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Geography Study Group  
Newsletter*

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## CWAG Chair Notes

**Margaret Walton-Roberts**

While writing this column my attention has been focused on the election and concern over the future political direction this country might move in. Today, the 24<sup>th</sup> January, we can breathe somewhat easier knowing Canadians have elected a Conservative *minority* government that will be held in check by a sizable Liberal opposition, the Bloc and larger NDP caucus. Part of my (not too premature I hope) relief at this minority outcome has been informed by recent analysis of the impact of BC's neo-liberal government on social programs. Gillian Creese and Veronica Strong-Boag's (2005) indictment of the BC Liberal Government's actions over the last few years forcefully argues; "Women have been battered in the four years of Liberal administration in British Columbia" (32). This recent Canadian experience with neo-liberalism makes the election of a minority, rather than majority, Conservative government somewhat encouraging. Rather than sit by and watch the new government employ a federal surplus to increase tax cuts and create a deficit, which will then be used as justification to cuts social spending and programs, we can instead hope for a vital debate to occur in the house on issues of social change and investment. With a strengthened NDP caucus one can hope for some positive outcomes, but the challenges for Canada are still immense. In a recent *Toronto Star* article Dennis Raphael highlights that

among developed nations Canada has the second highest percentage of low paid workers (23%) exceeded only by the USA. Additionally he argues that there is a positive relationship between the presence of left parties in government or 'left cabinet share' and lower rates of child poverty. Between 1946 and 1990, for example, Sweden had a 32% left cabinet share and a 2.4% child poverty rate while Canada had a 0% left cabinet share and a 14% child poverty rate. The presence of more left leaning politicians in the house suggests we may see some socially progressive advances, or at least have these issues publicly debated.

In light of this political sea change we as academics can play a role, the role we have always played in contributing to public discourse on matters of importance. As teachers, scholars and intellectuals we have an important job in promoting dialogue and debate. Our research can illustrate the impact of government policy on various sectors of society, especially vulnerable populations such as the poor and the marginalized. Active civil discourse such as writing letters to the editors, to our MPs and other political representatives, can insert alternative voices into the debate and continually reiterate our concerns. As members of CWAG I hope we share a similar interest in promoting social justice and act, in whichever ways we can, to promote greater equity and prosperity for all.

On a more pleasing note, I would like to announce that Maureen Reed has been selected and has agreed to present the Suzanne Mackenzie Memorial

Lecture at this years CAG meeting in Thunder Bay. Maureen's work in resource issues has consistently brought gender and social justice issues to the fore, and her presentation will be of significant interest in a resource-based economy such as Thunder Bay. I hope many of you will be able to attend the lecture, which is provisionally planned for Thursday evening June 1st. I would like to thank the nominating committee; Rhonda Koster, Isabel Dyck, Evelyn Peters and Judy Bates (who replaced Evelyn when she recused herself from the committee) for their hard work and careful deliberation.

In order to raise the profile of CWAG, I hope those of you planning to attend the CAG conference will consider requesting CWAG sponsorship of your session by contacting our CWAG special session organizers; Judy Bates and Sutama Ghosh. Also please plan on attending the CWAG business meeting, which is provisionally scheduled for Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. I will be taking maternity leave from the middle of March, and so unfortunately will not be at the

meeting, but Judy Bates has kindly agreed to chair the meeting and Lisa Drummond will be organizing lunch.

Regards and best wishes  
Margaret Walton-Roberts,  
Chair CWAG.

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<http://www.bcfed.com/Where+We+Stand/Publications/Archives/2005-pub-report-losingground.htm>

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## Editor's Notes

**Bonnie Hallman**

Thanks once again to all who took the time to offer up contributions for this latest edition of the CWAG newsletter. I think that you will be delighted to see that we have a vibrant and varied community of scholars under the CWAG mantle.

