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**Message from the President**

As the Canadian Population Society's 2012 annual meetings near, I want to take this opportunity to thank CPS members for the honor and privilege of serving as CPS President for the past two years.

It has been a very productive two years for the CPS, with successful annual meetings in Fredericton, New Brunswick, last year, and the upcoming meetings in Kitchener-Waterloo. CPS members have also been very active with research, teaching, and travel to international professional meetings.

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**Thanks to CPS Members**

The President's Message is always the time to recognize CPS members whose hard work has ensured that the CPS does its work and serves its members.

I begin by thanking the officers of the society, many of whom will be stepping down this summer. I would like to thank Eric Fong (who has served as Vice-President), Laurie Goldmann (who has served as Secretary-Treasurer), Council members Jenna Hennebry, Feng Hou, Don Kerr, Jianye Liu, Anne Milan, and Zenaida Ravanera, and student representative Stacey Hallman.

I also thank members who have helped by serving as CPS representatives to other organizations, including Alain Gagnon to the Federation of Canadian Demographers and Margaret Michalowski to the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The CPS is especially grateful for the excellent and dedicated service of Frank Trovato, Editor of *Canadian Studies in Population*, and the efficient work of his assistants, Stephanie Baker and Kamrul Islam. The CPS is fortunate to have a leading demographic journal, which offers publication for research focusing on Canada as well as top-quality articles dealing with other demographic topics.

I also thank Christoph Schimmele, Editor of CPS News, for his fine work in delivering a newsletter that is full of news and information to CPS members.

There are many other members who have helped in myriad ways and I thank them all for their work. My work as CPS President would have been more difficult if not for you.

I welcome and wish success to the new President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Council members – who will be elected this spring – when they assume their duties following the 2012 CPS annual meeting.

### *Fédération canadienne de démographie/Federation of Canadian Demographers*

As some of you may know, the Federation of Canadian Demographers is an organization created through the joint initiative of the Association des démographes du Québec (ADQ) and the Canadian Population Society (CPS). The objectives of the Federation are to promote research and the scientific study of demography throughout Canada, to foster cooperation and international exchanges on questions of population and development, and to enrich the knowledge of Canadians on population questions.

The Canadian Population Society and Association des démographes du Québec each name four members to the Board of Directors for three-year terms. The CPS has recently named Gustave Goldmann to serve as FCD President. The ADQ has named Thomas LeGrand to serve as FCD Vice-President. The Board of Directors for the next three years will be Alain Bélanger (CPS), Robert Bourbeau (ADQ), Amélie Gagnon (ADQ), Hervé Gauthier (ADQ), René Houle (CPS), Zheng Wu (CPS) and one additional member to be named by ADQ. On behalf of the CPS, I would like to thank Gustave, Alain, René, and Zheng for serving as FCD officers or Board members for the next three years. The FCD is an important organization for demography in Canada, and the CPS is pleased to support the activities of FCD.

### *Please Keep Your Membership Current: Pay your Dues*

It is very important for CPS finances that all members pay their annual dues as soon as possible. If you pay your dues, as reminded at the beginning of the year, this saves the

Secretary-Treasurer considerable time from sending reminders. Your timely payment also insures that the society's finances remain sound. If you have not paid your 2012 dues, please pay as soon as you can.

### *New Members*

Beyond our annual meetings, the CPS wants to create and foster a network of contacts for members. This opportunity to really "connect" is at least as valuable as the programs and events themselves. Through our professional community, we can help members to make new connections and develop valuable professional ties. This seems to me to be one of the main attractions for new members. It is my hope that CPS members will maintain contact and interactions with one another throughout the year to foster this kind of professional community.

I would also like to encourage all current members to invite a colleague or student who is not a CPS member to attend CPS sessions and other activities at the 2012 meeting. This may help recruit more members to the society.

### *See You in June!*

I look forward to seeing you in June at the annual meetings!

