

CPS NEWS

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CPS Business

President's Message

Dear CPS members,

The bustle and energy of a new school year is well underway and it looks like it will be a busy year for the Canadian Population Society too. Below are updates as well as information on some of the things we hope to accomplish this year.

The CPS twitter account is active. Since July, our twitter feed has been managed by Ximena Ramirez Villanueva, an undergraduate student from McGill University. We extend a warm welcome to Ximena and express our thanks to new council member and Director of the Centre on Population Dynamics, Sarah Brauner-Otto for making this happen. If you haven't already, be sure to follow us on twitter (@canpopsoc) to learn about the latest job announcements and ongoing activities of CPS members.

Mike Haan, who took over the position of president of the Federation of Canadian Demographers in the spring, has indicated that there will not be a joint CPS/FCD conference in 2020. Mike continues to work behind the scenes to find

ways to host a joint conference in the next few years, so stay tuned.

Plans are already underway for the CPS 2020 annual meeting which will be held at Western University in London next spring. Yoko Yoshida remains the program chair and will be organizing the call for papers. We invite those who might be interested in a particular session topic to contact her at yoko.yoshida@dal.ca.

This past summer, Anthony Jehn, graduate student representative and Sean Waite, secretary/treasurer sent a survey to graduate students to a) understand students' perspectives on factors that prevent their participation in the graduate student pre-conference and b) solicit their advice on the kinds of topics they want to learn about (e.g., publishing in academic journals, social media analysis) and different activities they might be interested in (e.g., speed mentoring event). The results indicated that time and money were the biggest barriers to presenting a paper at the graduate student pre-conference. The CPS is not in a position to address either barrier adequately. These results have prompted us to consider other options for what we offer graduate students next year, guided by their own expressed preferences in the survey. Announcements about exciting new initiatives for the 2020 conference will be made in the coming months.

We also hope to recruit a new webmaster. The position of secretary/treasurer/webmaster has been traditionally held by one person, but as our society expands its membership and functions, it has become clear that we need to separate these roles. If you know of (or are) someone who has experience managing a website and want to be more closely involved with our society, please get in touch with me.

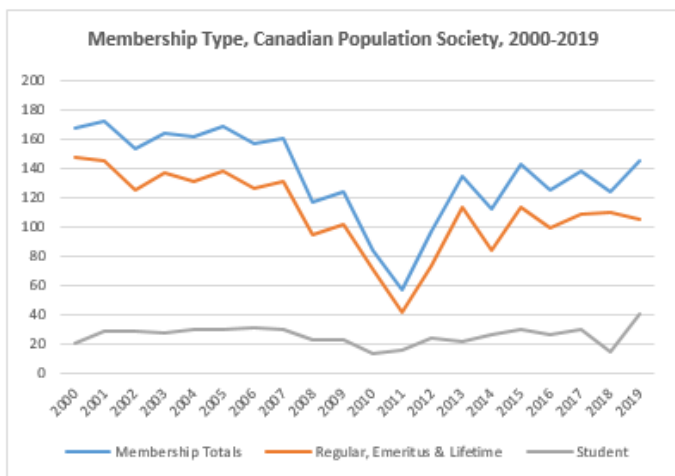
That covers some of our priorities for the coming year. I look forward to the year ahead and in particular, to finding new opportunities to keep our society vibrant. I welcome any and all suggestions for how we can continue to flourish.

Best wishes for a pleasant fall season,
– Lisa Strohschein

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Memberships

The CPS membership is growing! We are happy to announce that memberships are at the highest they have been in more than a decade! We are especially pleased to see a growth in student membership. This is partially due to an increase in international student members. Multi-year memberships remain a popular option and are the most cost-effective way to keep your membership up-to-date. Senior faculty (65 years +) are encouraged to take advantage of a life-time membership. This is a one-time payment of \$350.00 and you never need to pay membership fees again. Let's keep this momentum moving forward and have even more members in 2020.



