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From the editor's desk...

Laurie Goldmann

I believe it is important to begin each newsletter by thanking all the CPS members for their contributions. I also feel that I must apologize for this newsletter as it appears to be a "light" version of the original. Clearly summer is a busy time for our members, with vacations and all sorts of other activities to occupy their time. It is for this reason that I proposed at the Annual General Assembly to shift the timing of the publication of the newsletter by a month for each edition, a suggestion that was accepted by members. It is my hope that this small shift in the timing for the calls for input will solicit more valuable contributions from our members as I know you are all busy and have much to share with fellow CPS members.

You will also note in this edition, the passing of one of our members, Professor Karol Krotki. I know we will all be saddened by this loss as Prof. Krotki has touched the lives of so many in our discipline. He will be missed by all and our thoughts go out to his family and friends.

On a lighter note, it was nice to see so many CPS members at our annual meetings this year in Saskatoon. For those of you who attended, the photos at the end of this newsletter will serve to highlight some of our memorable moments. For those who were unable to attend, the photos will give you a sense of our meetings and hopefully entice you to join us in Vancouver next June.

Happy reading.

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Message from the President

Gustave Goldmann

Dear Colleagues,

All of you will have received the notice that our dear colleague and friend, Karol Krotki, passed away on July 6, 2007. He was a respected member of our profession and our society. He was a dominant presence in our discipline and he has in many ways touched all of our lives. He will be missed. A brief In Memoriam appears in this issue of CPS News. A more extensive tribute is being prepared by some of his close friends and colleagues for the next issue of CPS News. Please send any contributions to Balakrishnan at bala@uwo.ca.

Our annual meetings at the University of Saskatchewan must be considered a success. While Saskatoon proved to be a difficult venue for some of us to reach, once there we found a very welcoming environment. Attendance was comparable to some of the meetings held in cities such as Toronto and London. Kudos to the Program Committee, chaired by Zheng Wu, on organising a very stimulating and interesting program. Features such as the poster session, the keynote speaker (Neil Collishaw) and the thematic sessions provided many opportunities for rich intellectual exchanges – a major goal of conferences such this. Furthermore, the quality of the presentations was extremely high. Congratulations to all presenters. Finally, our students proved beyond any shadow of doubt that the future looks very bright for our discipline. The winners of the student paper competition, Lisa Kaida, Melissa Moyser and Stella Park, deserve high praise for their research and the quality of their presentation. Congratulations.

Approximately 10 people attended the pre-conference symposium on advanced analytical methods. While the attendance was somewhat disappointing, the session was excellent. Many thanks to Leslie-Anne Keown and Georgia Roberts (both from Statistics Canada) for organising and conducting the session. I am certain that those who attended learned a great deal and are now converts to STATA. I am impressed at how smoothly the session unfolded, in spite of the fact that the chair was a victim of the airlines (hence the comment in the previous paragraph about the difficulty in reaching Saskatoon).

I want to use this opportunity to thank all the council members, committee chairs and committee members for their contributions to the Society. Each one of us makes a difference and we all add to the strength and relevance of the Society. To recap, here are some highlights from the two Council meetings and the Annual General Assembly. The National Committee proposed the addition of two questions in response to the content consultations for the 2011 Census – one dealing with total fertility (children ever born) and another dealing with the number of children ever fathered. Further information is provided below in the update from the Committee. The Journal Committee has been very active on two fronts – making the transition to open access, a concept that is viewed very favourably by SSHRC, and looking at ways in which we can enhance the likelihood that CSP will receive grant funding in the next round of submissions. The Secretary Treasurer received a great deal of advice on how to structure the budget. There was also discussion on how we can improve our financial position, especially in light of the fact that membership is not increasing. As you can see, the coming year will bring with it some challenges and some opportunities. I am confident that the committees are up to the task.

