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## WORKSHOP REPORT

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A successful four-week workshop was held this summer at UIUC on *Women, Public Policy and Development: Utilizing Microcomputer Data Bases*. Cosponsored by the WID office and the department of Agricultural Economics. It was designed to improve the ability of women -- professionals, academics, and field-level research staff -- to present policy-relevant findings.

The workshop drew ten participants from nine countries:

- Dr. Elizabeth Ardayfio-Schandorf, Senior Lecturer, University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, GHANA
- Akosua Boatema Boateng, Senior Information Officer, National Council on Women and Development, Accra, GHANA
- Hema Balasubramanian, Senior Information Officer, NIPCCD, Women's Division, New Delhi, INDIA
- Lieke Koenraat, Home Economics Officer, Women in Agricultural Development Service (ESHW), Food and Agricultural Organization, Rome, ITALY
- Rosebud V. Kurwijila, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Rural Economy, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Morogoro, TANZANIA
- Gule Afruz Mahbub, Director, Directorate of Women's Affairs, Dhaka, BANGLADESH
- Khalida Malik, graduate student, UIUC/TIAPAN Project, PAKISTAN
- Safia Mohammed Mohamoud, Women in Development Unit, Ministry of National Planning, Mogadisho, SOMALIA

- Young-Joo Paik, Senior Researcher, Korean Women's Development Institute, Seoul, KOREA
- Linda Semu, graduate student, UTUC/lecturer Chancellor College, MALAWI

Cherub Antwi-Nsiah (GHANA) and Farzana Khaleque (BANGLADESH), UTUC graduate students, served as teaching assistants. Participants were funded by various donor agencies and their governments. The College of Agriculture provided the free microcomputer laboratory used for the workshop.

Participants learned how to use microcomputers software for word processing (WordPerfect 5.1) and spreadsheet (Lotus 2.2) as well as how to use the computer for graphic presentations. They also had access to the UN Statistical Indicators for Women (WiSTAT), a global data base containing extensive data on 134 countries, organized to permit national, regional, and international analysis with Lotus software. Using this data set, participants were able to build country profiles and do comparative analysis between countries within the same region. They also learned the effective use of computer graphics to illustrate their points.

In addition to microcomputers work, there were lectures on substantive policy issues on gender and development by UTUC faculty as well as representatives of the UN Statistical Office and MS University, Baroda.

For their final report, each participant selected a problem related to a policy issue in good standing in her country. She presented national and international data demonstrating that increasing resources for women would assist the government in solving the problem. Each participant's role played a presentation of her policy paper to a relevant government unit and was given feedback by the group. This was to gain confidence in dealing with the national policy process.

**Field Trips:** Two field trips were taken during the workshop. The first trip was on June 22, 1990, to Chicago to visit ongoing women's programs. The projects visited were the *Women's Self-Employment Project*, the *Mid-West Women's Center* and *Women United for a Better Chicago*.

The *Women's Self-Employment Project (WSEP)* is a nonprofit organization that provides training, technical assistance, and business loans for low and moderate-income women interested in starting self-employment ventures. *WSEP*, a credit project based on the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, was incorporated in 1986 to promote economic self-sufficiency for women. Since that time 1,000 women have participated in the program. *WSEP* helps women realize and utilize their many skills and talents to generate income through the development of micro-businesses. The executive director, Connie Evans, explained the operations of the project to the group. Participants shared experiences with women and credit in their own countries and were encouraged by the success of the *WSEP* programs.

The *Mid-West Women's Center* is a nonprofit organization which provides job training, placement, and referrals for women. The Center's aim to enable women to achieve self-sufficiency and economic and political parity is promoted by providing the opportunities and resources for them to fully participate in and contribute to society. One of the programs, *WOMEN CAN*, trains women in nontraditional occupations, i.e., ones usually considered to be for men. The participants had the opportunity to observe a class in session and were able to talk to the trainees.

