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### From the editor's desk...

#### Martin Cooke

I hope this summer issue of the CPS News finds everyone well and enjoying a somewhat slower summer pace. In the first issue after the meetings at York in June, we welcome in a new slate of CPS officers, set to assist incoming President Gustave Goldmann with an exciting agenda. We have a final message from outgoing President Rajulton Fernando, and Gustave has provided a summary of events during the meeting, as well as photos taken by himself and Jim Jackson. We also have the regular news from affiliated institutions and individual On a sad note, we have Anatole Romaniuc's tribute to our late colleague and friend Jean Dumas.

This will be my last issue of the CPS News, before turning editorship over to Laurie Goldmann. Thanks again to **Pascale Beaupré** for her help, and I'm sure Laurie will find the News as rewarding as I have.

Have a happy summer!

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## **Incoming CPS Officers**

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Deadline for articles for the next issue of CPS October 15, 2006

## Message from the President

Rajulton Fernando

Dear CPS Colleagues,

Our 2006 CPS Meetings at York University went well, thanks to Gustave Goldmann who managed to *teleorganize* everything from Ottawa, without a local coordinator. The highlights of this year's program included a poster session, funded by CIDA and the Federation, a keynote address given by Guillermina Jasso of New York University and the CPS award ceremony combined with the presidential address. The number of delegates was almost the same as last year, but with a uniquely large number of non-members participating this year. Throughout my office, I have been trying my best to make our Society vibrant and more visible. I am happy to see this taking place. And, I feel obliged to express my sincere thanks to many of you for your time and energy in contributing your mite to make our Society more visible, not only in Canada but also in international arena.

This year, we were pleased to honour Doug Norris who has done so much, not only to our association but also to the entire demographic and scientific community. We shall make awarding a CPS colleague for his/her outstanding contributions to Canadian Demography a tradition in our future meetings, not necessarily every year. Towards this end, we shall soon be striking an Awards Committee whose mandate will be to work out the details and criteria for choosing a member for CPS Award.

This is the time of transition for the CPS officers and councillors. By now all of you might have heard the results of the election of officers and councillors for next two years. Gustave Goldmann will become our President, ably aided by Zheng Wu as Vice President and Ed Ng as Secretary-Treasurer. The seven elected councillors are: Daniele Belanger, Martin Cooke, Kevin McQuillan, Barbara Mitchell, Zenaida Ravanera, John Zhao, and Melissa Moyser (student rep). Congratulations to all of them. I am sure this "caucus" consists of enthusiastic and energetic colleagues who are already dreaming of doing many things not thought of before. I wish them all a great success in carrying out their dreams. They will be forming various committees during the next few weeks and may be contacting you for serving as committee members. Please extend your service in whatever way you can.

Our efforts at on-line access, either for membership or for the journal Canadian Studies in Population, have borne fruit in terms of boosting our membership and publicizing our research to the whole wide world. Our attempt at open access of our journal has exceeded all our expectations, thanks to formidable works by our editor Wayne McVey and our Webster Sue Shiel. The latest as well as a few back issues have already been distributed on-line. It is no surprise then the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS) is in admiration of the giant leap that a small society like ours has taken. Diane Belanger and Jean-Claude Guedon, the two visitors from CFHSS to our Assembly, lauded the "brave" step taken by CPS to go for Open Access. They said that this should serve as an example and model for other associations that are still hesitating to take the bold step. Let me express my thanks to the Journal Committee who made this important decision without any hesitation. As a consequence of our journal's open-access, all members will be notified by email when the new issues are placed on-line. Starting from January 2007, you will no longer receive a printed copy of the journal. The Assembly approved the motion that a survey be taken to find out how best to serve those of us who still wish to receive a printed copy. You will receive a note by email about this survey, planned for sometime in the fall. Please take a moment to send your response to this important Survey. Meanwhile, may I remind you that the quality and prestige of our Journal lies in our hands. I sincerely hope that all of us will work toward this by submitting high quality research works of our own.