You will be receiving the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Saskatoon. At the risk of repetition I would like to bring the following point to your attention. In my report I suggested that the time has come to consider our future and options very seriously. Our membership is not really growing (see the report of the Membership Committee). Our finances may be somewhat stable, but they are still in a precarious state when we look to the future (see the report of the Secretary Treasurer). There is no real "professional home" for the empirical social science research community in Canada right now. We can (and should, in my opinion) be that professional home. In fact, I believe that the program for our meetings over the past few years and the nature and quality of the presentations that we have seen confirm that we are well on our way towards this goal. I recommended that we strike a committee to undertake some strategic planning for the CPS. This recommendation was accepted by the Assembly. While the

composition of this committee is open for discussion and suggestions, it will be chaired by the President. The committee is asked to prepare a strategic plan and vision for the CPS to be tabled at the 2008 meetings. The plan should include concrete actions that we can take in the short term to move towards an agreed upon vision of where we want to take the Society in the future. It should also incorporate the visions that the Journal Committee has for CSP. I welcome your input.

On another note, the census has arrived in the Research Data Centres. The 2001 data are available and they will be followed over the next 18 months by data from 1996, 2006, 1991 and 1921. The availability of these data opens up some very interesting research opportunities for all of us.

I hope everyone is enjoying summer and is having a very fruitful "research semester".

Message from the Secretary-Treasurer

Edward Ng

As the new secretary-treasurer and as chair of the membership committee of the CPS, I am responsible to report to the general membership at the 2007 AGM in Saskatoon how the society did in terms of membership. However, before the annual meetings, we found out that there was an error in the codes used in counting members. At the AGM, we promised to report to the membership as soon as possible after investigation, and here is a brief report.

In the 2006 AGM at York University, it was reported that we had 179 members in 2005. However, the correct 2005 membership was revised downward to 168 (see table 1). The correct 2006 figure was 157. This means that we have a slight drop in membership from 2005 to 2006. The decline was mainly in Ontario (a drop from 96 to 89 members). Foreign membership also dropped from 20 to 17, while that in B.C. dropped from 10 to 8. Looking at this by membership type shows that this decline occurred among regular members.

The membership committee encourages members to suggest ways to increase membership. This is important as our society relies heavily on general membership support especially through annual membership fees. We also want to remind people to keep their membership payment up-to-date, if this has not been done. If you have not received any supporting receipt from CPS for income tax purpose, you are probably not a member. If you want to confirm your membership status, feel free to contact Cheryl McNeill at U of Western Ontario at cdmcneil@uwo.ca, or myself at edward.ng@statcan.ca.

Table 1: Canadian Population Society membership 2005 and 2006 (corrected)

Province	2005	2006	Type of Member	2005	2006
PEI	0	0	Student	30	31
NS	1	1	Institution	3	3
NB	1	2	Honorary	1	1
Que	12	12	Lifetime	3	3
Ontario	96	89	Emeriti	14	15
Man	3	2	Regular	117	104
Sask	4	5	Total	168	157
AB	21	21			
BC	10	8			
Canadian	148	140			
Foreign	20	17			
Total	168	157			

Employment Opportunities

Research Position for Early Stage Research, INED for the Marie Curie Research Training Network (RTN) "Transnationality of Migrations".

Application Deadline: September 15, 2007

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Further information: http://www.ined.fr/en/

Student Corner...

Melissa Moyser

For the past couple of editions of the CPS News, student participation has been minimal, which may suggest that the newsletter is not addressing the needs and interests of student members. Traditionally, the area of the newsletter dedicated to student members—the student corner—has been used to keep the CPS membership up-to-date on the academic/professional activities and accomplishments of its junior members. I have heard (unofficially) that a number of student members have recently experienced momentous developments in their academic/professional lives. I think that it is important to share these in the context of the CPS News for three reasons. First, it illustrates to other student members where opportunities exist for those engaged in demography to make presentations, publish, and be employed. Second, it fosters a sense of community. Finally, since many of the senior members of the CPS are or have been teachers and mentors who help us along the way, the activities and accomplishments of student members also reflect positively on them.

