Message from the Chair

I’m delighted to be able to share with you the new IGU Commission on Gender and Geography Website: https://igugender.wixsite.com/igugender

We are indebted to several people for this new webpage. We would not have this new website if it hadn’t been for one of our YES! Members Dr Caroline Faria. Caroline offered to oversee its creation. She contracted a web designer – Cara McConnell, and a graphic designer – Nora Greene, to work on the brand.

Cara – a geography student at the University of Texas – asked Steering Committee Members to provide three words to best describe the Commission on Gender and Geography. This exercise, and some further brainstorming, came up with: “vibrant, modern, simple, professional, clean, easy to maintain, non-binary, feminist, intersectional, across boundaries, global network, inclusiveness, solidarity”.

Nora - a feminist and graphic design major at the University of Texas - shares her description of her concept for the logo:
“The icon in the logo is an abstracted torch, symbolizing hope, strength, enlightenment, life, truth, knowledge; and references the Olympic torch. The icon is vibrant and modern which enhances and suits the Gender Commission. The flame alludes to the infinity symbol -- connecting in the middle - representing the Gender Commission’s goal of exchanging ideas and collaboration across borders. Finally, the gradient illustrates growth, highlighting the Commission's mission to expand feminist and gender studies in geography.”

Please take some time to explore the new webpage and let us know what you think of it. It is an important place to share our research, publicise conferences on gender organised by members, find colleagues for collaboration and networking.

It is easy to join the IGU Gender and Geography Commission – just follow the link that says ‘join us’. Do send me any ideas and aspirations you have for the webpage. We would like to keep it fresh and relevant. Please share the webpage link with your collaborators and communities so that we can encourage more people to join the Commission.

Finally, a huge thank you goes to Dr. Joos Droogleever Fortunuijn for maintaining and updating our previous webpage. Joos, and the University of Amsterdam, hosted our website for many years, for which we are deeply grateful.

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News from Around the World

Congratulations to Ruth Fincher, University of Melbourne, and an early chair of the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography, who received the 2017 Life Time Achievement Award from the American Association of Geographers. The award recognizes Ruth’s sustained research, teaching, and leadership on key policy issues related to housing, women and immigration, her contributions to academic administration, her service as a Vice-President of the International Geographical Union (IGU) and as IGU representative to the International Council of Scientific Unions. Ruth has also been honored by the Institute of Australian Geographers, by her University, and by the Australian government which conferred on her a national award within the Order of Australia. We appreciate Ruth’s many contributions and are proud to see this recognition of her contributions to social justice as a feminist geographer.

GenMob – Gender and Mobility Space-Time Inequality (June 2015 to December 2016) has been promoted by CEG/IGOT, University of Lisbon financed by the European Economic Area grants for Integration of Gender Equality and promotion of the balance between work and professional life. Its purpose is to develop instruments and methods of promoting gender equality at the local level.

Intimate Migrations is a project about the experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender migrants in Scotland from Central Eastern Europe (CEE) and the Former Soviet Union (FSU. It was funded by the Economic Social Research Council and hosted by the University of Glasgow. For more information about the project see www.intimatemigration.net. The final published report can be downloaded from the link be downloaded from https://intimatemigrationsdotnet.files.wordpress.com/2016/12/intimate-migrations-final-report-2016.pdf