Best wishes,

— Barry Edmonston, CPS President

### **Canadian Studies in Population – Letter from the Editor**

The beginning of 2012 marks a new era for *Canadian Studies in Population*. Beginning in January of 2012, *Canadian Studies in Population* will no longer be published in print form. It will continue instead as an Open Access electronic journal, freely available to anyone in the world. *Canadian Studies in Population* was founded in 1974 by Professor P. Krishnan at the Population Research Laboratory at the University of Alberta. Throughout the past 38 years the Journal has served as the principal publication of the Canadian Population Society and continues as the leading demographic publication in English Canada. Many important works have appeared in *Studies*, involving authors from Canada and elsewhere in the world. Indeed, *Canadian Studies in Population* prides itself as being an international outlet for population scholars. Among its many contents over the years, I may mention the inaugural volume of 1974, which contains articles by such eminent scholars as Kingsley Davis, Nathan Keyfitz, and Roland Pressat. In subsequent issues one finds contributions by other leading demographers including, among others, Ansley Coale, Norman Ryder, Alfred Sauvy, and Joseph J. Spengler.

Seven special issues of the journal have been printed. The first, published in 1987, featured 10 of the many works that comprised the *Review of Demography and its Implications for Economic and Social Policy* commissioned by the Honorable Jake Epp, who at that time was the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Special issues in subsequent years are devoted to Family Demography (2000), Longitudinal Methodology (2001), Migration and Globalization (2002), and a series of Essays in Honor of Anatole Romaniuk (2003), Karol J. Krotki (2009), and Nathan Keyfitz and Norman B. Ryder (2010). Two special issues are in progress: *Studies in Historical Mortality* and *Immigration and the Life Course*.

I am delighted to announce that recently Thompson Reuters has accepted *Canadian Studies in Population* for indexing in *Web of Science*. All articles published in CSP since 2009 (Vol. 36, 1-2) will be indexed and abstracted in the Social Science Citation Index, Journal Citation Reports/Social Sciences Edition, Current Contents/Social and Behavioural Sciences. This is an important development which will help to further enhance the Journal's visibility and scholarly impact as a scientific publication.



The quality and depth of content *Web of Science* offers to researchers, authors, publishers, and institutions sets it apart from other research databases. The inclusion of *Canadian Studies in Population* in Social Science Citation Index demonstrates our

dedication to providing the most relevant and influential demographic/population studies to our community of scholars.

I thank wholeheartedly the many colleagues who over the years have devoted their valuable time to review articles for *Canadian Studies in Population*. I also wish to express my gratitude to the members of the editorial board of *Studies* for their continued support. The diligent and expert assistance of Abu Sadat Nurullah, Kamrul Islam, Donna Fong, and Ksenia Maryniak in the editorial office is gratefully appreciated. I would be remiss if I failed to acknowledge the significant financial support from the *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada* (SSHRC). The Council's generosity has eased this editor's stress level considerably, all the while ensuring a predictable and timely schedule of publication free of financial obstacles. I should also mention the important contributions from the Society of Edmonton Demographers (SED), the Sociology Department, and the Population Research Laboratory at the University of Alberta.

— Frank Trovato, Editor, *Canadian Studies in Population*

## POPULATION CHANGE AND LIFECOURSE CLUSTER

### *SSHRC Accepts Mid-Term Report and Continues PCLC Funding*

On the basis of its Mid-term review, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council has decided to continue funding the Cluster until 2014. The review concludes that the Cluster is progressing well with membership growth, engagement, and participation; it commends the team for developing partnerships, expanding the network, and for effective planning demonstrated by activities focusing on sustainability. It recognizes the Cluster's important function of making knowledge available particularly through producing research briefs and facilitation of use of Statistics Canada data. In the second half of the Cluster's operation, the SSHRC review committee would like to see more emphasis on developing synthesis reports; engaging students in higher profile activities; and involving journalism students in publications resulting from conferences.

