

Food for thought ...

An thought-provoking article from Warren Kalbach, with extensive license by the editor

The future of our discipline in Canada has been the topic of discussion at formal meetings, at organised dinners and during informal conversations over coffee, to name just a few venues. The essence of the concern can be summarised by the following question. Where will the next generation of Canadian demographers come from?

The recent survey to which we all responded (or to which we should have all responded) is an attempt to assess the quality and quantity of university programs for training Ph.D.s in demography and related social sciences, e.g., geography, etc. The results of this survey will certainly provide an indication of the international situation. However, recent events in

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CPS 2000 - *Edmonton, May 28 to 30, 2000*

The Edmonton meetings consisted of three very full and very rewarding days of interesting sessions, intellectual discussions and, for those of us who can (excluding the editor), generally "letting our hair down". The meetings began with a symposium organised in honour of Anatole Romaniuc. This symposium centred on two topics that were, and still are, the focus of much of Anatole's work – fertility and aboriginal demography. The annual Kalbach symposium on ethnic studies and immigration was also held during the CPS meetings as a joint session with the CSAA. The CPS dinner featured David Foot as the guest of honour. David provided those present with an informal and humorous guide on how to write a best seller without really trying. Finally, recently departed members of our profession were honoured during the AGM.

Pictures and in memoriam notices elsewhere in the Newsletter.

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Canada suggest that the future for our discipline may be troubled. For instance, it appears that some universities are not accepting Ph.D. candidates in demography (e.g. University of Alberta). Furthermore, retiring professors in demography and in quantitative studies are not being replaced (e.g. University of Alberta, Carleton University). The Population Research Laboratory at the University of Alberta is without a permanent director. All of these issues and events are symptomatic of the difficulties that jeopardise the future of the discipline in Canada.

The major question that must be addressed is "what can we do to reverse the trend towards post-modernism and qualitative studies at the expense of quantitative research and demography?" This is not to suggest that one orientation is superior to the other. Both have their place in the social sciences. It is important that one not be sacrificed at the expense of the other.

Editor. Let's hear other points of view on this issue – either supportive or critical.

Gustave Goldmann (Gustave.Goldmann@statcan.ca)

Hot Topics ...

See the lead editorial!!!

The Student Corner

Perhaps the Student Representative on the Council will succeed in generating some interest in this by-line.

Report from CPS Council

The minutes of the 29 May Annual General Meeting in Edmonton were mailed to all CPS members in June. Note from Item # 11 the encouragement to define the CPS more broadly, seeking to include the kind of common ground that occurs with the Population Association of America, among persons interested in population questions. We would like to make the annual meetings, and the society, attractive to people in sociology, economics, geography, family studies, education, public health, epidemiology, quantitative social science, Metropolis project, etc. At the same time, we should maintain the centrality of population questions and demographic techniques. This is of relevance especially to the Membership Committee and the Program Committee, but Council welcomes discussion of this question, including the means of achieving these goals.

The Canadian Population Society is joining the Humanities and Social Science Federation of Canada, which includes some 68 member associations.

Recent Meetings ...

Fourth National Metropolis Conference
March 22 – 25, 2000
Toronto, Ontario

Population Association of America
March 23 – 25, 2000
Los Angeles, California

ACFAS
May 15 – 19, 2000
Montreal, Quebec

The Jerusalem Conference in Canadian Studies
June 25 – 29, 2000
Jerusalem, Israel

American Sociological Association
August 12 – 16, 2000
Washington, D.C.

International Association for Official Statistics
September 4 – 8, 2000
Montreux, Switzerland

Forthcoming Conferences

Fifth International Metropolis Conference
November 13 – 17, 2000
Vancouver, British Columbia

Population Association of America
March 29 – 31, 2001
Washington, DC

2000 National Policy Research Conference
November 30 to December 1, 2000
Ottawa, Ontario

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At a joint meeting of outgoing and incoming Councils in Edmonton on 30 May 2000, the following committees were established:

Program: Frank Trovato (chair), Gustave Goldmann, Doug Norris, Judith Rempel, K.V. Rao

Student paper competition: Shirley Loh (chair), Edward Ng, Madeline Kalbach, T.R. Balakrishnan, Margaret Michalowski, K.V. Rao, David Hall, Feng Hou

Membership: Rajulton Fernando (chair), K.V. Rao, Ravi Verma, Therese Abada, Alison Yacyshyn, Heather Drybrugh, Richard Wanner

National: Eric Fong (chair), Judith Rempel, Mark Rosenberg, David Hall

International: Ravi Verma (chair), Fernando Mata, Alan Simmons, G. Edward Ebanks, Rod Beaujot

Communications: Judith Rempel (chair), K.V. Rao, Gustave Goldmann

It is understood that the chair of these committees is free to add other members, thus all CPS members should feel free to volunteer or offer suggestions to the committees. In response to requests, a few words are written below to define the mandates of the International and National Committees. The Council welcomes discussion on these mandates through the Newsletter or otherwise.