I am particularly pleased to be able to announce two new aspects of the newsletter. First, we now have a stable home on the Department of Environment and Geography, University of Manitoba website for our CWAG web-page, including all PDF newsletter files. The CWAG link on the CAG website has been updated to this new location:

[http://www.umanitoba.ca/environment/en\\_virogeog/CWAG/index.html](http://www.umanitoba.ca/environment/en_virogeog/CWAG/index.html)

Secondly, we have a new feature starting in this issue. 'Getting to Know Ourselves' is a new take on the member profile, where both the professional and the personal are included, and I think reveal much more about what we do, and importantly, why. Please consider adding your profile to the next issue.

I have been considering starting a May issue of the newsletter, if there is enough interest. What do you think? It might be nice to have something new and current at the time of the CAG conference.



## NOTICES & NEWS

Dr. Valerie Preston is on sabbatical this year, spending as much time as possible enjoying Montreal as a visiting professor at Institut national de la recherche scientifique, culture, urbanisation and societe. With Drs. Damaris Rose and Annick Germain, she is completing a comparative study of immigrants' housing in Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver.

Dr. Deborah Thien will be taking up a new position in August 2006 as Assistant Professor, Feminist Geography at California State University, Long Beach.



## Feature:

### Getting to Know Ourselves Survey Responses

One of the things that a newsletter can do is help our members get to know one another. And in the spirit of truly making the academy, or at least our area of it, a bit more welcoming, this doesn't need to be limited to our professional, academic lives/selves. We are all so much more than that, and of course who we are as people shapes what and how we approach our working lives.

This is the first launch of what I hope becomes a regular feature. This is a sort of interview based on a brief list of questions noted below. It is done in part as a fun way to get to know ourselves as people, and in part in seriousness to address / discuss issues, research etc., that face many of us, now or at some time in our lives.

## Getting to Know Ourselves Survey

### 'Serious' Questions:

1. How would you describe your research program?
2. Who has been the most influential writer in your work?
3. How has your work changed over time?
4. What do you see as the most important Canadian political issue today?

### 'Less-serious' Questions:

1. What do you do to relax?
2. Who is your favourite author?
3. What is your favourite food?
4. What might you do if you didn't work in your current position?

Please email your responses to [hallmanb@ms.umanitoba.ca](mailto:hallmanb@ms.umanitoba.ca). And please, if there are additional questions you'd like to see included, send those to me as well.

### GETTING TO KNOW: Pamela Moss, University of Victoria

#### Serious:

1. My research program is about knowledge, experience, women and power. I take these up in different contexts: political action in institutional settings, women diagnosed with chronic illness, and feminist research methodologies. Some of the projects I'm involved in have to do with disability in the academy, autobiographical writing as analysis, women's experiences of myalgic encephalomyelitis, historical constitution of diagnostic categories, and feminist geographies.

2 & 3. Initially, it was Karl Marx. Then it was a range of Marxist feminists. Then it was Michel Foucault, and feminists interested in showing how feminism and Foucault can be compatible, especially Jana Sawicki

and Susan Bordo. Body theorists have influenced my thinking, especially those with an interest in materialism: Elizabeth Grosz, Lynda Birke, Gillian Bendelow, and Margrit Shildrick. Increasingly, I'm even more drawn to feminists who engage with Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari through the body, like Claire Colebrook, Rosi Braidotti, and Annie Potts. But there is so much really interesting stuff going on that it is difficult to pin down the influence of one particular person.

4. Neoliberalism. Anti-terrorism.

#### Less serious:

1. Watch movies.
2. Nicole Brossard.
3. Greens – parsley, spinach, kale, etc.
4. Today ... a gardener.

### GETTING TO KNOW: Bonnie Hallman, University of Manitoba

#### Serious:

1. My current research on zoos as cultural and social landscapes continues my longstanding interest in the everyday geographies of families, centred on a critical analysis of the spaces and places that structure and influence the resources and behaviours of families.

