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Editor's Desk

This year the CPS News has transitioned to a quarterly format. This issue marks the completion of the first full year under the new format, and I thank everyone who has contributed to the News over the past year. The purpose of switching to a quarterly format was to foster greater “connectivity” between CPS members and allow for the timely dissemination of information. This objective is also reflected in the CPS Blog hosted on the CPS website. The blog editor (Don Kerr) welcomes submissions in the form of letters, research updates, short articles, and links relevant to demographic research. Contributing to the blog is an excellent way of keeping the CPS community vibrant between our annual meetings. On the latter topic, this issue of the News includes the call for papers for our upcoming meeting at Brock University. The deadline for submitting an abstract is February 10, 2014.

Happy Holidays!

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STATISTICS CANADA

National Household Survey

Since the last edition of CPS News, Statistics Canada issued the third and final release of data from the National Household Survey (NHS). The analytical document [Income Composition in Canada](#) presents the results of the NHS on income. In addition, there are two companion analytical articles in the *National Household Survey in Brief Series* entitled “[Education and Occupation of High-income Canadians](#)” and [Persons Living in Low-income Neighbourhoods](#).”

A second analytical document, [Homeownership and Shelter Costs in Canada](#), analyses findings from the NHS on housing. There is also a companion article in the *National Household Survey in Brief Series* for this topic entitled “[Condominium Dwellings in Canada](#).”

Data and highlights on key topics found in these analytical products are also available for various standard levels of geography in the [National Household Survey Focus on Geography Series](#). A wide range of data on income, earnings, housing and shelter costs are available for standard geographic areas in the [National Household Survey Profile](#) and [National Household Survey Data Tables](#).

Results from the Agriculture – National Household Survey (Ag-NHS) were released on November 27, 2013. As documented in the publication [Socioeconomic Overview of the Farm Population, 2011](#), the Canadian farm population totaled 650,395 persons in 2011, accounting for 1 out of every 50 Canadians.

Demographic Releases

The new Quarterly Demographic Estimates and Annual Demographic Estimates of the population of Canada, the provinces, and the territories were released on September 26, 2013 ([91-002-X](#) and [91-215-X](#)), while the annual estimates of the population by age and sex for 2013 were released on November 25, 2013. Life tables comprised of life expectancy and related estimates by age and sex for Canada, the provinces, and territories were released on September 25, 2013 ([84-537-X](#)). Comprehensive information is available in The Report on the Demographic Situation in Canada ([91-209-X](#)). The next Quarterly Demographic Estimates of the population will be released on December 18, 2013.

Aboriginal Peoples Survey

Using data from the Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS), the article “The Education and Employment Experiences of First Nations People Living Off Reserve, Inuit, and Métis: Selected Findings from the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey” describes education pathways, education experiences, and current employment of adults aged 18 to 44 ([89-653-X2013001](#)).

Selected Statistics Canada Research Papers

Among the articles released in the *Health Reports* since last July, readers may be interested in:

[Cause-specific Mortality by Income Adequacy in Canada: A 16-year Follow-up Study](#)

[Canadian Community Health Survey: Mental Health, 2012](#)

[Validation of an Index to Estimate the Prevalence of Frailty among Community-dwelling Seniors](#)

Results from the Canadian Survey on Disability, including a fact sheet entitled [Disability in Canada: Initial Findings from the Canadian Survey on Disability](#) and data tables [Canadian Survey on Disability 2012: Data Tables](#) were released on December 3, 2013.

Other research papers that readers may find useful include:

[An Overview of the Working Lives of Older Baby Boomers](#)

[Inter-provincial Employees in Alberta](#)

[Portrait of Caregivers, 2012](#)

[Family Caregiving: What are the Consequences?](#)

[Skills in Canada: First Results from the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies, 2012 \(final\)](#)

Microdata files released to Statistics Canada Research Data Centres (RDC)

From July 2013 to December 2013 the following microdata files were added to the RDC collection:

- Canadian Health Measures Survey, Cycle 2, Wave 3
- Canadian Community Health Survey 2012
- Survey on Living with Neurological Chronic Conditions/Canadian Community Health Survey linked file

— Grant Schellenberg

PCLC NEWS

Aging and Paid Work Thematic Committee Conducts Symposium and Workshop

The Aging and Paid Work Thematic Committee led by Ellie Berger of Nipissing University organized a [Symposium and Workshop](#) at the 2013 Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Gerontology in Halifax in October. The symposium, attended by

around 100 people, consisted of papers by Martine Lagacé and Joelle Laplante on assessing the impact of ageist discourses on psychological engagement of older workers, Ross Finnie and Byron Spencer on level and composition of income change after retirement, and Peter Hicks on later age at retirement and its impact on public policies. John Rietschlin of Employment and Social Development Canada discussed the papers' contributions to knowledge and public policies.

