

Beyond the Centre

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Update from the Director

Sneja Gunew

There is no doubt that one of the highlights this term was the party we held on International Women's Day. Balloons in the suffragist colours (purple, green and white) adorned the building and inside Jane and Wynn co-ordinated the volunteers (led by Jade Boyd) to set out a wonderful spread of food and drink. Many faculty associates, students and two deans (Dean Granot and Dean Gallini) turned up as well as Professor Herbert Rosengarten from the President's office. The hit of the party was undoubtedly Wynn's karaoke machine and we hope to make



Congratulations to the Stephanie Raoul and Jay Grewal on the birth of their son Dhillon on March 14, 2004. Stephanie is a former Women's Studies student and Valerie Raoul is now a proud grandmother. Alain and Melanie Raoul are with Stephanie and Dhillon above.

this a regular feature at future such events. A more serious note was the fact that I took the opportunity at the party 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 putting together 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

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as the most efficient and effective ways of gathering and disseminating knowledge.

Another highlight over the last few months was the graduate student conference: “(un)knowable violences: non-innocent conversations” (see report within). The organizing committee were exemplary in raising money for this event, including the chaotic and wonderful junk sale held at the Centre. Amazing how recycling our detritus raises everyone’s spirits! Congratulations to the various people whose books were published (see list within) and particular kudos for 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.

Our visitors at the Centre, UBC Scholars Susan Boyd and Erin Hurley added to the energy, as did Celia Kitzinger from the UK and others whose reports will be featured in the next newsletter. News from former visitors included Neelu Kang who was awarded a Commonwealth Fellowship at the Centre for South Asian Studies, Cambridge University. We would also like to congratulate Anne Martin-Matthews, on SAGA’s Advisory Committee, for



The Graduate Conference Organizing Committee: Kim Snowden, Sam Semper, Cecily Nicholson, Heather Latimer, Katherine Buffington, and Melanie Scheuer.

being appointed Scientific Director, CIHR Institute for Aging.

On a slightly sadder note, we will be saying goodbye to Tineke Hellwig who steps down as Chair of the Undergraduate Programme but who will, we fervently hope, continue to be a part of our flourishing network. Tineke has been a superb colleague and we will miss her. Stepping down as well at the end of June is Gerry Pratt who has been the Graduate Advisor for this year. Her style and wit have definitely lifted our collective game and we hope that she too will continue her close association with the Centre. 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 Valerie Raoul for her HSS grant to research “Oral life history of two women in Brittany, France”.



Foundation Research Associates Ann McKinnon and Marina Morrow.

*Congratulations &
Good Luck to our
Graduating Students!*

May 2004

*Kimberly Book
Katherine Buffington
Maren Hancock
Sedi Minachi*



Farewell from the Women's Studies Program Chair, Tineke Hellwig

On July 1, 2004 I will complete my term as Chair of the Women's Studies Undergraduate Program. For three years the Women's Studies Centre has been my main "home" on campus, and when I will vacate my office in June to return full time to Asian Studies, I know I will do so with a sense of sadness. I will miss the community of feminist scholars and students as part of my daily surroundings.

As WSP Chair I have come to understand what is at stake in running and representing a Program, how important it is to communicate at all levels, attend meetings, participate in events and activities to be informed and involved. As an interdisciplinary program with cross-appointed faculty

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the Chair needs to liaise and consult with other units constantly, and ensure that procedures are transparent. In the past three years the Women's Studies Program offered eleven new courses with their own course numbers, one of which is cross-listed with Computer Science, and one with Law. And while we expanded and strengthened the undergraduate curriculum, the graduate program at the CRWSGR came into full bloom. It has been a delight to see the growing numbers of graduate students fill the Centre, and to work with them as Teaching Assistants and sessional instructors. Their academic pursuits and enthusiasm positively affect all of us.

