CONFERENCE PROGRAM

An International Conference and Exhibit

Shelter, Women and Development
First and Third World Perspectives

The College of Architecture and Urban Planning
The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
May 7 - 9, 1992
Architects and urban planners have long recognized the importance of housing/shelter to people's sense of well-being and to their social and psychological development. But in national policy deliberations, the provision of housing, especially to lower-income groups, has been viewed as primarily an investment in social welfare. The idea that some component of investment in the housing sector stimulates economic development has only recently gained some currency.

Feminist discourse in architecture and urban planning has quite specifically tried to establish the importance of housing/shelter for the well-being of women and their dependent children. In this they have drawn on the experiences of activists, professionals and service providers and on the opinions of individual beneficiaries of these investments. They have introduced the notion that gender must be considered in the shelter sector, but this emphasis on ways to bring professional service to focus on gender issues has remained marginal despite the fact that there are substantial indications that the international shortage of housing is most importantly a woman's problem.

As the title, *Shelter, Women and Development* indicates, this conference discourse seeks to establish and underscore the linkage of shelter issues with the larger discourse on gender and on development. It brings to focus the idea that a gendered approach to shelter provision can yield development for women. This conference aims to enhance our understanding of the topic and reveal strategies to obtain women's development through shelter provision.

Adopting a general definition of development as meeting basic needs and incorporating intangibles such as self esteem, empowerment, and a capacity to participate and gain from the community, nine themes are to be addressed. Acknowledging that gender-based case studies of shelter often address elements that pertain to several of the nine themes, theme moderators have defined thematic boundaries for operational purposes.
Theme 1
Shelter Policy – Implications for Women’s Development
Student Moderators: Vini Aliyar, Sujata Shetty

Two assumptions underlie the formulation of policy related to women-shelter. The first is that difficulties in access to shelter affect men and women equally but are differentiated across income lines. This has served to make income the sole basis for assessing housing needs. The second is the all-pervasive notion that the nuclear family is the norm. However, with the continually increasing trend of non-traditional, single-parent households, past standards have begun to come under increasing scrutiny. This panel will explore the issue from two directions. On the one hand, it will seek to answer questions such as: Is there a strong case for formulating policies geared specifically to the needs of women. If so, what should be the aims of such policies? Who frames such policies and how? What is the time frame under which such policies operate? Do these policies meet strategic and practical gender needs? On the other hand, the panel will look at existing housing policies and critically examine their genesis, evolution and impact. Analysis of housing policies in different countries and the ideas current in the major aid institutions can perhaps shed light on the questions of how far we have come, and how far we have to go, in forging gender-sensitive housing policy.

Theme 2: The Structure of Legal Interventions
Student Moderator: Karen DeGannes

This panel will focus on the historical and existing legacies of the law which perpetuate gender-biased policies. It will examine laws from selected First and Third World nations as they impact the bundle of services associated with women’s access to adequate shelter. This examination of legal interventions will necessarily assume two separate units of analysis: (1) the individual woman and (2) the woman with regards to reproductive functions, as care-giver of the family (including non-traditional families) and/or the household. The examination of legal interventions will be divided into three major categories: (1) laws affecting women’s reproductive rights, (2) land tenure laws and other laws affecting women’s access to resources through the marriage institution, and (3) other laws affecting women’s human and social rights which may not on the surface be gender-specific but have latent effects on women’s access. The panel will examine how the law itself develops to address women’s issues and the contexts in which specific forms of law affecting women are developed. The panel seeks to identify the specific laws which are most in need of gender-sensitive reform and the points at which intervention is most appropriate and feasible.
Theme 3: Shelter and Women in Crisis
Student Moderator: Margrit Bergholz

The absence of appropriate housing options plays a key role in the situation of many women in crisis. Women experiencing spousal abuse, women addicted to drugs or alcohol, women abandoned by their partners, and impoverished women who are physically or mentally ill all may require immediate access to a safe, affordable shelter. Shelter alone, however, is inadequate to assist such women in resolving their crises. The necessity of coordinating affordable shelter with appropriate social services creates a unique challenge to practitioners in both fields. This panel will investigate ways in which organizations from both the First and Third World have met this challenge. The goal is to focus attention on the spectrum of needs of women in crisis and to provide a networking opportunity for practitioners and academics from the First and Third Worlds to exchange ideas and information.