### *Synthesis Paper and International Workshop Funded through the Cluster Knowledge Mobilization Initiative*

A research synthesis project, *Female Baby Boomers Head Into Retirement: Are They Ready?*, has received a grant from the Cluster through its January 15, 2012 [Knowledge Mobilization](#) request for proposal. The project team, consisting of Lori J. Curtis, Kathleen Rybczynski, and a graduate student, all from the Department of Economics of the University of Waterloo, focuses on whether female baby boomers are expected to



have adequate incomes and health insurance as they move into “retirement age” and then “old age.” And, an international workshop, “Outward and Upward Mobilities: Families from South Korea in a Transnational Era,” received funding support from the Cluster. The organization of the two-day international conference, planned to be held at York University in September 2012, is led by Ann Kim of York University and Eunjung Lee of University of Toronto.

### *Cluster Data Development Initiative Funds Two Projects*

“Developing Gini and Zinga Indexes for the Analysis of Contextual Income Inequalities within Canada,” a project led by Bradley Corbett of Statistics Canada Research Data Centre at the University of Western Ontario, received a grant through the Cluster’s January 15, 2012 [Data Development and Research Infrastructure](#) initiative. It aims to produce measures of income inequality, the *Gini* and *Zinga* Indexes, for various levels of geography defined by Statistics Canada. The Cluster also provided funding support to Michael Haan and Ted McDonald of the University of New Brunswick to prepare a report that details the necessary steps for gaining access to administrative data used by provincial government departments. The project, entitled “Legislative Requirements Surrounding the Storage and Use of Provincial Administrative Data by Academics in Academic Institutions,” builds on a comprehensive CIHR funded study where researchers examined privacy legislation across all provincial jurisdictions.

### *Students Received Grants to Attend International Conferences and Training Workshops*

In the January 15, 2012 [Student Competition](#), David Pelletier and Valérie Jarry, both from Université de Montréal received grants to present at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America in San Francisco on May 3-5. They also received funds to present at the European Population Conference in Stockholm Sweden on June 13-16. Five more students received funds for conferences and trainings through the April 15 competition: Christian Bergeron, Université Laval (Colloque «changements et événements au cours de la vie», Le Centre interfacultaire de gérontologie de l'Université de Genève, June 20-23, 2012); Kamrul Islam, University of Alberta (Epidemiology and Population Health Summer Institute at Columbia University, June 4-15, and the Graduate Summer Institute at Johns Hopkins University, June 18-22); Meng Yu, Memorial University (Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research at Michigan University, Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 18 to July 13); Paul Spin, Dalhousie University (European Population Conference, Stockholm Sweden, June 13-16); and Yann Decarie, Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique (11th Global Conference on Ageing of the International Federation on Ageing, May 28 to June 1, 2012, Prague, Czech Republic).

Cluster web address: <http://www.pcl-cppv.ca/>

— Zenaida Ravanera

## STUDENT NEWS

The CPS and the Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster are continuing to support the development of graduate students by offering the 3rd Graduate Student Development Conference. Building on the work of Phillipa Chong in 2009, Georgios Fthenos and I hosted a successful conference in 2011 in Fredericton, with 7 student participants. This year, we have been assisted by France-Pascale Ménard of McGill University, and received 15 abstract submissions. Sadly, we could not accept everyone, but we were very excited to see the level of interest from the student participants!

Our one-day workshop will take place this year on May 29th, 2012, the day before the main CPS conference at Congress in Waterloo, Ontario. We will be finished in time for all of our members to attend the CPS hosted session on the census and hope that CPS members in town early will stop by to see the exceptional work being done by population studies students in Canada.