I realized, when I accepted the

position, that the most challenging part would be facing the unexpected, anything one cannot prepare for. There were definitely issues I had never anticipated, but with a steep learning curve and the helpful assistance of colleagues we would collectively find ways to resolve what was at hand, and move on. I have learned a great many things during my position as Chair, invaluable experiences which have given me a more insight in the administrative levels of the university. But I could

never have fulfilled my duties if it were not for the collegiality and the strong moral support I received from Women's Studies faculty, instructors and staff. To all of them I want to express my deepest personal thanks, and, in line with Indonesian tradition, I want to ask their forgiveness for my shortcomings and mistakes. Although I will physically move back from the East to the West Mall, I will remain involved in the activities of the Women's Studies Program and the CRWSGR in the future.



Program Chair Tineke Hellwig (second from left) with Women's Studies undergraduate students at the End-of-Term Celebration, April 2004.

Members of the Centre's Advisory Committee

Sneja Gunew, *Director*
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 Heather Latimer, *M.A. Student, WMST*

*Graduate Student Conference***(un)knowable violences: non-innocent conversations**

Heather Latimer

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

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well as stimulate conversations which interrogated the problems inherent in academic, analytical, theoretical and institutional frameworks.

Participants at the conference came from as far as Germany and Massachusetts and as close as our own de-



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.

partment, 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 at the conference were discursive violence, bodies and power, pedagogy, and violent representations. The papers stimulated critical and thoughtful discussions and responses and received extremely positive feed-

back 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.

WMST 500
Interdisciplinary Research in Women's Studies
Spring Lecture Series
January - April 2004

January 7: Geraldine Pratt,
Geography, UBC
The Live-in Caregiver Program as a Space of Exception.

January 14: Jennifer Hyndman
Geography, Simon Fraser University
Beyond Gender: Towards A Feminist Analysis of Humanitarianism and Development in Sri Lanka

January 21: Nancy Nisbet,
Art History, Visual Art and Theory, UBC.
Surveillance, Identity and Subversion: A Look at a New Media Art Project.

January 28: Laura Marks
Dana Wosk University Professor of Art and Culture Studies,
Simon Fraser University
Enfoldment and Infinity: Islamic Histories of New Media Art.

February 4: Aiko Ogoshi
Kinki University, Osaka, Japan
The Women's Tribunal on the "Comfort Women" issue as an achievement of Asian feminists

February 11: Susan C. Boyd,
Policy and Practice, University of Victoria
Drug Trafficking, Women, and the Law



Visiting Scholar Rathi Menon (right) from St. Xavier's College, (Aluva) Kerala, India, with PhD student Bianca Rus

February 25: Cindi Katz
City University, New York
Co-sponsored with Geography, UBC
The State Goes Home: Social Reproduction and the Terrors of Hypervigilance in Contemporary US Childhood

March 3: Sharon Wall
Postdoctoral Fellow, Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine
Only Natural: Heterosexuality and Co-education at Ontario Summer Camps, 1920-1955

March 10: Patricia Elliot
Sociology and Women's Studies, Wilfred Laurier University
Complex Bodies: Feminist Encounters with Transsexuality

March 17: Sneja Gunew
English / Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations, UBC
Transcultural Improvisation: Feminist Perspectives

March 25: Gaye Chan
Art, University of Hawai'i
Co-sponsored with Department of Anthropology and Sociology, UBC

March 31: Benita Bunjun
Women's Studies, UBC and SFU
A 'New Era': Deepening the Feminization of Poverty

April 7: Rocio Davis
American and Post Colonial Literatures, University of Navarre, Spain
Graphic Selves: Lynda Barry's and Marjane Satrapi's



Aiko Ogoshi, from Kinki University, Osaka, who spoke on "The Women's Tribunal on the 'Comfort Women' issue as an achievement of Asian Feminists" at the Centre in February.

