

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**  
**Senate Committee on University Priorities**  
**Memorandum**

**TO:** Senate

**FROM:** John Waterhouse  
Chair, SCUP  
Vice President, Academic

**RE:** Institute for Critical Studies  
In Gender and Health (ICSGH)

**DATE:** January 20, 2005

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Attached is the proposal for the establishment of the Institute for Critical Studies in Gender and Health (ICSGH) submitted for consideration by Dr. John Pierce, Dean of Arts and Social Sciences. This will be a Schedule A Centre reporting to the Dean of Arts in accordance with Policy R 40.01.

The Senate Committee on University Priorities reviewed the proposal at its December 1, 2004 meeting. With minor edits which have now been incorporated into the document, the proposal was unanimously approved. Once approved by Senate, the proposal will be submitted to the Board of Governors.

**Motion:**

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of the Institute for Critical Studies In Gender and Health (ICSGH).

Attach.

- c. C. Patton, Dept. of Women's Studies/Sociology & Anthropology
- O. Hankivsky, Department of Political Science
- B. Clayman, VP Research
- J. Pierce, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

## MEMORANDUM OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH

**TO:** Glynn Nicholls, Secretary  
Senate Committee on University  
Planning (SCUP)

**FROM:** B. Mario Pinto  
Vice-President, Research

**RE:** Institute for Critical Studies in  
Gender and Health

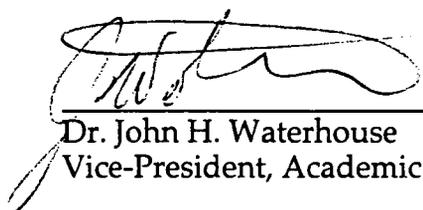
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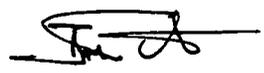
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Attached is a proposal from Dr. John Pierce, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, for the establishment of the Institute for Critical Studies in Gender and Health as a Schedule A Centre.

The Governing Committee for Centres and Institutes recommends that the Centre be granted approval by SCUP. Once approved by SCUP, the proposal is to be forwarded to Senate, followed by submission to the Board of Governors.

Governing Committee:

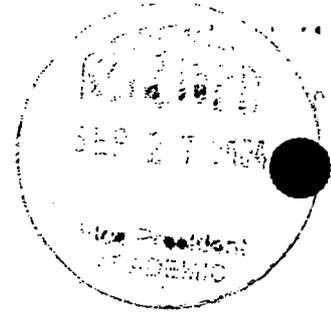
  
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Dr. John H. Waterhouse  
Vice-President, Academic and Provost

  
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Attachment

C: Dr. John Pierce, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Dr. C. Patton, Dept. of Women's Studies/Sociology & Anthropology  
Dr. O. Hankivsky, Department of Political Science

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**  
Office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
**MEMORANDUM**



**To:** John Waterhouse  
VP Academic

**From:** John T. Pierce  
Dean of FASS

**Subject:** Institute for Critical Studies  
In Gender and Health

**Date:** September 24, 2004

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John, I am writing in support of the creation of the Institute for Critical Studies in Gender and Health.

SFU already has considerable research interests and expertise in this area. What the Institute will accomplish is to focus this expertise in an interdisciplinary context to further our understanding of the complex interrelationship of gender and health. The creation of the Institute will further strengthen SFU's growing reputation in health studies. Moreover, it should serve as an excellent vehicle to secure funding from CIHR and the Michael Smith Foundation.

I strongly support this initiative.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JTP".

JTP/rt

Attachments

Cc: C. Patton, Dept. of Women's Studies/Sociology & Anthropology  
O. Hankivsky, Dept. of Political Science

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September 23, 2004

Dr. John Pierce, Dean of Arts  
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences  
Simon Fraser University  
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Burnaby, BC, Canada  
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Dear Dr. Pierce:

Please find enclosed an application to establish the Institute for Critical Studies in Gender and Health (ICSGH) at Simon Fraser University.