Recent Conferences

The IGU Commission on Gender and Geography endorsed an international seminar “Gendering Qualitative Methods: People, Power and Place” held at Manipal University (India) in December, 2016. It was organized by Public Health Evidence South Asia (PHESA) in collaboration with Dr. T.M.A. Pal and Dr. Ajay Bailey (University of Gronigen) and Dr. Anindita Datta (Delhi University. Among presentations and sessions were the keynote by Dr. Anita Mannur on “The Tiffin Box and Indian Modernity: Gender, Space and Mobility in Mumbai’s Foodscape” and by Shirleen Jejeebhoy on “Gender and young people’s reproductive health in India. Other sessions addressed theoretical concerns including identity and reflexivity; gender, migration and aging, and negotiating gender in the field.
Nearly 140 participants from around the United States and several European, South and East Asian, Middle Eastern, African, and Latin American countries gathered at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill in May 2017 for the Feminist Geography conference titled “Insides and Outsides of Feminism.” The conference included workshops, panels, and papers that focused on exploring and challenging the boundaries of feminism in a period of social and political uncertainty and change. Four keynote panelists, Kia Caldwell (UNC-CH), Lorraine Dowler (Penn State), LaToya Eaves (Middle Tennessee State), and Kumarini Silva (UNC-CH), spoke about racialized spaces in society, banal everyday violence on campuses, disrupting our comfort zones, and many other thought-provoking topics. Conference presenters drew from their research, pedagogy, and activism to encourage colleagues to rethink our approaches to teaching against the global turn to the right, working with networks to share mentoring strategies, and embracing difficult conversations across diversity of race, gender, and other social identities.

(See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKvYFkJMjv8).

Conference highlights included participation of the Association of Waorani Women of the Ecuadorian Amazon (AMWAIE), an Amazonian group in Ecuador who brought handicrafts and shared stories about their ecological knowledge and livelihoods. (See panel photo below.) Additional workshops were organized around crowd sourced mapping in feminist geography and
practicing joyful memories and collaborations in our professional and personal lives. (See https://www.facebook.com/femgeog/) for more highlights

This conference was built on and continued conversations from the previous feminist geography conference in Omaha, Nebraska in 2014. The group looks forward to and is still seeking a venue for the next conference. The organizers “hope that this will be the beginning point for new conversations, collaborations, and initiatives to further develop the spirit of feminist geography.”

We are greatly indebted to the organizers from the Department of Geography at UNC-CH for their tireless and stellar work in making this a successful conference.

(Report by Ann M. Oberhauser)

Study Day and 4th Biennale masculins/féminas de géographie, May 31, 2017

At the Study Day, Tovi Fenster (University of Tel Aviv) presented on “Gender and City: Reflections on 30 Years of Research and Study” held at the Geography Institute if University of Paris 1-Pantheon Sorbonne. This stimulating presentation offered a reflection on her research and an overview of the evolution of research in planning. Participants in the study day included Camilo León-Quijano (EHESS), “Photographie et methods participatives de l’image: une ethnographie visuelle de genre à’Medellin”; Lucille Barriotte (Université Paris Est) “Diffusion international et infusion organisationnelle del’approche de genre en urbanisme”; Claire Hancock (Université Paris Est) “Intégrer l’approche de genre dans la gestion urbainem perspectives européennes compaires”; David Sayagh(IFSTAR) “Construction de capabilités sexuées aux practiques de vélo en milieu urbain” et Claire Brisson (Université Paris IV) “Maculinité(s) noire(s): Géographies d’un stigmata sur la plage d’Ipanema.”
The 4th Biennale masculins-féminins de géographie is to be held at l’Institute de géographie de Paris from June 1-June 3, 2017. It will be organized by Rachele Borghi (MCF, Université Paris-Sorbonne, UMR ENEC), Carla Carvalhais (ITA, UMR ENEC), Emmanuelle Dedenon (ITA, UMR ENEC), de Paris from June 1-June 3, 2017. It will be organized by Rachele Borghi (MCF, Université Paris-Sorbonne, UMR ENEC), Carla Carvalhais (ITA, UMR ENEC), Emmanuelle Dedenon (ITA, UMR ENEC), Soumeya Khelfa (Doctorante, Université Paris-Sorbonne, UMR ENEC), Mauve Létang (Doctorante, Université Paris-Sorbonne, UMR ENEC), Cha Prieur (Docteur.e, chercheur.e indépendant.e, UMR ENEC) et Marion Tillous (MCF, Université Paris 8 Saint-Denis, UMR LEGS). The theme is “Géographies féministes. Théories, pratiques, engagements.” For further information see https://biennalemasfem4.sciencesconf.org/