The editor of the CPS News, Laurie Goldmann, has suggested that the function of the student corner be expanded beyond just "keeping posted," so as to better meet the needs and interests of student members. Perhaps there is some aspect of student or professional life that you would like to know about. Or, something you would like to share in this regard. Maybe there is a pressing demographic issue that you would like to see discussed. Please share your suggestions for upcoming editions of the student corner with me (melissa.moyser@utoronto.ca), and continue to send updates on your recent academic/professional activities and accomplishments.

Professor Karol Krotki (1922-2007), In Memoriam

With sadness we inform CPS members that our colleague and friend, Karol Krotki, professor emeritus of the University of Alberta, died last July 6th, in Edmonton, at the age of 85. The demographic community in Canada mourns the loss of a dear colleague and friend, a truly exceptional scholars and a towering figure in international demography. Through his work and accomplishments, Professor Karol Krotki will continue to inspire generations of demographers worldwide.

The CPS News will feature in its next issue an extensive article dedicated to the memory of Professor Karol Krotki, his life and accomplishments. You are invited to send your inputs and personal reminiscences. Please forward your thoughts at your earliest convenience to lgoldmann0105@rogers.com.

Keeping Posted...

Roderic Beaujot and **Zenaida Ravanera** have received a SSHRC standard research grant under the title "Family and Work: Models of Earning and Caring".

Monica Boyd has been elected as the President of the Canadian Sociological Association for 2008-2009. She currently serves as CSA President Elect. She continues to serve as the head of Division I (Anglophone Social Sciences) of Academy II of the Royal Society of Canada. Monica has also agreed to serve at the U. of T. representative to the Center of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Settlement (CERIS-Metropolis) Board of Management, 2007-2010. In addition, Monica gave an invited presentation at the 2007 annual meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA), March 29-31, 2007 in New York City in the session "Panel Discussion on Immigrant Selection and Adaptation: Comparative Perspectives" The title of her talk was "Immigrant Selection and Adaptation: Issues in Canada". Monica also presented papers at the 9th National Metropolis conference held March 1-4, 2007, the PAA meetings and the CPS meetings in Saskatoon in June 2007

Martin Cooke has been awarded a 3-year SSHRCC Standard Research Grant to study *Aboriginal Disadvantage over the Life Course.* The project will use quantitative and qualitative data to study the different timing and transitions of life course events experienced by Aboriginal peoples and how these may contribute to systemic disadvantage. **Eric Guimond** from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is a collaborator on the project.

Rajulton Fernando and Zenaida R. Ravanera attended the *International Conference on Extended and Extending Families*, the second international conference organized by the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships based at the University of Edinburgh, where they each presented a paper - Rajulton on *Socio-Economic Determinants of Family Formation*, and Zenaida on *Differentials by Family Structures of Social Capital of Women*. The papers are outcomes of research projects funded by Human Resources and Social Development Canada through the Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster.

In March, **Alain Gagnon** (Principal Applicant, University of Western Ontario), Bertrand Desjardins (Coapplicant, Université de Montréal) and Robert Bourbeau (Collaborator, Université de Montréal) were awarded a three year SSHRC grant: "Can early life conditions explain survival to a very old age?". The aim of the project is to match data from the Québec Civil registration to the Canadian censuses of 1901 and 1911 in order to test whether childhood conditions are associated with survival from ages 45 to 85, and whether these conditions retain their importance beyond 85, and predict survival to age 100. Alain has also presented at several conferences in the past six months including at the Séminaire du Département de démographie (Université de Montréal) et du Centre Interuniversitaire d'Études Démographiques in Montréal on February 22, 2007, the École Libre des Hautes Etudes (ELDHE), Variation in Human Longevity: Data, Methods, Hypotheses on March 27-28, 2007 in New York City and

the first annual Applied Statistical Modeling Research Unit Workshop on July 5-6, 2007 in Coldwater, Ontario.