Theme 4: Women's Participation in the Production of Shelter
Student Moderators: Victoria Basolo, Michelle Morlan

This panel will examine examples of women's involvement in the production of shelter with the aim of understanding not only what currently exists in this area but what is possible in the future. Aspects addressed will include: characteristics of the women involved, the organizations they form, and the work that they do. The different contexts from which these successful examples come (socioeconomic, political, and personal) will be examined in an attempt to identify commonalities and differences in contexts and constraints which may limit current efforts and expansion to a larger scale. The objective is to facilitate women's participation in shelter production in other countries which may have similar housing needs. The panel hopes to identify the types of support, technological or planning, which are needed by women active in the production of shelter and the lessons these successes can offer others.

Theme 5: Shelter and Income Opportunities
Student Moderator: Abdi Kusow

Historically, traditional family or kin systems have provided some social security for poor women, thereby reducing their need for cash income. However, current structural economic and social changes, such as the fragmentation of land, technological changes, and migration, have increased the necessity for these women to earn incomes. These changes have also pushed women into the secondary job market which is characterized by low-skill, low-paying jobs. Moreover, cultural restrictions on some Third World women exclude them from participation in the public domain. Therefore an increasing number of Third World women have sought to earn income in the informal sector often from work that can take place in the family home. The success of women in such income-generating activities often depends upon their access to proper shelter and property ownership. In light of this, this panel will first look at the perceptual and structural factors that limit women's access to shelter, and how this lack of access hinders women's income-generating opportunities. Second, the panel will examine how some women have skillfully adopted the space within their dwelling in order to carry out income generating activities. Third, the panel will examine some parallel concerns between First and Third World women in relation to shelter and income opportunities. Finally, the panel will address current and future policy implications, and the role of women's organizations in influencing such policies.
Theme 6: Women and Shelter-Related Services and Infrastructure  
Student moderator: Moshira El-Rafey

A responsive approach to women's needs in the housing and neighborhood environment must necessarily take into consideration culture and ethnicity as well as responsibility for family life. During the twentieth century, there have been rapid technological and economic changes throughout the world that have greatly impacted women's position in society. Many women now work outside the home, whether by choice or necessity, which affects their needs both inside and outside the home where they access a variety of housing-related services. While their responsibilities for domestic life continue, their integration into the public environment is also needed. In those countries where women can move about freely, their ability to meet family responsibilities is undoubtedly limited by concerns for personal safety, inadequate transportation, travel distances between the home and shelter-related services including shopping, health care, and work. Since women have never been full participants in the decision making process, their voices have been silent or hidden behind male power and control. There is a need therefore, to bring about political and economic reforms in housing and neighborhood design so as to be responsive to women. This panel will identify women's needs for housing-related services. The goal is to strengthen and inform the trend of women's influence on housing policy and to work toward more gender-responsive solutions. The panel will focus on infrastructure in the context of cultural change and continuity, religious and political norms and values, emerging living patterns, and descriptions of physical and social infrastructure redressing women's oppression in their lives.

Theme 7: Non-traditional Living Arrangements: Beyond the Nuclear Family  
Student Moderator: Kameshwari Pothukuchi

In the First World and Third World, housing policies have been insensitive to social and demographic changes. This has resulted in a mismatch between the real diversity of family structures and the family as assumed by housing policy. In most cases, across various cultures and regions, women are worse off for not being recognized as heads of families (de facto or de jure) in the planning and design processes, given the contexts of patriarchy and capitalism that impinge on their circumstances. Women have special needs arising out of their roles in production, reproduction and community management. Furthermore, the intangible needs of independence, control, community, security, and opportunities for growth, etc., also are important, given the disadvantaged status of women in general and particularly of women in non-traditional family settings. This panel seeks to raise awareness of the diversity of households that women find themselves in, and the needs that result out of their situations. It addresses the following four broad questions: who are the non-traditional households? what are their shelter needs and problems? why are these not being met? and what are the strategies to address these needs in the context of personal, community and national development?
Theme 8: Design and the Creation of Shelter for Women
Student Moderator: Vassiliki Mangana

