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CPS Establishes the Nathan Keyfitz Book Prize

The CPS is pleased to announce the creation of a CPS Book Prize named in honor of Professor Nathan Keyfitz, a world-renowned leader in mathematical demography. In addition, Dr. Keyfitz has made significant contributions to the advancement of knowledge on a variety of demographic topics beyond mathematical demography, including population theory, historical demography, mortality, urbanization, forecasting, social security and retirement, poverty, democracy, and the interaction between people and their environments. As Wolfgang Lutz, the Director of the Vienna Institute of Demography, proclaims: “whenever you go to a meeting on formal demography or population projections you can be sure that the path breaking and standard-setting work of Nathan Keyfitz will come up many times.”

Dr. Keyfitz was born on June 29, 1913 in Montréal, Canada. He earned his B. Sc. from McGill University (Mathematics) in 1934 and Ph. D. from the University of Chicago (Sociology) in 1952. He had a distinguished career as a statistician and researcher at the Dominion Bureau of Statistics (now Statistics Canada) from 1936-1959, before embarking on a highly successful academic career, which included appointments at the University of Chicago, Harvard University, UC Berkeley, Ohio State, and the University of Toronto, among other places. During his career, Dr. Keyfitz served as Chair of the Department of Sociology at Chicago, Chair of the School of Public Health at Harvard, and president of the Population Association of America. Professor Keyfitz is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society, Laureate of the IUSSP, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, an elected member of the US National Academy of Science, and is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees.

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During the summer, one of our long-standing members and former CPS President, Frank Trovato, initiated an exciting proposal to award a biannual book prize to a scholar who has published an outstanding book on a topic that is relevant to Canadian demography and population studies. After consultation within and outside of the Council, the CPS Council unanimously approved the book prize. The prize winner will receive a commemorative certificate and be invited to give a presentation on the winning book during the CPS annual meeting.

Books can be nominated by a member of the CPS or by a leading national or international publisher. Authors cannot nominate their own books. Edited or republished works are not eligible for nomination. Nominations must be accompanied by a signed letter explaining the outstanding features of the work and its contribution to the advancement of Canadian demography and/or population studies. The nominated work must be judged by the *Nathan Keyfitz Book Prize* Committee to make important contribution to knowledge in one or more of the following areas: (1) formal demographic theory and/or analysis; (2) social demographic theory and/or analysis; (3) population policy theory and/or analysis; (4) advancement of demographic knowledge in Canadian society.

Submission of nominations must be mailed to the Chair of the *Nathan Keyfitz Book Prize* Committee by February 15 of the year in which a prize is to be awarded. The book prize may be given posthumously. The *Nathan Keyfitz Book Prize* Committee reserves the option of not recommending an award in any given competition. The nomination must include four copies of the book. Nominators are encouraged to contact the publisher of the book to obtain copies for evaluation. Nominated books must have been published within the four-year period preceding the date of nomination. Nominated books that are not selected for award can be re-nominated for a subsequent competition as long as they do not exceed the four-year time limit since the date of publication.

The evaluation committee shall be composed of the President of the CPS, the two most recent Past-Presidents, and one at-large member from the CPS. The at-large member will be selected by the CPS Council. If a nominated book is by a member of the Book Prize Committee, that individual will be replaced by another member of the CPS upon invitation from the Chair of the Committee and the CPS Council. The Committee's recommended nomination for the book prize shall be ratified by the CPS Executive Council.

The next award date is the 2010 CPS Annual Meeting, which will held during the CFHSS-FCSG Congress at Concordia University, Montréal. Nomination Deadline: February 15, 2010. Please forward nominations to Zheng Wu, Chair of the *Nathan Keyfitz Book Prize* Committee, University of Victoria, Department of Sociology, 3800 Finnerty Road, Victoria, British Columbia, V8W 3P5.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

ADQ Announcements

submitted by Pierre-Olivier Ménard

The last symposium of the *Association des démographes du Québec* (ADQ) was held at the University of Ottawa on May 13-14, 2009, during the ACFAS Congress. This year, the theme of the symposium was *Transformations démographiques et nouvelles dynamiques sociales*. The symposium attracted around 20 presenters and more than 60 participants. The next annual symposium of the ADQ will be held in Montreal, after the FCD conference. More details will soon be available on the ADQ website.

