Commission Programs in South Africa and Canada in 2002.

The Gender and Geography Commission will sponsor some twenty-two papers in sessions organized as part of the IGU Regional Conference in Durban, August 4-7. The ‘geography’ in these sessions is clearly international. Presenters will come from fourteen different countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America, and will refer to gender issues in various parts of the world. The themes of the sessions are “Access to knowledge and technologies,” “Access to rural economic resources,” “Access to urban economic resources,” and “Access to institutions/crossing borders.” A session of “Gendered urban spaces” will be jointly sponsored by the Commission on Gender and Geography and the Commission Monitoring Cities of Tomorrow. Agnes Musyoki is the local organizer for the Commission.

In addition to the activities at the Regional Conference, the Commission is hosting a conference May 31- June 3 in association with the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers in Toronto. Co-organized by Fran Klodawsky and Valerie Preston, discussions will address issues of gender and public policy. Speakers from ten countries will take up such issues and gender and health, urban safety, and finding leverage with policy makers. Sponsored and co-sponsored sessions take up issues that have not previously received a great deal of attention on Commission programs: indigenous women and women with disabilities. Human Resources Development Canada is supporting a series of presentations on women and homelessness. The complete program can be accessed at http://www.yorku.ca/geography/igu-ugi

Commission Launches Web Site

In order to promote internal and external communication of the International Geographical Union Commission on Gender and Geography, a web site was established in March, 2002. It contains information about the Commission’s purpose, activities, members, publications, and newsletters. It is operated from the University of Amsterdam and maintained by Arjan Sas, Coordinator in the Department of Geography and Planning of this university. The Commission wishes to thank Arjun for undertaking the tasks related to the web site. Joos Droogleever Fortuijn is the current webmaster with the support of Arjun Sas. The address is http://www2.fmg.uva.nl/igugender/

Information about the IGU in general, including upcoming events, is available at the web site, http://www.igu-net.org/
WORKSHOP PLANNED IN ITALY, 2003

In May-June, 2003, the Commission on Gender and Geography will organize a three-day workshop “Gendered Cities - Identities, Activities, Networks: A Life Course Approach.” The workshop will be held in Pisa and Rome (Villa Celimontana: the Home of Geography), organized by Gisella Cortesti and Joos Droogleever Fortuijn. Further information will be available this (northern hemisphere) summer on the Commission’s web site and in the next newsletter.

PUBLICATION FROM THE COMMISSION’S SYMPOSIUM ON GENDER AND TOURISM

*Gender, Tourism, Fun(?)*, edited by Margaret Swain and Janet Momsen (see below, “New Books”) brings together papers presented at the Symposium co-sponsored by the Commission on Gender and Geography at the University of California, Davis in 199x. Divided into three sections: “Gendered Tourism Consumers in Pursuit of Fun(?),” “Gendered Tourism Producers and Providers of Fun(?),” and “Intersections of Gender and Tourism/Fun(?)”, this interdisciplinary work included seventeen chapters with case studies from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, and Latin America. Selected chapters contributed by geographers active in the Commission are noted in the “Chapters and Articles” sections below.

NEW BOOKS AND SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUES


Moss, P. (ed.) *Feminist Geography in Practice: Research and Methods*. Oxford: Blackwell. (This volume provides a valuable exploration of a range of methods.)


*GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* has recently produced a special issue on queer tourism, with some attention to gender and geography.
Kamiya, H. (ed.) 2002. *Geography of Gender: Anthology of Feminist Geography*. Kokon-Shoin, Inc. (This volume translates nine feminist geography from English to Japanese to provide an anthology for students. Included are articles by D. Elson/D. Pearson; S. Hanson; P. Hubbard; J. Jacobs; J. Monk/S. Hanson; L. McDowell; G. Rose; and R. Schroeder.

Wakabayashi, Y., H. Kamiya, R. Kinoshita, Y. Yui, and K. Yano. 2002. *Urban Space of Single Women*. Taimei-do, Inc. (This 236 pp. volume in Japanese combines qualitative, quantitative, and GIS analysis to explore such topics as the residential choices of single women, housing provision, consumption and life style choices, and housing problems of single parents.)

**RECENT ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**


Leslie, D. “Gender, retail employment and the clothing commodity chain,” Gender, Place and Culture, 9(1): 61-76.


knowledge,” *Gender, Place and Culture*, 5-22.


**NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

Rickie Sanders (Temple University, USA) was honored by the Association of American Geographers at its 2002 Los Angeles meeting for her contributions to geographic education, especially for her leadership in the “Finding A Way” project to engaged underrepresented students (girls and ethnic minority students in K-12 education) in geography. Rickie received Gilbert Grosvenor Distinguished Honors in Geographic Education.

Three feminist geographers spoke at the Presidential Plenary Panel, “Points of View, Sites for Action,” at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Los Angeles in March, 2002: Ruth Fincher, President of the Institute of Australian Geographers, Maria Dolors García Ramon, President of the Catalan Geographical Society, and Jenny Zorn, President of the California Geographical Society. Unfortunately, illness prevented Audrey Kobayashi, President of the Canadian Association of Geographers from joining the panel.

Janet Momsen has honored with the Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award at the University of California, Davis, USA.

Issues in feminist methodology were the focus of feminist sessions of the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Royal Geographical Society/Institute for British Geographers in Belfast. Papers have been
submitted for review for a special issue of ACME, the electronic journal in critical human geography.

Carole Rakodi has taken up the position of Professor of International Development in the School of Public policy, University of Birmingham.

Heike Alberts (University of Minnesota) reports that she and Mirjana Morokvasic are working on a publication for the International Women’s University on gender and migration, two books that will bring together papers by instructors and students of the University.

Mei-Po Kwan (Ohio State University) has several forthcoming publications that address the uses of GIS in feminist geographic research. These include work in a special issue of Gender, Place and Culture and paper in the Annals of the Association of American Geographers. Full details will be included in the next newsletter.