Throughout time, cultural and religious requirements concerning the status and position of women have produced distinct typological, functional and even stylistic solutions in domestic architecture of various civilizations. Despite the profound and prolific literature on women’s issues, modern western societies have tended to exclude women from the core of architectural theory and practice. Yet, recent social developments have presented actual and urgent problems that call for immediate solutions. The increasing percentages of single women heading households and the issue of homelessness of women often resulting from purely economic reasons but also from domestic violence, alcohol and drug abuse and so forth are some of those problems for which theoretical inquiry and architectural explorations seek to provide answers. A common theme in this panel is the need for transitional and single-female-parent family housing to provide protection, security, safety and home-like appearance. Building for oppressed women, then, should produce spaces that allow them to dwell and subsequently provide the preconditions that will lead to the emergence of their true being. The production of an architecture expressive of such qualities as safety, protection, stability, homeliness that the authors in this panel advocate, will not only contribute to accomplishing a significant social mission, but will also provide the means by which the true nature of women’s being, and though it the true nature of humankind in general, can emerge.

Theme 9: Shelter Options for Elderly Women
Student Moderator: Maria M. Yen

As women grow older, shelter which is appropriate to their changing needs is often difficult to locate and secure. Thus, just when issues such as housing affordability, home maintenance, and personal mobility become most challenging, women tend to find themselves alone in their struggle to meet these challenges. In developing countries where elderly women have traditionally remained part of an extended family unit, some face uncertainties as this unit begins to dissolve in the wake of industrialized development. In light of these challenges, consideration of shelter options for elderly women must necessarily be linked to the provision of those services critical to the health and well-being of older women. This panel will focus on the evaluation of shelter options for elderly women across countries and cultures including the particular needs of elderly women who have immigrated to North America and who find their traditional support systems altered or completely erased. The panel will examine various options such as retirement centers, home share programs, ecogenic housing and accessory apartments, and evaluate these options in terms of affordability, access to services, maintenance requirements, safety, and cultural fit. In addition to outlining the opportunities available, the panel will consider the constraints on these opportunities in terms of design, construction costs, zoning regulations and cultural norms. In bringing together the academic and activist communities along with elderly women themselves, it is hoped that this panel will provide a forum and a springboard from which further action can be taken to enhance the shelter choices available to women as they grow older.
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1. Alison Todes  
2. K.K. Bhatnagar  
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2. Norazit M. Selat  
3. Faranak Mirataab  

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1. Sharon Keigher  
2. Rama Sethi  
3. Barbara Stucki  

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1. Joan Sprague  

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1. Theresa Cameron  
2. Sara Snyder/ Jay Juergensen  
3. Robert Gillette  

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1. Lee Pastalan  
2. Carolyn Hastings  

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1. Frannie Humphick  
2. Hemalata Dandekar  
3. Theodore Sevransky  

3:45-4:00  Coffee  
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4:00-4:30  THEME 4: PRODUCTION (4)  
1. Jamaica Construction Collective  

4:30-6:00  PLENARY CLOSING  
1. Theme Summaries and Future Directions  
2. Closing Remarks: Hemalata Dandekar  

6:30-8:30  Pizza/ Beer  
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Faroukh Afshar
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Go In and Out the Window...As We Have Done Before
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Homeless Women in the Bay Area
Tom Levy
Women in Public Housing Mural
Harriet Bellerjeau

PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURE
Warli Paintings from a Tribal Group:
Thana District, Maharashtra State, India
Hemalata Dandekar
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Abigail Read
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Carol Ann Carter

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Wendy Garber
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WELCOME
Dr. Hemalata Dandekar
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REMARKS
Robert Beckley
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GALLERY TALK
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Theme 4: Women’s Participation in the Production of Shelter (1)
Moderator: Michelle Moran