The mandate of the International Committee is to follow up on international questions of relevance to the Canadian Population Society. Facilitating research and exchanges is to have priority. The activities of the Committee often need to be coordinated with the Population and Development Committee of the Federation of Canadian Demographers. Links with Action Canada for Population and Development are also encouraged.

The mandate of the National Committee is to follow up on national questions of relevance to the Canadian Population Society. Facilitating research and funding for research is to have priority. The Committee may also want to use various communication means to seek a mandate to take a position on policy issues of concern to the Canadian

Population Society.

The Membership Committee encourages recent graduate students to join the Canadian Population Society. All members should feel free to invite relevant students to join. The membership form is both attached to this Newsletter and available at the web site: www.canpopsoc.org

Yours truly,

Edward Ng (e-mail: edward.ng@statcan.ca)

Report on the Federation of Canadian Demographers

Those who are new to CPS may need to know that the FCD acts as a link between the Canadian Population Society and the Association des Demographes du Quebec, each with its own membership, annual meeting, newsletter and journal. The FCD is governed by a General Assembly of twelve persons, six named by the Councils of each of the sponsoring associations. The CPS members of the FCD Council, which has a mandate of three years, are of Bali Ram (president), Mark Rosenberg (treasurer) and Shiva Halli. In addition, Ellen Gee, Frank Trovato and Rod Beaujot are members of the General Assembly.

News from the CIED

The Centre interuniversitaire d'études démographiques (CIED) held its second summer school from August 14th to the 25th. The 24 participants, consisting of graduate students, practising researchers and university professors, spent 10 intensive days in classroom instruction and workshops on longitudinal analysis of micro-data. The sessions were led by Hans-Peter Blossfeld (Fakultät für Soziologie, Universität Bielefeld) and Rajulton Fernando (Centre for Population Studies, University of Western Ontario), among others. The summer school was organised by Benoît Laplante

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and Céline Le Bourdais, along with Ghyslaine Neill and Benoît-Paul Hébert, with the collaboration of Jean Renaud of the Centre d'études ethniques, Université de Montréal. This school was funded through a grant from SSHRC under the Data Training Schools portion of the Canadian Initiative on Social Statistics. Founded in 1997, CIED includes professors in demography from the Université de Montréal and the Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS), a department of the Université du Québec.

News from the Population Studies Centre - UWO

The Population Studies Centre of the University of Western Ontario has put up a web site on longitudinal research. The web site aims at dissemination of theoretical and technical aspects of longitudinal analysis. Researchers interested in longitudinal analysis will find relevant information and links to special software and data. At the moment, the site contains abstracts and papers presented at a "Workshop on Longitudinal Research in the Social Sciences: A Canadian Focus" that was held in London, Ontario in the Fall of 1999. Researchers from Canada, United States, Germany and the Netherlands shared their experiences during this workshop, and their papers offer stimulating thoughts on the topic. Descriptions of software such as LIFEHIST, ClustalG, and a number of other software useful for specific types of analysis of longitudinal data are also found on this web site. Readers of this newsletter are invited to visit this web site at: <http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/sociology/longitudinal/index.html>

It may also be accessed through the web site of the Population Studies Centre at: <http://www.ssc.uwo.ca/sociology/popstudies/index.html>.

Suggestions and research contributions are always welcome. Rajulton Fernando PSC, UWO London ON N6A 5C2.

Keeping Posted ...

Personal and Professional Activities:

Rosemary Bender has recently been appointed assistant director at Statistics Canada. She assumes responsibility for the 2001 Census Dissemination Project.

Gustave Goldmann was invited to present a paper on "Measuring and Observing Ethnic Minorities" at the recent meetings of the International Association for Official Statistics held in Montreux, Switzerland in September 2000. He coauthored a paper on "Immigrant Labour Market" with **Tom Caplan** of the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics. This paper was presented at the Third Annual Jerusalem Conference on Canadian Studies, held at the Hebrew University in June 2000.

Madeline and Warren Kalbach attended the recent Prairie Regional Workshop in Saskatoon on Immigration and integration. They presented a paper on their current research findings regarding social cohesion in Canada. Their research emphasizes similarities and differences between the 5 major Prairie CMAs (Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Saskatoon and Winnipeg) and the 3 largest CMAs in Canada (Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver).

Susan McDaniel has been elected President, Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association. For 2000-2001, she serves as President-Elect, taking over as President at the meetings in 2001 at Laval of the Humanities and Social Sciences Congress. While President-Elect, she serves as Chair of the CSAA Awards Committee. In agreeing to run for President of CSAA, Susan sought the agreement of over a dozen senior sociologists in helping to rebuild CSAA as a scholarly association and the annual conference as a place where major new research and theoretical papers are presented. That is beginning to happen, with numerous senior researchers agreeing to present and organize sessions for the Laval meetings. There will be some joint CPS/CSAA sessions and several CSAA sessions of interest to CPS members.