The goal and research foci of ICSGH would contribute to SFU's Strategic Research Plan in the areas of i) Health, Genomics and Physiological Sciences and ii) History, Culture, Social Relations and Behaviour. The Institute would also complement the new Faculty of Health Sciences, and the Institute for Health Research and Education, whose defining feature is the integration of social and natural science research with population outcomes, societal application, and policy analysis. It would also contribute to the development of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences which has identified the area of Health and Public Policy as an emerging area of research. There is also the potential to create research linkages with Institutes and Centres at SFU including the Centre for Public Policy Research, Mental Health, Law and Policy Institute, Centre for Global Political Economy, Feminist Institute for Studies on Law and Society, and The FREDIA Centre for Research on Violence against Women and Children.

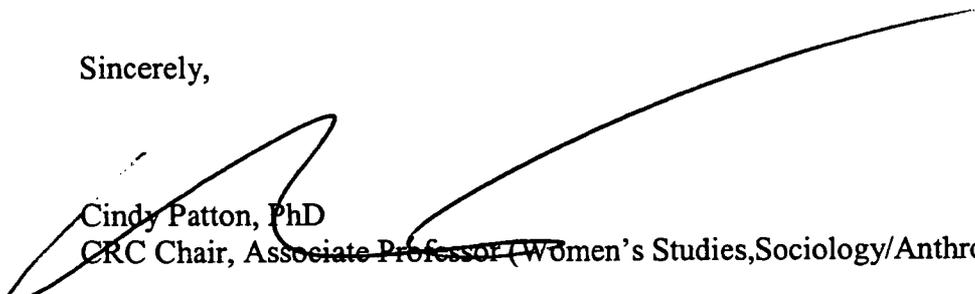
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Nationally and internationally, the Centre also intends to work collaboratively with academics from other universities and research organizations with whom SFU faculty currently have established relations and to establish new relations with Centres that are engaged in complementary research: (e.g. Research Centre for Gender and Health- Australia)

Enclosed you will find a copy of our Constitution which includes a statement of ICSGH's purpose, relevant background information, provision for the appointment of a Director, a statement that recognizes the Institution's obligation to conduct its activities in accordance with University policies, and a statement of its internal governing procedure.

We have proposed a start date of November 1, 2004 and look forward to your response to this request.

Sincerely,



Cindy Patton, PhD  
CRC Chair, Associate Professor (Women's Studies, Sociology/Anthropology)

## **Institute for Critical Studies in Gender and Health Simon Fraser University**

### **Statement of Purpose**

The goal of the proposed Institute for Critical Studies in Gender and Health (ICSGH) is to conduct interdisciplinary research and scholarship on all aspects of gender-related health and health care.

Building on the strength of researchers whose work is directly situated or relevant to the area of gender and health (see Appendix A), the ICSGH will focus on the following streams of research:

- **Innovative Research Methodologies**
- **Policy, Politics, and Research**
- **Health and Technology**
- **International Health and Globalization**
- **Health Inequalities**
- **Sexuality and Health**
- **Sustainability**

The Institute will anchor a vibrant interdisciplinary community of scholars, researchers and students, and facilitates collegial exchange through seminars devoted to directed readings, lectures, and annual conferences. Annual conferences will bring together local, national and international scholars from a number of disciplines and areas of research to consider conceptual and practical issues related to the Institute's research mandate. The proposed exchanges will provide space for discussion and debate, the potential for the development of intellectual networks and collaborative partnerships, and opportunities for producing new and original research.

### **Contribution to SFU Community and Beyond**

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### **Governance**

1. The Institute shall be governed in accordance with University policies including R 40.01, CENTRES AND INSTITUTES. If this document and University policy differ on any issue, University policy shall prevail.
2. The Institute will be within the administrative purview of fall the Dean of Arts, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
3. The Governance of the Institute will be in the purview of the Institute's Steering Committee.
4. The policies guiding the affairs of the Institute will be made by a majority of vote.
5. The Steering Committee shall select, by a majority vote, a Director who will be appointed for a 2-year team. The Committee shall also select a Treasurer and Secretary.

### **Other Matters**

- 1 The use of the name of the Institute, the administration of the Institute's funds, and the employment of staff shall be the responsibility of the Director and the Executive Committee in keeping with relevant University policies.
2. Contract and grants will be administered in keeping with the applicable policies and procedures of SFU. An annual report shall be prepared by the Director and approved by the Executive Committee.
3. The University will be recognized in all publications emanating from the Institute.

Appendix A.