The last group visited was *Women United for a Better Chicago*, a nonpartisan, multiracial, city-wide coalition of individuals and organizations who share a commitment to creating better living conditions for women in Chicago, particularly low-income women. The primary objectives of *Women United* are to strengthen individual leadership skills through training and education, to maximize the participation of women at the grassroots level in the public policy making process, to close the gap between existing delivery of services and actual needs through education of policymakers about the status and needs of women and to cultivate public awareness issues of primary concern to women and their families.

Our visit was timely because there was also a visiting delegation from Cuba there. A reception for our group and the Cubans included dialogue among women working on policy issues related to women's health and housing needs. The leader of the Cuban group presented the situation of women in her country, their roles and government policy concerning them. Others shared information on the current situation of women from their own countries and the prospects for the future.

A second trip was taken to New Salem and Springfield on July 1, 1990, Illinois to visit the home of Abraham Lincoln and his offices in the old state capitol building. In New Salem the participants had a chance to see how life was in the United States about 150 years ago, giving them a sense of history and how the United States has evolved. Participants had a chance to rest from the intense schedule on the fourth of July. They marked the independence celebration by watching the parade and having a picnic before the fireworks display in the evening.

The *Africa and African Related Women's Association (AARWA)* invited the participants to a potluck dinner at the YWCA on campus. Members of the Association had discussions with the participants. The workshop was closed by Roger E. Kanet, Director of International Programs and Studies, with the award of certificates to participants at a banquet held at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.

Each participant took home substantial software; a set of WISTAT data, the word processing package (WordPerfect 5.1.), and a spreadsheet package (Lotus 1-2-3, version 2.2.), to equip them to utilize the skills they learned during the workshop. Two of the participants were able to buy their own computers to take home with them. Participant evaluations were extremely positive, and the faculty is now considering how to move forward in this area.

**Cherub Antwi-Nsiah**

**Illinois Women's Public Policy Workshop.** The Women Studies Program announces an all day workshop to be held on Saturday, October 27, 1990 in 314 Union. The topic for the workshop is, "*Women's Welfare: Public Policies that Make a Difference.*" Registration is \$20.00 or \$10.00 for students/low income. Registration fee includes lunch. All registration must be received no later than October 17, 1990. For further information contact the Women's Studies Program, UTUC, 304 Stiven House, 708 South Mathews Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801. Telephone: 217/333-2990.

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WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AT UIUC

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Activities and Events on Campus

**Friday Forum, Fall 1990.** The theme for Fall 1990 Friday Forum is Through Women's Eyes. In this series, women scholars and policy leaders will address the roles and status of women in society - how things have changed and evolved, the present situation, and hopes and proposals for the future. The series is intended to help understanding of the current reality of women's lives, and how we can be part of a movement towards a full partnership of women and men in society. Note especially the lecture on *Women Working in Poverty* by Heidi Hartman, Director, Institute for Women's Policy Research, Washington, D.C. October 26, 1990.

WID Course list for Spring 1991

Every semester the Wid Office compiles a list of all courses offered on campus that address gender issues in international development. The amount of WID content in these courses varies, and we have on file information on the percentage of WID content included in the course, as submitted by the instructors. **The Spring 1991 WID Course List will be ready for distribution in mid October.** Copies may be picked up at the WID Office or mailed upon request to a campus address.

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STUDY AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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**MUCIA Internship Program for Summer, 1991.** MUCIA provides travel and living allowance to encourage student interest in careers in international development and education. The majority of the internships are with agencies involved with international development, nutrition, health and educational activities located in and around Washington, D.C. A limited number of opportunities are made available abroad. Internships are normally established for 12 weeks during the summer months (June-September), though fall internships are also available. Appointments are adjusted to fit the term schedules of the member universities. The program is open to U.S. citizens who are currently enrolled in MUCIA universities and who will have completed their third (junior) year of study no later than June, 1991. Enrolled graduate students are also eligible. **Deadline for application is December 7, 1990.** Applications are available in Room 311 Coble Hall. For more information contact the MUCIA liaison office at (217)/333-1993.