It has been our practice, and it will continue to be so until we find a better mechanism, that only important and official messages are sent to your email address, which is kept under strict control and privacy. All non-official communications are sent through the Yahoo Groups. However, it was brought to the attention of the Council that not all of us are aware of this facility and not all of us hear the messages

sent through Yahoo Groups. Since some of you may have institutional problems regarding the mail sent through Yahoo Groups, we are exploring the possibility of a safer and more acceptable server. Until then, I would encourage you to subscribe to the Yahoo Groups so that you do not miss interesting and relevant messages that are unofficial. Please feel free to let the CPS officers know if you have any specific problem with this.

Before I close this message, a few words looking into the future. The Federation of Canadian Demographers (FCD) is planning for a "Colloque international de l'AIDELF" (Association internationale des démographes de langue française) to be held in Quebec City during the last week of August 2008, at the Musée de la Civilisation. Based on experience, Laurent Martel (Vice President of the FCD and organizer of the AIDELF conference) expects 150-200 participants. Coinciding with this, FCD is planning for a "Journée de la Démographie Canadienne" on Monday, August 25, the day before the main conference. This day is reserved for presentations featuring demographic research from the host country. The presentations can be in either English or French. And, on Saturday following the conference, there will be a group excursion to either the Île d'Orléans or the Charlevoix region. It will be wonderful if many of us can plan for taking part in the Canadian Demography Day (or the entire conference). More information will be available on the AIDELF website (www.aidelf.org) as the conference approaches. In conclusion, let me thank all those who worked closely with me during the last two years: Gustave Goldmann who has done a great job as Vice President despite his ever busy schedule and overwhelming commitments: Teresa Abada who readily agreed to take over the vacant position of Secretary-Treasurer during her early career; and, all the members of various committees who committed their time and energy to plan for a variety of professional activities that CPS has not seen before. I wish you all a well-deserved vacation with family and friends during the summer

Rajulton Fernando

#### Student News

Melissa Moyser

Congratulations to **Amir Erfani**, who has been awarded the *Population Reference Bureau's (PRB) Population Policy Communication Fellowship and Award* (2006-2007).

In addition to winning the Student Paper Competition at the CPS annual meeting, for her paper entitled *What Happens to the Healthy Immigrant Effect: The Mental Health of Immigrants to Canada*, **Yimin Lou** went to Pennsylvania State University to join a GIS and Population Science workshop, which was funded by the U.S. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). Yimin was also a delegate of the *China Synergy Programme for Outstanding Youth* in July, visiting Hong Kong, Macau, Guangdong, Beijing, and Shanghai. The delegation met with top government officials, enterprises, and universities to learn about the current socioeconomic, technological and cultural development of China. In late August, Yimin will be joining Harvard University as a doctoral student where she will specialize in society, human development, and health in the School of Public Health.

## Forthcoming Conferences

#### **International Conference on Child Cohort Studies**

Oxford, UK

September 12-14, 2006

http://www.cls.ioe.ac.uk/news.asp?section=000100010 003&item=282

## British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) Annual Conference

18 au 20 septembre Southampton, Angleterre

http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/BSPS/

## Association internationale des démographes de langue française (AIDELF)

September 18-23, 2006 Aveiro, Portugal

http://www.aidelf.org

## Conference of the International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS)

September 6-8, 2006 Ottawa, Canada, www.iaos2006conf.ca

#### 11<sup>h</sup> International Métropolis Conference

Paths and Crossroads: Moving People and Changing

**Places** 

October 2-6, 2006 Lisboa, Portugal

http://www.ceg.ul.pt/metropolis2006/index.html

#### **Canadian Association on Gerontology**

October 26-28, 2006 Quebec City, Quebec www.cagacg.ca

## Statistics Canada's XXIII International Methodology Symposium

Methodological Issues in Measuring Health November 1-3, 2006 Gatineau. Quebec

http://www.statcan.ca/english/conferences/symposium 2006/index.htm

#### **Chaire Quetelet 2006**

Les systèmes d'information en démographie et en sciences sociales. Nouvelles questions, nouveaux outils ?

Novembre 29 to 1, 2006 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium http://www.uclouvain.be/13881.html

## International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS)

Emerging Population Issues in Asia Pacific Region: Challenges for the 21st Century

December 10-13. 2006

Mumbai, India

http://www.iipsindia.in/

Deadline for submissions: August 15, 2006

#### **Population Association of America**

March 29-31, 2007 New York, New York

Call for papers: www.popassoc.org.