Financials

As reported at the General Assembly, we anticipated that conference costs (room booking, catering, councillors dinner, etc.) would exceed revenue (memberships, congress fees, etc.) by roughly \$4,500 in 2019. However, higher attendance at Congress increased our revenue and

shrunk our deficit to \$1,750. We are in good financial shape for Congress 2020 and will carry forward a surplus of \$23,632.70.

Webmaster – NEW POSITION

The role of CPS webmaster has historically been held by the secretary-treasurer. However, these roles require different skillsets and the duties of the secretary-treasurer-webmaster have become too much for a single member to handle alone. The CPS council voted to separate the webmaster duties from the secretary-treasurer and is now seeking a volunteer to take on the role of webmaster. This position involves updating the website, posting job advertisements, and disseminating information to members. The time commitment varies between 0 and 1.5 hours per week, with more time required during conference season. This person will work closely with the President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. Anyone interested in this position is asked to contact Lisa Strohschein at las5@ualberta.ca.

– Sean Waite

CSP Editor's Message

In 2019, I was selected to serve as Editor-in-Chief of *Canadian Studies in Population*, taking over the helm of the journal from Professor Frank Trovato, who had occupied this position for 11 years.

Canadian Studies in Population has been the flagship journal of the Canadian Population Society and the leading journal on population studies in Canada for almost half a century but, as I take on the role of Editor-in-Chief, the journal is entering a new era. After having been hosted by the Department of Sociology of the University of Alberta since its inception, *Studies* is now published by Springer, joining several other top-rank journals in population studies such as *Demography*, the *European Journal of Population*, *Genus*, the *Journal of Population Research*, and *Population Research and Policy Review*.

The inaugural issue of *Canadian Studies in Population*, published in 1974, contained papers written by Kingsley Davis, Nathan Keyfitz, and Roland Pressat. Since then, several Canadian demographers who have made an important contribution to demographic research in the

20th century, both in Canada and internationally – including Nathan Keyfitz, T. R. Balakrishnan, Jacques Henripin, Warren Kalbach, Anatole Romaniuk, and Leroy Stone – have served on the journal editorial board. Today *Studies* remains the main platform to facilitate the diffusion and exchange of ideas within the community of Canadian population researchers, and with policymakers and researchers from other disciplines in Canada and abroad. I believe that the transition to Springer is a unique opportunity for *Studies* to grow its audience and increase its impact factor.

My goal as Editor-in-Chief is to take advantage of the opportunities opened by the transition of *Studies* to Springer during my mandate. To do so, my main objective is to minimize delays in giving feedback to authors and to increase the number of articles submitted to *Studies* by diversifying its portfolio. Specifically, *Studies* will now accept “Research Notes” and “Research Synthesis” that will be published alongside standard “Research Articles”. The Research Notes, of maximum 3000 words, will allow researchers to share new data sources or initial research findings, whereas the Research Synthesis, of maximum 5000 words, will be an outlet to synthesize the literature on specific topics. Both types of articles will be reviewed exclusively by the editorial board, and will thus guarantee the authors a quick turnaround. *Studies* will also accept “Policy perspectives” (up to 2000 words), and letters to the editor submitted in response to published articles if they solicit a salient reply from the author. Finally, I will continue in Frank Trovato’s steps to promote the journal internationalization by diversifying the geographical scope of the published research, and by soliciting invited papers not only from top Canadian but also international scholars.

I look forward to working with all of you to take *Canadian Studies in Population* to a new level of success.

– Simona Bignami

New Councillors

The CPS welcomes three new councillors:

Anna Zajacova is an Associate Professor of sociology at Western University. She studies population health inequities among adults in Canada and the United States from demographic and social-epidemiological

perspectives. Her recent projects include health returns to postsecondary education and a demographic examination of chronic pain.

Sarah Brauner-Otto is an Associate Professor of Sociology and the Director of the Centre on Population Dynamics at McGill University. Her research interests are on global family change with recent work focusing on the family related consequences of women’s labor force participation.