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**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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**1. Graduate Students:**

● **AAUW Educational Foundation Fellowships (1991-92).** AAUW announces its American and International 1991-92 fellowships:

(1) **American Fellowships** -- postdoctoral and dissertation. **Deadline: November 15, 1990.**

(2) **International Fellowships** -- open to non-U.S. citizens for full-time graduate or postgraduate study or research in the United States. Six of these fellowships are open to women who are affiliated with the **International Federation of University Women**. Recipients of AAUW-IFUW fellowships may study in any country but their own. **Deadline: December 1, 1990.**

To request a fellowship application or to receive more information about other funding opportunities, contact AAUW Educational Foundation, 1111 16th Street, N.W., Washington, DC. 20036. Phone: (202)/872-1430.

● **Graduate College, UIUC** announces its competition for grants for graduate student conference travel and thesis support. Applications must be received in departmental offices by **October 17**. Grants of up to \$140 are made in support of presentations of papers at professional conferences. Grants of up to \$140 are made in support of certain expenses related to a master's or doctoral thesis. The college also awards grants in support of dissertation research. These may be up to \$1,500 in support of projects which require research abroad. Further information is available from the departmental offices and the graduate college.

● **International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)** announces a new fellowship program for **West Africa**. Applications are being accepted from individuals with formal background in the social sciences, economics, agriculture, education, nutrition, and public health. Candidates must be actively affiliated with an institution to which they will return upon completion of the program. Students writing dissertations or theses are also encouraged to apply. Candidates must be citizens of a West African country. Fellowship will be granted for a period of three to four months. Fellows should begin their residency at the ICRW in Spring or Fall of 1991. Application forms are available at the WID office and from the International Center for Research on Women, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 302, Washington, D.C. 20036.

● **McNamara Fellowships**

(1) The **Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund** invites applicants for grants of approximately \$6,000 each to be made in the spring of 1991 to women from developing countries who are studying in the United States and are interested in the problems of women and/or children in their countries. Grants are given to women who are: nationals of developing countries, enrolled in an accredited educational institution in the U.S.; interested in issues that relate to women and/or children; planning to return to their countries within two years of the date on which grants are made; in need of financial assistance for tuition fees, books, living expenses etc.; and not related to a World Bank

staff or spouse. **Deadline: February 1, 1991.** Announcements of the recipients of grants will be made by April 15, 1991. Application materials are available at the WID office, 324 Coble Hall. For further information write to The Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund, 1818 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20433.

(2) **Robert S. McNamara Fellowship** program announces fellowships given to scholars for a twelve month period beginning July 1, 1991, for full-time work in the general area of economic development. Although there are no restrictions on research topics within the general field of economic development, each year several topics are emphasized. The areas selected for this application cycle are development policies to benefit women -- issues of implementation; poverty alleviation; and interaction between the legal and institutional framework for development,

● **Rockefeller Foundation Sub-Saharan African Dissertation Internship Awards 1990-91**

The Rockefeller Foundation has announced their program to enable African doctoral students enrolled in U.S. universities to undertake supervised dissertation research in Africa. The awards are open to citizens of sub-Saharan countries about to begin research. Priority will be given to research topics in areas of agriculture, health, and life sciences; other proposals will be considered if they relate to economic development or the reduction of poverty in Africa. Research projects must involve field observation or the use of primary sources only available in Africa. Students are encouraged to be in the field for at least twelve months. **Deadlines: October 1, 1990 and March 1, 1991.** Send proposals and inquiries to African Dissertation Internships, The Rockefeller Foundation, 1133 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

● **Social Science Research Council** administers three dissertation related fellowship programs:

(1) **Pre-dissertation Fellowships** of up to \$2,000 to support short-term field trips to Africa; with preference going to three different groups: (i) Africanists in traditionally under-represented disciplines such as economics, the humanities, psychology, and sociology; (ii) students planning research issues concerning African agriculture or health; and (iii) non-Africanist students in any discipline who might be encouraged to plan dissertation field research in Africa. **Deadline: December 1, 1990;** for awards made in May 1991.

(2) **Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowships** in the social sciences and humanities. **Deadline: November 1, 1990** for awards made in May 1991.