The student participants will give a 15-minute talk, followed by a presentation by a trainer on the strengths of their papers with suggestions on areas that can be improved. We are still looking for participants, but so far this year our trainers are drawn from among both academics and professionals in Canada, and we are very excited to welcome Roderic Beaujot (Western University, PCLC), Martin Cooke (University of Waterloo), Rajulton Fernando (Western University Emeritus), Alain Gagnon (Université de Montréal), Gustave Goldmann (University of Ottawa), Don Kerr (King's University College, Western University), and Zenaida Ravanera (Western University, PCLC). Additionally, Sarah Fortin, the Knowledge Transfer Coordinator for the Canadian Research Data Centre Network (CRDCN) will give a talk tentatively entitled, "Knowledge Translation, Knowledge Mobilization, or Knowledge Implementation? Trying to Make Sense of the Knowledge Transfer Imperatives in the Social Sciences" to help our participants in learning how to best transmit their research to the public.

Our participants this year are:

Marianne Caron and Lisa Dillon (Université de Montréal): "Sibling, Marriage and Life Course, Québec 1660-1760."

Benjamin Christensen (York University): "Retirement Income Security amongst Canadians Aged 55-85+."

Sam Faustmann (McGill University): "Provincial Variation in the Causal Dynamics of Youth Poverty: Are Youth Poverty and Variability in the Life-Course Related?"

Md Kamrul Islam (University of Alberta): "Fertility of Second Generation Immigrant Descendants in Alberta: Convergence or Divergence?"

Christine Proulx (McGill University): “Informal Caregiving over the Lifecourse: Evidence from Canada.”

Reena Shah (Western University): “Immigrants on the Move: Return or Onward Migration from Canada: Who, When, and Why?”

Siyue Tian (University of Toronto): “Place of Education and Immigrants’ Economic Integration: The Role of Social Resources.”

Lisa K. Zaporzan (Western University): “Mental Health Outcomes of Delaying the Transition into Adulthood.”

Hopefully the 2012 Graduate Student Development Conference will be as successful as past years and we cordially invite all CPS members to come and support these great future researchers!

— Stacey Hallman, CPS Student Representative

### STATISTICS CANADA UPDATE

#### *CANSIM Data Now Available for Free*

Statistics Canada’s self-serve standard products, including CANSIM data, and select census data and geography products became available for free in its website as of February 1, 2012. With the launch of free CANSIM came a complete redesign of the interface to make CANSIM more intuitive and user-friendly for current and new users. The movement to make data free to the public is part of a long-term strategy to provide users with the maximum benefit from the statistical information collected and produced by Statistics Canada.

#### *Confidential Microdata Files Released To The Research Data Centres Between September 2011 And April 2012:*

Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS 2010; CCHS 2009 and 2010 combined files; CCHS 4.2 cognition data); General Social Survey on Time Stress and Well-Being, 2010 (Cycle 24); Survey on Living with Chronic Diseases in Canada (SLCDC), which focuses on Diabetes and Respiratory Conditions; Canadian Internet Use Survey (CIUS) 2010

#### *Releases in The Daily from the Demography Division:*

- Population and dwelling counts from the 2011 Census, released on [February 8, 2012](#).



- *Quarterly Demographic Estimates October to December 2011*. Released on [March 21, 2012](#). This publication presents quarterly estimates of population for Canada, provinces and territories as well as statistics on the following components of population change: births, deaths, immigration, emigration, returning emigration, net temporary emigration, net non-permanent residents, and interprovincial migration, the latter by origin and destination. Estimates released in this publication are based on the 2006 Census counts adjusted for census net undercoverage and incompletely enumerated Indian reserves. *Population Projections by Aboriginal Identity in Canada 2006 to 2031*. Released on [December 7, 2011](#).

*Releases from Social and Aboriginal Statistics Division and Demography Division:*

- Four new chapters in *Women in Canada: A Gender-based Statistical Report 2010-2011*, sixth edition, released on [December 14, 2011](#).

Some recent articles in [Canadian Social Trends](#):

- “Charitable Giving by Canadians” by Martin Turcotte, released on April 16, 2012
- “Volunteering in Canada” by Mireille Vézina and Susan Crompton, released on April 16, 2012.
- “Profile of Seniors’ Transportation Habits” by Martin Turcotte, released on January 23, 2012.
- “Personal Networks and the Economic Adjustment of Immigrants” by Derrick Thomas, released on November 30, 2011.
- “Quality of personal networks: Does living alone matter?” by Mireille Vézina, released on November 30, 2011.