2. Anthony Giddens – structuration just made innate sense to me. Linda McDowell and Gill Valentine – I think I have read and absorbed everything they have ever written.

3. My research work has become less exclusively rural, aging-focused and quantitative over time and more informed by gendered readings of human-environment and human-animal relations. This is reflected in my teaching, which now includes (finally!) a gender geography seminar, as well as courses in health and food geographies.

4. Hmm...loaded question the day after an election. ☺ I think the future of public

healthcare in this country looms large, as does the persistent inequities between non-aboriginal and aboriginal Canadians. Overarching this is of course the bigger issue of environmental, economic and social sustainability.

Less serious:

1. Read escapist historical fiction. If the stress is really bad – read escapist historical fiction in a nice hot bubble bath! I've also found cheering on my son's hockey team to be quite cathartic!

2. Do I have to pick only one? I'm a bibliophile (McNally Robinson's discounted book section for me is like a candy store to a kid!), but I do tend to prefer female authors, and enjoy:

Jane Urqhart  
Miriam Toews  
Diane Gabaldon (author of escapist historical fiction noted above)  
Carol Shields

3. Tough one – I'm a foodie.  
Eating out: Good, authentic Chinese soups; bison ribs at Fusion Grill here in Winnipeg; Greek salad; authentic English fish and chips.

Cooking at home: Fresh baked raisin scones; a perfectly roasted grain-fed chicken; roasted red pepper soup; beans fresh from the garden. Damn – now I'm hungry! ☺

4. Well – I started university to be a veterinarian...maybe that. I've thought about opening a bookshop / café after I retire from the university. I'd call it 'The Professor's Shelf'. So I think I may have gotten into the book trade in some aspect.



## Department / Program Updates

### University of Northern British Columbia

#### GRADUATE STUDENTS:

**Lynn Wilson** (MA International Studies candidate, co-supervisors **Drs. Catherine Nolin** and **Fiona MacPhail**) spent the month of June at the Educación para Todos (Education for All) Spanish-language school in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala before traveling to the other side of the country to the community of Rabinal where she began a 2-month CIDA-funded internship with the Fundación Nueva Esperanza (New Hope Foundation). Lynn spent the summer months assisting in the development of indigenous Maya educational tools and the creation and facilitation of programs designed for the empowerment of Maya women, girls and boys. Lynn will return to Guatemala next summer to conduct her own SSHRC-funded research project on the necessity of indigenous women's empowerment in post-conflict Guatemala.

**Joanna Kafarowski's** (PhD NRES, co-supervisors Drs. Deborah Poff and Leslie King) northern fieldwork is highlighted on SSHRC's "Winning Research" ([http://www.sshrc.ca/web/winning/stories/kafarowski\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/winning/stories/kafarowski_e.asp)) website. The site notes that "with the help of a SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, Kafarowski has been studying how Inuit women, who have traditionally been responsible for maintaining the health of their families, have become leaders in the fight against pollution."

Congratulations to **Jacqui Stephens** (MA Interdisciplinary Studies – Geography/Anthropology/Political Science) on her successful thesis defense on 14 June 2005. Title: "Conflicting Perspectives: Neoliberal Resource Development, Indigenous Communities and Modern Canadian Imperialism in Guatemala." Supervisor: Dr. Catherine Nolin

Congratulations to **Melissa Baxter** (MA NRES 2005) on her successful defence on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Title: 'Devolution and Post-Secondary Education: Challenging First Nations Geo-Legal Spatiality.' In the thesis, Melissa, an Anishnawbe, questions the geographical imaginations behind devolution, and how they have ignored the geographical realities of urban First Nations persons. Supervisor Dr. Gail Fondahl

Congratulations to **Jennifer Reade** (MA Interdisciplinary Studies 2005) on her successful defence on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Title: '*Mujeres Autorizadas*: Women's Empowerment Programs as a Form of Community Development in Guatemala.' Based on many months of fieldwork in Guatemala, Jenn argues for the need to see 'capacitation' development (or empowerment) as a critical step in community development in post-conflict Guatemala. Supervisor Dr. Catherine Nolin