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Susan presented "Family Change and Life Course Development: Social Transformation on Intimate Frontiers," during a session on **Social Transformations at the Turn of the Millennium: Sociological Theory and Current Empirical Research** at the International Sociological Association Research Council Conference, Montreal, July 2000. She was also invited to present "Pensions, Privilege and Poverty: Another 'Take' on Intergenerational Equity," at the Deuxiemes Rencontres Sauvy, **Le Contrat social a l'epreuve des changements demographiques**, sponsored by Institut National d'Etudes Demographiques, Paris, October 2000 in Montreal.

Susan was appointed as a member, Royal Society Women in Scholarship Committee, 2000-2001. She was also appointed by the Chief Statistician of Canada as a member of the 2001 Census Communications Committee, 2000-2001.

Susan has been nominated for University of Alberta Board of Governors' Award of Distinction, 2000 and for the Henry Marshall Tory Chair in Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Alberta, 2000.

Bali Ram presented "Fertility Decline and Social Change: New Trends and Challenges." at the International Sociological Association Research Council Conference, Montreal, July 2000. In March 2000 he teamed with **Edward Shin** to present "Migration of Linguistic Groups between Quebec and Ontario, 1971-76 to 1991-96." at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Los Angeles, California, March 2000. In May of 2000 he was joined by **Nicole Montsion**, and **Maureen Moore** to present "Effects of Maternal Age on Child Outcomes." at the annual meeting of the Canadian Population Society, Edmonton, May 2000.

Anatole Romaniuc has been reappointed for another five years as *Adjunct Professor* at the Department of Sociology, University of Alberta. He is also a member of an International Committee on the *Demography on the Threshold of the Year 2000*, at INED Paris. On the invitation of the Romanian

Academy of Sciences and the University of Bucharest, Dr. Romaniuc presented a series of lectures on the theme, *Régime of Demographic Maturity*, October 1999. For the last two years he has served on behalf of the Canadian Government as adviser to help Ukraine in the preparation of its population Census, scheduled for 2001.

Anatole presented *Population Forecasts in the 1920s and 1930a: Methods, Motivations, and Policy Implications* at a session on Population Projections in the Inter-War Period: Lessons in Our Time. The workshop was organised by the Max Plank Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock (Germany) May 1999. In September 1998 Anatole presented "Régime de maturité démographique des sociétés avancées et choix politiques" at the *Association internationale des démographes de la langue française* (AIDELF), La Rochelle, France. Most recently he presented a paper on "Aboriginal Population of Canada: Growth Dynamics under Conditions of Encounter of Civilisations" at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, March 2000.

Russell Wilkins (Statistics Canada) has been appointed Adjunct Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Community Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa. His recent conference presentations include: Incapacité et limitations d'activité : Présentation des résultats de l'enquête sociale et de santé 1998 (Journées annuelles de santé publique, Montréal, 7 novembre 2000). With **Christian Houle**, **Jean-Marie Berthelot** and **Nancy Ross**: Differentials in health outcomes among children in Canada: trends and methods (International Society for Equity in Health, Presentation to the inaugural conference, Havana, 29-30 June 2000). Workshop on PCCF+ : a training session for DLI contacts and users (Canadian Association of Public Data Users, Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Alberta, Edmonton, 30 May 2000). Joindre des variables socio-économiques et géographiques aux données socio-sanitaires : comment utiliser les outils

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maintenant disponibles sur l'IDD (Présentation à la section Démographie, 68e Congrès de l'ACFAS, Université de Montréal, le 19 mai 2000). Adding socioeconomic and spatial dimensions to health data, based on small-area geographic coding from postal codes (Seminar Series. Institute of Population Health and Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine, University of Ottawa, 25 April 2000). Population health information at the regional level in Ontario: Challenges and opportunities (Presentation to the Health Information Partnership – Eastern Ontario Region, Kingston, 2 March 2000). Adding socioeconomic and spatial dimensions to health data: Principles and practice of automated geographic coding for public health research (Workshop. Population Health Perspectives: Making Research Work (CIHI, Health Canada, Policy Research Secretariat, Statistics Canada), Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, 5 October 1999). Russell was also a member of the REVES Steering Committee and chaired a session at the 12th meeting of the International Network on Health Expectancy and the Disability Process (REVES) (Andrus Gerontology Center, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 19-23 April 2000), and he attended the annual meeting of the Population Association of America (Los Angeles, 24-26 March 2000).

Recent Publications

Abu-Laban, Sharon and McDaniel, Susan A

2000. "Aging Women and Standards of Beauty", in Nancy Mandell (Ed.), *Feminist Issues: Race, Class and Sexuality*. Toronto: Prentice-Hall (Third edition).

Boyd, Monica, Gustave Goldmann and Pamela White.

2000. Race in the Canadian Census. In *Race and Racism: Canada's Challenge* (eds Leo Driedger and Shiva S. Halli), 20-32. McGill-Queen's University Press. Montreal.