— Submitted via the National Committee

## NOTICES

*Global Social Change Research Project*

The Director (Gene Shackman) of the Global Social Change Research Project invites CPS members to visit the project’s website to view its reports. These reports are about long-term global regional demographic, social, political, and economic trends. The reports are available online ([click here](#)) in addition to further information about the project. Dr. Shackman welcomes feedback, comments, and suggestions about these reports.

### *Society of Edmonton Demographers*

The Society of Edmonton Demographers (SED) have had a busy spring. The Society's 2012 Annual General Meeting, which coincided with the 22nd Annual Warren E. Kalbach Conference. The SED elected executive includes several CPS members.

#### 2012-2013 SED Executive:

President:	Alison Yacyshyn
Vice-President:	Kwame Boadu
Treasurer:	Donna Fong
Secretary:	Rosanna Shih
Membership:	Shelley Boulinanne
Auditor:	Abu Sadat Nurullah
Auditor:	Kamrul Islam
Member-at-Large:	Dave Odynak
Member-at-Large:	Jennifer Hansen
Honorary Advisor:	Wayne McVey

Further information about upcoming events and general information about the SED is available from the Society's [website](#).

### *IMDB Redesign*

The redesign of the Longitudinal Immigration Database (IMDB) is officially complete. Effective May 1, 2012, the redesigned IMDB, including all of its new dimensionalities and measures, is available for data requests in support of researcher data needs.

The IMDB combines administrative immigrant landing information and tax information for immigrant tax-filers who landed in Canada since 1980. The database is a Statistics Canada product funded by and created on behalf of a Federal Provincial Consortium led by Citizenship and Immigrant Canada.

The IMDB is a unique source of information on the economic integration of immigrants and their families by immigration program (e.g., Skill Workers, Provincial Nominees, Refugees, etc.). It also provides data for the analysis of the inter- and intra-provincial migration of immigrants.

The redesign has resulted in better tax coverage of the immigrant population, the addition of the new tax measures (family tax data, additional income, and credit types) and identification of the family. The introduction of a streamlined data process will ensure earlier availability of the most recent data.

For further information, please contact SASD-DSSEA@statcan.gc.ca.

## IN THE NEWS

### *Budget Cuts Leave Statscan Girding For Fewer Surveys, Less Staff*

- Tavia Grant, *Globe and Mail*, April 23, 2012

Fiscal restraint is rippling through Canada's national statistical agency, prompting it to start slicing surveys and warn staff of cost cuts and impending layoffs in what it calls a "year of sacrifice" at the organization. Not only is Statistics Canada facing reductions from the federal budget of about 8 per cent, it is also grappling with an "unprecedented" drop in revenue from other government departments that fund surveys, its chief statistician says. These cuts will likely affect the agency's ability to introduce new surveys and update existing surveys to reflect current population trends. Statscan now produces about 350 surveys on topics ranging from crime rates and mental health to the country's gross domestic product.

### *Tories Launch Bid To Speed Up Immigration For Entrepreneurs*

- Wallace Immen, *Globe and Mail*, April 18, 2012

Ottawa is starting consultations with industry groups and immigrant settlement organizations across the country to develop a new "startup-visa program" to fast track immigration of entrepreneurs. Unlike the former entrepreneur program and provincial nominee programs, there's no requirement that entrepreneurs put up a minimum investment. Applicants must prepare a business plan to be vetted by industry groups and venture capitalists for viability. On arrival, entrepreneurs would receive mentorship from organizations that have experience working with startups on how to do business in Canada.

### *Canada Pension Plan Vs. Old Age Security: The Differences Explained*

- CBC News, updated March 30, 2012

In his 2012 budget, made public March 29, Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty told people currently younger than 54 that they'll need to wait a bit longer than expected for Old Age Security benefits to kick in. The budget outlined provisions to gradually raise the age of eligibility for Old Age Security benefits to 67 from 65. The effects of the changes will start to be felt in April 2023, and the transition will be complete by February 1, 2029. This means they'll affect the Old Age Security benefits that will eventually be received by those born after April 1, 1958.