In the workshop on *Write for the Reader*, with 50 people as participants, Matthew Schulman introduced the principles and techniques of clear language and design, and showed the process of translating complex technical information into clear and understandable writing for diverse audiences.

Webinar on Parental Education and Children's Depression

Parents' level of education and their adult children's risk of experiencing major depression was the theme of the webinar presented by Amélie Quesnel-Vallée, Leader of the PCLC [Health over the Life Course Thematic Committee](#). The webinar held in early November in [English](#) and [French](#) was co-sponsored by the PCLC and the Canadian Research Data Centres Network. Among the main findings of the Quesnel-Vallée study is "children of women who did not finish high school were twice as likely to experience a major episode of depression in early adulthood as children whose mothers obtained a high school diploma".

PCLC Launches Big Picture Synthesis Series

The PCLC launched a [Big Picture Synthesis Series](#), a knowledge mobilization project, aimed at summarizing what is known and discussing implications on a topic or theme relevant to the PCLC's interest from several studies by different authors. The topics that could be covered by the Series include, but are not limited to, population change and inequality; immigrant integration; longevity, retirement and public policies; aging and delayed life transitions; population change and gender equity; and values and public policies. The Big Picture Synthesis grants are worth up to \$25,000.

Graduate Students Receive Grants for Travel to Conferences and for Knowledge Mobilization Projects

Through the October 15 PCLC [Student Competition](#), Maxwell Hartt of University of Waterloo, Don Lafreniere of Western University, and Guillaume Marois of INRS were granted travel funds to present papers at international conferences.

PCLC student members were also successful in obtaining funds for [Knowledge Mobilization](#) projects taking place in the spring of 2014:

- Bharati Sethi, Wilfrid Laurier University, *Do You See What I See? A Photovoice Community-based Participatory Research with Visible Minority Immigrant/Refugee Women in Grand Erie*
- Mabel Ho, Western University, *2014 Collaborative Graduate Student Conference on Migration and Settlement*
- Stacey Hallman and Laura Wright, Western University and Maxwell Hartt, University of Waterloo, *Graduate Research Development Conference* at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Population Society

— Zenaida R. Ravanera

CPS STUDENTS

Grad School Options



Hello again! I'm Staci Silverman, a fourth year undergraduate student in the department of sociology at the University of Alberta. I'm interested in health policy, aging, community engagement, and population studies and planning to go to graduate school to learn more about these topics. I hope you will join me as I investigate my options for graduate school and review some of the top graduate schools in Canada that offer graduate degrees in areas related to demography or population studies. Last time, I reviewed the graduate program at Western University; today, I travel to Québec to have a closer

look at McGill University.

Founded in 1922, the McGill department of sociology was Canada's first. Both qualitative and quantitative research techniques feature prominently in the department's course offerings, with many options for MA and PhD students. Students interested in population dynamics have the opportunity to pursue a Population Dynamics Option (PDO), a new option starting September 2014, offered through the [Centre on Population Dynamics](#). This option will be offered to both MA (non-thesis) and PhD students in Sociology. Graduate students in Economics and Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Occupational Health (EBOH) will also be eligible to take this option.

An important feature of the PDO is the weekly Social Statistics and Population Dynamics seminars, hosted by the Centre for Population Dynamics, and held throughout the year on a broad range of population-related topics. The seminars are presented by

leading scholars from Canada and the U.S. and have also included high caliber practitioners from institutions like the World Bank and Statistics Canada. This very popular and vibrant seminar provides an interdisciplinary forum for students and faculty across a broad range of population-related disciplines to interact, exchange, and debate ideas.

Population Dynamics Option – MA. Students enroll in the research project (non-thesis) stream and, like other MA sociology students, they take required courses in qualitative and quantitative methods, social research and design, and current sociological theory. In addition, they take two sociology courses: one in demographic methods and another on the sociology of population. They also select one other course from an approved list of classes in sociology, economics, or EBOH. These additional classes cover diverse topics relating to migration, family dynamics, labour, aging, and health. PDO MA students are expected to attend at least five weekly Social Statistics and Population Dynamics seminars. Students' research papers are to be based on a topic related to population dynamics and approved by the PDO graduate committee.