Gustave Goldmann presented "The Aboriginal People and the Census: 135 years of information on the Aboriginal peoples of Canada" at the PAA meetings in New York in March 2007 and at the CPS meetings in Saskatoon in June 2007.

Susan McDaniel is now a Professor of Family Studies and Senior Researcher at the Institute of Public & International Affairs, University of Utah. The position is roughly equivalent to a senior CRC and will be in International Public Policy. All her Canadian research and policy involvements will continue, including her role as part of the lead team for the newly funded SSHRC cluster on Population Change and Life Course, member of the Steering Committee for the National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth and member of the Scientific Advisory Committee, Council of Canadian Academics. New coordinates will be listed in the FCD directory. New e-mail is: susan.mcdaniel@ipia.utah.edu.

Research by CPS members were showcased in the recently launched UWO RDC Newsletter. The first issue features a study of family and hyperactivity among elementary aged children by **Don Kerr** and **Joseph Michalski** based on their paper, *Family Structure and Children's Hyperactivity Problems: A Longitudinal Analysis*. The second issue highlights findings of a study by **David Walters**, **Kelly Phythian**, and **Paul Anisef** on *The Acculturation of Canadian Immigrants*. The newsletter's most recent issue, "Have Income, Will Marry" summarizes a study of the timing of marriage and how it is affected by education and income by **Zenaida Ravanera** and **Fernando Rajulton**. The newsletter can be accessed through http://www.rdc.uwo.ca/newsletter.htm.

Recent Member Publications

Beaujot, R. & D. Kerr (eds.) (2007), *The Changing Face of Canada: Essential Readings in Population.* Toronto: Canadian Scholar's Press.

Bhandari, **P.**, Shrestha, S. S. & D. J. Ghimire (2007), "Sociocultural and Geographical Disparities in Child Immunization in Nepal". *Asia-Pacific Population Journal*; 22 (2): 43-64.

Mazan, R. & **A. Gagnon** (2007), "Familial and Environmental Influences on Longevity in a Colonial Pre-Industrialized Population/ Influence des facteurs familiaux et environnementaux sur la longévité au Québec ancien". *Press*: Population.

Liu, G. & A. Vikat (2007 - forthcoming), "Does Divorce Risk in Sweden Depend on Spouses' Relative Income? A Study of Marriages in 1981–1998." *Canadian Studies in Population*; 34(2).

Zhang, W. & **G. Liu** (2007), "Childlessness, Psychological Well-Being, and Life Satisfaction Among the Elderly in China". *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*; 22(2):185-203.

McDaniel, S. A. (forthcoming, Fall 2007), SAGE Major Work on Ageing/Gerontology. London, UK: Sage.

Rozanova, J., Northcott, H.C. & **S. A. McDaniel** (2006), "Seniors and Portrayals of Intra-Generational and Inter-Generational Inequality in the Globe and Mail". *Canadian Journal on Aging*; 25(4):373-386.

McDaniel, S. A. (2006), "Innovation in Social Guise" in L. Earl & F. Gault (Eds), *National Innovation, Indicators and Policy*. Cheltenham, U.K: Elgar. Pp. 154-164.

McDaniel, S. A. (2007), "Families, Feminism and the State" in L. Samuelson (Ed.), *Power and Resistance: Critical Thinking About Canadian Social Issues*. Toronto: Fernwood.

McDaniel, S.A. (2007), "Pensions, Privilege and Poverty: Another 'Take' on Inter-generational Equity," in J. Veron, S. Pennec & J. Legare (Eds.), *Age, Generation and the Social Contract: The Demographic Challenges Facing the Welfare State.* Berlin: Springer. Pp. 295-315.

McDaniel, S. A. (with Paul Bernard) (2006), "Broadening the Conceptual Ambit and Policy Utility of Life Course." Policy Paper for Human Resources and Social Development Canada.