(3) **Fellowships for Training and Dissertation Research on Agriculture and Health.** This program is directed at social scientists who seek to integrate social and nature science perspectives and methodologies in the study of agriculture and health issues. It provides up to twelve months of natural or technical science training, subsequent dissertation field work, and write up. **Deadline: November 1, 1990;** for awards made in May 1991.

Application materials and special proposal guidelines are available from the Africa Program, Social Science Research Council, 605 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10158. Phone: (212)/661-0280.

2. **Faculty:**

● **International Agriculture Project Development Travel Fund** Grants of up to \$ 500 are available for tenure-track and tenured faculty members in the College of Agriculture to support travel

directly related to new project development. Grants will not be awarded to support attendance or presentations at international conferences, seminars, or workshops. **Deadlines for application are November 1, 1990, and March 1, 1991.** To get a copy of the application guidelines and a request form, call or write the Office of International Agriculture, 113 Mumford Hall, 1301 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, Illinois 61801; telephone 217-333-1993.

● **MUCIA Grants for Travel.** Grants of up to \$1,000 are offered by the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities (MUCIA) and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs to UIUC faculty and staff members to apply for a travel-fund grant to support international program development. The next **deadlines are November 1, 1990, and March 1, 1991.** Guidelines and request forms are available from T. John Kim, MUCIA liaison officer, 311 Coble Hall, 801 South Wright Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820; telephone 217-333-1993.

● **Social Science Research Council Programs**

(1) **The African Agriculture: Crisis and Transformation Fellowship Program** provides fellowships in support of research projects concerning the crisis in African Agriculture. The 1990 program is directed to questions of sustainability with special reference to resource conservation and ecological vulnerability. Fellowships will be awarded to individuals or to teams of research researchers for periods of three to twelve months in support of non-degree activities. The program is open to citizens of sub-Saharan countries and to teams comprised of both Africans and non-Africans. Maximum awards are for \$15,000. **Deadline: December 31, 1990.**

(2) **Africa Postdoctoral Research Grants**

The council provides grants for advanced studies research in the social sciences and humanities for field research as well as comparative, theoretical research that proposes more than the analysis of previously gathered materials. Multidisciplinary team projects are especially encouraged, and applicants are encouraged to plan collaborative research with African scholars. Grants are normally made for a period of two months to a year. Application forms are sent on request, after preliminary determination of eligibility has been decided by the African program staff. Grants are available to citizens and permanent residents of the United States whose competence for research on Africa has been demonstrated, who intend to make continuing contributions to the field, and who hold a Ph.D or equivalent research experience. If travel to Africa is planned, the applicant should try to arrange for affiliation with an African university or research institute. **Proposals are due December 1, 1990.**

● **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** has announced the availability of Kellogg National Fellowship Program awards for 1991. It seeks to involve professional men and women in the earlier years of their professional careers who are interested in developing interdisciplinary and cross-cultural perspectives on contemporary human and social problems. **Deadline for KNFK applications is December 14, 1990.**

● **William and Flora Hewlett Summer International Research Grants**

International Programs and Studies announces its competition for William and Flora Hewlett Grants to support international projects. The grants are intended to fund both basic and applied research. Faculty members are encouraged to apply. Financial support is available for up to 1/9

of the applicant's academic year salary, or a maximum of \$3,500, which ever is less. About 10-15 awards will be made. **Deadline: November 1, 1990**. Results will be announced towards **December 15, 1990**. For further information and application forms contact IPS, 324 Coble Hall, (217)/333-6104.

● **Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars** announces its **Fellowships in the Humanities and Social Sciences, 191-92**. Applications are being accepted from men and women with outstanding capabilities and experience from a wide variety of backgrounds (including government, the corporate world, and the professions, as well as academia) for appointment. For academic participants eligibility is limited to postdoctoral level, and normally it is expected that academic candidates will have demonstrated their scholarly development by the publication of some major work beyond the Ph.D. dissertation. For other participants an equivalent degree of professional achievement is expected. Fellows do not pursue contract research. Length of appointment for fellows range from four months to a year. **Deadline: October 1, 1990**. Further information and application forms can be obtained from The Fellowship Office, The Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C. 20560. Phone : (202)/357-2841.