Population Dynamics Option – PhD. Ph.D. candidates in sociology at McGill may choose to take either the quantitative or qualitative stream. The quantitative stream requires at least two advanced statistical methods courses, while students in the qualitative stream take a course on qualitative research methods and one advanced statistical methods course. Like their MA counterparts, PhD students taking the Population Dynamics Option (PDO) take one course on demographic methods and another on the sociology of population. They also choose a complementary course from a wide list of eligible courses in sociology, economics, and EBOH related to population issues. PDO PhD students are also expected to attend at least five of the Social Statistics and Population Dynamics seminars. Before the end of their third year of study, PhD students take their comprehensive exams in two areas of sociology. PDO students will take one of these comprehensive exams in population dynamics. Lastly, PDO PhD students will submit a thesis related to population dynamics and approved by the PDO graduate committee.

All McGill graduate students are considered for departmental and university-wide funding. Sociology graduate students can also apply to work as research assistants or teaching assistants within the Sociology department. McGill graduate students are highly successful in securing awards from the SSHRC and CIHR and receiving prestigious Bombardier and Vanier scholarships.

Graduate students affiliated with the Centre on Population Dynamics are provided with several additional supports. They are given extensive mentoring by faculty members and opportunities to work on larger research grant projects. Graduate students are also encouraged to present their work at both domestic and international conferences, such as the Canadian Population Society, the Population Association of America, and the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population. Finally, the

Centre assists graduate students to prepare and polish their presentations and provides conference travel funding.

Next time, I'll review a new graduate program that will be starting next year at the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy at the University of Lethbridge. If you have any suggestions for other universities that I should research and write about in an upcoming edition of CPS News, please feel free to send an email to either myself (staci@ualberta.ca) or Lisa Strohschein (lisa.strohschein@ualberta.ca).

— Staci Silverman

FEATURE INTERVIEW

In this issue, Michael Haan (MH) interviews Roderic Beaujot (RB), Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Western University. Dr. Beaujot took his PhD in Sociology from the University of Alberta (1975) and was a Demographer at Statistics Canada (1974-1976) before joining the faculty at Western . He is past President of the CPS (2000-2002) and the Federation of Canadian Demographers (1987-1990). He is currently the PI for the Population Change and Lifecourse Cluster. He is the recipient of the 2001 John Porter Award for *Earning and Caring in Canadian Families* (Broadview Press, 2000).



Photo: Eric Simard

MH: *What drew you to demography?*

RB: I was good in math and wanted to do something that would somehow be relevant to the real world. When I took a course in “Population and Development” from an engaging professor (Karol Krotki, University of Alberta, 1968-69), I was quite sure that I had found my niche. It sealed the deal when he was able to sponsor a summer in Morocco on my MA thesis project, especially when I got to help organize and execute a

“qualitative observation” of the 1971 Census of Morocco. It was a rich personal experience to interact with colleagues from such a different world, and especially to follow census enumerators into people’s homes.

MH: *What are your primary demographic research interests?*

RB: I initially thought I could do a career in the area of population and development. I did manage a sabbatical in 1982-83 at the National Office of Family Planning and Population in Tunisia, and various small stints in other parts of North and West Africa. I found that research based on local conditions is essential to the proper organization not only of data collection, but contraception, water, and sanitation.

At the time of the Review of Demography and its Implications for Economic and Social Policy (1986-92), I did a study on “Immigration and the Population of Canada”. This question, of immigration levels, the policy context and the implications for Canada, has remained a primary interest.

My PhD thesis was on fertility, and ethnic differences, based on the Edmonton Fertility Survey. Later, I have put fertility in the context of gender, family, and work, thus my book *Earning and Caring in Canadian Families*.

I have always had an interest in the population of Canada, with its unique dynamics. With Kevin McQuillan, I wrote *Growth and Dualism: The Demographic Development of Canadian Society* (Gage, 1982). At the time of the Review of Demography, I took advantage of my second sabbatical to write *Population Change in Canada: The Challenges of Policy Adaptation* (McClelland & Stewart, 1991), which later became *Population Change in Canada* (Oxford, 2004) with Don Kerr.