Harrison, Brian

1999. "Intergenerational Language Learning" in Shiva S. Halli and Leo Driedger (Eds.), *Immigrant Canada: Demographic, Economic and Social Challenges*, Toronto: University of Toronto Press. pp. 307-319.

McColl MA, Stirling P, Walker J, Corey P, Wilkins R.

Expectations of independence and life satisfaction among ageing spinal cord injured adults. *Disability and Rehabilitation* 1999 May-June;21(5-6):231-40.

McDaniel, Susan A.

1999. "Capturing the Elusive Social Impacts of Science and Technology: Towards a Research Agenda," Pp. 109-124 in de la Mothe, John and Gilles Paquet (Eds.), *Information, Innovation and Impacts*. Boston: Kluwer. [In the Series, "The Economics of Science, Technology and Innovation," Series Editors, Christiano Antonelli and Bo Carisson].

2000. "Intergenerational Interlinkages: Public, Family and Work," *Aging and Intergenerational Relations: Policy Trends*. Toronto and Montreal: University of Toronto and Université de Montreal Press.

2000. "Family Change and Life Course Development: Social Transformation on Intimate Frontiers," in Quah, Stella and Arnaud Sales (Eds.), *Social Transformations at the Turn of the Millenium: Sociological Theory and Current Empirical Research*. Madrid: International Sociological Association.

2000. "Sociological Perspectives on Women and Aging," in Dianne Garner & Susan Mercer (Eds.), *Women as They Age* (2nd completely new edition). New York: Haworth.

2000. "The Family Lives of the Middle-Aged and Elderly", Pp. 194-210 (Chapter 9) in Maureen Baker (Ed.), *Families: Changing Trends in Canada* (3rd Edition). Toronto: McGraw Hill Ryerson (4th edition), 2000.

McDaniel, Susan A. & Lorne Tepperman

2000. *Close Relations: An Introduction to Sociology of Families*. Toronto: Prentice-Hall.

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Romaniuc, Anatole

1999. "Matrimonial Behaviour in Canada and Ukraine: The Enduring Hold of Culture", (jointly with Liubov Chuiko), *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, and VOL. XXX. No 3. Summer 1999.

1998. L'Europe face à son destin démographique, *Reflets et perspectives de la vie économique*, De Boeck Université, Belgique, Tome XXXVII, 4ème Trimestre 1998. (Published also in Romanian translation in *Population si Societatea*, University of Bucharest).

1998. *Study in Demography*, a book of selected articles translated into Ukrainian from English and French, published by the *National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine*, under editorship of Dr. Valentyna Steshenko, Kyiv.

1999. Book Review, Canadian Families at the Approach of the Year 2000, Yves Péron et al, *Population and Development Review*, Vol. 25, No 3 September 1999.

Wargon, Sylvia

1999. "Retired public servants and 'emeritus' activities." (Article in OPTIMUM, The Journal of Public Sector Management. 1999, vol.29, No. 4. This issue appeared only in 2000)

2000. "Historical and political reflections on race." in *Race and racism. Canada's challenge*. L. Driedger and S. Halli, Editors. McGill-Queen's University Press (for Carleton University), Montréal and Kingston.

2000. "Demography and official statistics in Canada: the case of demoglinguistics." in *L'Ère des chiffres. Systèmes statistiques et traditions nationales/ The age of numbers. Statistical systems and national traditions*. Under the direction of Jean-Pierre Beaudet, Jean-Guy Prévost. Presses de l'Université du Québec. Ste. Foy, Québec.

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Incapacité et limitations d'activités. Chapitre 18 dans Santé Québec, Enquête sociale et de santé 1998. Montréal: Institut de la statistique du Québec (in press for release 6 November 2000).

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Zhang, Weiguo

1999. "Economic Reforms and Fertility Behaviour: A Study of a Northern Chinese Village," *European Journal of Population*, 15(4):317-348.

1999. "Implementation of State Family Planning Programmes in a Northern Chinese Village," *The China Quarterly*, 157:202-230.

2000. "Dynamics of Marriage Change in Chinese Rural Society in Transition: A Study of a Northern Chinese Village," *Population Studies*. 54:57-69.

Other Publications of Interest

Economic Reforms and Fertility Behaviour: A Study of a Northern Chinese Village.

Zhang, Weiguo, *Richmond: CURZON (to be published in Feb. 2001)*.

This book focuses on the way deliberate Chinese state policies driven by new economic and social agendas since the late 1970s have impacted on marriage, family relations and consequently on the way fertility trends have been adversely affected.

336 pages; Cloth: ISBN 1-873410-49-2 £40.00.

The 2001 Census

The 2001 Census content is now official!

Statistics Canada has undertaken a rigorous consultation, testing, review and approval process to ensure that the 2001 Census addresses the highest priority information requirements of data users and the general public. The CPS participated in the consultation process. The main issues were also presented for discussion at the annual general meetings by Rosemary Bender, Manager of the 2001 Census Content Determination Project.