This summer, **SARAH PARSONS** (MA NRES-Geography candidate) began her field work for her research on developing a participatory method to evaluate forest co-management. She conducted interviews with nine members of Tl'azt'en Nation in preparation for focus groups conducted this fall. This past summer, Sarah and Beverly Leon (Tl'azt'en CURA coordinator) taught a module at the Natural Resources Management (NRM) Field Camp where students interviewed Tl'azt'en community members and natural resource management professionals about forestry issues (read the upcoming [CURA newsletter](#) for more details).

**McGregor, Jessica, Neil Hanlon, Scott Emmons**, Don Voaklander, and Karen Kelly (2005) If all ambulances could fly: Putting provincial standards of emergency service accessibility to the test in northern British Columbia. [The Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine](#) 10(3): 163-168.\*\* [full text available at link]. This article is based on **Jessica McGregor's** GEOG 428-3 term Project (Advanced Medical Geography) and was done in partnership with **Dr. Neil Hanlon, Scott Emmons** in the GIS lab at UNBC and members of the BC Rural And Remote Health Institute.

#### FACULTY MEMBERS:

**Gail Fondahl** spent a sunny three weeks in July at the north end of Lake Baykal (eastern Siberia) with a colleague from Moscow, carrying out an ethnographic assessment of local/aboriginal views regarding the impending construction of an oil pipeline across their traditional territory. Most work was in a native village where Gail worked previously in 1992 to 1994.

We are pleased to welcome glaciologist **Dr. Sarah Boon** (PhD, University of Alberta) who

joined the Geography Program in August for an 18-month appointment.

**Drs. Catherine Nolin** and **Neil Hanlon** are the proud parents of new daughter Finola born on 22 October 2005. Catherine is on leave until the Field School to Guatemala in August 2006.

## Research Update from the Department of Geography, University of Guelph

### FACULTY

**Dr. Alice J. Hovorka** joined the faculty in 2003 after receiving her Ph.D. from Clark University. Her research program centres on urbanization in Botswana, and is comprised of three distinct yet interrelated focal points. The first explores human-environment relations through topics such as urban agriculture and animal geography. The second investigates emerging economic and political spaces in the urban context, largely from a gender perspective. The third addresses issues related to HIV/AIDS. Currently, Alice is the principal investigator on a three-year SSHRC Standard Research Grant (\$89,701) entitled *Gendered Urbanization in Botswana: Economic and Political Spaces*. The research engages feminist geographical perspectives on social relations within the urban environment in order to elaborate a theory of gendered urbanization in Africa. It investigates empirically how urban economic and political spaces are shaping and reorienting men's and women's access to productive resources, livelihood strategies, and social status through an exploration of entrepreneurship and identity politics. Ultimately, research findings will inform appropriate and effective urban policy and planning strategies aimed at accommodating gender experiences, needs and interests. The research is

supported by the Government of Botswana, who is keen to address the pressing issues brought on by rural-urban transformation, and is well positioned to make productive use of the results.

### STUDENTS

#### Colleen McLeod, MA Candidate

After completing an undergraduate degree in the geography program at the University of Guelph, I decided I wasn't ready to end my career as a student in geography at Guelph. Luckily, our department had a new faculty member, Dr. Alice Hovorka, with whom I share similar research interests. So, in 2004, I entered the master's program, with Alice as my advisor. It took some time for me to narrow my research interests, but eventually found inspiration in the lives of women in small, isolated resource-dependent communities. As my thesis topic became more focused, it began to centre on the nature and processes behind the gendering of space in resource towns, and the implications this has on women's sense of place within them. This past summer, with the help of funding from SSHRC, I lived in the resource-dependent community of High Level, AB, and collected my data on the lives of women there. I approached the research from a qualitative and post-structural feminist stance, using primarily semi-structured focus groups and individual interviews. Currently, I am writing my thesis in the hopes of defending it this April, and I find myself continually fascinated by the patterns emerging from this research.