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## **POSITIONS**

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The **Academy for Educational Development (AED)** announces an opening for the position of **Research Fellow**, the **Center for Social Research University of Malawi**. The **Research Fellow** selected to assist the **Center for Social Research (CSR)** will fill the gap left by a **Malawian** currently studying for her **Ph.D.** at **Michigan State University** in order to strengthen **CSR's** capacity in doing research on women in development. The **Research Fellow** is expected to do the following: plan, organize, and undertake research in any of the center's broad areas of research priority; assist in teaching relevant courses on the **Women in Development Program** and direct students on their research projects. The successful candidate is required to have a postgraduate degree in **Development Economics or Agricultural Economics**; work in a developing country, preferably **Africa**, and experience and interest on issues involving "**Women in Development**". The two years position is funded by the **USAID Human Resources and Institutional Development Project**. Questions concerning the Project or position should be addressed to: **Dr. John D. Hatch, III, Malawi HRID Project Director, Academy for Educational Development, 1255 23rd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. Phone: (202)/862-1931.**

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## **WID ASSOCIATES AWARDS\FELLOWSHIPS\HONORS\GRANTS\INTERNSHIPS**

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In the last two years office associates have received a number of prestigious grants, fellowships and internships. We were so impressed that we sent out a reporting form to all WID associates, asking for a listing of good things that had happened to them or their students in 1990. Herewith the list. Now upwards and onwards for 1991 !

**Students:**

**Monica Ayieko**

- American Home Economics Fellowship
- Margaret McNamara Fellowship Grant
- Rockefeller sponsored Summer Institute for African Agricultural Research at the University of Wisconsin, Madison

**Ellen Brin**

- Planning Advisory Council Chairman's Achievement Award (Urban Planning)

**Julia Greider**

- MUCIA Summer Internship at the Inter-American Institute for Agricultural Cooperation (IIAI), Costa Rica

**Lucy Kehinde**

- American Association of University Women (AAUW) Fellowship
- Rockefeller Foundation African Dissertation Internship

**Catherine Lau**

- American Institute of Certified Planners Outstanding Student Award

**Mary Maher**

- Urban Planning Outstanding Junior Award

**Laury Oaks**

- MUCIA Summer Internship with USAID -- Science & Technology/Rural Development unit

**Dolores Oreskovich**

- Ford Foundation Minority Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship

**Holly Sabin**

- Planning Advisory Council Chairman's Achievement Award (Urban Planning)

**Young Shin**

- Omicron Nu Research Fellowship (Home Economics Honor Society)

**Janet Smith**

- Outstanding Thesis/Master's Project Award (Urban Planning)
- Karl B. Lohmann Award for Exceptional Professional Promise

**Faculty:**

**Deidica Bagchi**

- Sabbatical: Fall 1990 through Winter 1991. Award to travel to Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

**Kate Cloud**

- Research Board Grant to utilize WiSTAT Data in studying gender and structural transformation

**Jean Due**

- Research Board Grant to study African credit program for women

**Alma Gottlieb**

- Research Board Grant to work on a Beng - English/English - Beng Dictionary
- Blood Magic: The Anthropology of Menstruation (California, 1988)

was named by **Choice** (May 1989) as one of the year's best Anthropology books

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**STAFF CHANGES**

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As many of you are aware, Romy Borooah has completed her post doctorate as assistant Director of the WID office and has accepted a position as Director of Women's Studies at the University of Cincinnati. We will miss her. Cherub Antwi-Nsiah, a doctoral candidate in geography is the new assistant Director. We have also gained a 3/4 time permanent secretarial line of our very own; and Kathryn Martin is our new Secretary. Hours and phone numbers are :

**Kathleen Cloud, Director** M-F 1-5 pm, Fall  
(217)/333-1977

**Cherub Antwi-Nsiah, assistant to the Director** M-F 1-5 pm  
(217)/244-1722

**Kathryn Martin, Secretary** M-F 8-3 pm  
(217)/333-1994

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