Stacey Hallman is an analyst in the Demography Division of Statistics Canada. Her research interests are in mortality and immigration.

Member Updates

Elwood Carlson (Florida State) has launched a YouTube channel with some demographic video lectures! The centerpiece so far is a 10-part (about 90 minutes total) series with a new interpretation of Malthus' Essay on the Principle of Population. You can see it on YouTube at “demographile” (look for the “playlists” where they are all grouped together in order). Feel free to mention it to anybody teaching a population class, in case they want to cover Malthus! I hope some folks will subscribe, so they can see new offerings from time to time.

Céline Le Bourdais, Professor of Sociology at McGill University and Academic Director of the McGill-Concordia QICSS Laboratory, was appointed to the recently created [Canadian Statistics Advisory Council](#). This council will provide the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and the Chief Statistician of Canada impartial and independent advice on matters concerning the overall quality of Canada’s national statistical system.

CPS Membership

Please help support our membership. CPS memberships can be opened or renewed on [our website](#).

The Latest News

IUSSP News

This year, in addition to the regular activities of the IUSSP (e.g., panel workshops and seminars, preparatory work for the upcoming 2021 Hyderabad International Population Conference, etc.), the IUSSP has held a small conference and is in the process of organizing an Expert Group Meeting that will include presentations from roughly 45 experts from across the world on data and methods:

- **Conference:** [Population, Poverty and Inequality Research Conference](#), Ann Arbor, Michigan, 27-29 June 2019. Organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Population, Poverty and Inequality.

- **Expert Group Meeting:** *Innovations in structured data collection methods* (provisional title), UNFPA, New York, 4-6 December 2019. Organized by the IUSSP Data for Development (Data Revolution) group, in close collaboration with the UNFPA and with additional funding support from the IDRC.

In addition, the IUSSP has just finalized an environmental policy that aims to reduce the environmental footprint of our activities, and is working to develop new strategies and activities to better appeal to younger demographers and population specialists. Of note: all graduate students can now become student members of the IUSSP for free for up to 4 sequential years. This is a fantastic opportunity for younger demographers to become more aware of cutting-edge research in their field, and to receive announcements, news bulletins, and the N-IUSSP publications. We ask that all professors in the field strongly encourage their students to make use of this opportunity and to join the Union.

National Essay Challenge

Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) in partnership with the Canadian Research Data Centre Network (CRDCN) has announced the launch of its 2020 National Essay Challenge (NEC). Applicants must be enrolled in a master's or doctoral degree program at a Canadian university for the 2019-2020 and submitted essays must be on subject matter related to the IRCC's

mandate. The prizes include a paid trip to Ottawa to present the paper at the IRCC head office, a certificate of achievement, and \$500.00 towards attendance of a conference of choice. The deadline to submit a proposal for a paper using data from the RDC is November 6, 2019. The deadline for submissions of final papers to the IRCC is May 4, 2020. Complete details about eligibility and the submission process can be found on the [CRDCN website](#).

Upcoming Events

The **CRDCN 2019 National Conference** will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia on October 24-25, 2019. The theme of the conference is "Advancing the Health and Well-Being of Canadians." The keynote speakers include Erin Strumpf and Arthur Sweetman. Preconference workshops will be offered on October 23 and include an Introduction to SAS, Intermediate SAS, and What's New in the RDCs?

The **2019 African Population Conference** will take place on November 18-22 in Entebbe, Uganda. The IUSSP will be organizing sessions on Urban Family Planning and Couples' Reproductive Health and Fertility and also a roundtable discussion on prospects for a World Migration Survey.

The **11th Conference of Young Demographers** will be held in Prague, Czech Republic on February 5-7, 2020. The deadline for submission of abstracts is October 22, 2019. Prospective participants should submit a title, 250-word abstract, and 3-5 keywords using the conference [registration form](#).

The **Pew Research Center** is organizing a one-day conference on the Demography of Unauthorized Immigration Around the World. The conference will be held on April 22, 2020 at the Pew Research Center offices in Washington, DC. Abstracts should be submitted to [Phillip Connor](#) for consideration no later than November 1, 2019.