Strengthening the Women's Studies/ Law Link at UBC

Professor Susan B. Boyd, Chair in Feminist Legal Studies, Faculty of Law, UBC

The Centre for Research on Women's Studies and Gender Relations gave me a lovely gift in fall 2003: it released me from my teaching obligations by making me its UBC Scholar in Residence. Although I missed my classroom interactions with students, the gift was the gift of time: time to research and to write without the conflicting demands of course preparation, student office hours, and the like. I fell into the trap of failing to break the psychic link with my home Faculty (I spent too much time on administrative responsibilities there, and indeed I was much more often "in residence" in Law than I was at the Centre!), something that future UBC Scholars might want to try to avoid. Still, being released from one of the three key responsibilities of university professors, and one to which women especially tend to devote considerable time, allowed me to finish some writing projects, generate new collaborations in Women's Studies, and to expand my horizons.

Much of my research has focused on feminist analysis of child custody law and providing a basis for understanding the current, fraught debates concerning child custody law reform, often characterized as "gender wars". A key argument in my book *Child Custody, Law, and Women's Work* (2003) was that women's caregiving labour has been undervalued throughout the history of custody law, and that women who depart from the normative ideal of motherhood, for instance by reason of their sexuality or their race, encounter greater dif-

ficulties within the legal system. During my time at the Centre, I placed the debates over child custody law reform within the context of resistance to progressive social change for women, and to feminist discourse. Many scholars have conceptualized law as a site of struggle or contestation over meaning. Some commentators also describe custody law debates as a battle between the sexes. This 'battle' does not occur on a level-playing field; the interventions of fathers' rights groups and women's groups are not received into public debate on an equivalent basis. Rather, a non-level playing field exists

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that tends to discredit the arguments and submissions of women's groups, particularly those viewed as 'feminist'. Fathers' rights advocates have argued that women have gained too large a piece of the pie in family law in relation to both money and children (child support and child custody laws). I explored whether this argument has merit against the backdrop of a social context that reveals that women still carry the main workload in relation to caring and household labour in Canadian families. At the Centre lecture series,



I presented a paper that explored the problematic images of feminism that have been presented in the law reform debates and suggested that these images in turn may negatively influence the direction of law reform.

One of the great bonuses of being a UBC Scholar last fall was that I was able to attend far more of the Women's Studies lunchtime lectures than usual. These stimulating talks were well attended and the audience typically offered fascinating questions and comments, sometimes the most interesting emanating from graduate students. In attending these lectures, I also had the opportunity to meet with other Centre visitors. For instance, Bronwen Levy's work on "Seeking the Feminist Public Voice in Canada", written about in the previous newsletter, resonated with my own work on resistance to feminist law reform initiatives. Bronwen in turn attended several of the lectures in my own Centre for Feminist Legal studies lecture series. I was thrilled to meet Celia Kitzinger and to learn about her work on same sex marriage (with Sue Wilkinson), as I too am working on that topic. We immediately exchanged papers and began to cite each other's research, and to discuss questions such as how social science evidence (e.g.

from psychologists) influences judicial decision-making. I was also pleased to meet Karin Wilderberg from Norway, who knew some of the Scandinavian feminists who initiated early research on women's law. By coincidence, I met Karin just minutes before a talk in Anthropology and Sociology by Sherene Razack. We attended the talk together, and again, by happenstance, Sherene addressed some repressive law reform initiatives in Scandinavia regarding immigrant women. I was left with a sensation that if only there were more opportunities and time for informal talking between academics, the connections between our research would be even more apparent, and the opportunities for collaboration endless.

Finally, although I have sat on Women's Studies committees for most of my career at UBC and already knew many of the wonderful women who do such brilliant work nurturing the scholarly atmosphere for Women's Studies at both undergraduate and graduate levels, being a UBC Scholar allowed me to strengthen my relationship with them at both collegial and scholarly levels. For instance, I learned what a wonderful sense of humour Centre Director Sneja Gunew has, having previously been a little intimidated by her intellectual stature! And I had the opportunity to talk about connections between my work on backlash and resistance to feminist discourses with Sunera Thobani. Those conversations culminated in Sunera agreeing to be a keynote speaker at my upcoming workshop on May 7, 2004: *Feminism, Law and Social Change: (Re)Action and Resistance*. Check the website below for the official notice of this event, which will soon appear. I hope it will attract interest from feminist scholars across campus and thus continue the collaborations that were enhanced by my time as a UBC scholar at the Centre: PWIAS website (<http://www.pwias.ubc.ca>).