### *Western Provinces Lead The Country In Growth*

- Tamara Baluja, *Globe and Mail*, February 9, 2012

Alberta and Saskatchewan are booming as both new immigrants and native-born Canadians race to fill jobs in the energy and resource sectors. Alberta saw the fastest growth of all the provinces at 10.8 per cent; Saskatchewan's was 6.7 per cent. Once the centre of Canada's growth, Ontario is still growing at a healthy rate, 5.7 per cent, but nowhere near the pace it once boasted. Quebec saw its share of the Canadian population slide further, as it has for several years. It's now down to 23.6 per cent from 29 per cent in 1951.

— From the National Committee

### FEATURE INTERVIEW

In this issue, Michael Haan interviews Dr. Barry Edmonston, current CPS President and Research Professor at the University of Victoria, Canada.

**Michael Haan (MH):** What drew you to demography?

**Barry Edmonston (BE):** It was in my third year of university. I really needed to select a major and, through a *processus eliminanda*, I ruled out chemistry, biology, accounting, pharmacy, pre-law, and several other subjects. It was during this time that I took my first demography class, "World Population and Social Structure", taught by Richard Gale, a wonderful teacher who had a strong interest in environmental causes. I was quickly entranced by the subject and decided that this was the field for me!

I then took a graduate course in demographic methods, being the only undergraduate in a class of six. It was great to learn about demographic methods and how demography could shed light on important social problems and processes. Over coffee with Theodore Anderson, the professor who taught the class, he urged me to pursue graduate studies in demography and listed six leading graduate programs in demography. I said I didn't have any money to go to graduate school and he said "don't worry, they'll give you free tuition and pay you to attend!" So, here I am.

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

**BE:** My interests have varied over the years, although I have always tended to focus on empirical research questions. While in graduate school [University of Michigan], I was particularly interested in urban ecology – motivated by the work of my adviser, Otis Dudley Duncan, and his colleagues – and completed a doctoral dissertation on trends and determinants of population suburbanization from the late 1800s to present.

My research interests, however, shifted sharply in the first five years after graduate school. My first position was at the Food Research Institute at Stanford University, which focused on development and food problems. So, I worked on research topics such as infant and child mortality. After moving to Cornell University's International Population Program, I continued with this research interest for the next ten years,

My interests shifted again when I moved to Washington, D.C. and became a Senior Researcher at the Urban Institute. There was a great deal of interest at that time in illegal immigration and the need for evidence-based immigration policy. The Ford Foundation supported the Immigration Policy Research Program at the Urban Institute. During my stay there, I developed my interest in immigration research and policy studies. I continued with these topics when I moved to the National Academy of Science, Washington, D.C. where I directed studies of the U.S. Census and immigration.

I am currently working on research related to immigration in Canada, United States, and Europe. But I also continue my long-term interest in historical population changes and have recently been engaged in studying the role of international migration on Canada's population during the past century.

**MN:** Do you apply demography in your work? If yes, how?

**BE:** This is an easy question: demography is my work. I confess that I wear "demographic glasses" much of the time. My work is primarily demographic and even if I'm thinking about a topic that is not population-related, I find it difficult not to use a demographic perspective. Let me give an example of what I am saying. I recently read an article about how the performing arts are becoming more diverse in Canada. I quickly found myself thinking about why this was occurring. Are younger Canadians more culturally diverse than older Canadians, and will there be future cohort effects on the arts? Increased immigration is rapidly changing the composition of Canadian society. Will Canadians of ethnic minority backgrounds practice and promote artistic forms that reflect their heritage? Are these changes happening because of shifts in the composition of performers, audience, or both?