#### Vanessa Houston, MA Candidate

After completing my BA at Nipissing University in Geography of International Development, I began my Masters at Guelph in September, 2004. I am currently working with Dr. Alice Hovorka toward a degree in Geography and International Development Studies. The focus of my thesis is on HIV/AIDS education in rural



Africa. My interest in the issue of HIV/AIDS in Africa dates back to high school. I feel extremely fortunate to be able to concentrate my graduate research on a topic that has now become an all-encompassing and personal passion in my life. In addition, I have made lifelong friendships and been enriched by life changing experiences during my time in Africa. My research takes place in the rural district of Dedza, Malawi. I chose this area for my study site because this is where I lived during the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) summer seminar that I participated in during the summer of 2004. The seminar was my first experience conducting primary research on HIV/AIDS in Africa (and my first experience traveling abroad!). It prepared me well for my second visit to Malawi this past summer of 2005 during my data collection period. The overall approach to my research is qualitative, employing interviews and focus group discussions as the main methods. Specifically, I am using a social network approach to examine how an individual's social network influences the information they receive, their interpretations of that information, and their general attitudes and beliefs guiding their behaviour. Although I am currently in the process of analyzing my data, it is clear that social networks play a central role in determining the success/failure of HIV/AIDS education and prevention strategies. Therefore, social networks may be a key vehicle for the elusive behaviour change, which is the only remedy for this pandemic in the absence of a cure.



## Research Profiles & Member Updates

**Dr. Bonnie Hallman**  
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**Department of Environment and**  
**Geography, University of Manitoba**

**University of Manitoba Centre on Aging**  
**Research Fellowship 2006-2007**

*Walking with the Animals: Exploring Zoos as Sites for Increasing Health and Wellbeing amongst Older Adults*

Combining concepts and knowledge from the fields of urban planning and design, animal geographies, and social gerontology, this research project has as its overarching purpose the examination of urban zoos as sites for increasing the health of older adults. Starting from the a priori position that the combination of park setting, animal viewing, and accessible and varied walking paths, as well as the widespread perception of zoos as safe, 'family-oriented' places gives zoological parks numerous characteristics that can facilitate increased physical activity, social interaction and connection with nature, this research has three objectives:

- 1) To outline and describe the inter-connections between the purpose and design of zoos, physical activity, health and wellbeing, and the aging adult.
- 2) To assess the level and nature of physical activity, social interaction and zoo use by older adults (55+) and their reactions to, and recommendations for, increasing their use of zoos as sites for increased

physical activity and social interaction.

- 3) To develop a set of recommendations for the development of programming in zoos for promoting themselves as venues for older adults interested in more active lifestyles.

**Dr. Valorie Crooks**  
Postdoctoral Fellow in Health Services  
Research  
York University

Valorie Crooks recently finished her PhD in the School of Geography and Earth Sciences at McMaster University. Her dissertation is entitled 'Life *with* Fibromyalgia Syndrome: A socio-spatial examination of chronically ill women's experiences of everyday life, doctor-patient interactions, and health care services.' She is currently a CHSRF/CIHR Postdoctoral Fellow in Health Services Research at York University, working under the supervision of Pat Armstrong. She also holds a CIHR Strategic Training Postdoctoral Fellowship in Health Care, Technology and Place and is working under the mentorship of Mark Rosenberg (Queen's University). In September she will be taking up a faculty position in the Department of Geography at Simon Fraser University with a specialization in health geography. She can be reached at [crooksva@yorku.ca](mailto:crooksva@yorku.ca).

Her research website can be viewed at: <http://publish.yorku.ca/~crooksva/page0001.htm>.



