allowable exception (a file that doesn't meet the FoGS' requirement of a first class standing in the previous 2 years), and 8 were successful (including the exception). We received 2 renewable UGFs, 4 one year full UGFs and 2 partial UGFs. One of our Masters students was successful in the SSHRC MA competition.

Applicants and Incoming Students

We received 70 applications, up 10% from last year. We made offers to 12 Masters students: 8 turned us down for offers elsewhere; 4 have accepted. There were exceedingly good students among those who turned us down and it is very clear that we do not have the financial resources to attract them. There are excellent students among the 4 coming into the program next year, but our sense is that the best of them are coming into our program because they are in Vancouver for other reasons. Without such extenuating circumstances, we simply are not competitive at attracting top Masters students into our program, and we certainly cannot compete with the Women's Studies program at York University (which appears to have deep pockets and to be our main competitor). Of the students who rejected our offers, three have gone to York, while others accepted offers from Oxford, Carleton and University of Alberta.

We made funded offers to 3 external PhD students and 2 accepted them. In addition, two of our completing Masters students have been accepted into the PhD program and 1 first year Master student is upgrading to the PhD.

Grad Student Activities

**Kim Snowden, PhD representative, and
Heather Latimer, MA representative**

March 2004

- On March 13th, 2004 the UBC Women's Studies Graduate Student Association, in collaboration with the Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations (CRWSGR), hosted the first ever student run and organized Women's Studies conference entitled *(un)knowable violences: non-innocent conversations*.

Planning for the conference began in the summer of 2003 when several Women's Studies graduate students (Melanie Scheuer, Sam Semper, Cecily Nicholson, Katherine Buffington, Heather Latimer, Bianca Rus and Kim Snowden) got together to talk about hosting a graduate conference which would address structural, discursive and epistemic violence from a feminist perspective. The aim of the conference was to gather together emerging scholars and students, engaged in feminist and/or gendered analysis, in order to talk about these issues as well as stimulate conversations which interrogated the problems inherent in academic, analytical, theoretical and institutional frameworks.



PhD Student Cecily Nicholson speaking at the Conference



Melissa Brittain of the University of Alberta, who spoke on 'Imperialist Violence in Iraq' with PhD student Marilou Carrillo and Professor Becki Ross at the Conference.

- Participants at the conference came from as far as Germany and Massachusetts and as close as our own department, with the above-mentioned conference organizers and other volunteers acting as Chairs, caterers, hosts, MC's and AV techs. The conference took place at the Graduate Student Society Centre and consisted of six panels running consecutively, two key-note speakers, and dinner and drinks. The conference was only possible through the generous funding from the CRWSGR, the Walter Gage Memorial Fund and the UBC Innovative Projects Fund. This funding was used to provide travel bursaries and ensure that the conference was free to any students or public who wanted to come or participate. Some of the topics covered conference were discursive violence, bodies and power, pedagogy, and violent representations. The papers stimulated critical and thoughtful discussions and responses and received extremely positive feedback from the attendees and Chairs. The two key-note addresses came from Dr. Becki Ross and author Hiromi Goto and covered issues around pedagogy, sex-trade work, race, class, literature and the importance of collaborative feminist research. Those who stayed for dinner

had a chance to relax and socialize with Hiromi, as well as meet the presenters and organizers.

Overall the conference was so well attended and supported, with both organizers and presenters thrilled with the day, that the Women's Studies Graduate Student Association hopes to plan a similar event for 2005. The organizers would again like to thank all of the presenters, the volunteers, the faculty, the CRWSGR, the Walter Gage Memorial Fund, the Innovative Projects Fund and all of you who made this exciting event possible.

- Naomi Lloyd presented at a conference March 5th-7th. The name of the conference was: "Resolutions & Ruptures: Sexual and Gender Diversity & the Space In-Between" and Naomi's presentation was entitled: "The Female Invert and Turn-of-the-Century Sexology". The conference took place at UBC and was sponsored by a number of different departments/units within UBC.
- The conference committee launched *ampersand* - a journal of graduate student papers from the 2003 Graduate Presentation day. We hope to keep publishing graduate student work and conference proceedings. Sam Semper is the driving force behind this project and the committee is made up of several MA and PhD students.

April

- April 16th - the annual Women's Studies Graduate Student presentation - this year's symposium was called *Critical Directions in Feminist Graduate Studies* and included presenters from other departments who are engaged in feminist research. The symposium was organized by Jade Boyd.

May

- Colloquium *Nancy Huston: Transcultural Dialogues*, at Mount Royal College in Calgary, Alberta, May 20th and 21st. Students Heather Latimer, Melanie Scheuer, and Sam Semper attended. The intention of the colloquium was to discuss and comment on "the trans-cultural dialogues, cultural boundaries and ethnic affiliations in Huston's novels". Heather presented a paper entitled, "The Gaps Between Theory and Practice: Nancy Huston's 'Exile' and the Politics of Representation". Sam gave a paper entitled "Toward a New 'Subjective Space': 'Nancy Huston's' 'Being in Exile' as (Re)Productive Distance".
- Four MA students graduated - Kimberley Book, Katherine Buffington, Sedi Minachi and Maren Hancock.
- Other Spring news -
3 more PhD students have completed, or are on their way to completing, their qualifying exams: Marilou Carillo, Cecily Nicholson and Bianca Rus.
- There is already much communication between the current students and the new students beginning in September - we are planning social gatherings over the summer and have set up a "buddy" system which guarantees that every new student has a contact for advice and questions.
- The book club is still meeting every month - we read fiction and poetry by women and discuss the merits of using these texts in an academic and feminist context. We are on hiatus now until the fall when we hope to reinvent ourselves as a kind of literary salon where we can discuss books but also focus on films and other cultural discourses that are relevant to the books we are reading. We hope to draw more students, faculty and hopefully some local writers.
- One of our MA students, Itrath Syed, ran as an NDP candidate in the June election in her local riding of Delta-Richmond East. Some of the other graduate students volunteered their time to help with the campaign.

- Women's Studies graduate students were very successful in the UGF competition for the 2004-2005 academic year. We received 8 UGFs (some partial UGFs). Bianca Rus received a Tina and Morris Wagner Foundation Fellowship.
- The Cultural Theory Group was a great success this semester. 8 -10 students meet once a month to discuss various cultural theory readings and attempt to workshop these theories and help each other understand them. We are planning to continue this group in September and hope to be able to workshop our own research and use of theory for feedback and advice. It is also a great way for us to socialize as the group is made up of MA and PhD students from diverse backgrounds. We will also be continuing with our monthly pub meetings - a way to let off steam and touch base with each other. We hope to entice faculty to join us from time to time!
- 2003 Women's Studies MA graduate, Karen Dias, is the recipient of an American Association of University Women's International Award for \$20,000 US dollars. She has also received a 3 year SSHRC. Karen is currently a PhD student in Geography at the University of Minnesota.