In my own work, my application of demography is fairly direct. I mainly deal with demographic topics – population dynamics or international migration, for example – and rely on a combination of demographic (the life table, decomposition of two rates, stable population theory, for example) and statistical methods for analysis. Also, I have generally relied on demographic data sources, especially censuses and data on births, deaths, and migration, for my research.

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

In recent decades, Canada has offered a high quality of life and, compared to other countries, a vibrant and reasonably inclusive society. However, Canada's long-term

demographic trends, such as immigration levels and sources of immigration, have changed significantly. Our aging population, sub-replacement fertility level birth rate, and increasing cultural and linguistic diversity are among the most interesting demographic issues here.

Regarding our two basic vital rates, fertility and mortality, we really need to understand current trends and plausible future levels. Is sub-replacement fertility likely to be permanent in Canada, even as childbearing shifts gradually to relatively older ages? If fertility remains at current levels, will Canada need to increase immigration to maintain population and economic growth? Regarding mortality, there is a lively debate about future trends with some well-known demographers arguing that we are likely to continue to experience continuing mortality decreases at a faster pace than assumed in many official population projections.

Immigration is obviously a central issue and is rapidly changing Canadian society. There are many captivating questions related to immigration, including effects on schooling, the labour force, arts and recreation, and retirement in coming decades.

Lastly, I don't think demography has played the central role that it should have in discussions about the environment. I am struck by how much of the environmental debate is conducted without well-informed demographic data and research. It is not just that relatively few demographers participate in environmental debates. Rather, the discussion themselves often lack awareness of the determinants and consequences of demographic processes. Surely this is one area that demands a role for enterprising demographers.

**MH:** What advice would you give to those entering the field of demography? Arguably there aren't enough young people in the discipline, and perhaps this is one area that we need to work on. What would you say?

**BE:** If you are thinking of becoming a demographer, you will be happy to know that there are many interesting and rewarding employment options. Employment in university departments such as sociology and political science may be less available but employment opportunities should remain strong for demographers in universities in gerontology, urban and regional planning, and social science research centres. In addition, there is a continued need for demographers in government agencies at the national, provincial, and municipal levels. International agencies such as the United Nations are another source of employment. Finally, the business sector offers a growing area of employment for demographers, although the usual job titles are market analyst, statistician, or economist.

Entering the field of demography requires, with very few exceptions, a graduate degree with training in demography. Graduate programs specialized in demography are rare (University of California, Berkeley; Rostock's Max Planck Institute; and France's INED are



the exceptions). Most demographers receive their graduate degrees in sociology, economics, anthropology, urban and regional planning, or public health programs. There are excellent graduate programs in Canada and the United States, which offer M.A. and Ph.D. degrees with specialization in demography or population studies. If interested, I would urge prospective students to look at available programs and apply to ones where there are several faculty members working in the area of demography and where there is at least one faculty member with interests that appeal to them. There are also excellent graduate programs in Europe, and students with the necessary language skills and undergraduate training should look at these programs.

**MH:** What do you do for fun?

**BE:** That's an easy question! My wife, Sharon Lee, and I have a lot of fun. We especially enjoy the outdoors and our favourite pastime is birding. Our binoculars are our prized possessions and are ready to be brought into action if there is news of a rare bird in Victoria. Besides local birding, we've travelled to Bulgaria, Cambodia, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Panama, Portugal, Peru, Spain, Thailand, and Vietnam in recent years – with trips planned for Australia, Colorado, and China this year.

We hike regularly in the wonderful mountains of British Columbia, with regular trips to Strathcona Park on Vancouver Island and the Canadian Rockies. While travelling overseas, we also take the opportunity to see new sights and exercise our legs. And lastly, we enjoy cooking together and trying new recipes on our friends.