Statistics Canada evaluated the data needs in light of a number of considerations, always bearing in mind the need to respect the respondent's right to privacy. These include legislative requirements, availability of other sources to meet data needs, respondent burden, and collection and processing costs. Proposed census content was also rigorously tested using a variety of methods including qualitative testing such as focus groups and in-depth interviews with respondents and national statistical tests.

The questions for the 2001 Census are available through the Statistics Canada internet site : www.statcan.ca. They include new questions on language of work and on birthplace of parents (this last question was last asked in the 1971 Census). In addition, the question on religion, asked every ten years, will be included in the 2001 Census. A new second part to the question on languages spoken at home will determine other languages spoken on a regular basis in the home in addition to the primary one. For questions on common-law unions and on family and household relationships, the definition of common-law couple was changed to include two persons of the opposite sex or of the same sex living together as a couple. The decennial question on fertility has not been retained. Most government, academic and private sector researchers make great use of surveys and administrative files as a source of data on fertility. To address concerns of users who consider the census as an important source of fertility data for certain subgroups of the Canadian population, such as immigrants, linguistic minorities and Aboriginals, Statistics Canada is considering avenues to fill this data gap. In particular, the sample size for the General Social Survey is being increased significantly.

Demographic Growth and Post Secondary Institutions: 2003-2010.

Jim Jackson, M.A.

According to the Council of Ontario Universities (COU), Ontario is facing the greatest increase in demand for college and university openings than ever before.(1). Due to the educational high school reform in Ontario and the double cohort phenomenon, there will be a tidal wave of students arriving at colleges and universities in 2003. It is expected that an additional supply of students will be arriving here, at Humber College, as soon as 2002. In 2003, the supply of students from the two graduating cohorts from high-school, will be at least 33,400 and there could potentially be as many as 88,900 students entering colleges and universities. This will be a block buster of an event. It is expected that this large supply of high school graduates will continue to affect colleges and universities until 2004-2008. (2.)

A surge in enrollment, however, is not new to Humber College. For example, in 1978 the full-time enrollment was 6,326 and by 1994 the full-time enrollment had nearly doubled and increased to 11,600 students. By fall term, 1999, it was estimated that there were approximately 12,150 full-time students registered at the College. Part-time enrollment has also climbed significantly to about 16,000 registrations. Students can take program courses part-time at night school or through new alternative programs. The Open Learning Center and distance learning programs, for example, have been established for part-time students to take courses at home by the computer and on-line internet correspondence.(3).

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Overall, in Ontario, the total full-time enrollment for community colleges has increased dramatically from 121,686, in 1993-94, to 141,257 by 1996-1997. University full-time enrollment, however, actually dropped from 231,156, in 1993-94, to 227,153 for 1997-98. (4).

Three distinct demographic trends, or population waves, are putting new pressures on post secondary education. Not only will there be the double cohort, there will also be an increase in the demand for college programs from the baby boom adult population and from the echo boom generation as well. Since the birth rate increased in the 1980's, the echo boom, there will be approximately 190,000 more young people in Ontario by 2010. (5). This population will most likely be keen for continuing their education to develop a career. The educational participation rates of the 18 to 24 year old age group could very well increase from the present level of 22% for universities and 11% for colleges by 2010.

Adult learners, or the baby boom generation, people born from 1950-1966, are a third group which will affect post secondary institutions. For example, here, at Humber College, the adult student population, (students 24 years of age and older), has increased both in the absolute terms and in the proportion of the student body from 1978 to the mid 1990's. In 1978, 12% of the 6,326 full-time students at Humber College were 24 years of age and older. But by 1994, 24% of the 11,600 full-time students were from this age group. (6). The adult student population is a big cohort and it had doubled in just a span of 16 years at Humber College.

In the future, the educational participation rate for the baby boom generation will continue to be constant and may very well increase for the post secondary programs. The changing work place requirements, career pressures, the need to upgrade job certificates and the growing demand for training in IT, will continuously require adults to register for post secondary courses. College and university opportunities will certainly be in demand.

Universities and community colleges, such as Humber College, will be affected by three distinct demographic trends. The double cohort, the echo boom generation and the baby boom population will significantly continue to have an impact and alter the student body's age composition at the colleges and universities. There is the urgent need to provide up to date educational resources and to develop the student services for these different groups of learners. In deed, the government needs to develop realistic budgets which can deal with this huge demand for post secondary education in Ontario. It is now the time to plan for these changes in our society.