Deadline for submissions: September 22, 2006.

#### **Canadian Sociological Association**

May 29-June 1, 2007 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Call for participation www.csaa.ca

## Keeping Posted...

**Barry Edmonston** has taken a position in the Department of Sociology at the University of Victoria. He can be reached at <u>be@uvic.ca</u>.

**Thomas Burch** has been appointed to the Policy Research Initiative (PRI) Advisory Committee on LifePaths. For those who aren't familiar, LifePaths is a dynamic longitudinal microsimulation model of individual lifecourses and families, developed and maintained by Statistics Canada. Tom is also a co-Investigator with **Zheng Wu** on a three-year SSHRC grant awarded the study of 'Regional variations in nonmarital cohabitation in Canada; patterns, explanations, and forecasts.

#### Recent Member Publications

- **Beaujot**, **Roderic** (2006) Gender models for family and work *Horizons* 8(3): 24-26. Avaliable at:http://policyresearch.gc.ca/page.asp?pagenm=v8n3\_art\_05.
- **Beaujot, Roderic** and **Ali Muhammad** (2006) Transformed families and the basis for childbearing. Pp. 15-48 in K. McQuillan and Z. Ravanera (Eds), *Canada's Changing Families: Implications for Individuals and Society.* Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
- **Beaujot, Roderic** (2006) Delayed life transitions: Trends and implications. Pp 105-132 in K. McQuillan and Z. Ravanera (Eds), *Canada's Changing Families: Implications for Individuals and Society. Toronto:* University of Toronto Press.
- **Burch, Thomas K**. (2006) The model-based view of science: an encouragement to interdisciplinary work. *21st Century Society,* 1: 39-58.
- **Cooke, Martin** and **Danièle Bélanger** (2006) Migration Theories and First Nations Mobility: Towards a Systems Perspective. *Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology, 43.*
- **Erfani, Amir** and **Roderic Beaujot** (2006). Familial Orientation and the Rationales of Childbearing Behaviour. *Canadian Studies in Population*, 33(1): 49-67.
- Gonthier D, Hotton T, Cook C, and **Wilkins, Russell**. Merging area-level census data with survey data in Statistics Canada Research Data Centres. *The Research Data Centers Information and Technical Bulletin (ITB)* (Statistics Canada catalogue 12-002-XIE) 2006;3(1):21-41.
- Jackson, Jim. M.(2006) Surge of 18 year old students at Humber. Humber Today, Spring 2006 p.3.
- Mannan, Haider Rashid and **Roderic Beaujot** (2006). Readiness, willingness and ability to use contraception in Bangladesh. *Asia-Pacific Population Journal*, 21(1): 45-64.

## Strategy for a Racism-Free Workplace

John Samuel, President of John Samuel and Associates, and Adjunct Research Professor Carleton University, has completed a major report for Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) in collaboration with the Canadian Race Relations Foundation in Toronto and the Laurier Institution in Vancouver.

The project involved the development of a Strategy for a Racism-Free Workplace. It involved over 40 focus groups, 33 workshops and 29 partnership sessions in eight cities - Vancouver, Regina, Winnipeg, Calgary, Halifax, Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal. More than 15 consultants including several academics were involved. The report, is now available at the HRSDC website's Labour Program – Employment Equity.

## Neil Collishaw wins 2006 sanofi pasteur International Award

Russell Wilkins

The Canadian Public Health Association's *sanofi pasteur International Award* recognizes persons or organizations who have made major contributions to international public health, in particular, through the development of healthy public policy. The 2006 winner of this award is long-time CPS member **Neil Collishaw**, whose award announcement reads as follows:

