

## **MARCIA BRAUNDY IS THE 2010-11 WINNER OF THE BARBARA ROBERTS MEMORIAL FUND AWARD OF \$2000.**

### **THE FUND:**

The **Barbara Roberts Memorial Fund** was established with the primary objective of continuing, promoting, and supporting work in *peace issues, workplace/unions/radical social movements, social justice/human rights and women's studies education* from a feminist perspective.

*Barbara Roberts was the Alberta Representative on the CRIAW Board from 1993 to 1998. Barbara was active in many parts of CRIAW's life, notably the Global Feminisms Committee and the Publications Committee. In honour of her "commitment and contribution to Women's Studies, her radical clarity and active work for, and celebration of justice, peace and community", her colleagues have established a memorial scholarship which is managed by CRIAW.*

This grant is for action-based research projects on one of the four themes indicated above. CRIAW will fund the whole project, or parts or stages of a project. The research must make a significant contribution to feminist research and be non-sexist, non-racist and non-homophobic in its methodology and language.

Priority is given to women's groups and unaffiliated emerging researchers. The primary researcher must be a Canadian citizen.

### **THE WINNER AND HER PROJECT:**

The CRIAW Awards Committee is pleased to announce that **Marcia Braundy** of Winlaw, BC has won the Barbara Roberts Memorial Fund award for 2010-11 for her project '**An Historical Digitization of 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave Feminism in the West Kootenays: KootenayFeminism.com**'. Marcia is the manager and primary researcher for this project whose objective is to 'produce an attractive easy-to-use searchable digital archive that accurately depicts the development of 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave Feminism in the West Kootenay region of British Columbia'. The project is sponsored by the West Kootenay Women's Association

Women's groups in the region were 'hot-beds of feminism' since the early 1970s and the project is 'enabling women's studies researchers, educators and activists across Canada and the world to examine the development of the feminist movement from consciousness raising, legal issues regarding the status of women, conferences etc to the emergence' of various organizations, networks and media in British Columbia, and particularly the West Kootenay's region.

The digital archive will, of course, be accessible from the [www.KootenayFeminism.com](http://www.KootenayFeminism.com)'s website and its availability is being widely publicised, nationally and within British Columbia.

Marcia has subsequently informed us that the Barber Historical Digitization Program has funded a next phase to focus on incorporating digital video components onto the site, as well as creating searchable documents from material scanned in the 1st phase but not processed. She reports that the site continues to grow, and now they have a wonderful video mentor to work with, Miriam Needoba.

### **CRIAW'S THANKS**

In addition to thanking the donors who have contributed to this memorial fund, the CRIAW Awards Committee and the CRIAW Board would like to thank the volunteer adjudication committee composed of Ann Denis (chair and CRIAW board member, Sociology, University of Ottawa), Jane Errington (History, Royal Military College) and Elise Chenier (History, Simon Fraser University).

Ann Denis (for Ann Denis and Jane Stinson, the CRIAW Awards Committee)