## Conferences / Symposia

**Second International & Interdisciplinary  
Conference on  
Emotional Geographies**

Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario,

25-27 May 2006

<http://www.geog.queensu.ca/emotionalgeog/>

### **Speakers to include:**

Liz Bondi, Ed Casey, Avery Gordon,  
Mike Hepworth, Audrey Kobayashi,  
Kay Milton & Nigel Thrift,

*Clearly, our emotions matter. They affect the way we sense the substance of our past, present and future; all can seem bright, dull or darkened by our emotional outlook. Whether we crave emotional equilibrium, or adrenaline thrills, the emotional geographies of our lives are dynamic, transformed by our procession through childhood, adolescence, middle and old age, and by more immediately destabilizing events such as birth or bereavement, or the start or end of a relationship. Whether joyful, heartbreaking or numbing, emotion has the power to transform the shape of our lives, expanding or contracting our horizons, creating new fissures or fixtures we never expected to find. But how do we articulate and negotiate such complex emotional landscapes?*

From the introduction to *Emotional Geographies* (in press), edited by Joyce Davidson, Liz Bondi and Mick Smith (Burlington, VT & Aldershot: Ashgate).

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Below is information for two special sessions  
at the upcoming AAG conference that may  
be of interest to CWAG members.

**Geographies of Caregiving**

is scheduled on Friday, 3/10/06, from 4:00  
PM - 5:40 PM

*Organizer(s):*

Valorie Crooks

Allison Williams - McMaster University

*Chair(s):*

Valorie Crooks

*Abstract(s):*

**4:00 PM Author(s):** \*Meredith B. Lilly, PhD  
Candidate - University of Toronto

Abstract Title: Medical versus Social  
Healthcare Settings in Canada: Wage  
Differences for Personal Support Work  
Between Hospital and Home

**4:20 PM Author(s):** \*Ann Varley - UCL  
(University College London)

Abstract Title: Caregiving and the home: a  
story of dementia

**4:40 PM Author(s):** \*Stephen Healy -  
Miami University

Abstract Title: "Caring for Ethics and the  
Politics of Health Care Reform"

**5:00 PM Author(s):** \*Allison M. Williams,  
Ph.D. - McMaster University

Abstract Title: AN EVALUATION OF  
CANADA'S COMPASSIONATE CARE  
BENEFIT (CCB): AN EXAMINATION OF  
SOCIO-SPATIAL THEMES

**Scaling up for context I: examining  
forces shaping gendered experiences in  
place**

is scheduled on Saturday, 3/11/06, from 8:00  
AM - 9:40 AM

*Organizer(s):*

Valorie Crooks

Dr. Jeff Masuda

*Chair(s):*

Heather Castleden - University of Alberta

*Abstract(s):*

**8:00 AM Author(s):** \*Elisabeth Aufhauser -  
University of Vienna, Department for  
Geography and Regional Science

Abstract Title: "High Tech Fantasies" and  
"Low Budget Initiatives". Inter- and  
transscalar relations shaping the gender of  
regional economic policy

**8:20 AM Author(s):** \*Jennifer Gieseke -  
CUNY - Graduate Center

Abstract Title: Constructing Women:  
Women's Development on the Campus and in  
Society

**8:40 AM Author(s):** \*Valorie A. Crooks -  
York Institute for Health Research, York  
University

Abstract Title: Lived Experience in Context:  
The interplay between women living with  
fibromyalgia syndrome and Canada's health  
care system

**9:00 AM Author(s):** \*Jeanne Kay Guelke -  
University of Waterloo

Abstract Title: Scale in Mormon women's  
autobiographical writings

## Caring for the North Symposium

*Caring for the North* will bring together researchers and community partners to develop a northern research program and the capacity to explore this in the critical areas of gender, care, and northern places. The major outcome of this symposium will be a collaboratively produced, multi-disciplinary research agenda. In northern communities, changing social, political, and economic contexts have resulted in shifting perceptions of both 'gender' and 'care' – changes that have significant consequences for northern residents. The symposium will create a forum for explicitly considering these changes, making space to design meaningful research which will best serve people in northern places. This collaborative research agenda will address the fundamental issues of gender and care as they affect the well-being of people in northern places.