News from our Graduate Advisor

On March 13, Women's Studies graduate students staged a very successful day-long conference: *(un)knowable violences: non-innocent conversations*, which drew graduate students from as far as Germany. This was followed closely by the annual graduate student presentation day on April 16, this year titled: *Critical Directions in Feminist Graduate Studies*.

Congratulations to Maren Hancock, Kimberly Book, Katherine Buffington and Sedi Minachi who have completed their Masters degrees and are graduating this spring.

We had a large number of truly excellent applicants for our graduate program this year (over 70 students applied). Unfortunately we have been able to accept only a fraction of these.



Graduate Advisor Dr. Geraldine Pratt

We are expecting an incoming class of 10-12 students in September (almost evenly split between the MA and PhD degrees) and very much look forward to welcoming these new students.



International
Women's Day at
the Centre, March
8, 2004





Visiting Scholar Report

Celia Kitzinger

Department of Sociology, University of York, UK

The seven months (June-December 2003) I spent as Visiting Scholar in the Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations were extremely productive and fulfilling - personally, politically and professionally. I made the most of every opportunity - for work and for play - provided by my time at UBC!

My period of 'residence' was bounded by two keynote conference addresses: I arrived via the annual Canadian Psychological Association Conference in Toronto (just as the SARS scare ended); and left via the biennial Murdoch Symposium on Talk-in Interaction (with the theme of 'Talking Health') in Perth, Western Australia. I also visited the USA twice during the summer: to deliver an invited address to the International Gender and Language Association/Linguistic Society of America Conference in Lansing, Michigan; and to attend the two-week Conversation Analysis Advanced Summer Institute in Los Angeles, California.

I gave two talks at UBC: one - on the reproduction of normative heterosexuality in 'after hours' calls to the doctor - in the CRWSSR seminar series; and one - on qualitative methods in feminist research - in the Department of Soci-

ology, at the invitation of Becki Ross. Regular attendance at the seminar series was one of the highlights of my time at the Centre: I found the sessions extremely stimulating and informative, and a valuable reminder - to someone located within Sociology - of the immense benefit of interdisciplinarity to feminist scholarship. I was also impressed by the liveliness, commitment and acuity of the students at UBC. I enjoyed both the intensity of one-on-one meetings and small group discussions with graduate students, and the intellectual curiosity and engagement of the undergraduate class.

The period was also very productive for my own research and writing. I made substantial progress with the

as revising others; and preparing a number of short reports and 'opinion pieces'. Time out from the routine demands of teaching and administration is a precious resource for any scholar, and I am especially grateful to the Centre for providing the opportunity - and the context - for me to use mine to the best advantage.

I also made good use of the unparalleled opportunity for tourism and outdoor activities. The exceptionally fine summer saw me hiking Grouse Mountain and Lighthouse Park, vacationing in the Rockies (highlight: the Lake O'Hara region); swimming in Kits Pool; kayaking Indian Arm; and whalewatching and beachcombing on the wild west coast of Vancouver Island. Early winter snow took me showshoeing and cross-country skiing up Seymour and Cypress Mountains; as well as into the fine museums and galleries.

The most important personal and political consequence of my visit was the most unexpected one. If anyone had told me when I arrived in British Columbia that within three months I would be legally married to my long-term lesbian partner, Sue Wilkinson, I would simply not have believed them. But the province of Ontario made human rights history on 10 June when its courts found the restriction of marriage to heterosexual couples in violation of the equality provisions of the Canadian Charter, thereby enabling the first legal, same-sex marriage in Canada; and British Columbia followed suit on 8 July. On 26 August, Sue and I were quietly married at the offices of a BC Law Commissioner, in the presence of

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book I am currently writing on Feminism and Conversation Analysis; continued to develop my analyses of several data sets (e.g. calls to a 'birth crisis' helpline; 'everyday' conversations between non-heterosexual people); and wrote two journal articles (see below), as well

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two witnesses she provided; toasted each other with champagne on Acadia Beach (our illegal act for the day!); and went out to dinner to celebrate, both for ourselves and for British Columbia's contribution to the furtherance of social justice.