"Neil Collishaw brings over three decades of experience in public health work, including twenty-four years of work on tobacco control, to his duties as Research Director, Physicians for a Smoke-Fee Canada. As the lead tobacco control expert with the World Health Organization Tobacco or Health Programme from 1991 to 1999, he was active in supporting WHO Member States in their efforts to implement comprehensive tobacco control programmes, and in initiating action to create a Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. He is a co-author of WHO publications entitled *Tobacco or Health: First Global Status Report* and *Guidelines for Controlling and Monitoring the Tobacco Epidemic.* His is also a co-author of *An Introduction to International Trade Agreements and their Impact on Public Measures to Reduce Tobacco Use.* Prior to joining WHO in 1991, Mr. Collishaw worked since 1974 in the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare. From 1981 to 1991, his efforts were focussed on helping the Canadian government to improve Canada's tobacco control policies. His duties at Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada include policy advocacy and policy research in favour of tobacco control. International tobacco control, legislative and litigation issues, and research on tobacco industry documents are among Mr. Collishaw's areas of current interest and activity. Mr. Collishaw is the author of several scientific publications on tobacco and health, as well as other public health topics. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Sociology."

## Federation of Canadian Demographers

Russell Wilkins

The "Colloque international de l'AIDELF" (Association internationale des démographes de langue française) will be held in Quebec City during the last week of August 2008, at the Musée de la Civilisation. Monday August 25, the day before the opening of the main conference, will be a "Canada day / Journée de la démographie canadienne", for presentations featuring demographic research from the host country, organized by the Federation of Canadian Demographers (FCD). The presentations (including posters) that day can be in either English or French. Tuesday through Friday are for the French-language presentations on a theme yet to be decided. On Saturday following the conference there will be a group excursion to either the Île d'Orléans or the Charlevoix region. Based on past experience, Laurent Martel (Vice-President of the FCD and organizer of the AIDELF conference in Quebec City) expects 120-150 participants.

Québec City and the surrounding region is a wonderful place to visit in late August. Why not "joindre l'utile à l'agréable" and combine participation in the Canadian Demography Day (or the entire conference) with a few days of vacation in this historic region? In any case, mark these dates in your calendar. As the conference approaches, more information will be available on the AIDELF website (www.aidelf.org).

# Access to Statistics Canada's electronic publications at no charge.

Effective April 24, 2006, all electronic publications on Statistics Canada's Web site will be available free of charge. The Agency has been steadily increasing the volume of free content on its Web site to respond to the information needs of Canadians. This latest move makes available at no charge more than 150 electronic publications for which fees were previously charged. Statistics Canada will continue to charge for print versions of publications and for other electronic products and services, such as CD-ROMs, specialized data tables and customized retrievals from CANSIM and the Canadian International Merchandise Trade database. Source: *The Daily*, Monday, April 24, 2006.

#### Statistics Canada 2006 Census release dates

Pascale Beaupré

The 2006 Census Dissemination Project is pleased to inform you that the 2006 Census release dates are now available on the 2006 Census Internet site.

Groupings of some variables for the major releases have been modified based on feedback and experience gained from 2001. The new groupings are meant to promote the Census analytic program while encouraging media coverage with improved relevancy and interesting storylines.

Please click on the following link to access the major release dates on the 2006 Census Internet site: <a href="http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/release/RelDates\_e.cfm">http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/release/RelDates\_e.cfm</a>

We hope this information will help you with client inquiries concerning the timing of the 2006 Census releases and also assist you with planning activities.

Do not hesitate to contact the Census Dissemination Help Desk at (613) 951-4225 should you have any questions.

# 2006 Conference of the International Association for Official Statistics

Measuring the worldwide impact of shifting populations is no longer a challenge to be faced in the future—it's here now! The 2006 Conference of the International Association for Official Statistics (IAOS) is to be held in Ottawa, Canada, September 6-8, 2006. The principal theme is People on the Move: Measuring Environmental, Social and Economic Impacts Within and Between Nations. www.iaos2006conf.ca

#### News from the ADQ...

Geneviève Ouellet

(genevieve.ouellet@statcan.ca)

The last symposium of the Association des démographes du Québec (ADQ) was held at McGill University in Montreal from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of May during the Congress of ACFAS. The theme of the Demographic Symposium this year was *Démographie urbaine*: enjeux et défis (Urban Demography: challenges).