### MEMBER UPDATES

**BÉLANGER, Alain.** Alain Bélanger (with Patrick Sabourin) presented a poster at the 2012 annual meeting of the Population Association of America in San Francisco. The poster is titled "Impact of Immigrant Linguistic Assimilation on a Multilingual Population Dynamic: A Microsimulation Approach." He is also planning a book project (with Claude Charette, Patrick Sabourin, and Jacques Ledent) on dynamic population projection using microsimulation and Modgen. This project is subsidized by the Population and Life Course Cluster. With Benoit Laplante, Patrick Sabourin, and Guillaume Marois, Dr. Bélanger is also starting a new research project on ethno-cultural differences in sex ratios at birth using the Canadian Census.

**BOYD, Monica.** At the invitation of the editors of the *American Sociological Review*, Monica Boyd joined the editorial board in January 2012. Starting in January, she also became one of three Associate Editors of the *International Migration Review*. Monica recently completed her term (2010-2011) as the (elected) Chair of the American Sociological Association Section on International Migration, which is one of the larger sections of the ASA. She currently is serving as one of the eight elected members of the Committee on Sections, American Sociological Association, 2012-2016. Her Ontario

activities include serving as (invited) Chair, Social Science Review Panel for the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation Early Researcher Awards, Government of Ontario, 2012, and she was elected as Senior Fellow, Massey College at the University of Toronto. She was an invited Lead Presenter in the Thematic Dialogue Session on “Demography and Immigration,” at the eighth annual Pierre Eliot Trudeau Foundation conference on “The Making of Citizens: Beyond the Canadian Consensus on Immigration,” held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, November 17-19, 2011.

**ERFANI, Amir.** Amir Erfani was awarded two research grants in 2011. For 2011-2012, Dr. Erfani received funding from the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) to examine the impact of family planning on the delayed transition to motherhood on women’s empowerment. In addition, Dr. Erfani received an Insight Development Grant (SSHRC) to examine the determinants, rationales, and failure rates of the use of withdrawal (coitus interruptus) as the primary method of contraception in Tehran, Iran.

**JACKSON, Jim.** Jim Jackson is retiring after 36 years as a Professor of Sociology in the Department of Liberal Studies at Humber College. Professor Jackson was a member of the CPS since 1974. He was an active member who presented some of his reports at CPS annual meetings, as well as providing his photography skills to CPS meetings, events, and festivities.

**MCDANIEL, Susan.** Susan McDaniel, Professor of Sociology and Prentice Research Chair, University of Lethbridge, has been awarded a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Global Population and Economy (2011-2018).

**ROMANIUK, Anatole.** As of February 1, 2011, Anatole Romaniuk has been re-engaged for another three-year term as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Alberta. In June, Professor Romaniuk was a visitor at the Vienna Institute of Demography, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital.

**SUWAL, Juhee.** Juhee Suwal has published a volume entitled *Demographic and Epidemiological Transitions in Nepal: Developmental Implications* (2012; New Delhi: Adroit Publishers). The book was launched during the 22nd Kalbach Population Conference (March 16, 2012) at the University of Alberta.

**VERMA, Ravi.** Ravi Verma was appointed as an Executive Member of the Bihar Foundation, Canada Chapter. Dr. Verma presented a paper entitled “High Fertility Trend and Maternal Health in India, A Special Review of Progress in Bihar, 1999-2010” at the Global Summit organized by the Bihar Foundation, Government of Bihar, in February 2012, Patna, India. In addition, Dr. Verma delivered a key-note address on racism in Canada and India at an international seminar at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, U.P. India.

## OBITUARY



GYIMAH, Stephen. Dr. Stephen Obeng Gyimah died unexpectedly on May 11, 2012 after a brief illness. Dr. Gyimah was an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. He received his doctorate in 2002 from the University of Western Ontario, and joined the faculty at Queen's in 2003. Dr. Gyimah had a keen interest in population and health research in Africa, with a distinguished record of research publications. He was also an active member of the Canadian Population Society and recently agreed to serve as one of the CPS representatives on the Federation of Canadian Demographers Board of Directors. The CPS and the wider academic community has lost a valued member. Dr. Gyimah is survived by his wife Monica, their children, and extended family in Ghana, North America, and Europe.

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