McDaniel, S. A. (with Paul Bernard) (2007), "Life Course as a Policy Lens." Policy Paper for Human Resources and Social Development Canada.

McDaniel, S. A. (2007), "Why Generation(s) Matter(s) to Policy". Policy Research Initiative: Privy Council of Canada.

Borugian, M.J., Spinelli, J.J., Mezei, G., **Wilkins, R.** & M. McBride (2007, in press), "Childhood Leukaemia and Socioeconomic Status". Letter in *International Journal of Epidemiology.*

Kierans, W., Luo, Z.C., Taylor-Clapp, S., **Wilkins, R.** & L. Foster (2007, in press), *Infant Macrosomia among First Nations in British Columbia: Prevalence, Trends and Characteristics.* Prepared for First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Health Canada. British Columbia Vital Statistics Agency. Ministry of Health, Victoria BC. www.vs.gov.bc.ca/stats/features/index.html

Kramer, M.S., **Wilkins, R.**, Platt, R.W., Goulet, L., Seguin, L., Lydon, J., Kahn, S. & H, McNamara (June 18-19, 2007), *Intensive Data Collection vs Selection Bias: Can We Have Our Cake and Eat It?*. Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research (SPER) Annual Meeting, Boston Massachusetts (Abstract).

James, P.D., **Wilkins, R.**, Detsky, A.S., Tugwell, P. & D.G. Manuel (2007), "Avoidable Mortality by Neighbourhood Income in Canada: 25 Years After the Establishment of Universal Health Insurance". *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*; 61:287-296.

Wilkins, R., & P. James (April 18, 2007), "Study: Avoidable Mortality by Neighbourhood Income, 1971-1996". *The Daily*, Statistics Canada catalogue: 11-001-XIE.

Forthcoming Conferences

5th Annual Health Statistics Data Users Conference

September 24-25, 2007 (preconference workshop September 23, 2007) Statistics Canada and the Canadian Institute of Health Information Ottawa Congress Centre, Ottawa

www.statcan.ca/english/conferences/healthsante2007

12th International Metropolis Conference

October 8-12, 2007

Melbourne, Australia

http://www.metropolis2007.org/

Life Course Transitions of Children and Youth

October 12-13, 2007

Atlantic Research Data Centre and Dalhousie University

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Deadline for submitting abstracts: April 30, 2007

http://conference.ardc.dal.ca/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

24th International Methodology Symposium

October 28-31, 2007 Statistics Canada Gatineau, Quebec

http://www.statcan.ca/english/conferences/symposium2008/index.htm

Workshop on Calibration and Estimation in Surveys

October 31-November 1, 2007

Statistics Canada Ottawa, Ontario

http://www.statcan.ca/english/conferences/wces-acee/index-en.htm

Social Statistics and Ethnic Diversity - should we cont, how should we count & why?

December 6-8, 2007

Quebec Inter-University Centre for Social Statistics and the Institut national d'études démographiques

Montreal, Quebec

www.cigss.umontreal.ca

www.ined.fr

Population, Work and Family Policy Research Collaboration – Symposium

Theme: Social and economic well-being of Canada's Population in 2017

December 12-14, 2007

Ottawa, Ontario

10th National Metropolis Conference

April 3-6, 2008

Halifax, Nova Scotia

http://www.metropolis2008.net/english.html

Population Association of America

April 17-19, 2008

New Orleans, Louisiana

http://www.popassoc.org

Association francophone pour le savoir (ACFAS)