1. WOMEN’S PARTICIPATION IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS WITH RESPECT TO SHELTER
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Coffee, 10:00–10:30, Art and Architecture Courtyard

Theme 6: Women and Shelter-Related Services and Infrastructure (1)
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2. SHELTER-RELATED SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE: CASE STUDY, BOMBAY
Neera Adarkar
Independent architect and feminist activist, Bombay, India

3. WOMEN AND SHELTER-RELATED SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE: THE CASE OF A VULNERABLE GROUP
Dr. Madiha El Safty
Professor of Sociology, American University, Cairo, Egypt

Lunch, 12:00–1:00, Studio Cafe

Room 2216–7

Theme 1: Shelter Policy — Implications for Women’s Development (1)
Moderator: Sujata Shetty

1. COMMUNITY-BASED HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS AS A MEANS OF IMPROVING WOMEN’S ACCESS TO SHELTER: SOME PRELIMINARY FINDINGS FROM ZIMBABWE
Dr. Anna Vakil
Independent planner, Ypsilanti, Michigan

2. PUBLIC HOUSING, DESIGN AND GENDER: A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE
Patricia Gardiner
San Diego State University, California

3. BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS: SEXUAL HARASSMENT WITHIN TENANCY RELATIONS
Sylvia Novac
Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto, Canada

Discussant: Vinitha Aliyar

Room 2210

Theme 8: Design and the Creation of Shelter for Women (1)
Moderator: Vassiliki Mangana

1. DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR HOUSING SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES
Brenda J. Baxter
Department of Architecture, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

2. THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF OPEN SPACES ON WOMEN IN A SPONTANEOUS SETTLEMENT: INDIA
Neema Bhatt, Ann Arbor
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

3. SEGREGATION OF WOMEN IN ISLAMIC SOCIETIES AND ITS EFFECTS ON RURAL HOUSING DESIGN: BANGLADESH
Tanzeem Chowdhury
Minimum Cost Housing Group, McGill University, Montreal, Canada
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Theme 4: Women’s Participation in the Production of Shelter (1)
RESPONDING TO WOMEN’S DIVERSITY: HOUSING DEVELOPED FOR AND BY WOMEN
Dr. Gerda Wekerle
Professor, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Ontario, Canada

Room 2216 – 7

Theme 8: Design and the Creation of Shelter for Women
Moderator: Vassiliki Mangana

1. LANGUAGE, SACRED AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
Mary J. Follenweider
Shoestring Design, Boulder, Colorado

2. SHELTER: A PLACE OF THE TELLING
Chris Taylor, Tami Silverman
Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota

3. DEFINING STANDARDS
Kim Tanzer
Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Coffee, 3:45–4:15,
Art and Architecture Courtyard

Session 3 — 2:15 – 3:45

Room 2210

Theme 4: Women’s Participation in the Production of Shelter (3)
Moderator: Victoria Basolo

1. TOWARDS A PIONEERING ROLE: WOMEN’S PARTICIPATION IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IN DESIGN IN SAUDI ARABIA
Faten al-Maddah
King Faisal University, Dammam, Saudi Arabia

2. WOMEN’S ROLE IN THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS
Dr. Aliye Celik, New York
Human Settlements Officer, HABITAT, New York

3. ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR SINGLE MOTHER HOUSEHOLDS IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES
Ann H. May
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Architecture, North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota
David K. May
Assistant Professor, Landscape Architecture, North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota

Theme 2: The Structure of Legal Interventions (1)
Moderator: Dr. Ann Larimore

1. WOMEN’S LEGAL ACCESS TO HOUSING AS A REFLECTION OF THE GENDER SYSTEM: BOTSWANA
Dr. Anita Larsson
The National Swedish Institute for Building Research, Lund, Sweden

2. IDEOLOGY AS LAW: IS THERE ROOM FOR DIFFERENCE IN THE RIGHT TO HOUSING?
Pamela L. Sayne
Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto, Canada