Our marriage has variously evoked amazed delight, passionate repudiation and conflicted longings in the hearts and minds of our feminist, lesbian and gay friends. As feminists, we cannot help but be aware of the sustained critique of marriage as an institution centrally implicated in the subordination of women (even though this does not translate wholesale into the lesbian and gay context); as well as the undesirability of handing over relationships to state control, and of prioritizing the 'couple' relationship by making benefits and responsibilities contingent on it. However, in the current international social and political climate - in the which the issue of same-sex marriage has become symbolic of a sea-change in the recognition of LGBTQ rights - we believe it was more politically important to marry than to refuse to do so.

During my stay at the Centre, Sue (who is currently the Ruth Wynn Woodward Professor of Women's Studies at SFU) and I co-authored two academic articles on same-sex marriage. One of these analyses the language of social justice arguments, using marriage as a case study, and contrasts the kinds of rights-based arguments used by lawyers (and, increasingly, by sociologists) with the mental health arguments used by psychologists. The other examines the introduction of 'civil partnerships' or 'civil unions' for same-sex couples - contending that these are essentially a 're-branding' of marriage for the contemporary market, delivering formal equivalence (or near equivalence) without substan-

Erin Hurley, UBC Scholar 2002-3



During my UBC Scholar term at the Centre, I profited from the range and rigour of the lunchtime speakers series, meeting graduate students in Women's Studies, some of whom enrolled in my graduate course this past fall, and from working with Sneja Gunew and the Transculturalisms UBC Team on the organization of the "Performing Hybridity" conference, held in October 2003. With the semester off

tive equality.

Sue and I are British citizens, and the British government is currently in the throes of introducing a 'civil partnership' scheme, limited to same-sex couples. We will not be registering our relationship under this scheme: instead, we are asking the government to recognize our marriage - as it would any heterosexual marriage made in Canada. The legal advice we have received so far is that it is unlikely to do so; and we are exploring with human rights organizations the possibility of making ours a test case, and of pursuing it through the courts. With - at the time of writing (February 2004) - significant legal developments in Massachusetts, major civil disobedience in San Francisco, and a Supreme

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from teaching, I was also able to work on two related research projects: the first an article on Italo-Quebecois playwright and cultural activist, Marco Micone's theatre of "la culture immigrée" (forthcoming in *Theatre Research in Canada/Recherches théâtrales au Canada*); the second a paper called "Céline Dion and the Production of National Feeling", which is part of my book project, *National Mimesis*. The Céline Dion research focuses on the national community-making effects of Dion's popular music affects. It asks, How might pop music (Céline's in particular) help to produce subjects that experience communal feeling and feelings of community? In what ways might their uptake, the responses they produce and condition, help create a national subjectivity? In addition to presenting the research in the CRWS-GR's speakers series last spring, I have since presented extended ver-

"...How might pop music (Céline's in particular) help to produce subjects that experience communal feeling and feelings of community?"

sions of the paper at the Association for Canadian Theatre Research and at the UBC Department of Geography's Speaker Series.

I feel lucky and privileged to have spent such a rewarding term at the Centre, working with such fine scholars and students. It is with sadness that I leave this community to pursue new opportunities at McGill University in Montreal. I will be an Assistant Professor of English there, teaching in the Drama and Theatre Program and continuing my research on Quebecois performance. Thank you for your collegiality.

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Court reference pending in Canada, these are exciting times for lesbian and gay rights internationally.

In sum, I've had a fabulous time! Many thanks to you - Sneja, Tineke, Valerie, Becki, other faculty and staff members, students, and other visitors - for welcoming me so warmly and for your contribution to making my stay such a rewarding one. The Centre is a visiting scholar's dream - both a vibrant intellectual hub and a facilitative environment in which to work (particular thanks to SAGA for the well-equipped carrel, conveniently located within the excellent Koerner library); and you have a lovely city, a beautiful province, and a wonderful country. I very much hope I will be able to return.

