

## **CONFERENCE PROGRAM OUTLINE**

(NB this is an initial schedule and is subject to change)

### **IMAGINING PUBLIC POLICY TO MEET WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY NEEDS**

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2005**

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.      Open Public Event:  
Monique Bégin – Meeting Women's Needs: Imaginative Government &  
Imaginative Public Policy

#### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2005**

8:30 – 8:45              Conference opening remarks and introductions

8:45 - 10:30            **Plenary I - Imagining Progressive Social Welfare Policy**

10:30 - 10:45            Break

10:45 - 12:30           **Session A**

12:30 –1:45             Lunch

1:45 – 3:30              **Session B**

3:30 – 3:45              Break

3:45 – 5:30              **Plenary II - Imagining Strong Employment Policy**

6:00 – 7:00              Reception

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2005**

8:45 - 10:30            **Plenary III - Imagining Social Supports that Work**

10:30 - 10:45            Break

10:45 - 12:30           **Session C**

12:30 –1:45             Lunch

1:45 – 3:30              **Session D**

3:30 – 3:45              Break

3:45 – 5:00              **Plenary IV - Strategies for Change: Looking for a Different Future**

5:00 – 5:20              Wrap-Up

## **Thursday, October 13, 2005**

### **Thursday Evening Keynote: Monique Bégin**

Meeting Women's Needs: Imaginative Government & Imaginative Public Policy  
(Marjorie Griffin Cohen to make introductions)

## **Friday, October 14, 2005**

### **Plenary I - Imagining Progressive Social Welfare Policy**

Jane Jensen (Canadian Policy Research Networks / Shelagh Day (Poverty & Human Rights Project) /  
Patsy George (Community advocate and activist)  
Chair: Seth Klein - Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA)

### **Session A**

#### **Roundtable A: Challenging the Income Security/Labour Market Nexus for Women**

**(Chair: Jane Pulkingham – Simon Fraser University, Sociology & Anthropology)**

- Martha MacDonald (St. Mary's University)
- Wendy McKeen (Dalhousie University) – The Children's Agenda and the Shifting Philosophy of Social Policy in Canada: Where do we go from here?
- Randy Albelda (University of Massachusetts-Boston)
- Stella Lord (Nova Scotia policy analyst) – Low Income Single Mothers and Compulsory Employment

#### **Panel A1: Translating Dreams into Policy: Re-Imagining Governance**

**(Chair: Marcy Cohen - Hospital Employees Union)**

- Barbara Cameron (York University)
- Shelagh Day (Poverty & Human Rights Project)
- Tammy Findlay (Student - York University)
- Kim McIntyre (Student – York University)

#### **Panel A2: Women of an (un)certain age: Shaping older women's economic future**

**(Chair: Laurel Ritchie – Canadian Auto Workers Union)**

- Charmaine Spencer (Simon Fraser University, Gerontology Research Centre)
- Elsie Dean (Women Elders in Action)
- Lillian Zimmerman (Simon Fraser University, Gerontology Research Centre)

#### **Panel A3: Immigrant Women's Economic Security**

**(Chair: Leah Vosko – York University, Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies)**

- Habiba Zaman (SFU) / Cecilia Diocson (Philippine Women's Centre) / Becky Scott (SFU) – Immigrant Women in BC: What Policies do they require for Economic Security?
- Jill Hanley (Université Libre de Bruxelles) / Eric Shragge (Concordia University) – Economic Security for Women with Precarious Immigration Status: Enforcing Labour Rights for Everyone
- Dan Zuberi (UBC – HELP) – The Thorn Net: How Interactions of Social Safety Net Gaps Harm Hotel Room Attendants in Seattle and Vancouver
- Julieta B. Dorado (Student - University of the Philippines) – Some Issues on Women Labour Migration in the Philippines: A Review of Policy Options

**Panel A4: Meeting Women's Needs as Health Care Clients and Providers**

**(Chair: Jan Taylor – British Columbia Co-operative Association)**

- Melody Kelly (Student - Memorial University) – Supporting Women's Economic Security Needs Through A Universal Home Care Policy
- Arlene Tigar McLaren (Simon Fraser University) / Tracey Lou Black (BC Health Coalition) / Darlene Thorburn (BCGEU) / Ann Chambers (BCGEU) – Where's the Care? Re-conceptualizing the boundaries of public and private in community-based home support services
- Laura Zilney (Canadian Federation of University Women) – Moving Beyond the Policy Debate: How Process Improvements Can Dramatically Impact Service Delivery in the Health Care System

**Session B**

**Roundtable B: Community-based Health Care Models For the Economic Security of Women**

**(Chair: Arlene Tigar McLaren – Simon Fraser University, Sociology & Anthropology)**

- Jan Taylor (BC Co-operative Association)
- Marcy Cohen (Hospital Employees' Union)
- Sheila Roswell (Mid-Main Health Clinic and Hospital Employees' Union)
- Dr. Lynn Scruby (University of Manitoba) / Rachel Rapaport Beck (Prairie Women's Health Centre of Excellence) – Program and Policy Directions: Including Low Income Women with Children
- \*\* proposed addition: Speaker from Saskatoon health coop.