3. THE INVISIBLE CONTRIBUTION OF MARRIED WOMEN IN HOUSING FINANCE AND ITS LEGAL IMPLICATIONS: A CASE STUDY FROM PORT HARCOURT, NIGERIA
Yomi Oruwari
Architect/Lecturer, Dept. of Architecture, River State University, Port Harcourt, Nigeria

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Theme 3: Shelter and Women in Crisis (1)
Moderator: Dr. Beth Reed

1. SHELTERING HOMELESS WOMEN, THE LESSONS OF EXPERIENCE IN TORONTO
   Joyce Brown and Diana Capponi
   Nellie's Hostel, Toronto, Canada

2. SHELTER HOMES, BOMBAY
   Neela Dabir
   Tata Institute of Social Sciences and Coordinating Officer, Shraddhanand Mahalashram, Bombay, India

3. WINGS, KA-FARM AND RE-VISION HOUSE: CASE STUDIES OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR WOMEN
   Lynn Peterson, Boston, Massachusetts.
   Project Manager, WINGS and Re-Vision House, Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development, Inc., Boston.

ROOM 2216 - 7

Theme 7: Non-Traditional Living Arrangements: Beyond the Nuclear Family (1)
Moderator: Kameshwari Pothukuchi

1. GENDER, IDEOLOGY AND PRACTICE IN SELF-HELP HOUSING: THE PROVISION OF RENT-FREE ACCOMMODATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN URBAN MEXICO
   Dr. Ann Varley, London.
   Department of Geography, University College, London

2. CARE FACILITIES IN CENTRAL EUROPE AS A FORM OF SHELTER: IMPLICATIONS FOR WOMEN
   Carolyn Thompson
   Assistant Professor, Department of Interior Architecture, College of Architecture and Design, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

3. YOUNG MOTHERS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING: INFORMATION AND ORGANIZATION FOR CHANGE
   Valerie Du Plessis
   University School of Rural Planning and Development, University of Guelph, Canada

Exhibit viewing and conversation,
5:45-7:00, Slusser Gallery
Conference Banquet, 7:00-9:00, Pendleton Room, Michigan Union.

Fully registered conference guests will participate in the banquet. The Michigan Union is on Central Campus. A schedule showing stops for the free campus shuttle bus is in conference packets.
Day 3 — Saturday, May 9, 1992

Session 5 (Plenary) 8:30 – 10:00

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Theme 1: Shelter Policy - Implications for Women’s Development (2)
Moderator: Prof. Hemalata Dandekar

1. **WOMEN AND HOUSING POLICY IN SOUTH AFRICA**
   Dr. Alison Todes
   Lecturer, Department of Town and Regional Planning, University of Natal, Natal, South Africa

2. **WOMEN AND HOUSING POLICY IN INDIA**
   K.K. Bhatnagar
   Chairman and Managing Director, Housing and Urban Development Corporation, New Delhi, India

3. **U.N. HABITAT POLICIES REGARDING WOMEN IN ASIA**
   Dr. Irene Tinker
   Professor, Department of City and Regional Planning, University of California, Berkeley, California

**Coffee, 10:00-10:30, Art and Architecture Auditorium**

Theme 5: Shelter and Income Opportunities (1)
Moderator: Abdi Kusow

1. **SHELTER AND INCOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN INDIA**
   Sulakshana Mahajan, Bombay, India
   Senior Architect, Gherzi Eastern Limited, Bombay, India

2. **MY HOME IS MY WORLD: WOMEN, SHELTER AND WORK IN A MALAYSIAN TOWN**
   Dr. Norazit Mohd. Selat
   Associate Professor, Department of Malay Studies, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

3. **SHELTER AS SUSTENANCE: EXCLUSIONARY MECHANISMS LIMITING WOMEN’S ACCESS TO HOUSING**
   Faranak Miraftab
   University of California, Berkeley, California

Discussant: Dr. Gracia Clark

**Lunch, 12:00-1:00, Studio Cafe**

Session 6 — 10:30 – 12:00

**ROOM 2216-7**

Theme 9: Shelter Options for Elderly Women (1)
Moderator: Maria Yen

1. **WHY IS AFFORDABLE, ADAPTABLE AND ASSISTED HOUSING FOR OLDER WOMEN SO HARD TO FIND?**
   Dr. Sharon M. Keigher
   Assistant Professor, School Of Social Work, University of Michigan