MH: *Do you apply demography in your work? If so, how?*

RB: My work has been in demography, and I start with demographic questions in other areas of teaching, like Sociology of Families, Family and Work, Population and Human Resources, and Methods and Statistics for Social Research. Especially with Directing the Research Data Centre at Western, and the Strategic Knowledge Cluster on Population Change and Lifecourse, I have particularly enjoyed interacting with researchers and policy makers from various disciplines.

MH: *What do you think are some interesting demographic issues arising in Canada?*

RB: There are many. What level and composition of immigration would most benefit Canada and the integration of immigrants? What policies would most support young people in their work and family goals? How can we ensure intergenerational equity in the context of both population aging and an uneven age distribution? What is the population element in environmental pressures? As a country that has depended much

on growth, can we improve wellbeing and equity in a future that is not based on demographic growth?

MH: *What advice would you give to those entering the field of demography?*

RB: First, I would encourage more people to enter the field of demography. The numbers of people is an excellent starting point for anyone interested in the contribution of social sciences to the improvement of human welfare. Pursue the questions that interest you with all available data, methods, and theories. Start with the basics: data quality, size, composition, rates, understanding trends and differences. Think of the implications.

Academic jobs are worth pursuing, but academic pursuits are sometimes more abstract than useful. Given the mission of government in a welfare state, the methods and insights of demography are particularly important to civil service employment. We need the best minds in academic and public sector research.

MH: *What do you do for fun?*

RB: Visiting various places, getting to know the history and culture. Interacting with people from various backgrounds. Keeping track of family and former graduate students. Cycling. Gardening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conferences

CIREQ Montreal Applied Economics Conference, April 4-5, 2014, Montreal. Please visit the conference [website](#) for details.

QICSS International Conference – Social Policy and Health Inequalities: An International Perspective, May 7-9, 2014, Montreal. Please visit the conference [website](#) for details.

Population Projection Project

Please visit the Population Projection Project [webpage](#). The project grew out of the need expressed by community members to see how population projections are created. The purpose of this project is to provide verifiable population projections, using understandable methods based on open data.

Member News

AYSAN, M. F. Has been awarded the Marie Curie Actions Career Integration Grant for his project titled "Institutions and Individuals in the Distribution of Welfare in Europe." He also has a new publication entitled "Reforms and Challenges: The Turkish Pension Regime Revisited," *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade* 49S5: 149-164.

BEAUJOT, R. Roderic Beaujot has published (with Ching Du and Zenaida Ravanera) an article entitled "Family Policies in Quebec and the Rest of Canada," *Canadian Public Policy* 39: 221-239. His blogs on demographic issues can be accessed [here](#).

LE BOURDAIS, C. Dr. Bourdais received the prix Thérèse Gouin-Décarie for distinguished contribution in the field of social sciences. The award was received in acknowledgement of Céline's research on family transformations and their consequences for individuals and society. The award also recognized her role in developing the Centre interuniversitaire québécois de statistiques sociales (CIQSS) that has contributed greatly to the research of many other scholars and students by providing them access to detailed data essential to their work.

CPS 2014 CALL FOR PAPERS

CPS 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

Brock University, 28 May – 30 May 2014

Deadline for Submission: 10 February 2014

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A PAPER:

1. All authors are asked to submit an abstract via email to the session organizer by 10 February 2014. Abstracts must be sufficiently detailed to allow the session organizer to judge the merits of the paper.
2. The author making the submission should provide the full names, affiliations, addresses, and e-mail addresses of all co-authors for each submission.
3. Authors will be notified by session organizers about acceptance of papers beginning on March 3rd 2014.
4. Completed papers should be sent to session organizers by 2 May 2014.
5. Student authors who wish to submit their paper for the Student Paper Competition should submit their abstract to both the session organizer and Lisa Kaida (lkaida@mun.ca)

6. Students can submit their papers to any session. Those who submitted their papers to the Student Session will receive comments on their papers.
7. Authors who wish to submit their papers for consideration only for a poster session should submit their abstract directly to the Organizing Committee Chair, Alain Bélanger (alain.belanger@ucs.inrs.ca).
8. If no session is appropriate for your paper, please submit the abstract directly to the Organizing Committee Chair, Alain Bélanger (alain.belanger@ucs.inrs.ca).
9. All participants must be current members of the Canadian Population Society to participate in the CPS meeting.

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