**Panel B1: Livable or Basic Income: A New Approach to Economic Security**

**(Chair: Margot Young – The University of British Columbia, Law)**

- Jim Mulvale (University of Regina)
- Cindy L'Hirondelle (Victoria Status of Women Action Group)
- Diane Delaney (Provincial Association for Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan)
- \*\* proposed addition: Rhonda Breitreuez (University of Alberta) / Deanna Williamson (University of Alberta) – Enhancing social policy in Canada: The Gortex solution

**Panel B2: Imagining Women, Provisioning and Community in a Provident State**

**(Chair: Barbara Cameron - York University, Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies)**

- Marge Reitsma-Street (University of Victoria) – All the work women do: Imagining household and collective provisioning
- Stephannie Baker Collins (York University) – The complex web of household provisioning: Stories of food coop members
- Elaine Porter (Laurentian University) – Collective provisioning: Contributions of community resource centres
- Sheila Neysmith (University of Toronto) – Provisioning policies of a provident state

**Panel B3: Economic Security for Women in the Sex Trade**

**(Chair: Shelagh Day – Poverty & Human Rights Project)**

- Leslie Ann Jeffrey (University of New Brunswick) – It's the Money, Honey: Income Security and Sex Work
- Emily van der Meulen (Student - York University) – Towards the Inclusion of Prostitutes in Policy: What Canada Can Learn From New Zealand
- Vancouver Rape Relief (speaker TBD)

**Panel B4: Including Women in Policy/Budget Making**

**(Chair: Silvia Vilches – The University of British Columbia, School of Community and Regional Planning)**

- Anne Webb (Women in Public Policy Initiative – Atlantic Centre for Excellence in Women's Health) – Steps Toward Credible and Inclusive Public Policy
- Jennifer deGroot (UN Platform for Action Committee Manitoba) / Shauna MacKinnon (CCPA Manitoba) – Gender Budgets as a tool for women's economic security
- Jennifer Curtin (Monash University, Melbourne) – Including women in the process of imaging: Exploring social and subjective indicators in gendering policy responses
- Olena Hankivsky (Simon Fraser University) – Gender Mainstreaming in Neoliberal Times: The Potential of "Deep Evaluation"
- Amanda J Felkey (Student - Cornell University) – Will You Covenant Marry Me? A Look at a New Type of Marriage

**Plenary II - Imagining Strong Employment Policy**

Leah Vosko (York University) / Penni Richmond (Canadian Labour Congress) / Cecilia Diocson (Philippine Women's Centre)

Chair: Marcy Cohen – Hospital Employees Union

**Saturday, October 14, 2005**

**Plenary III – Imagining Social Supports that Work**

Marta Szebehely (Stockholm University) / Rita Chudnovsky (BC Coalition of Child Care Advocates) / Fay Blaney (Aboriginal Women's Action Network – AWAN)

Chair: Jane Pulkingham – Simon Fraser University, Sociology & Anthropology

**Session C**

**Roundtable C: Securing Women's Economic Future: Redressing the Devaluation of Precarious Jobs in Policy & Practice**

**(Chair: Fiona MacPhail - University of Northern British Columbia, Department of Economics)**

- Pat Armstrong (York University)
- Leah Vosko (York University)
- Stephanie Bernstein (University of Quebec at Montreal)
- Karen Jenson (Law Commission of Canada)
- Katherine Lippel (University of Quebec at Montreal)
- Emile Tompa (Institute for Work & Health)
- \*potentially Eric Tucker (York University & University of Cleveland)

**Panel C1: Community-Based Research Processes: Addressing the Needs of Multiple Constituencies**

**(Chair: Olena Hankivsky – Simon Fraser University, Political Science & Women's Studies)**

- Mary Tuominen (Denison University)
- C.M. Scott / W.E. Thurston (University of Calgary)
- Michelle Murdoch (Memorial University of Newfoundland)
- Laura Dreuth Zeman (Southern Illinois University)