An employment opportunity at McMaster University, Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences

NLSCY Research Scholar

The Department of Economics wishes to recruit a NLSCY Research Scholar for a term of two years. The successful candidate will be affiliated with both the Department of Economics and the Canadian Centre for Studies of Children at Risk at McMaster University, and will be expected to conduct empirical research on economic aspects of child health and development utilizing the Canadian National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth and other appropriate databases. This position will commence as early as 1 January 2001. The Department of Economics at McMaster University is a research-oriented department with unique strengths in demographic, health and labour economics as well as applied econometrics. The Department has an active graduate programme leading to the degrees of M.A. and Ph.D. in economics. The Canadian Centre for Studies of Children at Risk hosts one of four NLSCY Research Centres recently established by the Applied Research Branch of Human Resources Development Canada. McMaster's NLSCY Research Centre is emphasizing research which studies the links between child health and development and socioeconomic disadvantage. McMaster University is also home to one of the Research Data Centres being

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established to provide access to all of Statistics Canada's longitudinal data files.

The successful candidate will hold a Ph.D., or will have submitted a Ph.D. thesis for defense, before beginning a two-year term as a NLSCY Research Scholar. While the primary focus of this appointment is research, the scholar may assume teaching responsibilities in the Department of Economics. An additional stipend will be available in this case, and the scholar will be appointed at the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics.

The appointment will be in the Department of Economics. The primary criteria, however, are strong research skills and an equally strong interest in the topic. Applications from person with completed or nearly-completed doctoral degrees in other disciplines will be carefully considered.

McMaster University is committed to employment equity, and encourages applications from *all* who are eligible for this position. Interested candidates are invited to send an application, including a curriculum vitae, and request that three academic referees send reference letters, to: Martin Dooley, Department of Economics, McMaster University

1280 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, L8S 4M4

Telephone: (905) 525-9140 x24591; FAX: (905) 521-8232

Electronic mail: dooley@mcmaster.ca to whom further enquires can also be directed. Applications will be reviewed as they are received; none will be considered after 15 November 2000.

Commerce Secretary Mineta invites Professor K.V. Rao, President, India Network Foundation to serve on the Census Advisory Committee

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Norman Y. Mineta invited Dr. K.V. Rao, President, India Network Foundation, and Director of Applied Demography, Department of Sociology, Bowling Green State University to serve on the Census Advisory Committee on the Asian Population. In his letter, Secretary Mineta emphasized that the Committee has a vital role in providing an organized and continuing channel of communication with the Asian population. The U.S. Census Bureau will seek advice from the Committee on strategies it should employ to reduce the differential undercount for population groups and seek suggestions on methods for disseminating census data and products to the Asian population and other data users. The Census Bureau will seek advice from the committee on research and design plans for the 2010 decennial census, the American Community Survey, and other related programs. The Census Advisory committee will provide guidance in ways to increase the participation of Asian American and other business owners and improve usefulness of the data for the Minority-Owned Business Survey.

When asked what this invitation means, Professor K.V. Rao indicated that he was looking forward for an opportunity like this to help increase census participation of minority populations, reduction in undercount and misclassification issues at the Census. As Honorary President of the largest and long established internet based non-profit India Network Foundation, Professor Rao inspired thousands of Asian Americans to actively participate in the just concluded census through his editorials and answering questions/myths about information collected by the Census Bureau. Professor Rao said that minority groups, particularly Asian are concerned about privacy and mis-use of information though Census assures full confidentiality. This is where, Dr. Rao indicated that community organizations and leaders can make a difference by re-assuring the community and impress on the groups for full census participation and use of census data in their research, business planning, and in other areas.

Diversification of population mix from various cultural and religious backgrounds with their own belief systems, customs and apprehensions are some of the key issues that the Census Bureau should be concerned about when it comes to 2010 census and the advisory committee can play an important role in addressing those issues. Additional information on the committee activities can be found at <http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/asiancharter2000.html>

In Memoriam

PROFESSOR W.D. BORRIE 1913-2000

M.V. George

Professor Wilfred D. Borrie, the renowned Australian demographer for over half a century, passed away in January of this year at the age of 87.

After obtaining a First Class Honours Masters degree in history in 1937 from the University of Otago in New Zealand where he was born, Professor Borrie went to Cambridge University, U.K. as British Council Dominion Scholar to pursue studies on migration. He then joined the Faculty of Economics, University of Sydney, Australia. Later when the Department of Demography came into existence in late 1952 at The Australian National University (ANU), he was made its first Reader-in-charge. In 1957, he became Professor of Demography, the first designated chair in demography in the world, a position he held until his retirement in 1978 to become Emeritus Professor. He was also the Director of the School of Social Sciences of the University between 1968-1973. Professor Borrie was a member of the Australian Government's Immigration Planning Council from 1965 to 1974, and Chairman of the Population Inquiry from 1970 to 1978. After his retirement from the ANU, he became Executive Director of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia from 1979 to 1985. He was also visiting Professor and Acting Director of Princeton University's Office of Population Research in 1959-1960, and Chairman of the United Nations Population Commission, 1965-1969. During this period, he organised the IUSSP Regional Conference in Sydney in 1967.