The 18th of May, ADQ held his general assembly. New members have joined the board of direction:

Vice-President: Chantal Girard Secretary: Lisanne Tremblay

Adviser for the symposium: Denis Gonthier

Adviser for the News letter: Claudine Provencher

## In memory of Jean Dumas

#### **Anatole Romaniuc**

Rajulton Fernando, the president of Canadian Population Society, requested me to write a few words about the personality and the legacy of our colleague Jean Dumas, who passed away on April 1st, 2006 at age 74. As colleagues for several years in the Demography Division, Statistics Canada, we were both friends and colleagues. In fact, as director of the Demography Division at that time, I was instrumental in bringing Jean from the University of Moncton where he was teaching, to head the newly created analytical section in the Division. The analytical program, dubbed the Current Demographic Analysis (La Conjoncture démographique), included an annual analytical report on the demographic situation in Canada and analytical studies on various topics in Canadian demography. We were looking for someone who combined solid technical skill in demography with the broader knowledge of an erudite. Somebody capable of producing himself and inspiring others to produce analytical studies that met the requirement of scholarship and were appealing in style and presentation to a broader readership. Jean perfectly fit that description.

Jean Dumas joined the Demography Division in 1981. The first annual report was published in 1984, and since then Statistics Canada has issued regularly annual reports on the demographic situation in Canada. At the same time, many other analytical studies on special topics in Canadian demography, written by Jean or by other demographers, have been published. I am pleased to mention that under his editorship in 2004 appeared my study, Fertility in Canada, from Baby boom to Baby-bust, which, I recall, stirred quite a "remue-ménage" in political circles. According to Alain Bélanger, who succeeded Jean Dumas in the Division, he left upon his retirement in 2000 a rich crop of major reports and thematic studies. Statistics Canada flagship, these publications were among the best sellers. The quality and the impact of the annual reports and the thematic analytical studies are widely acknowledged by our colleagues and by public officials. The coverage they usually received in the news media attests to their wide audience. It is a great achievement, a landmark legacy of the man who in his almost twenty-year tenure at Statistics Canada fully, sometimes single mindedly, devoted himself to a task that outlasted his maker and stands to go on well into the future.

Born and educated in France, Jean Dumas remained very much "French", at least as I saw it, in his manners, culture and his intellectual mindset. But he easily adapted to Canadian milieus both Francophone and Anglophone. I enjoyed his company. He was an interesting, articulate story teller, speaking equally at ease on population as on culture, history or politics. A very much independent in spirit, Jean found himself sometimes at odds with the corporate exigencies, even in a such, intellectually speaking, liberal institution as Statistics Canada. He and his wife Cécile, also an employee of Statistics Canada, had their home some 60 kilometers away from Ottawa, and had to travel that long distance by car to their work place. I had the pleasure of visiting the place, a country home, a beautiful natural habitat, right in the forest, far from the brouhaha of the city. That too tallied well with Jean's personality. I recall, as a hobby, he bread German Shepherd dogs, as well as horses, which his daughters Frédérique and Véronique rode. He loved nature, animals and a good book in his leisurely time.

One of the memorable moments, I recall, was the visit of Alfred Sauvy, the doyen of French demography, the founder and long-time director of the Institut National d'Études Démographiques (INED). The Demography Division had close rapports with INED. Several of its distinguished members have visited the division. But we hadn't had the privilege of having Alfred Sauvy visit us --but Jean managed to facilitate it. By that time professor Sauvy was already a very old man, but fully alert, as he always was. The official visit by Alfred Sauvy was followed by a reception at Jean and Cécile's residence, in its beautiful natural surroundings. The reception, as I recall, was also attended by such prominent colleagues as Jacques Légaré, Yves Péron and, if I am not mistaken, Jacques Henripin and Réjean Lachapelle, later to become director of Demography Division. It was a great occasion to informally talk and know more intimately the human side of the great man, whom we admired for his contribution to French as well to the world demography. Jean Dumas, for his achievements as researcher and editor of the Current Demographic Analysis, and in ways a colorful personality will be warmly remembered by his colleagues and the people who knew him.

Anatole Romaniuc

#### From the desk of Vice-President

#### **Gustave Goldmann**

The conference season is just about over. Now life can return to its normal hectic pace as opposed to the super-hectic pace of the past few months. Do any of you remember the hypothesis that we would have more leisure time as technology became more readily available and used? I can tell you with 100% confidence that this hypothesis is entirely false. Otherwise, how could so many people have accomplished so much, as we saw during the 2006 annual CPS meetings?