American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, April 4-9, 2017

The Geographic Perspectives on Women (GPOW) group sponsored or co-sponsored over 60 paper and panel sessions at the 2017 annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers held in Boston in April, 2017. For a full listing of those sessions see http://communiy.aag.org/communities/community-home?CommunityKey=861b324d-62a9-4f44-b33b2aba6f99090b

In addition the GPOW annual evening reception served as the occasion to recognize the authors of 16 books published by feminist geographers in 2016-2017. Those published in 2017 include the following:


Trauger, Amy. We Want Land to Live: Space, Territory and the Politics of Food Sovereignty. Athens: University of Georgia Press.

Also released at the AAG meeting was the 15 volume AAG International Encyclopedia of Geography (Douglas Richardson et al eds) which includes an array of entries that address such topics as Feminist Methodology, Heteronormativity, Women’s Organizations in Geography (entries by Linda Peake), Life
Course Approaches (Irene Hardill and Janice Monk) and Geographic Education: Promoting Diversity and Broadening Participation (Janice Monk).

NEW BOOKS

The landmark volume *Geografías feministas de diversas latitudes: Orígenes, desarrollo y temáticas contemporáneas* edited by Maria Veronica Garcia Ibarra and Irma Escamilla Herrera has been published by Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico, Instituto de Geografía Colección: Geografía para el siglo XXI. Series: Textos Universitarios, setiembre de 2016 (primera edición)

Following the “Presentación” by the editors, are chapters by an array of Latin American, North American and European geographers.

2. Diana Lan. “Los estudios de género en la geografía argentina”
4. Anna Ortiz y Maria Dolores García Ramón. “Nuevas tendencias en la geografía del género en España. Una revisión actualizada de investigaciones en el último decenio.”
5. Claire Hancock y Amandine Chapuis “Geografía de género, geografía feminista en Francia. ¿Una geografía paradójica?”
6. Carolin Schurr. “¿Otras geografías son posibles?. Geografías feministas en Suiza, Austria y Alemania”
7. Rachele aka Zarra Bonheur, Monica Camuffo y Cesare Di Feliciantonio “Geografía de género en Italia, ¿misión imposible?”
8. María Verónica Ibarra e Irma Escamilla Herrera “La geografía feminista, de género y de la sexualidad en México, un saber en crecimiento”

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Additional New Books


Perry, Noam and Ruth Kark. 2017. Ethnographic Museums in Israel. Israel Academic Press. (This volume addresses the ethnic diversity of origins represented in Israel ranging for example to various European regions to Morocco, India, Uzbekhistan and including Arabs and Druse.


Project Report

Special Journal Issues and Theme Sections.

Les Annales de la Recherche Urbaine 112 edited by Marianne Blidon, Virginie Bathellier and Bertrand Valllet is devoted to “Le genre urbain.”


Kumangai, Keichi. “Place, body and nature: Rethinking Japanese sense of Fudo and Minamata disease.” 89(1) 32-45.

TRIA 9((2) 2016 (published in Italy) is a theme issue focusing on “Engendering Habitat III: Facing the Global Challenge in Cities.” It is edited by Sonia De Gregorio Hurtado and Inés Novella Abrll. For further information on this journal which focuses on urban, environmental and planning themes (see www.tria.uni.it)

Canadian Geographer 60 (2) has a theme section on “Cultivating and Ethic of Wellness in Geography” co-edited by Linda Peake, Beverly Mullings, and Kate Parizeau. Among those papers are:


The Professional Geographer 69 (3) 2017 includes a FOCUS section “Feminist Research and Knowledge Production in Geography” (the seven articles included are listed below.)


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Caretta, Martina and Florence Cheptum. 2017. “Leaving the field: de-linked lives of the researcher and the research assistant. *Area* n/a/https://doi.org/10.1111/area.12342


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