On May 13th, the ADQ held its general assembly. Two board members were re-elected: Ghyslaine Neill (President) and Richard Marcoux (Director of *Les Cahiers québécois de démographie*). Also, one new member was elected: Allison Blagrove (Treasurer). Finally, Pierre-Olivier Ménard (Adviser for the Newsletter) will replace Claudine Provencher during her maternity leave.

News from the Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster

submitted by Zenaida Ravanera

The Cluster launched its Research Brief Series, with the first featuring Social Inclusion of the Oldest-Old: Toward Supportive Housing Policies. The Brief is based on the research of a team led by Judy Lynn Richards of the University of Prince Edward Island and funded by the Policy Research Directorate of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

Eight graduate students received travel grants to present papers at international conferences. Six of the students presented at the 26th Conference of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population in Marrakech: Laurence Pilon-Marien, Nadine Ouellette, and Allison Blagrove of Université de Montréal, and Mehmet Aysan, Stacey Hallman, and Muhammad Raza of the University of Western Ontario. Julie Hudson of University of Alberta presented her paper at the International Conference on Youth Transitions held at the University of Basel, Switzerland, and Tania M. Jenkins of McGill University at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in San Francisco, California.

The Cluster also funds fellowships for students to spend a term away from their home universities. Arianna Waye of University of Alberta, with the support of the Cluster, is pursuing her research on “Putting the Pieces Together: Using Labour Market History to

Quantify the Economic Consequences of Caregiving for the ‘Sandwich Generation’” in the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

The Cluster funded two data development projects – *SLID for Stata: Automating the Transfer and Documentation of the SLID Data Files into Ready to use Bilingual Stata Files* by Benoit Laplante and Maria Constanza Street of the Institut national de la recherche scientifique; and *Functional Databases for Longitudinal Analyses: The Case of the National Population Health Survey in Canada* by Amélie Quesnel-Vallée and Emilie Renahy of McGill University. The outcome of both projects will be available for use at Research Data Centres.

A special issue of the *Canadian Public Policy Journal* will feature papers on the theme of Lifecourse as a Policy Lens, a project proposed by Paul Bernard and Susan McDaniel and supported by the Cluster. Another knowledge mobilization project that received funding support is the publication of *Canada’s Changing Population*, a volume edited by Barry Edmonston and Eric Fong. And, a project *Socioeconomic Inequalities in Health and the Welfare State* by Peggy McDonough, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée, and Sarah Brennenstuhl prepares a synthesis of the health literature for public health researchers and the policy community.

The 7th National Conference of the Canadian Research Data Centres Network was held at the University of Western Ontario on October 15-16. Members of the Cluster, in particular, members of the thematic committee on *Health over the Life Course* presented papers at the conference. Kathleen Mullan Harris, past president of the Population Association of America, was a keynote speaker.

STATISTICS CANADA UPDATE

submitted by John Zhao

Dataset Releases:

Analytical files recently placed at Research Data Centres or planned for Fall releases: CCRI 1921 Census data; CCRI 1941 Census data; GSS 20th Anniversary Historical database; GSS Cycle 22 (Social Networks); CCHS 2008; CCHS 2007-2008; NGS Class of 2005.

The General Social Survey (GSS) 2008 on Social Networks was released June 26, 2009 along with the publication of two products. The article “Social Networks help Canadians deal with Change,” is available in the online edition of Canadian Social Trends. An additional product examining civic and political participation, sense of belonging, and unpaid work was also released. The report, 2008 General Social Survey: Selected Tables

on Social Engagement is available [online](#). For more information or to enquire about the concepts, methods, or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (613-951-5979; sasd-dssea@statcan.gc.ca), Social and Aboriginal Statistics Division.