**Panel C2: Single Mothers on Social Assistance: Moving Towards Solutions**

**(Chair: Jewelles Smith – Simon Fraser University, Women’s Studies Student)**

- Amber Gazso (Student - University of Alberta) – Listening to Low-Income Parents’ Experiences of Work/Family Conflict to Meet their Needs in Future Social Assistance Policy Restructuring
- Natasha Kim (Student - Harvard Law School) – The Road Not to Take: Hard Lessons for Canadian Women from the American Experience in Welfare Law and Policy
- Margot Young (The University of British Columbia) – Single Mothers on Welfare: Catch 22
- Corrine Elizabeth Skarstedt (Student - Carleton University) – Forging Fundamental Solutions: (Un)spinning Canada’s Socio-Economic (In)security
- Lee Caragata (Wilfred Laurier University) – Lone Mothers: Policy Responses to Build Social Inclusion

**Panel C3: Recognizing Caring Work**

**(Chair: Martha MacDonald – St. Mary’s University, Economic)**

- Paul Kershaw (UBC – HELP) – *Carefair*: feminist policy reform served ‘neoliberal style’
- Jane Barter Moulaison (University of Lethbridge) / Lisa Lamber (Student - University of Lethbridge) – Toward a Universal Policy on Parental Leave for All Canadian Workers
- Susan Braedley (Student - York University) – ‘Getting Guys to Care’: Can Social Policies that Encourage Men’s Participation in Care Work Positively Impact on Women’s Economic Security?

**Panel C4: Working with Disabilities**

**(Chair: Penny Gurstein – The University of British Columbia, School of Community & Regional Planning)**

- John Vellacott (Student – The University of British Columbia) – For Better or Worse? National Employment Policy Approaches and Women with Disabilities
- Marina Morrow (The University of British Columbia) – Making Work: Income Security for Women with Mental Illness
- \*\* proposed addition: Andrea Warenham (Simon Fraser University Disability Centre) (availability & interest confirmed)
- \*\* proposed addition: BC Coalition of People with Disabilities (to be confirmed)

**Session D**

**Roundtable D: Flexibility vs Entitlement to Support: Pathways to the Future**

**(Chair: Marge Reitsma-Street – University of Victoria)**

- Penny Gurstein / Silvia Vilches (The University of British Columbia, School of Community and Regional Planning) – Pathways to the Future: Implications of the Income Assistance Project
- Sylvia Fuller (The University of British Columbia, Anthropology/Sociology)
- Paul Kershaw (The University of British Columbia, Human Early Learning Project)
- Jane Pulkingham (Simon Fraser University, Sociology/Anthropology)
- Margot Young (The University of British Columbia, Law)

**Panel D1: Women’s Old Age Benefits & Retirement Issues**

**(Chair: Joyce Jones – BC Seniors Network)**

- Laurel Ritchie (Canadian Auto Workers Union): Women & Pension
- Margaret Manery (Independent Researcher from BC): Abolishing Mandatory Retirement: What are the Safeguards for Women?
- Madonna Harrington Meyer (Syracuse University): Linking Old Age Benefits to Marital Status vs. a Minimum Benefit

**Panel D2: Education & Training for the Future**

**(Chair: Marina Morrow – The University of British Columbia, Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations)**

- Shauna Butterwick (The University of British Columbia) – Low Income Single Mothers & Access to Post-Secondary Education
- Claire Polster (University of Regina) – Imagining a University that Works for Women
- Jane Henrici (University of Memphis) – Learning to be Poor: Job Training and Women in the US

**Panel D3: Community Voices in Policy Making**

**(Chair: Whitney BJOROWKO – Simon Fraser University, Women's Studies Student)**

- Kay Wilson (Prairie Women's Health Centre of Excellence) – We've Found our Voices. Now Who's Listening?
- Lise Martin & Dr. Jo-Anne Lee (Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women: CRIAW) – Working to Integrate Marginalized Women's Voices into Social Policy and Debates
- Chrystal Ocean (Wellbeing thru Inclusion Socially and Economically – WISE) – Recommendations from Women in Poverty: Community Based Solutions

**Panel: D4: Labour from the Bottom Up**

**(Chair: Mary Rowles – BCGEU or Pat Armstrong – York University)**

- Fiona MacPhail (University of Northern British Columbia) / Paul Bowles (University of Northern British Columbia) – Imagining Public Policy: What do women casual workers want?
- Stephen McBride (Simon Fraser University) / Kathy McNutt (Student – Simon Fraser University) – Women's Economic Security and Experiences of Labour Market Alienation
- Andrew Jackson (Canadian Labour Congress) – Addressing the needs of low wage workers
- Jane Stinson (Canadian Union of Public Employees) / Marcy Cohen (Hospital Employees' Union) – Organizing privatized health workers: Learning from the BC and UK Experiences

**Plenary IV - Strategies for Change: Looking for a Different Future**

Hillary Wainwright (to be confirmed in late June)

Chair: Marjorie Cohen – SFU, Women's Studies