Professor Borrie was a member of the IUSSP since 1949, and served as its Vice-President from 1957 to 1959. He was awarded the 1996 IUSSP Laureate. The award was made in recognition of: "his central role in the development of demography, and more generally the Social Sciences, in Australia and New Zealand; his important services to the international demographic community; and his outstanding work as a demographic scholar with a number of seminal works in the field". As Dr. Dirk J. Van de Kaa, stated at the awarding ceremony, "There are only a handful of demographers who, like Professor Borrie, can point to half a century of participation in international demographic discourse at the highest level".

At the 80th birthday of Professor Borrie, the Department of Demography, ANU, presented a memorial volume entitled *The Founding of Australian Demography* to him in September 1993 as a tribute to his great contributions to the discipline of demography in Australia.

Professor Borrie has numerous publications to his credit. Of his many books, "The Growth and Control of World Population in 1970; and *The European Peopling of Australia: A Demographic History, 1788-1988*" are notable, which will remain a monument to his international reputation as a scholar.

As stated in the Preface to his 80th birthday commemorative volume, "Professor Borrie has been modest in his achievements, always supportive of his colleagues and students and prepared to go the second mile". Although he is gone, his legacy to demography as a highly respected professor in the formation of numerous demographers from Australia and elsewhere will continue to prevail and be ever remembered. His adorably warm, loving, and caring character is something unique among persons of his position and stature.

PROF. WILLIAM BRASS

Tabitha Langeni

Prof William Brass taught me at the London school of hygiene and Tropical Medicine at the University of London in England. When I met him for the first time, he was an old man with an awkward-looking suit and spoke with a heavy unusual accent, which I later learned was Scottish. He impressed me as a warm, passionate and approachable father towards whom we, as students, could feel free to come with our problems.

Coming from a developing country where statistics are sometimes incomplete, I found his Indirect Estimation

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Techniques very valuable especially in the area of fertility, childhood and adult mortality. Since 1970 it has become impossible to find a population census in the developing world which does not have at least 3 items suggested by Prof. Brass, namely: children born in the 12 months preceding the census; the number of children ever born by the date of the census; and, surviving children. His book "The Demography of Tropical Africa" is regarded by demographers who work in developing countries as a kind of a Bible for there is much to be learned from it.

I remember his honest and compassionate manner with which he treated us, his students at the time. This contributed greatly to the learning and growth of all those who had the opportunity to share some moments with him.

Demography has certainly suffered a tragic loss of one of its few intellectual giants and one of its warmest human beings.

Dr. C. Chandrasekaran, 1911-2000

M. V. George

Dr. Chitambara Chandrasekaran passed away in January of this year in Bangalore, India at the age of 89. He was ill for the past few years. He was a pioneering demographer, and the most eminent and internationally respected Indian demographer; had many distinctions to his credit.

Dr. Chandrasekaran took his Ph.D. from the University of London. U.K. He then joined the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health as the first Professor of Statistics in 1945; became Director of the International Institute for Population Sciences, Bombay in 1959. He also served the United Nations in several capacities: Senior Officer, the Population Division, United Nations, New York; Regional Advisor on Population Policies and Programmes at ECAFE; Inter-regional Advisor in Population at United Nations, New York; Senior Advisor on Policy and Planning of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA); and Population Specialist of the World Bank.

Dr. Chandrasekaran was the first person from the developing countries to be elected as the President of the IUSSP, 1969-1972, and was subsequently elected as Honorary President of the Union. He was nominated the first Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee of the World Fertility Survey. He was a member of the International Statistical Institute and a life member of the Indian Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Chandrasekaran was a recipient of several distinguished awards. He was awarded the Watumal prize for his studies on family planning in 1964, and was the recipient of the University of Michigan Sesquicentennial Award in 1967.

The Chandrasekaran-Dewing formula for the estimation of birth and death rates, using dual-records, and Dr. Chandrasekaran's extensive work on the evaluation on family planning programmes are well-known. He directed the famous United Nations Mysore Population Survey in India around 1950, the first of its kind in the world, and prepared its report. It served as a model for such surveys in the field. The list of his contributions in the field of population studies runs into several pages.

Demography has lost one of its great pioneering leaders.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Canadian Population Society

Annual Meetings
University of Laval
Quebec

May 27-29, 2001

October 29, 2000

Dear Colleagues:

Subsequent to my call for suggestions toward the CPS meetings next May, I am sending out the following Call for Abstracts. Colleagues are urged to submit their abstracts to the Organizers listed in conjunction with the identified sessions below. Anyone who at this point wishes to submit a completed paper to any of the Organizers is encouraged to do so. Persons, whose abstracts (or papers) do not fall into any of the indicated sessions, are asked to send them directly to me; I will then try to arrange them accordingly into possible additional sessions.

Please note that we will be having an interactive poster session, to be organized by Edward Ng. This promises to be a very interesting session; so let us contribute to it (see below).

PLEASE NOTE

The deadline for submitting abstracts to organizers of sessions is December 10, 2000.