Participants will include academics, students, community organizations, and community members with local, national, and international expertise. The symposium will gather representatives from geography, gender studies, First Nations studies, social work, community health, and nursing, together with community organizations and members. In addition to building on existing research relationships, the symposium will foster new research partnerships and set in motion an ongoing forum for collectively pursuing future research directions. This gathering will strengthen links between north and south, between community members and researchers, and between Canada and international research communities.

The University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) is ideally placed to host *Caring for the North*. Although Prince George falls below the permafrost line, UNBC's broad mission is to be a "university in the north, for

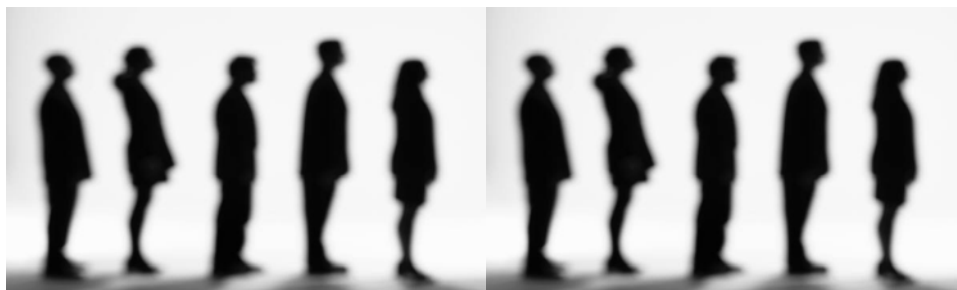
the north". This strong focus on northern issues is underpinned by the University's commitment to using its intellectual resources to enhance the quality of life of the people and communities of the north. A number of UNBC's research institutes accordingly focus on the social, political, and economic concerns of northern BC and related regions (including the Centre of Excellence for Children and Adolescents with Special Needs, the BC Rural and Remote Health Research Institute, the Institute of Social Research & Evaluation, the Natural Resources and Environmental Studies program, the Community Development Institute, and the John Prince Research Forest co-managed with the Tl'azt'en Nation). UNBC is the only university in Canada to have a major in Northern Studies. UNBC's northern research focus encompasses the provincial, national, and circumpolar north.

The symposium is sponsored by Geography and Social Work at UNBC, the BC Rural and Remote Health Research Network, and the Canadian Rural and Remote Health Association. The keynote international speaker is Professor Liz Bondi, Head of the Institute of Geography, School of GeoSciences, and Director of the Counselling Studies Programme, School of Health at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Professor Bondi is also a counsellor accredited by Counselling and Psychotherapy in Scotland. Her research interests include the provision of care and the relationships that make up this provision in the northern context of Scotland. National keynote speakers include Margo Greenwood, National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health; Dr. Theresa Garvin, Geography, University of Alberta (TBC); and Sarah de Leeuw, Research Coordinator, Centre of Excellence for Children and Adolescents with Special Needs. Participating local research and community organizations include Women

North Network and the BC Rural and Remote Health Research Network. Speakers from UNBC include Dr. Greg Halseth, Geography Professor and Canada Research Chair in Rural and Small Town Studies; Dr. Martha MacLeod, Nursing and Community Health professor; and Dr. Neil Hanlon, Geography professor and Chair of the Canadian Rural and Remote Health Association.

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## Recent Publications

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## Web-Links

This section is reserved for links to websites and/or articles that are thought to be of interest to the CWAG membership. Please forward your suggestions to: ([hallmanb@ms.umanitoba.ca](mailto:hallmanb@ms.umanitoba.ca))





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