Theme of the ADQ's symposium: Demography and Public Policies

May 5-9, 2008

Centre des congres de Quebec, Quebec

www.acfas.ca/congres

Socio-Economic Conference 2007

May 28-29, 2007

Ottawa, Ontario

http://www.statcan.ca

Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences

May 31- June 8, 2008

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia

http://www.fedcan.ca/congress2008/

Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia

www.csaa.ca

Canadian Population Society Annual Meetings

June 4-6, 2008

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia

http://canpopsoc.org

Feature: The Population Change and Lifecourse Cluster (PCLC) Gets SSHRC Funding

The Strategic Knowledge Cluster on "Population Change and Lifecourse" was one of seven successful applications in the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) competition on Strategic Knowledge Clusters. Roderic Beaujot (University of Western Ontario) is the Principal Investigator, with the following co-applicants: Paul Bernard (Université de Montréal), Céline Le Bourdais (McGill University), Susan McDaniel (University of Windsor), Kevin McQuillan (University of Calgary), Amélie Quesnel-Vallée (McGill University), Byron Spencer (McMaster University) and Zheng Wu (University of Victoria). The partners associated with the application are Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Health Canada, Human Resources and Social Development Canada, Policy Research Initiative, Statistics Canada and University of Western Ontario. Zenaida Ravanera (Population Studies Centre, University of Western Ontario) is coordinator of the cluster.

The Strategic Knowledge Cluster on "Population Change and Lifecourse" brings demographic and social research to the forefront of discussion of social policy. The cluster received \$2,097,000 over eight years to establish a network of researchers and partners in the government and private sectors. Their objective is to better understand the determinants and consequences of population change for individuals, communities and society. Broad demographic changes affect the key decisions that individuals make and the transitions they experience in life; in turn, the changes in life course patterns bring change in the growth, distribution and composition of the population. "The network fosters interaction between persons in research and policy-making communities, and builds toward the next generation of researchers through support for training, exchanges and access to data," says Beaujot.

The cluster grant will establish a research network that connects leading scholars, government officials and non-academic stakeholders to synthesize research efforts across the country and benefit policy making. The project is expected to have significant social, economic, political and cultural importance.

The cluster on Population Change and Public Policy is subsidizing special issues of *Cahiers québécois* de démographie and *Canadian Studies in Population* on the theme of Demographic change and public policy. Various articles can be submitted, including presentations at the symposiums of the Population, Work and Family Policy Research Collaboration. The third PWFC symposium will be in Ottawa on 12-14 December with the theme of "Social and economic well-being of Canada's population in 2017."

PCLC Awards Travel Grants to Students

Seven students were awarded travel grants through the 2007 Student Competition for student training, workshop attendance, and conference presentation, one of the first projects of the Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster (PCLC). The students who will attend training or present a conference paper in the United States, Europe, or Australia are: Nora Bohnert (University of Western Ontario), Claire de Oliveira (McMaster University), Yann Decarie (University of Sherbrooke), Stella Park (University of Toronto), Christoph M. Schimmele (University of Victoria), Laura Templeton (University of Alberta) and Jessica Yiu (University of Toronto).

In addition to periodically held student competitions for travel grants, the cluster encourages student participation in the third symposium of the Population Work and Family Policy Research Collaboration and plans for a Student Conference in 2008.

Committee Corner...

Notice from the National Committee

Zenaida R. Ravanera

The National Committee composed of Zenaida R. Ravanera and Kevin McQuillan (co-chairs), Eric Fong, Evelyne Lapierre-Adamcyk, and Frank Trovato (members) made a submission to Statistics Canada's 2011 Census Consultation, proposing the inclusion of fertility questions, specifically on *number of children ever born* or *ever fathered*. The submission argues that information on fertility gathered through the census would greatly contribute to knowledge- and evidence-based discussions of a number of policy concerns including: aging; child care and child support; work-life balance; immigration; population sustainability; population distribution; and supply of labour.

Society Corner...

Federation of Canadian Demographers (FCD)

Russell Wilkins

A newly revised FCD *Directory* (updated to June 2007) was recently circulated to all CPS and ADQ members. If you didn't receive your copy, or if changes are needed, please contact FCD President Russell Wilkins (russell.wilkins@statcan.ca).

Memorable Moments from CPS Annual Meeting 2007



