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General News

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CPS Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Zheng Wu was posthumously awarded the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award at the meeting of General Assembly. Over the course of his career, Zheng published four books, two edited special issues of academic journals, twelve chapters in books, more than 80 referred articles, and numerous other publications. He was one of the first scholars to recognize the importance of societal shifts toward cohabitation, but his interests extended beyond union formation and dissolution to childlessness, caregiving, immigration, social integration, and the physical and psychological well-being of middle-aged and older adults. As a mentor and colleague, Zheng offered both moral support and straight-shooting advice on how to secure success as an academic. He was also extremely generous, loyal, and kind. Finally, Zheng served the Canadian Population Society in numerous leadership roles, including President, Vice-President, Councillor, and Associate/Guest Editor of Canadian Studies in Population. Zheng also worked to represent Canadian demography

on the international stage, whether it was through formal research affiliations and guest lectures, participation in conferences, and editorial board activities.



Lanjing Li accepts the Lifetime Achievement Award for Dr. Zheng Wu at the University of Victoria Faculty Club, a place that Zheng enjoyed frequenting with his colleagues.

Special guests at the awards ceremony included Lanjing Li, widow of Zheng, and former colleagues Dr. Margaret

Penning, Professor of Sociology at the University of Victoria; Dr. Karen Kobayashi, Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies and Professor of Sociology at the University of Victoria; and Dr. Andrew Wister, Director of the Gerontology Research Centre, and Professor in the Department of Gerontology at Simon Fraser University.

The awards committee in 2020-21 consisted of Anna Zajacova (chair), Shelley Clark from McGill University, James Iveniuk from Wellesley Institute, and Laura Wright from the University of Saskatchewan.

CPS Student Paper Award

Congratulations to **Chi-lan Winnie Yang** of McGill University who was named as winner of the 2021 CPS graduate student paper competition. Winnie's paper "Marriage Equality or Socioeconomic Inequality? Couple-Level Socioeconomic Predictors of Same-Sex Marriage in Canada between 2006 and 2016," involved analyzing three waves of Census data from 2006, 2011, and 2016 to evaluate whether labour market characteristics and economic resources are associated with marriage among Canadian same-sex couples.



The CPS student paper award is conferred annually at its national conference. The competition serves to showcase the high quality of research in areas relevant to demography and encourages the participation of emerging scholars by providing a forum for paper

presentation and feedback. The committee deciding the award this year was comprised of Stacey Hallman and France-Pascale Ménard, both of Statistics Canada.

CPS Members

Denier, Nicole. Nicole Denier was awarded the University of Alberta Faculty of Arts Research Excellence Award.

Swanson, David. David Swanson (University of California, Riverside) was quoted in a [Washington Post article](#) (May 27, 2021) on the United States Census Bureau's use of synthetic data in the 2020 Census. Dr. Swanson also accepted an invitation to serve on the Program Planning Committee for the 2022 Conference of the Population Association of America as part of the sub-committee charged with organizing applied demography sessions.

Wright, Laura. Dr. Laura Wright has been awarded tenure and promotion at the University of Saskatchewan, Department of Sociology. Laura joined the department in 2016 after receiving her PhD from Western.

New Book

Two CPS members are featured in a new book entitled [The Demographic Crisis in Europe: Selected Essays](#) from Information Age Publishing. **David Swanson** has a chapter on "Estimating the Underlying Infant Mortality Rates for Small Populations: A Case Study of Counties in Estonia." **Barry Edmonston** has a chapter on "Population Aging in Europe: Demographic Lessons."

Webinars, Workshops, and Seminars

Brookings. [Time to Change How We Measure Poverty?](#) Webcast on June 9, 2021, 2:00-3:30 pm EDT. In 2019, the Chief Statistician of the United States formed an inter-agency working group to evaluate alternative measures of poverty. This webcast features a presentation of the final report of the working group and a panel of discussants on the report.

The **National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine** is hosting a [series of webinars](#) based on the report *High and Rising Mortality Rates among Working-Aged Adults*. The series begins on June 10, 2021.

The **National Academies** are hosting a symposium on [Data Collection and Integration to Enhance Public Health: Making Sense of a Patchwork of Data](#). June 10, 2021, 1:00-5:30 pm EDT.

IUSSP Webinar Series. Since March, the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population has held two segments of their webinar series, which have been recorded. On April 9, there was a webinar on [Population, Food, and the Environment](#) that featured a debate on the impact of population growth on food supplies, depletion of resources, and poverty. The debate, held jointly with the Population Association of America, featured David Lam, Stan Becker, Shirley Mustafa, John Bongaarts, and Raya Muttarak as panelists. Leiwen Jiang was the moderator of the debate. There is a video of the debate and slide shows for the panelists' presentations.

On June 1, there was an IUSSP webinar that asks: [Should FP Programs in Patriarchal Societies Use Limited Funds to Further Empower Women or to Involve Men?](#) This webinar featured four panelists who took turns debating either side of this question.

The Population-Environment Research Network (PERN) of the IUSSP held a cyberseminar on [refugee and internally displaced populations, environmental impacts, and climate risks](#) from May 10-19. Presentations from the invited experts are available online:

- [A demographic perspective on the role of environmental and climate change on forced migration and population displacement](#)
- [Risk informed decision making in refugee camps and displacement contexts](#)
- [EO-based environmental impact assessment of camps: A differentiated spatial view using multi-scale satellite imagery](#)

- [Geospatial environmental assessment of refugees' vulnerability and impact on the water-energy-food-health-climate nexus: Examples from the Syria-Lebanon case](#)

There is also a [video presentation](#) from the seminar on the PERN YouTube channel.