2. **ELDERLY WOMEN’S HOUSING NEEDS IN INDIA AND AS IMMIGRANTS IN THE USA**
   Rama Sethi
   University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

3. **WOMEN, HOUSING AND RETIREMENT: ASHANTI WOMEN IN RURAL GHANA**
   Barbara R. Stucki
   Public Policy Division, American Association of Retired Persons, Washington D.C.

**ROOM 2210**

Theme 2: The Structure of Legal Interventions (2)
Moderator: Karen DeGannes

1. **FAIR HOUSING AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1988: CREATING NEW HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN**
   Surabhi Dabir
   Senior Reference Specialist, Aspen Systems Corporation, Rockville, Maryland

2. **HOUSING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF GENDER: WHY WON’T THE LAW RESPOND?**
   Jacqueline M. Mraz
   University of California, Los Angeles

3. **TENURE SECURITY FOR LOW-INCOME WOMEN**
   Catherine Bishop
   National Housing Law Project, Berkeley, California
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Plenary — 1:00 – 2:00

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Theme 8: Design and the Creation of Shelter for Women
1. LIFEBOATS: MORE THAN HOUSING
   Joan Forrester Sprague
   Consulting architect, planner and author,
   Boston, Massachusetts

ROOM 2216–7

Theme 3: Shelter and Women in Crisis
Moderator: Margrit Bergholz
1. RESIDENTIAL CARE OPTION FOR WOMEN WITH AIDS
   Dr. Theresa Cameron
   Assistant Professor, University of Colorado,
   Denver

2. DREAMWEAVER P.O.W.E.R. PROJECT, DETROIT
   Sara J. Snyder
   Executive Director, Grateful Home, Inc.
   Detroit

   Jay C. Juergensen
   Project management consultant, Grateful
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3. WOMEN AND HOMELESSNESS: POVERTY AND VIOLENCE
   Robert Gillette
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   Michigan

Coffee, 3:45 – 4:00,
Art and Architecture Courtyard

Session 7 — 2:15 – 3:45

Theme 9: Shelter Options for Elderly Women (2)
Moderator: Dr. Sharon Keigher
1. ECOGENIC HOUSING: A NEW HOUSING CONCEPT FOR ELDERLY WOMEN
   Dr. Leon A. Pastalan
   Professor, College of Architecture and Urban Planning,
   University of Michigan

2. HOUSING NEEDS OF ELDERLY WOMEN: THE WASHTENAW COUNTY EXPERIENCE
   Carolyn Hastings
   Executive Director, The Housing Bureau for Seniors, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Theme 6: Women and Shelter-Related Services and Infrastructure (2)
Moderator: Moshira El-Rafey
1. WOMEN AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES
   Dr. Frannie Humplick
   Infrastructure Systems Analyst
   Urban Division, The World Bank,
   Washington, D.C.

2. WOMEN’S ACCESS TO SHELTER AND INFRASTRUCTURE: CASE STUDIES IN MADRAS AND BOMBAY
   Dr. Hemalata Dandekar
   Professor, College of Architecture and Urban Planning,
   University of Michigan

3. WOMEN AND SHELTER-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE
   Theodore Sevransky
   University of Michigan

Session 8 (Plenary) — 4:00 – 4:30

Theme 4: Women’s Participation in the Production of Shelter
1. WOMEN IN THE HOUSING PRODUCTION PROCESS: THE JAMAICA EXPERIENCE
   Jamaica Construction Collective, Kingston,
   Jamaica

Optional Dinner, 6:30–8:30, Studio Café. Join participants for pizza, beer, and conversation. Costs will be shared by the group.

Plenary Closing — 4:30 – 6:00

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Theme Summaries and Future Directions (5 minutes each)

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Theme 9: Dr. Sharon Keigher
Closing Remarks
   Dr. Hemalata Dandekar
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