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September 2, 1988. Today was a LONG day. I presented my paper about parental leave debates in the U.S. and France at APSA in Washington D.C.. I was pleased to meet, finally, somebody else who appreciates Schattschneider’s work as much as I do. Her name is Joyce Outshoorn and she is working on abortion policy. Why can’t more people understand that the key to understanding policy and power is the conflict over the definition of issues in debates? I hope I see her again, but she is Dutch so probably doesn’t make it over to this side of the pond that often. *Dorothy*

September 3, 1988. I was so nervous to meet Joyce Outshoorn today. Joni Lovenduski had given me Joyce’s contact numbers and she was attending the APSA meetings. I am interested in different models and theories of the policy formation process as I am preparing to go back to France to do my field work for my dissertation on equal employment policy. Our meeting went beyond my wildest dreams. We had so many areas of overlap- the mobilization of bias and E.E. Schattschneider, Edelman’s symbolic reform, how states make feminist policy, and perhaps most importantly- we were avid swimmers. It was hard to believe she was such an established and well known professor. She treated me like a colleague, gave me so many great ideas and also invited me to attend an ECPR workshop that was coming up the next year in Paris. For me, it was so wonderful, particularly since my own professors at New York University had been of the non interventioninst type. *Amy*

April 15, 1989. Now that is the way to talk about research!!! I just finished an intense week at the ECPR workshop in Paris. I was able to present my ongoing research on equal employment policy and had a wonderful time with Joyce and other workshop members. They all were so supportive and Joyce’s paper on issue perversion and problem division was inspiring. I was able to help out with finding some nice places to eat in Paris for the group. I am so lucky to have Joyce looking out for me!! I was in heaven talking about research and sharing Paris with such well-known scholars. Joyce and I agreed two of the best things to do in Paris- shop in the Latin Quarter and swim at the 10 lane pool at the Les Halles. We agreed we must go swimming at the next conference. *Amy*
October 15, 1992. We hit pay dirt on our efforts to get European scholars to join an edited book project on state feminism. Joyce agreed to write a chapter on the DCE in the Netherlands. Shifting from issue perversion on feminist policy to femocrats. She was just as excited as we were about the project; many of us working on feminist policy and gender were asking the same questions: so do these agencies actually do anything for women. Having Joyce join our project is so important given her experience, knowledge and own research agenda- what more could an assistant professor hope for!!! Amy

April 15th, 1993. Another great ECPR workshop this time in Leiden, Joyce’s home territory. It was so nice knowing her and having her there to help me out with navigating the ECPR. She was in a workshop, not on gender, with the “boys” and loving it and we found time to talk about the state feminism project. We both agreed that the state feminism book was coming along and hoped to see our grant come through. And as always, we agreed we needed to set aside time to swim together. Amy

December 1, 1993. Joyce just wrote today agreeing to be the “foreign collaborator” on our NSF International grant proposal. (Gee that sounds a bit sinister, doesn’t it?) We have ambitions to set up an international comparative research project on state feminism that uses our edited book, *Comparative State Feminism*, as a launching pad. And having Joyce be an active partner will be a key to achieving our goals. Dorothy

January 15, 1994. We just signed a contract with Sage Publications for the Comparative State Feminism book. Fortunately Joyce has agreed to do a chapter on the Netherlands. She has already written a lot about Dutch femocrats; in fact we think she actually knows some of them! We would love to meet a femocrat. Maybe someday we will. Amy and Dorothy
**April 18, 1994.** During our ECPR workshop in Madrid Joyce agreed to our newest proposal— an ECPR workshop the following year in Bordeaux, to allow contributors to the CSF book to present their research and to attract others working on women’s policy agencies and state feminism. Joyce is definitely a partner in crime and is as addicted as we are to studying the movement-state nexus. Little did we know that we would spend the next 15 years studying them together!!  *Amy and Dorothy*

**April 22, 1995.** Our workshop on state feminism in Bordeaux was a big hit!!! Despite a few ruffled feathers about Sweden not getting a top score for state feminism in CSF, the large workshop was a roaring success. Joyce really knows how to manage tricky discussion in these sessions. I will now adopt the Outshoorn method of facilitation—ask people to raise their hands and then have them speak in the order they raise their hands—very democratic and very professional. The meeting was even more enticing knowing that we received our NSF grant to meet in Leiden in a few months to discuss the next steps in the state feminism project. *Amy*