The **Department of Social Development and Statistics South Africa** will be hosting the [1st National Conference on Migration and Urbanisation](#) on July 26-29, 2021. The conference will be a virtual format.

Population Europe is holding an online seminar on estimating international migration flows on June 17, 2021 starting at 8:00 am EDT ([register here](#)). The seminar is organized under the World Bank's Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development.

The **5th Asian Population Association Conference** has been re-scheduled for August 3-5, 2021. The [virtual conference](#) will bring together scholars, researchers, policymakers, and government officials to discuss Asian population issues. It will include live sessions, pre-recorded video sessions, and poster sessions. There will be an inclusive program with close to 200 live presentations and talks and a large number of pre-recorded talks and posters. The video sessions and posters will be hosted online and will be available for at least six months after the conference.

Population Data BC is offering two 30-minute Q and A webinars on the Professional Specialization Certificate in Population Health Data Analysis. The webinar will also highlight details of September courses on Working with Administrative Data and Population Health and GIS. Register for the [June 16](#) or [June 21](#) webinar.

Job Opportunities

The **School of Demography, Australian National University** is [recruiting two Lecturers](#) (Assistant Professor) in the fields of Family Demography and

Demographic Methods. These are research-intensive positions. The deadline for applications is July 9, 2021.

The unit for family and population research of the Centre for Sociological Research at the **University of Leuven** (Belgium) is [recruiting a junior researcher](#) with a strong interest in population issues and family dynamics in Europe. This is a fully-funded, four-year PhD project and is a salaried position. The title of the project is Precarious Family Lives and the Recent Fertility Downturn in Europe. The deadline for applications is July 1, 2021.

Calls for Papers

[2nd International Workshop on Migration and Mobility Research in the Digital Era](#). Lyon, France, October 27-28, 2021. Deadline for submission: July 15, 2021.

[4th Conference of the European Society of Historical Demography](#). Madrid, Spain, March 2-5, 2022. Deadline for submission: September 26, 2021.

Statistics Canada

Data Products

[Canadian Income Survey \(CIS\)](#) – Territorial estimates, 2018. The CIS collected data on the three territories for the first time in 2019 (for the reference year 2018). This new data covers 96% of the population in the Northwest Territories, 93% for Nunavut, and 92% for the Yukon.

	Market income	Government transfers	Total income	Income tax	After-tax income
	median (dollars)	median (dollars)	median (dollars)	median (dollars)	median (dollars)
All territories	86,700	5,700	96,500	11,600	83,100
Yukon	74,400	3,300	81,700	9,800	73,200
Northwest Territories	102,900	5,400	107,500	14,900	93,500
Nunavut	87,300	9,000	100,600	11,100	89,300

Source(s): Source: Canadian Income Survey, custom tabulation.

[Survey on Early Learning and Child Care Arrangements \(SELCCA\)](#), 2020. The SELCCA provides information on child care use during the COVID-19 pandemic that can be compared to pre-pandemic patterns. The target population was children aged 0 to 5 years from the provinces and territories. The data were collected from November 10, 2020 to January 11, 2021, and included a sample size of 10,605 children. An [infographic of childcare arrangements](#) across Canada is available on the Statistics Canada website. Data tables on [child care use](#) and [reasons for non-use](#) are also available.

Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS) – Data tables, 2017. Data tables are available on [cultural engagement and sense of belonging](#) and [Internet use](#).

[2019 General Social Survey \(GSS\) – Canadians' Safety](#). The full dataset for the 2019 GSS is now available.

In Brief

[COVID-19 and Telework](#). According to the Labour Force Survey (LFS), 3.1 million Canadians were teleworking in February 2021. At the beginning of 2021, 32% of Canadian employees worked mostly from home, which compares to a pre-pandemic rate of 4% in 2016. Most teleworkers (90%) reported that their current level of productivity was similar or greater than their pre-telework level, and 80% prefer to continue to telework once the pandemic is over.

[A new study reports that COVID-19 mortality rates](#) were higher for the population living in apartments and larger households. In Quebec, the COVID-19 mortality rate for persons living in high-rise apartments was 2.5 higher than for persons living in single detached houses. In Ontario, it was almost twice as high.

Analytical Products

[Defining Canada's Downtown Neighbourhoods: 2016 Boundaries](#). This article presents the boundaries of downtowns, based on the 2016 Standard Geographic Classification (e.g., Census metropolitan area).

Articles from the April and May 2021 issues of *Economic and Social Reports*:

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[Trends in between-workplace earnings inequality in 14 high-income countries](#)

[Foreign workers in the Canadian agriculture industry](#)

[Foreign workers in the Canadian food manufacturing industry](#)

[Are the gaps in labour market outcomes between immigrants and their Canadian-born counterparts starting to close?](#)

[Working from home: Potential implications for public transit and greenhouse gas emissions](#)

[An occupational risk/reward assessment tool for COVID-19](#)

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[Working from home after the COVID-19 pandemic: An estimate of worker preferences](#)

[The effects of child tax benefits on the income of single mothers](#)

[Differences in living arrangements of older seniors by mother tongue](#)

[Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on productivity growth in Canada](#)

[Gender differences in employment one year into the COVID-19 pandemic: An analysis by industrial sector and firm size](#)

[Neighbourhood characteristics and life satisfaction of individuals in lower-, middle-, and higher-income families in Canadian metropolitan areas](#)

Articles published in *Health Reports* from April to May 2021:

[Looking back from 2020, how cannabis use and related behaviours changed in Canada](#)

[Associations of frailty and pre-frailty with increased risk of mortality among older Canadians](#)

[Ethnocultural and socioeconomic disparities in exposure to residential greenness within urban Canada](#)

[Gentrification, Urban Interventions, and Equity \(GENUINE\): A map-based gentrification tool for Canadian metropolitan areas](#)

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