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**"...a timely and useful research and teaching tool"**

*?Sharon Ladenson, Michigan State University, USA*

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Janet Momsen recently retired from the University of California, Davis as Professor of Geography although she is still working with several postgraduate students there. She is now affiliated with the University of Oxford as a Senior Research Associate in the School of the Environment and in International Gender Studies. She has taught at several universities in England, in Canada, Brazil, Costa Rica and in the USA and carried out field research in the Caribbean, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ghana, Mexico, China, Bangladesh and Hungary.

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