**July 30, 1995.** Just got back from meeting with Amy in Deary Idaho to sort out what is next after the meeting in Leiden. We agreed that Joyce did a great job in organizing—setting us up at the Golden Tulip hotel, arranging the sessions in a beautiful old university row house along the canals with ample time to enjoy the Garden, inviting us all to the Rice Table on the first night. We had a great time watching the river parade. How does Joyce stay in such a good mood with all that going on? Of course, the big problem was Amy who was hobbling around on crutches and had to be carried from the hotel to the meeting place. Joyce arranged all the taxies and helped us throughout. It was such a pleasure to work with her. I remember her smile when Joyce put the book noodle we gave her on her head. By the way Amy is still hobbling around! *Dorothy*
LEIDEN WAS BEAUTIFUL!!
September 2 1996. Following a day long short course on RNGS, Joyce and I finally got to go swimming together. Wow she is a great swimmer. Although the pool was not a full length one- it was so much fun to take our collaboration into a new area!! *Amy*

May 25 1998. A two day RNGS workshop at CREDEP in Paris allowed us to establish our core definition of women’s movements. As always, Joyce was a key part of the success of the workshop- facilitating and of course enjoying the food and fare of Paris. Joyce certainly does appreciate fine Parisian fashion!! *Amy*

July 1999. It’s official! Joyce will take care of the prostitution issue book. What a relief! It was at Chilworth, the conference center for the University of Southampton where we settled on issue directors. She’s agreed to do a workshop on prostitution at APSA in San Francisco as well. *Amy and Dorothy*
April 20, 2000. I just returned from Copenhagen. Joyce was successful in getting our workshop on prostitution accepted but then she didn’t come! Amy filled in while Joyce was bicycling all over Australia, I guess. Well, I really can’t blame her: it was a great honor to be selected as a visiting scholar at the University of Canberra. Besides the weather was a lot better down under than it was in chilly Denmark. But she missed spirited debates between Amy and Ann Marie! Dorothy

September 4, 2001. The APSA conference in San Francisco has just ended. We are wondering…is there any area of gender studies that Joyce does NOT know about? Whether it’s social movements, institutions, policy, prostitution, abortion or framing she’s ready with the information and deep understanding of theory. She will also usually tell a story of meeting with some group of European experts or talk about her visits with politicians and femocrats. How well connected! She is really essential to the success of the RNGS project. At the same time, I wish she wouldn’t always argue with us about our definition of the women’s movement; the problem is that she always wins given her deep knowledge of all things related to movements. Oh,….the prostitution workshop was a success and we all repaired to Amy’s flat for a party. As usual, Joyce was dressed to the nines in an elegant black suit. All that swimming certain does keep her in shape! Amy and Dorothy
December 15, 2001. Thanks to Yvonne Galligan, Joyce and I were able to go swimming twice during our three day meeting here at Queens University. We chose to forego lunch one day and fit it in. Good thing all of our colleagues know our passion for swimming, otherwise they would have wondered why our hair was still wet when we came back from lunch. Joyce’s prostitution group has really come up with some great results too!!

Amy
July 30, 2002. We have to get some feedback on the plans for our next meeting. Why is it that the Europeans disappear about the middle of July and you don’t hear from them for weeks! Americans are working 24/7 365 days a year. Vacation? What’s that? Of course Joyce has gone off with Ivo on their annual trek through France, staying at camp grounds, picnicking in vineyards, and biking on the back roads. How can she leave RNGS for that long? Oh, well, we know she’ll be back. She always does come back…Dorothy and Amy

November 6, 2002. We’re in dark and cold Torino for another meeting of the RNGS directors and authors. We saw Joyce’s quantitative side in our group discussions of how to transpose our analyses from qualitative to quantitative data. Now we know where Joyce gets those elegant frocks. At lunch time she was scouting the dress shops. She said: “I love to come to Italy for a meeting. They have great bargains on Max Mara!” We also observed there are other things she likes about Italy: wind, cappuccino, pasta, wine. Amy and Dorothy

April 6, 2003. Despite the bitterly cold weather in Madison Wisconsin, we still managed to go to the giant 50 meter pool in between the two day-long conference on women’s movement at the University of Wisconsin. I am so jealous of Joyce’s backstroke- she blew by several 30 something men who watched her beautiful stroke with admiration. Amy

July 10, 2003. We were back in Leiden this month and good old Joyce got us into another elegant meeting room and arranged a trip on the canals. We all went biking to the sea for a dinner, defined feminism, and got a name for the Hot Issue book. Wow can those Dutch girls enjoy a party! The wine was flowing at the farewell dinner and Joyce and Jantine took advantage of the opportunity. At one point, Joyce was sitting on Jantine’s lap and Jantine had a scarf over her head (we have the photos as proof). It will be difficult to match such a great party. People seemed to sense that it was probably the last one for the extended network.