**Gender and Health Researcher List**

**Ellen Balka** – Professor, Communications, (technology and health).

**Marilyn Bowman** – Professor, Psychology, (human experience of disease, disability, trauma and chronic illness; behavioural responses to illness and treatment in individuals and families)

**Dorothy Chunn** – Professor, Criminology, (feminist sociology of crime, madness and social welfare, feminism and medico-moral regulation, feminism, law and social change, media representations of women/feminism).

**David Cox** – Associate Professor, Psychology, (behavioural psychology and medicine, forensic psychology, health psychology, psychological assessment, risk-taking, sports psychology)

**Susan Crawford** - Adjunct Professor, Gerontology and Kinesiology, (women's health, diets, aging).

**Dara Culhane** - Associate Professor, Anthropology, (critical anthropology; anthropology of/and law and health; contemporary ethnography; visual anthropology).

**Sandra Cusack** - Research Fellow, Gerontology Research Centre, (older adult education, mental fitness).

**Parin Dossa** - Associate Professor, Anthropology, (anthropology of diaspora and migration, gender and health).

**Jane Friesen** – Associate Professor, Economics, (Canadian labour market programs and laws on wages, employment, and hours of work).

**Marjorie Griffin Cohen** – Professor, Political Science, (public policy, women, and labour).

**Gloria Guttman** - Director, Gerontology Research Centre, (seniors' housing, long-term care, health promotion, dementia care and environmental design).

**Olena Hankivsky** – Associate Professor, Political Science and Adjunct Professor, Women's Studies, (gender and health policy; social policy, especially violence against women).

**Stephen Hart** – Professor, Psychology, (forensic psychology, mentally disordered offenders, personality, psychological assessment, psychopathology)

**Michael Hayes** – Associate Professor, Geography, Associate Director, IHRE, (health inequalities and gradients, health policy, social psychological, economic and cultural determinants of health)

**Grace Iarocci** – Assistant Professor, Psychology, (behavioural responses to illness and treatment in individuals and families, determinants of health, community health, health and health care)

**Margaret Jackson** - Professor, Criminology, (criminal justice policy analysis; aboriginal issues in criminal justice; the elderly and the female offender; psychiatric decision-making).

**Meredith Kimball** - Professor Emerita, Women's Studies and Psychology (Aging, social gerontology, gender issues, women and aging)

**Dany Lacombe** – Associate Professor, Criminology and Sociology and Anthropology. (Feminist theory, sexual deviance, social policy, planning and social prevention, social theory)

**Rohinee Lal** - Community Liaison Coordinator, Institute for Health Research and Education, (medical anthropology, gender and health, aging, reproductive health, transdisciplinary research, community-based participatory health research).

**Marilyn MacDonald** – Professor, Women's Studies, (feminist critiques of science; feminist perspectives on science and environmental education; eco-feminism; scientific accounts of creativity).

**Sandra MacLean** – Assistant Professor, Political Science, (international political economy and comparative development).

**Arlene McLaren** - Associate Professor, Sociology, (gender; education; families; social policy; feminist perspectives).

**Barbara Mitchell** - Associate Professor, Sociology, Anthropology and the Gerontology Programs, (families and aging, intergenerational relations, social policy issues, health promotion).

**Marlene Moretti** – Professor, Psychology, (developmental psychopathology including conduct disorder, depression and gender issues, self-representation and psychopathology, treatment issues).

**Norm O'Rourke** – Assistant Professor, Gerontology Research Centre, (mental health and aging, clinical geropsychology, family care giving, evolution psychology, psychometrics)

**Cindy Patton** - Associate Professor and Canadian Research Chair, Sociology/Anthropology, (health, HIV/AIDS, methodology & methods training, social study of medicine, community based research).

**Stacy Pigg** - Associate Professor, Anthropology, (medicine, science and transnational processes; AIDS; sexuality).

**Jane Pulkingham** - Associate Professor and Chair of the Department, Sociology, (social policy, gender and inequality; feminism and political economy; family law).

**Colleen Reid** - Post-Doctoral Fellow, Institute for Health Research and Education (gender and health inequalities, poverty, physical activity).

**Simon Verdun-Jones** – Professor, School of Criminology, (values and ethical theory applied in health care, new technologies, individual rights related to health technologies and treatments, social studies of medical knowledge and technologies)

**Susan Wendell** - Professor Emerita, Women's Studies, (feminist social and political theory; feminist ethics; feminist epistemology; women and disability).