

***Who can belong?***

Anyone. Our members include community researchers, students and independent researchers.

Any individual interested in feminist research is encouraged to join our ranks.

Although the Centre is sponsored by two universities, no affiliation with the universities is necessary.

If you would like to become a member - or are even just thinking about it - please fill out the form below. We'll put you on our mailing list and inform you of upcoming events and meetings regarding the Women's Research Centre.

*Include me on your mailing list!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

You can contact us by mail at  
11043 - 90th Ave.

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Edmonton Alberta  
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or

telephone us at  
(403) 492-8950.

Leave a message on our answering  
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### ***What is the Women's Research Centre?***

The Women's Research Centre is an institute for feminist research including action research conducted in the women's community.

### ***Why have a Women's Research Centre?***

The Centre is designed to be a place for feminist researchers to meet and work regardless of their organizational affiliation. One of the Centre's objectives is to make it possible for feminist researchers to share their work-in-progress.

### ***What is feminist research?***

Feminist research, for us, is woman-centred research and research which recognizes the unequal position of women in society. This research is oriented toward changing that position.

Feminist research is a broad category. Widely differing theoretical and empirical interests within feminist research are welcome at the Centre. There is no attempt to imply a single all-encompassing view of feminism at the Centre.

### ***What does feminist research look like?***

Research is the process used to acquire knowledge about any topic of interest.

This process may include **action-research** in which individuals or groups incorporate a systematic way of gathering information and evaluating their actions.

In **collaborative research**, researchers work with others to discover specific ways of sharing the research process. Both share interest in the outcomes of the research.

In **co-operative research**, two or more researchers work as a team on a topic.

In **individual research**, a researcher grounds her work in her own life-experience and feminist practise but works essentially alone to achieve research goals.

Feminist research can initiate change on personal and societal levels. Immediate outcomes include political lobbying, group action and personal empowerment.

### ***How is the Centre organized?***

The Women's Research Centre was established jointly by Athabasca University and the University of Alberta in 1988.

The Centre will be coordinated by a board of seven people drawn from the membership. Four of the seven positions will be appointed by vice-presidents of the two sponsoring universities. The remaining three will be designated by the membership.

When funding becomes available, there will be a Centre Coordinator and office staff, as well as research assistantship positions.

At present, however, the Centre relies upon minimal office assistance and volunteer labour.

Meetings of the membership provide advice to the board and elect new board members to it.

### ***This is still the beginning ...***

Because the Centre is in early stages of development, we welcome your participation in determining what it should look like in the future.

Second Annual

## **Feminist Research Forum**

by the

Women's Research Centre

and

Alberta Women's Studies

**Oct. 27 and Oct. 28**

in Room 2-115

Education Building

University of Alberta

112 St. and 87 Ave.

Friday at 7:30

-an Evening with Nellie  
McClung

Friday at 8:45

-Wine and Cheese

Saturday at 9 a.m.

- Immigrant Women
- Childhood Sexual Abuse
- Maternal Feminism
- Finding Gender in data
- Feminist Teaching

Saturday at 10:30

- Women and Development
- Women and Visual Arts

-Grantwomanship

-Women in the library

Saturday after lunch

-China and Alberta

-The Persons Case

-Women's Studies

-Women's Archives

Saturday at 2:45

Plenary Session-

Research and Action:

Strategies for Change

Registration fee \$10 or  
\$20, phone 492-8950

Session 3.4 Room 2-121 **Women's Archives**

Chair: Susan Jackel

*-Returning to the Source :Women's Archives* (Nancy Adamson, Canadian Women's Movement Archives; Sheila Dunphy, Northern Alberta Women's Archives Project)

2:30 to 2:45 Coffee and Juice Break, back foyer (2-125 and 2-141)

2:45 to 4:30 p.m **Plenary Session: Research and Action**

Session 4 : Room 2-135

Chair: Marilyn Assheton-Smith

*-Strategies for Change: Women's Groups present Reflections on their Work*

ASWAC's Women and Poverty Campaign, ABC's Campaign for Choice

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**Forum Registration**

(send to Women's Research Centre, 11043 - 90 Avenue, University of Alberta, T6G 1G5).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Need child care? Yes, Friday night \_\_\_\_  
Yes, Saturday \_\_\_\_

*If you need child care you must pre-register by Wednesday October 18.*

To help us plan and order food, please pre-register or leave a message on our answering machine at 492-8950.

Registration fee: \$10.00 or \$20.00, depending on your income. (Includes Lunch)

1. We are seeking funds to purchase a MacIntosh computer for the centre; donations for that purpose will be welcome; you will receive a receipt.

2. Proceedings of the sessions will be published. If you wish to receive them, enclose an additional \$10.00 with your registration.

Parking will be available in the area just east of the Education Building, or the parking lot east of 112 street.

The one door which will always be open is the one by the Education library, in the south-east corner of the building.

The University is now a non-smoking area. Please smoke only in the designated areas.