For more information about the above releases or any other products of the Demography Division, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-767-5611; 613-951-2320; fax: 613-951-2307; demography@statcan.gc.ca), Demography Division.

Aboriginal Peoples Technical Report, 2006 Census (Released May 12, 2009)

The [2006 Census Technical Report](#) on Aboriginal Peoples deals with: (a) Aboriginal ancestry, (b) Aboriginal identity, (c) registered Indian status, and (d) First Nation or Band membership. The report aims to inform users about the complexity of the data and any difficulties that could affect their use. It explains the conceptual framework and definitions used to gather the data, and it discusses factors that could affect data quality. The historical comparability of the data is also discussed.

First Nations People: Selected findings of the 2006 Census (Released May 12, 2009)

The article (published in [Canadian Social Trends](#)) provides selected findings of the 2006 Census on the First Nations population. Overall, it highlights where First Nations people live, their demographic characteristics, their ability to speak an Aboriginal language, their postsecondary education, their employment situation, their income, and their housing conditions.

2006 Aboriginal Population Profiles for Selected Cities and Communities

This product ([click here](#)) is a series of profiles for a number of census metropolitan areas, census agglomerations and communities across Canada with a large Aboriginal population, either in numbers or share of the area's total population. The series aims to present a demographic and socio-economic profile of the total Aboriginal population living in these areas. Demographic data as well as information on living arrangements of children, education, labour, income, mobility, housing, and health are highlighted. While most of the focus is on adults, there is also limited information provided on children. Data showing comparisons between Aboriginal groups are provided for selected variables, as are comparisons with the non-Aboriginal population. Findings are based on the 2006 Census and the 2006 Aboriginal Peoples Survey.

[Qualitative Testing of Aboriginal Identification Questions](#) (Released April 17, 2009).

STUDENT CORNER

Reflecting on the 1st CPS Graduate Research Development Conference

submitted by Phillipa Chong

The CPS successfully held its first Graduate Research Development Conference on May 29, 2009 at Carleton University, Ottawa. Since that time, I have solicited feedback from student participants about what they found to be most beneficial about the conference experience and how they planned to take what they had learned in Ottawa and share it with their home universities in the future. Below is a summary of these comments.

I would once again like to acknowledge the PCLC for supporting this worthwhile project as well as the trainers who generously donated their time to contribute to this unique educational experience. It is my hope that from this experience we can draw insights on how to better attract and serve student members of the Canadian Population Society. And as always, if you had any additional suggestions or feedback related to future CPS student member initiatives, please feel free to contact me: phillipa.chong@utoronto.ca.

What Participants Found useful about the CPS Graduate Student Conference:

- *The nature and depth of feedback from research trainers:* Most participants commented on the rich and detailed feedback they received from research trainers which ranged from pointing out relevant literatures to advice concerning data analysis techniques to the mechanics/principles of how to present and explain data in tables. Students found the comments useful and many said that their research was greatly improved from these additional insights.
- *The Knowledge Mobilization seminar:* Participants unanimously praised Heather Juby's knowledge mobilization session as one of the most useful aspects of the conference. Most commented on her effective use of practical examples and found the skills taught immediately applicable to their own practices. As one student summed up the take away point of the knowledge mobilization session:

It is generally agreed that doing scientific research is one thing, and passing on the information to an audience is quite another. Without adequate training, it is often difficult to hit the right note and hence the message invariably gets garbled. The insights gained from this session can therefore not be overemphasized enough.

- *Professionalization experience:* Over and above the formal task of presenting and receiving feedback on their papers, many students reported many professionalization experiences as part of the broader value of the conference. For

example, students remarked on learning from trainers hints on practical tips on how to get published in Canadian and American journals; or how their research connected with existing work done by policy makers and government researchers providing a broader focus for their work that had not occurred to them before. Others appreciated meeting the other student participants and the value of “building bridges between various universities and departments across Canada” which allowed them to see what the issues and concerns of the next generation of researchers in Canada.

