Feminist Economics invites submissions of papers, short discussions, and book reviews for a special issue on “Gender and Aging” to be published in 2005. The deadline for submission of abstracts is May 1, 2003; completed manuscripts are due August 1, 2003 but earlier submissions for both would be appreciated. We encourage scholars in all disciplines to consider submitting an abstract for a paper on the interrelationships between aging and gender.

Aging is a gendered issue. Women provide most of the paid and unpaid care for the elderly in public, private, and family settings. Because women receive fewer economic resources for their own work than men, they often rely on smaller or nonexistent pensions. Further, the Western assumption that “working age” ends around 65 does not hold true for developing countries. Worldwide, as birth rates decline and the average human life span increases, the burden of care for the elder generation rests more heavily on a proportionally smaller cohort. While a majority of men receive care from a spouse or partner until they die, the majority of women die as widows.

The editors hope to publish essays by both established scholars and young researchers. While individual papers may be narrowly focused, the scope of the special issue will be broad and include work from a variety of analytical and methodological approaches. Articles may:

- analyze paid and unpaid work provided by and for elderly women
- compare aging across nations and regions
- distinguish among aging women and men with different abilities, resources, cultural traditions, and social networks
- critically examine the traditional categories of gender, family, care, work, age
- challenge female responsibility for many aspects of care
- focus on strategic and policy issues for both the elderly and those providing care for them
- call attention to the positive as well as problematic aspects of aging
Please direct queries and abstracts of proposed papers to the guest editors: Agneta Stark (agneta.stark@tema.liu.se), Nancy Folbre (folbre@econs.umass.edu), and Lois Shaw (lbshaw@his.com).

Final papers (after approval of abstracts) should be submitted to the journal’s editor, Diana Strassmann (feministeconomics@rice.edu), and should conform to the editorial policies, style guidelines, and submission instructions given in every issue of *Feminist Economics* and on the journal’s webpage at www.feministeconomics.org. They may also be requested by writing: Diana Strassmann, Editor, *Feminist Economics*, MS-9, Rice University, P.O. Box 1982, Houston, TX 77251-1892, USA; (E-mail: feministeconomics@rice.edu; fax: 1.713.348.5495).

A SPECIAL ISSUE ON WOMEN AND WEALTH

Guest Editors
Carmen Diana Deere and Cheryl Doss

*Feminist Economics* invites submissions of papers, short exploratory discussions, and book reviews for a special issue on “Women and the Distribution of Wealth,” to be published in 2006. The deadline for submitting abstracts is July 30, 2003; complete manuscripts are due March 30, 2004.

This special issue intends to document the distribution of wealth by gender and address how and why it matters. We invite scholars in all disciplines to submit work that advances our understanding of (i) the current gender distribution of wealth in the North and South; (ii) the historical processes—including changes in women’s legal property rights, labor force participation, educational attainments, etc.—that generate changes in women’s access to and control over assets; and (iii) the implications for women of different gender distributions of wealth.

This special issue will include historical, comparative, analytical, and policy-oriented work. While individual papers may be narrowly focused, the scope of the special issue is broadly defined to encompass work that:

- increases information on the distribution of wealth by gender
- conceptualizes how we think about and measure asset ownership, recognizing that formal ownership may differ from control over assets
- takes into account differences of race, ethnicity, and social class
- considers wealth as a measure of bargaining power within households
- examines different marital regimes and their implications in practice for married women’s property rights and those of widows, widowers, and divorcees
analyzes the role of inheritance in total household wealth and on the
gender and generational implications of different inheritance systems
and practices
• reviews the role of women in organizing for legal and social change,
including the enforcement of women’s property rights
• explores how the composition of assets may change in the course of
economic development (such as from physical to financial assets)
• investigates differences in asset ownership between rural and urban
women (e.g., land versus housing)
• evaluates the relationship between poverty reduction and asset
accumulation
• analyzes the role of the state in reducing (or causing) inequalities in
wealth and assets both by gender and class
• reviews existing public policy, including laws that govern social
security and the taxation of capital gains and inheritances

We hope to showcase the research in panels at the annual conferences of
the International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) and the
Allied Social Science Association (ASSA). Please direct queries and
abstracts of proposed papers to the guest editors Carmen Diana Deere
(deere@econs.umass.edu) and Cheryl Doss (cheryl.doss@yale.edu).

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AN EXPLORATION OF FEMINISM AND ECONOMIC INQUIRY
IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Guest Editors
Edith Kuiper and Marianne Ferber

Over the last decade the transition of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)
economies has altered the economic position of women. In most of these
countries, increased unemployment, pension reforms, cuts in public
spending on health and childcare, and changes in working conditions
have led to greater hardships for women and more labor market
inequalities.
In CEE countries, feminism was traditionally linked to socialism and now has little attraction for many women. Socialism emphasized women’s labor force participation without giving equal weight to changing the relative caregiving responsibilities of women and men. Further, scholars in CEE countries who work on economic issues of special concern to women tend not to consider themselves feminists, despite their work on such issues as the gender wage gap, the division of labor in the household, the differential impact of social and economic policies on women and men, the special problems of women entrepreneurs, and labor force participation issues. Moreover, only a few of these scholars engage in international discussions on feminism and feminist economics.

_Feminist Economics_ invites submissions of brief articles (no longer than 4000 words) addressing gender issues in the economies of CEE countries for a symposium to be published in the Explorations section of _Feminist Economics_ (www.feministeconomics.org), the journal of the International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE). The deadline for submission of abstracts is May 31, 2003; completed manuscripts are due October 31, 2003, but earlier submissions for both would be appreciated. The editors especially encourage submissions by scholars living or currently working in Central and Eastern European countries.

Contributions may address such topics as:

- an overview of the main gender issues in the economies of one or more CEE countries
- the position of women in universities (especially in economics departments) and other research institutions
- the role of feminism in economics and other social science research
- feminist perspectives on social science and economics theory and policies

The aim is to provide the reader of _Feminist Economics_ with an initial overview of research in a range of Central and Eastern European countries and to begin a dialogue on the main issues concerning women and gender.

Please direct queries and requests for further information to the guest editors: Edith Kuiper (kuiperedith@hotmail.com) and Marianne A. Ferber (m-ferber@uiuc.edu).

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