

MAY 2006 NEWSLETTER

President's Report by Ann Braithwaite

Hi everyone, and welcome to another issue of the CWSA/ACEF Newsletter. As you'll see, this issue focuses especially on our upcoming annual conference at York University from May 29-31st – it's kind of a 'see you at the conference' newsletter. Here you'll find lots more detail about the conference and the many sessions and events we have planned – to whet your appetites and get you to Toronto to join us. I want to effusively thank Rhiannon Bury (University of Waterloo), chair of this year's program committee, and the rest of her committee – Lynda Ross (Athabasca University), Geneviève Rail (University of Ottawa), Krista Johnston (York University), Emily van der Meulen (York University), and Bobby Noble (University of Victoria). They've all done an amazing job pulling together this exciting-looking program that's sure to offer something for everyone! And Kate McPherson and her local organizing committee at York are really busy these days putting together all those touches that make a great conference that we're all sure to enjoy well beyond the intellectual exchanges; we're always so grateful that the host university's Women's Studies program/department volunteers so much time and effort to helping us put on a great conference!

The conference will open with the annual national coordinators' meeting, hosted this year by the School of Women's Studies at York and exploring the many questions generated by the issue of 'interdisciplinarity' and/in Women's Studies. Then we move into 3 very full and packed days of 'conferencing' – with 3 different themes and an open call, a film series, the book award and publishing celebration, many speakers and plenary sessions.... You'll all have seen the preliminary program that I sent out recently – and the program will be up on the Congress website soon also. (CWSA/ACEF is in the midst of redoing its website – you'll have to come to the AGM to find out more... – so it's not up there). Remember, it isn't completely final yet—that won't happen until the actual conference—but it will give you a good idea of the papers, workshops, talks, films, and assorted events we've got planned for you all, and allow you to start planning now. If you haven't registered yet, you still can, so don't let the opportunity to get together for a few days with your friends and colleagues from around the country pass you by! Come join us for 3 days of exciting papers, discussions, debates, ideas, insights, arguments, reminiscences, passion, and excitement, all in beautiful spring in Toronto.

Conference Update by Rhiannon Bury, Program Chair

After months of planning, the CWSA/ACEF conference is almost upon us. A draft of the program-at-glance was mailed to the membership a couple of weeks ago. Shortly before the conference, we will send out an updated copy with other pertinent information. The registration package will also contain a long program including room locations and short abstracts of all sessions and events. The keynote addresses by Jacqui Alexander and Sherene Razack, and the Stillman Drake Lecture by Elisabeth Lloyd (co-sponsored with CSHPS) will be held in the Curtis Lecture Halls. Otherwise, our sessions and events will be held in the compact and comfortable space of Founders College. The Senior Commons Room will be available to us as our lounge and drop-in centre throughout the conference.

In addition to the events listed above, delegates will have a choice of two plenary panels and 28 75-minute sessions organized around the conference themes. As part of Urban

Knowledges and Cartographies, for example, are the panels, "Urban Pedagogies," "Sex and the City Bar," and "Narrating the (Post) Colonial City." A sampling from Representations and Performances includes "Embodied Technologies," "Reading Race, Colonialism and Resistance," and "Trickstering and Troubling: Various Audiences, Performances and Purposes." We have two panels as part of the Transfeminisms theme: "Rereading Trans-Exclusion," and "Contested Bodies" as well as two film programmes. The films, including the controversial "Enough Man," are provided courtesy of Frameline. Finally, "Deconstructing Women's Health Issues," Transnational Feminisms in the Classroom," and "Globalization and Migrations" are a selection from the Open Call.

Be sure to check the program-at-a-glance for start times for sessions and events as these will vary depending on the day.

See you soon!