The **2020 European Population Conference** will be held on June 24-27, 2020, in Padova, Italy. The deadline for submission of abstracts is November 1, 2019. Visit the [EPC conference website](#) for details about submissions as well as conference themes, events, and registration.

Statistics Canada

RDC releases

The Research Data Centres (RDCs) provide access to microdata from Statistics Canada's censuses, household surveys, administrative data, and linked data files. The complete list of data holdings in the RDCs can be searched on the Statistics Canada [webpage](#).

August 2019

- National Cannabis Survey (NCS), Wave 2 – 2019
- Survey on Sexual Misconduct in the Canadian Armed Forces (SSMCAF) – 2018
- General Social Survey (GSS): Family – 2017
- Canadian Census Health and Environment Cohort (CanCHEC) – 2011
- CanCHEC linked to NACRS and DAD – 2011, 2006

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- Vital Statistics, Death Database (CVSD) – available to 2017
- Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) linked to Vital Statistics, Discharge Abstracts, Ambulatory Care, and Mental Health Records – 1999-most recent
- Study on International Money Transfers (SIMT) – 2018
- Postal Code Conversion File Plus (PCCF+), Version 7B
- Future to discover – Administrative linkages

New and Noteworthy

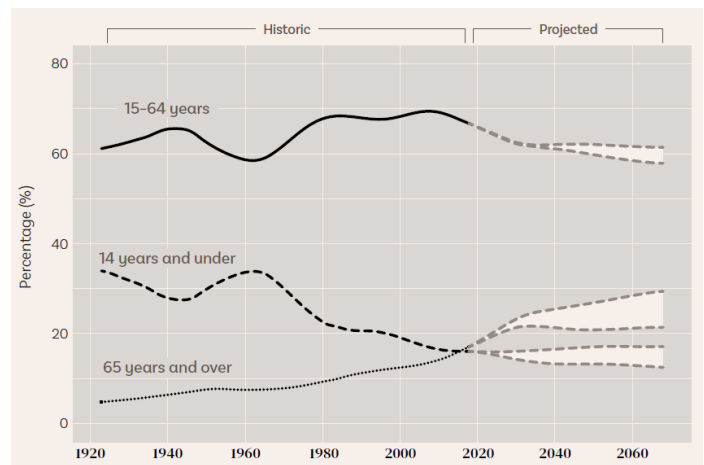
The latest edition of *Health Indicators* ([82-221-X](#)) was published online this September. This edition updates several estimates using the 2018 health regions boundaries, including 2017 estimates of premature and potentially avoidable mortality and estimates on potential years of life lost. Data on health-adjusted life expectancy for the provinces and territories have been updated to 2017. The edition also includes updated data tables for 31 health indicators from the Canadian Institute for Health

Information (CIHI) and tables that show how selected causes of death contribute to changes in life expectancy.

On September 17, The Demography Division at Statistics Canada released a series of publications on population projections for Canada:

- Population Projections for Canada (2018 to 2068), Provinces and Territories (2018 to 2043) ([91-520-X](#))
- Population Projections for Canada (2018 to 2068), Provinces and Territories (2018 to 2043): Technical Report on Methodology and Assumptions ([91-620-X](#))
- [Infographic](#): What will the population of Canada look like in 2068?
- Interactive tables on Projected population, by projection scenario, age and sex ([17-10-0057-01](#)) and Components of projected population growth, by projection scenario ([17-10-0058-01](#))

The projections show that the Canadian population could increase to as much as 44.4 to 70.2 million persons by 2068, with immigration being the key driver of population growth. The proportion of Canadians aged 65 and older is expected to increase to between 21% and 30% of the population, up from 17% in 2018. At the same time the portion of working-age Canadians is expected to decline between 5-9 percentage points.