What Participants Would like to see at Future Conferences

- *The Role of the Trainers:* Some students felt there should be a clearer distinction between when/if trainers were commenting on the paper versus the presentations. Also, several students would have liked to see a copy of their trainer’s comments.
- *Changes in Conference Organization:* Feedback concerning the organization of the conference primarily focused on students’ time with their research trainer. Some students wanted more time added to each session to allow for more back-and-forth dialogue with their research trainers (and other students). Some suggested that each trainer break-off into smaller thematic groups allowing more time to work with each expert [Note: From the organizer’s perspective, it is possible to have these small-group sessions; however, it would be more onerous for trainers and could make it more difficult to recruit researchers to donate their time].
- *Additional Program Components:* Students suggested programming that they would like to see included in future events of this kind. These included an introductory methodologies seminar to open the day and a workshop on how to field questions at conferences.

How Participants are Passing on What they have Learned

A requirement of the participating in the CPS graduate student conference was that each student must find some opportunity to disseminate what they have learned from the conference at their home universities. Below are a few of the initiative student participants have been undertaking:

- Running smaller versions of the conference (same format and objectives) at their home universities amongst students and faculty.
- Organizing instructive seminars on effective presentation styles at their home universities (i.e. the annual graduate student symposium at the Department of Sociology, Queen’s University).
- Gathering colleagues to hold practice presentation sessions before major conferences and critiquing each others’ presentation skills.

- One student has already incorporated aspects from the Knowledge Mobilization seminar to be taught in an upcoming Research Methods course.
- Encouraging fellow students to become members of the Canadian Population Society.

Student Funding Opportunity

The Quebec Inter-University Centre for Social Statistics (QICSS) is pleased to announce its 2010 Grant Matching Program. The aims of this Program are to promote the use of both Statistics Canada and the *Institut de la statistique du Québec* detailed microdata in graduate research projects and encourage the funding of Masters and PhD students. Twelve matching grants are being offered, \$4000 for Masters students and \$6000 for Ph.D. students.

Please find attached the description of the 2010 QICSS Grant Matching Program. The submission period lasts from September 21 to December 15, 2009 and the results will be announced on March 1, 2010. For any further information and for registration, please visit our web site: www.ciqss.umontreal.ca

IN THE MEDIA

submitted by the National Committee

Canada Imposes New Visa Requirements for Visitors from Mexico and the Czech Republic

Citizenship, Immigration, and Multiculturalism Minister, Jason Kenney, announced that visitors from Mexico and the Czech Republic would be required to have visas, beginning July 14, 2009. The new visa requirements were apparently in response to recent high numbers of visitors from the two countries who requested refugee status after entering Canada. There were numerous articles covering this issue in the *Globe and Mail* and other newspapers following the minister's announcement (see for example, "Ottawa Admits Visa Policy will Hurt Tourism", the *Globe and Mail*, August 10, 2009 and "Visas Stemming Tide of Czech Refugees, Officials Say" – The Canadian Press, August 19, 2009).

Minister calls for Overhaul of Canada's Refugee System

This article by Campbell Clark in the *Globe and Mail* is one of many follow-up mass media coverage of the new visa requirements described above. The article describes Citizenship, Immigration, and Multiculturalism Minister, Jason Kenney's call for revising Canada's asylum system. Minister Kenney said that Canada needs an asylum system that accepts or rejects refugee claims quickly instead of the current drawn-out process. One possible change is to give immigration officers the first decision on a claim for asylum

instead of a tribunal (that is, the Immigration and Refugee Board). The Immigration and Refugee Board or its replacement would hear appeals. Any changes to Canada's asylum system are bound to please and displease various groups.