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PRELIMINARY LIST OF SESSIONS CPS MEETINGS, 2001

1. Mortality and Morbidity in the New Millennium: A New Epidemiological Transition?

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Description

In keeping with the 2001 Congress theme of Plagues and Viruses, this session will present papers on the role of infectious diseases in morbidity and mortality in recent years in Canada or elsewhere or globally. Both empirical (including projections) and theoretical papers are welcome. Papers will share a thematic session focus on the degree and/or consequences of increasing morbidity and mortality from infectious diseases to our understanding of epidemiologic transition.

2. Aboriginal Demography: New Developments and Contemporary Issues

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Description

This session is intended to cover a number of developments and issues in Aboriginal demography, ranging from methodological developments to issues such as implications of Aboriginal demography for policy, legislation and community planning. Papers and presentations in any of these categories would be welcome.

3. Current Issues in Sociocultural Demography

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Description

This session will deal with selected issues related to the social and cultural demography of immigration, racial and ethnic groups. This could include demographic profiles of communities such as their linguistic, religious, racial and attitudinal attributes, as well as behavioural processes related to the social demography of sociocultural groups.

4. Family Transitions Over the Life Course

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Description

Papers are welcome that address theoretical issues and/or empirical research on any life-course family transition. Topics may include, for example, home leaving, partnership formation or dissolution, or widowhood.

5. Issues and Developments in Population Estimation Methods and Projections

Chair/Organizer: Don Kerr

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Description

This session will include papers that look at any aspect of population estimation and projections, from the philosophical and theoretical to the formal type.

6. The Social Demography of Quebec and the Rest of Canada: The Second Demographic Transition and Beyond

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Description

Papers submitted for this session should pertain in some way to changing social demographic trends in Quebec and the rest of Canada. Topics of interest include (though not limited to) family and household, cohabitation, fertility, mortality, family formation and dissolution, immigration and population policy. Comparative analyses along any or all of these social demographic dimensions would be welcome.

7. Interactive Poster Session: Current Demographic Research

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Description

In an interactive poster session, persons who submit posters will give a brief presentation of their works in the context of a regular session, to be followed by the actual viewing of posters, where presenters and audience will have a chance to address questions and answers. Colleagues are encouraged to submit new posters, or posters that may have been prepared recently for other types of presentations or venues. PLEASE NOTE: ABSTRACTS OF POSTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 10, 2000.

8. Analysis of Census Data: Lessons Learned

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Description

This session is intended to provide a forum for scholars to stimulate new ideas for advanced analytical research based on census data, especially the 2001 Census. In recent years, the census seems to have become marginalized, despite its richness in terms of consistent and long time series of various social, cultural and economic measures, although to some extent the availability of survey data has filled in this gap. Students and researchers need to know the potential of the census database and new ideas that can be examined with the aid of these data, albeit in conjunction with other sources. Research of this nature may also lead to the development of new methods and/or indicators. Thus we would like the presenters in this session to come up with research proposals for projects that they would like to pursue themselves or that could stimulate other researchers in carrying out issue-oriented and policy relevant studies.

9. Urbanization, Internal Migration and Sustainable Development

Organizer/Chair: Eddie Ebanks
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Description:

Papers dealing with any aspect of urbanization and/or internal migration and their relationship(s) to broader societal issues of sustainability are welcome. Papers can deal with either developing or developed countries.

10. Demographic Aspects of Social Cohesion

Organizer:

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Description:

This session will include papers that deal with any aspect(s) of the interrelationships between social cohesion and demographic processes, including but not restricted to how social cohesion relates to community health and mortality conditions across the general population and specific sub-groups; the health of children and families, and other family related processes.

CANADIAN POPULATION SOCIETY

27th Annual Meeting

May 27th to 29th, 2001

University of Laval, Laval, Quebec

Student Paper Competition

An annual competition held by the CPS for the best paper prepared by student(s), for the regular or poster session. The winner will present the paper at the annual CPS conference.

To be eligible for the 2001 competition, the following criteria apply:

1. CPS member(s) enrolled in a graduate program in any university in Canada or abroad.
2. Abstract of the paper must be received by the program chair no later than **10th December 2000**, and be accepted for presentation at the meeting.
3. Paper must deal with a population-related topic, and should be written in English and be within 25 pages in total.
4. Paper should be solely the work of the participating student or students. Co-authored paper with non-student will be excluded.

Award Details

1. A \$500 cash prize, discount airfare travel costs to the 2001 conference, and 3 nights' accommodation will be awarded to the winner.
2. Students who enter the competition with quality paper and meet the criteria will be awarded a one-year CPS membership.

Deadlines

Student papers are held to all the regular paper submission deadlines. Refer to the call for abstracts and details of the 2001 conference. As well, eligible candidates must submit 3 copies of their papers by **4th March 2001** to:

Shirley Loh, 2000-2001 CPS Student Award Committee Chair
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Paper submissions will be accepted by mail, courier, fax, or e-mail attachment (Word preferred).

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