The *Women's Research Centre* is an institute for feminist research established jointly by Athabasca University and the University of Alberta in the fall of 1988. It provides to both universities' Women's Studies Degree Programmes and their outreach or Extension programming a focal point for theoretical, critical, and applied feminist research. It also provides these same dimensions to the women's community in northern Alberta, for the Centre is designed to be a place for feminist researchers to meet and work, and to assist each other with their research, whatever their organizational affiliation.

This *Feminist Research Forum* is the second such meeting. In it, as with others, we seek to bring together our diverse and long-standing interests in building a solid knowledge-base for understanding the position of women in our society and for determining possible paths of action for social change.

*Second Annual*

***Feminist Research Forum***

*Friday and Saturday  
October 27 and 28*

*Sponsored by the*

Women's Research Centre  
(Athabasca University and  
the University of Alberta)  
*and the*  
Alberta Women's Studies  
Association

University of Alberta  
Education Building  
112st and 87 Ave

**Friday, October 27**

**6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration**

Front Foyer, Education North 2-115

6:15 and 6:45: Conducted Tours to Person's Case Display in Rutherford South foyer (30 minutes each, from front foyer, 2-115 Education North)

7:30 to 8:45 Room 2-115

**Welcome to the Second Feminist Research Forum**

M.C.: Janice Williamson

(Barbara Spronk, Acting Dean of Arts, Athabasca University; Dianne Kieren, Associate Vice-President, University of Alberta; Diana Chown, Community Researcher)

Keynote: Randi Warne

**An Evening with Nellie McClung**

8:45 to 10:00 Room 2-125 and 2-141 (the back foyer, behind 2-115)

**Wine and Cheese Reception, Cash Bar**

**Saturday, October 28**

**8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Registration**

**9 to 10:15 First set of Concurrent Sessions**

Session 1.1: Room 2-139 **Research for**

**Immigrant Women**

Chair: Asha Sinha

*-Social, Psychological and Economic Problems of Immigrant Women* (Panel of Asha Sinha, Shusheila Samy, Zohara Husani)

Session 1.2: Room 2-117 **Psychological Practise**

*-Surviving Childhood Sexual Abuse* (Rosemary Liburd, Marj Holmgren and Rosa Spricer)

Session 1.3 Room 2-119 **Historical and Contemporary Research Practise**

Chair: Nanci Langford

*-Maternal Feminism: A Useful Category for examining Women's Past?* (Randi Warne and Cathy Cavanaugh)  
*-Teasing out Gender from "Genderless" systems at the University of Calgary* (Anna K. Koutis)

Session 1.4 Room 2-121 **Feminist Approaches to Curriculum Development**

Chair: TBA

*-Teaching Feminist Research and Methodologies: Ideas?* (Ann Hall)  
*-Feminist Approaches to Community Education* (Louise Jensen, Edmonton Learner Centre)

10:15 to 10:30 Break - Coffee and juices in the back foyer (2-125 and 2-141)

10:30 to 11:45 **Second set of Concurrent Sessions**

Session 2.1 Room 2-139 **Women and Development**

Chair: Esha Chaudhuri

*-Panel on Women and Development*

Session 2.2 Room 2-117 **Women and the Visual Arts**

Chair: Janice Williamson

*-Feminist Visual Art Practise: a Round Table* (Cherie Moses, Fine Arts Department Grant MacEwan; Elizabeth Kidd, Chief Curator Edmonton Art Gallery; Jane Ash-Poitras, Painter and Course Director School of Native Studies; Bridget Elliott, Fine Arts Department University of Alberta, Sandra Niessen, Clothing and Textiles University of Alberta)

Session 2.3 Room 2-119 **Grantswomanship Chair: Barbara Roberts**

*-Who gets money from SSHRC and How?* (Shirley Neuman)  
*-Secretary of State as a Research Funder* (Suzanne Sauvé)  
*-Health and Welfare Canada as a Research Funder* (Everyone to pool ideas)

Session 2.4 Room 2-121 **Women in the Library**

Chair: Melody Burton

*-Are Women at Home in the Stacks?: Patriarchy in Library Systems* (Melody Burton, Pat Leginsky, Hope Olson)

12 to 1 p.m. Room: back foyer, 2-125 and 2-141  
Lunch by the Bagel Tree

**1:15 to 2:30 Third set of Concurrent Sessions**

Session 3.1 Room 2-139 **Women in China, Immigrant Women in Alberta**

Chair: TBA

*-The Role of Chinese Women in the Modernization of China* (Leslie Crawford)

*-Immigrant Women: Ismaeli and Lebanese Women in Alberta, a Critique of Current Studies* (Parin Dossa)

Session 3.2 Room 2-117 **The Persons Case**

Chair: Randi Warne

*-Trials and Tribulations of Feminist Research: the Persons Case in Alberta* (Diana Chown, Cathy Cavanaugh, Randi Warne, Susan Jackel, Nanci Langford)

Session 3.3 Room 2-119 **Women's Studies**

*-We Make Such Strange Bedfellows: the Politics of Interdisciplinary Women's Studies* (Debra Shogan, Kathleen Martindale, Melody Burton)