Before the meeting Joyce invited us to her Amsterdam home—the stacked one with the narrow stairs. We could see how she keeps in shape—not just the bicycle, the skates, the swimming but running up and down those stairs. She says it’s time to sell it and move to less strenuous quarters; we were delighted to see the old place—with the bar on the corner—before she moves to her penthouse.

Unlike the first Leiden meeting, Amy was not hobbling and was able to join Joyce at her local pool just around the corner from her house for swim with her regular group. Now that was a special treat for Amy!! Dorothy and Amy
September 8, 2004. Our first meeting for the capstone project at the Laggo d’Orta was such a great success. Joyce was a key part of the core group and we could not believe how she pours herself into the project and this is at the same time she is doing another RNGS off-shoot project – the follow-up book to CSF, with Johanna Kantola. AND best of all, we got to swim together every day in the lake. We both agreed this was one of the best swimming experiences ever—too bad I ran my rental car accidentally into a church; otherwise it would have been a perfect research meeting. Amy

April 22, 2005. Just a quick entry before I fall asleep in the plane home from Granada. This ECPR workshop was one of the best. Joyce and Johanna did such a great job of attracting an ever increasing numbers of scholars who work on state feminism from throughout the world. Joyce, as always, worked with Johanna Kantola as an equal even though Johanna was a new scholar having just finished her dissertation. Joyce is a true feminist. And she even found time in her busy schedule to sneak away with me for a swim in a Spanish pool. We now have swum together in six different countries!! I wonder how many more we will chalk up? Amy

June 22, 2005. PHEW- what an exhausting meeting at the Institute for Women’s Policy Research meeting in D.C. We made everyone’s posters on their RNGS research and then there were two roundtables on the project. Joyce wowed the audience with her command of the notion of state feminism and wowed us with progress she and Johanna were
making on the CSF II book they have successfully lined-up up a publisher and set a firm deadline for chapters. We all had a great time at the Ethiopian restaurant. *Amy and Dorothy*

**May 28, 2006.** It was so nice to host Joyce and other RNGS members in the Pacific Northwest. Joyce and Johanna made it easy to organize a final meeting for their CSF II book at the University of Washington. I came up with the money and the infrastructure, thanks to the Center of West European Studies at the University of Washington and Joyce and Johanna brought their contributors. We even found time for the requisite swim in the university pool and getting to know Joyce’s partner IVO. Dorothy drove Joyce and Ivo to her house in University Place (near Tacoma). The other RNGS girls got to witness my old ‘rig’ and my less than great driving skills, driving down to Dorothy’s house. *Amy*

**March 22, 2007** Joyce’s passion for women’s movements and RNGS has been taken to a new level. She presented to us at our capstone meeting in Torino a new dataset of women’s movement actors – 354 in all!! – she developed, with the help of her assistant Remco, from the original qualitative data. Her beautiful graphs told a whole new story of women’s movements that had not been in our original state feminism study. On our plane ride back to the states we both agreed that Joyce’s work on the women’s movement piece of this book was going to make it very special and important. Once again we felt how lucky we were to have this opportunity to work with her (Oh and thanks to Marila’s friend, Joyce and Amy got there pool fix twice during the meetings!!) *Amy and Dorothy*

**March 15, 2008.** What a bittersweet meeting this was in Paris of the capstone authors. We all reminisced about our nearly 20 year sojourn together and celebrated the near-completion of the challenging multi methods book, the final part of the RNGS project. Our meeting in the elegant rooms of CEVIPOF in Paris made it even more monumental even in the context of Joyce discovering the dead mouse under Dorothy’s seat!!! It was amazing to see the investment of effort Joyce was giving to the final RNGS project given her full-time engagement in the FEMCIT project as well. Yet another testimony of her passion and commitment to feminist empirical analysis. *Amy and Dorothy*

**July 5th, 2009** I am just taking the train from Oxford to Warwick having spent the weekend with Joni Lovenduski and Marila Guadagnini. We toasted RNGS and the completion of the capstone book, which Dorothy and I just sent off to the publishers a week ago. Too bad Joyce, Birgit and Dorothy could not be here. But the three of us agreed that we would come to Amsterdam at the end of November to be there to share in celebrating Joyce’s career and new post retirement life, which I am sure will include plenty of time for her scholarly pursuits and long swims. What a great surprise that will be for her!! We agreed it was the least we could to given all that Joyce has given the feminist studies and political science community over the years. *Amy*
THANKS JOYCE FOR ALL THE GOOD TIMES....AND

HERE’S TO MANY MORE!! ALL THE BEST FROM

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