The September issue of [Health Reports](#) features two studies that examine the relationship between “walkable neighbourhoods” and health indicators. Both studies used a new walkability index – the Canadian Living

Environments database (Can-ALE) to measure the “activity friendliness” of neighbourhoods.

Obituary



Zheng Wu, a long-time member of the Sociology Department at the University of Victoria (1992-2019), passed away on August 27, 2019 in Victoria, British Columbia following a brief illness. At the time of his death, he was Professor of Gerontology and Tier I Canada Research Chair in Aging and Health at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Zheng was born and raised in Beijing, China. After completing high school, he and Lanjing Li, his future wife, were among those educated urban youth who the government sent to live and work in rural and remote areas of China. They spent two years in these areas as part of the *Up to the Mountains and Down to the Countryside Movement*, a policy instituted in China by Mao Zedong during the Cultural Revolution that had them re-educated by the workers and farmers who lived there. Universities were shut down for several years during this period but when they re-opened, Zheng completed a BA in English at the Beijing International Studies University (in 1983). Upon graduation, he spent two more years there as an Instructor before taking a position as a Cultural Representative for the People’s Republic of China at the Chinese pavilion at Disney World in Florida. He subsequently made his way to the University of Victoria, as the first international graduate student from China admitted to the program. He completed his MA in Sociology in 1988 (with Dr. Dan Koenig as a Supervisor) followed by a PhD in Social Demography from the University of Western Ontario in 1992 (with Dr. T. Balakrishnan as a Supervisor).

Zheng’s PhD dissertation, entitled ‘A Social Psychological Analysis of Remarriage’, examined the transition from marital union dissolution to remarriage in Canada, using data from the 1990 General Social Survey. His graduate training and dissertation were the starting points for a longstanding career interest in family demography and specifically, in marital and cohabiting unions and other

family relationships. His approach was also consistent: almost all of it featured careful statistical analyses of the GSS and other national survey data sets. Over the years, Zheng's research interests expanded to include numerous other demographic topics, such as race and ethnicity, immigration, and social integration. In recent years, his research program incorporated aging-related trends and patterns, both in Canada and China. Among his concerns were union formation and dissolution in later life and the physical and psychological well-being of older adults. Zheng was an accomplished and productive scholar. Over the course of his career, he held numerous research grants and published over 100 books, edited volumes, chapters in books and peer-reviewed journal articles. In 2004, he received the University of Victoria Faculty of Social Science Award for Excellence in Research, in recognition of his achievements.

However, Zheng’s academic impact extends well beyond his individual research contributions. It includes numerous contributions to the universities where he worked as well as the demography community in Canada and internationally. At the University of Victoria, he adeptly served as Chair of the Sociology Department (2006-2011). He was also the Founding Director of the Population Research Group (2008-2018), an interdisciplinary group devoted to promoting research and training in demography and population studies. Zheng was also a dedicated educator and mentor who spent countless hours meeting with and mentoring students. The students he worked closely with remember him for his intellectual contributions but also, for his kindness and support. Beyond the university, he held numerous other leadership positions, including that of President of the Canadian Population Society. He was also a Research Affiliate or Visiting Professor at a number of universities in Canada, the US, and China. In all of these positions, Zheng dedicated himself to the task of promoting and encouraging research and the collaborative networks and training necessary to do so.

Zheng is survived by his wife Lanjing Li, his brother Jun, and his sister Fei, as well as their families. The things he cared about most were his wife and family, his colleagues/friends, and his work. He was a great host, often bringing all three groups together. However, he also made time to enjoy other good things in life, whether it be hiking up mountains, playing a round of golf, or travelling

to exotic and interesting locales. He and Lanjing travelled the world together while also spending time at their urban high-rise cottage in the heart of Vancouver. For all that he was and all that he did, he will be missed.

– Margaret Penning and Neena Chappell

CPS People

The Canadian Population Society is a scientific association that seeks to improve knowledge and understanding about the quantitative and qualitative characteristics of human population. It seeks to promote the study and development of the science of demography in both its empirical and theoretical aspects.

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