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Hiromi Goto, author and keynote speaker at the (un)knowable Violences conference March 13, 2004.

MA Students Meirong Liu, Sirijit Sunanta and Sara Koopman at the Centre's Christmas party, December 2003.



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Grace, Sherrill E. and Albert-Reiner Glaap, eds. Performing national identities: International perspectives on contemporary Canadian theatre. Vancouver, Talonbooks, 2003.

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sastra indonesia. Depok, Desantara, 2003.

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Visiting Scholar Program 2005-06

The University of British Columbia offers a Visiting Scholar Program as an integral part of its Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations. Scholars working in these areas are encouraged to apply to spend leave time (one to six months) in affiliation with the Centre. The goal of the Centre is to stimulate feminist research and to facilitate interchange of ideas and collaboration among scholars, at UBC and elsewhere. Scholars will be expected to participate in the activities of

the Centre and to give a public lecture during their term.

The Visiting Scholar programme is open to faculty, both untenured and tenured, as well as to independent scholars who are engaged in critical work on women and gender, who are not currently working on a higher degree at any institution and who reside in areas outside the BC Lower Mainland. Scholars from "developing" countries are encouraged to apply. In its selection of visitors, the Centre hopes to create a diverse community of junior and senior scholar-researchers. The Centre is particularly interested in applicants who are situated within existing Women's Studies centres which might be interested in forging future international links.

Funds are limited and are not available for salary. Their permanent geographical location and their other forms of supports will determine the level of assistance available to successful applicants. Normally, no one residing in North America will be eligible for

more than \$1,000 in assistance. Scholars will normally be provided with shared office space at the Centre itself, phone, a computer workstation in the SAGA Centre, Koerner Library and secretarial assistance. The University's academic year runs from September to April; therefore, applicants are encouraged to schedule the majority of their visit to the Centre during these months. Scholars will normally only receive funding on one occasion.

Applications must include:

- Curriculum vitae
- A detailed statement of research plans for the time period
- The length of stay proposed and the dates
- An indication of required funding

The applicant must also arrange to have two referees forward their assessments to: Visiting Scholar Program, UBC Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations, 1986 East Mall, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z1, Canada.

The closing date for receipt of applications is December 1, 2004 (late applications will not be considered).



Visiting Scholar Jiang Qingfeng, Associate Professor of English at Hengyang Normal University in China, with Director Sneja Gunew.

UBC Scholar-in-Residence Program 2005-06

The Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations is offering UBC Scholar positions for the 2005-06 session.

The Centre stimulates feminist research and facilitates the exchange of ideas and collaboration amongst scholars working in relevant areas at U.B.C. and elsewhere.

The choice of scholars each year is determined by a variety of factors including, excellence of the research project, representation from diverse fields, disciplines and faculties, length of time to/from sabbatical, and diversity of ranks. In addition, the Centre may have a particular programme need at a particular time.

Only full time UBC faculty not on sabbatical are eligible to apply. Up to two one-term (4 months, excluding May to August) positions are available. After completing an

appointment as a UBC Scholar, a faculty member will not be eligible to apply again for at least ten years.

During their appointment, Scholars are expected to contribute to scholarly activities of the Centre by being present several times a week, interacting with visiting scholars and post-docs or graduate students, and participating in interdisciplinary seminars or discussion groups. Scholars will also give a public seminar or workshop during their term.

The UBC Scholar's Department will be reimbursed appropriately cover the cost of hiring sessionals for the teaching that scholar will not be doing in the department. It is hoped that departments will be able to release Scholars from some of their administrative duties while they are at the

Centre. It is recognized that the ability of departments to provide such administrative release will vary; the details for each Scholar will be worked out by the individual Scholar and her or his Department.

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- *Bring UBC researchers together with activists and researchers from other institutions in Canada and abroad, and from within the community; and*
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