Our meetings began with the fourth annual pre-conference workshop on advanced analytical methods. The workshop covered the following three topics: analysing and exploiting pooled cross-section data – presented by Dwayne Benjamin, University of Toronto; the conceptual and methodological complexities of event history analysis – presented by Benoît Laplante, INRS Urbanisation, Culture et Société; and the application of chain graph models – presented by Rajulton Fernando, University of Western Ontario. The workshop was well received by those who attended and, judging

from the comments received from the participants, they will continue to be offered. Consideration is being given to changing the format somewhat next year to include a "hands-on" component. I would welcome feedback on this idea.

immigration, demolinguistics and ethnicity, among others. There is a great deal of very interesting quantitative work being done in all of these areas, judging by the presentations. The program also included

Here are a few highlights of the 2006 meetings. The 12 sessions dealt with a broad range of population themes such as migration, health, child development, the family and



presentations on some of the existing and forthcoming data sources – notably the plans for the 2006 Census, the survey on the Vitality of Official-Language Minorities that is being conducted in 2006, the Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Canada and the International Adult Literary Skills Survey.

Given the focus of the Congress this year, the program included two sessions that dealt with the general theme of cities and immigrants. The poster session and reception, for which we received support from

the 2006 CIDA-CFHSS Collaborative number of presentations that dealt with immigrant sending countries, with some session included 7 poster presentations following demographic themes: nuptiality, outcomes, gender relations and the life examined the period immediately prior to Tsunami that devastated the Islands of study the demographic impact will be felt two ways – the disruption of families and out-migration of parts of the population. the role of women, focussing on the of their empowerment and education higher education and greater social and

Program, featured a the demography of focus on cities. This that dealt with the mortality, fertility, health course. One study and after the December India. According to this for some time to come in their life course and the Another study examined demographic outcomes (lower fertility rates, geographic mobility). The

other studies discussed the impacts of social change on marital patterns in rural China, the uneven effects of immunization programs on the children in Nepal, what happens to lone mothers who receive social assistance over their life course and the difficulties encountered in measuring health outcomes of aboriginal people using administrative sources of data.

The keynote speaker session, which was supported by a grant from the CFHSS, featured Dr. Guillermina Jasso of New York University. Dr. Jasso provided an overview of the New Immigrant Survey (<a href="http://nis.princeton.edu">http://nis.princeton.edu</a>). This is a national longitudinal survey of immigrants and their children to the United States and it is supported by a

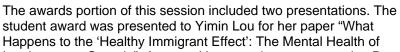


number of national granting councils (including the NIH, HICHD, and NSF) and federal agencies of the American Government. Dr. Jasso's remarks continued with some of the key findings of the initial analyses of the survey data, focussing on the impact of the integration of immigrants and their children into the major population centres in the U.S. Barry Edmonston summarised some of the implications of this research on possible initiatives in the study of immigrants to Canada.

A session titled "Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony" was introduced into the program this year. Rajulton Fernando made a plea

for the development of a Canadian index of demographic well-being.

Demographic well-being was described as a complement to social well-being. The two indices would provide a meaningful and more complete picture of the state of a society and of its future prospects. Apparently researchers at the University of Northern British Columbia are exploring this possibility.



Immigrants to Canada". A recognition award was presented to Doug Norris for his contributions to the field of demography in Canada during his career at Statistics Canada. Congratulations to both recipients.



It is anticipated that the Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony will be a regular feature of the CPS meetings. In fact, it was agreed that an Awards Committee will be struck to select the candidates for recognition in the future. Since the Presidential address is given every second year, it will be replaced with a keynote speaker during the off-years.

Let me conclude by thanking everyone who participated in the meetings. The program committee provided sage advice and excellent support - Gunnar Almgren, University of Washington; Laurie Goldmann, Human Resources and Social Development Canada; Don Kerr, University of Western Ontario; Zenaida Ravanera, University of

Western Ontario; Alan Simmons, York University; and Pierre Turcotte, Human Resources and Social Development Canada. I would also like to acknowledge the support and advice I received from Danièle Bélanger, University of

Western Ontario, Monica Boyd, University of Toronto, and Mike Ornstein, York University.

Gustave Goldmann