Board members wanted for CWSA/ACEF

The Board of Directors of CWSA/ACEF will once again want to present a full slate of candidates for Board positions at our AGM. The AGM will be held during the CWSA/ACEF conference at York University in Toronto, Ontario, on Wednesday, May 31, 2006. The meeting is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. Nominations will also be welcome from the floor during the meeting. There are 6 positions on the Board, 2 of these are open for nominations. Here is a list of the Board Members and the positions that are open:

- 1) President 2006-2008: Lori Chambers.
- 2) Past President 2006-2007: Ann Braithwaite.
- 3) Treasurer: OPEN for a two-year term (2006-2008).
- 4) Secretary: Wendee Kubik will continue in this position until 2007.
- 5) Member At Large #1: OPEN for a 2-year term (2006- 2008); also acts as coordinators' liaison.
- 6) Member At Large #2: Sikata Banerjee will continue in this position until 2007; also acts as Newsletter co-editor (with Secretary).

CWSA/ACEF is requesting nominations, including self-nominations, for the positions of Treasurer (2-year term) and Member At Large #1 (2-year term).

If you would like to nominate yourself or nominate another individual, please contact Ann Braithwaite abraithwaite@upei.ca no later than FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2006.

Winner of CWSA/ACEF Book Award

The winner of this year's CWSA/ACEF Book Award is Dr. Wendy McKeen, School of Social Work, Dalhousie University, for her book *Money in Their Own Name: the Feminist Voice in Poverty Debate in Canada, 1970-1995*, published by University of Toronto Press.

Dr. McKeen will be at this year's conference, and will speak about her book project at the book award and publishing celebration, to be held on May 29th at 5:00-7:00pm.

Announcements and Job Positions

1. JOB POSTING

Nancy's Chair in Women's Studies

Mount Saint Vincent University invites nominations or applications for a visiting scholar position, affiliated with the Department of Women's Studies. The term of the appointment is one or two years, commencing July 1, 2007. Applications and nominations will be considered until an appointment is made, but candidates are encouraged to apply by September 15, 2006. Applicants (accompanied by a curriculum vitae and the names and contact information for three references, who will not be contacted without permission) should be sent to:

Dean of Arts and Science

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2. CONFERENCE

"Women, Immigration, Transnational Migration and Public Policy", 2006 Nancy's Chair in Women's Studies Conference is taking place at Mount Saint Vincent University on Thursday and Friday, May 18-19, 2006. It will feature papers on so-called "Mail-Order" brides, transnational marriages, spouse-dependent immigration status, female labour migration, international issues of domestic violence, and global trafficking in women. Papers will be presented by Canadian and American academics, graduate students and individuals from NGO's. For further information contact: Lenore Kuo, Chair (902) 457-6581 lenore.kuo@msvu.ca or Ruth Samson, Admin. Assistant (902) 457-6581 ruth.samson@msvu.ca.

3. CALLS FOR PAPERS

1. Forthcoming special issue of Feminist Theory on 'Rethinking Whiteness'

Feminist Theory announces a forthcoming special issue on rethinking whiteness, to be edited by Sneja Gunew (Director, Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations, University of British Columbia, Canada). Essays are invited that move beyond 'black-white' binaries. 'Rethinking' might consist of comparing the situations in settler colonies such as Canada, New Zealand/Aotearoa, South Africa, and Australia where a focus on Indigeneity affects interpellations of whiteness and racialization processes in general. How might this in turn affect debates in the USA or the UK where there are different traditions of constructing 'whiteness'? The deadline for submission of articles is 15 May 2006. Please send to Sneja Gunew, email: sneja.gunew@ubc.ca.

2. Canadian Woman Studies/les cahiers de la femme (CWS/cf) Canadian Feminism in Action. (Vol. 25, No. 3).

CWS/cf plans to commit the Summer 2006 issue to Canadian feminist activism in all of women's many communities. The issue will explore different areas of feminist practice and vision, feminist analyses and strategies for implementing change, and organizations that are offering leadership. Invited are essays, research reports, true stories, poetry, drawings, and other artwork that illuminate these issues. Deadline: May 30th, 2006. Write or call as soon as possible indicating your intention to submit your work. Canadian Woman Studies/les cahiers de la femme: cwscf@yorku.ca. Telephone: (416) 736-5356 Fax: (416) 736-5765.

That's it for this issue. As always, feedback, comments, articles or ideas for articles, etc. are always welcome. Contact the Newsletter editors, Wendee Kubik or Sikata Banerjee for more info.