Multiculturalism an Ideology, Not a Fact

This piece wades into the long-standing discussions over Canada's multiculturalism policy. The author maintains that Canadians do not really practice multiculturalism and that immigrant and native-born Canadians behave more like their U.S., counterparts than the official lines suggest. For example, while the United States emphasizes assimilation of immigrants and their children (the "melting pot" idea) and Canada encourages multiculturalism and retention of different immigrant-based cultures, several indicators suggest that assimilation is happening in both countries. This article is sure to provoke further discussion of Canada's multiculturalism policy. (Daniel Stoffman, the *Globe and Mail*, August 22, 2009)

CALLS FOR PAPERS

European Population Conference 2010

The European Association for Population Studies invites contributions to the European Population Conference to be held in Vienna, 1-4 September 2010. The EPC 2010 is a general scientific conference where the theme Population and Environment will receive special attention. For more information visit the conference [website](#). The deadline for the submission of an abstract is December 31, 2009. Abstracts can only be submitted at the conference website. Submissions should be made to one of the conference topics, which will be developed into a series of sessions by the convener.

At the EPC 2010 only one submission as a first author is allowed; participants may, however, co-author other papers/presentations. Submissions may take the form of an abstract, although full papers are preferred. Authors will be informed about acceptance of their paper by March 2010.

Forced Migration: Challenges and Change

3rd Annual Conference for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS), McMaster University, Hamilton Ontario, May 6-8, 2010.

The 2010 CARFMS Conference will bring together researchers, policymakers, displaced persons and advocates from diverse disciplinary and regional backgrounds to discuss the changes and challenges faced in the field of forced migration. We invite participants from a wide range of perspectives to explore the practical, experiential, policy-oriented, legal and theoretical questions raised by different processes of change affecting forced

migrants at the local, national, regional and international levels. Individuals wishing to present a paper at the conference must submit a 250-word abstract by January 29, 2010. The conference organizers welcome submissions of both individual papers and proposals for panels. Please submit your abstract via the conference [website](#). For more information, please contact Heather Johnson johnsohl@mcmaster.ca.

MEMBER UPDATES

Monica Boyd, University of Toronto

During 2009, Monica Boyd served as a member of the Review Panel for the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation Early Researcher Awards, which is a program of funding designed to improve Ontario's ability to attract and retain the best and brightest research talent.

At the invitation of the Vice President of Research and Vice-Provost, University of Toronto Monica Boyd served as a member of the Management Board, Center of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Settlement - Toronto (CERIS).

At the invitation of the Chief of the International Migration Statistics Section of the U.S. Census Bureau, Monica Boyd served as a member of the Suitland Working Group Meeting on Using Household Surveys to Measure Migration and the Size, Distribution, and Characteristics of Migrant Populations.

Monica Boyd also continues to serve on National Statistics Council, Statistics Canada. This is an Advisory Board to the Chief Statistician of Canada with the appointment made by the Minister of Industry.

In June 2009, Monica Boyd completed her term as President of the Canadian Sociological Association. She continues to serve a two-year term (2007-2009) as the President of the Academy of Social Sciences, Royal Society of Canada.

Alain Gagnon, University of Western Ontario

Alain Gagnon is Vice-President of the Federation of Canadian Demographers (FCD) and a Council member of the CPS. Since 2006, Dr. Gagnon has been a member of the Historical Demography Panel of the IUSSP.

Dr. Gagnon organized two sessions, Historical Demography of Epidemics and Spreading the Diseases, at this year's IUSSP Conference in Marrakech, Morocco ([click here](#) for details). He was also a member of the organizing committee of the [Seminar](#) on "Social Mobility and Demographic Behaviour: A Long Term Perspective", (Panel on Historical

Demography, IUSSP), Los Angeles, CA, December 11-13, 2008; and a member of the organizing committee of the Seminar on “The Emergence of Social Differences in Mortality: Time Trends, Causes and Reactions”, (Panel on Historical Demography, IUSSP), Alghero, Sardinia, Italia, 29-30 May 2008.

Ann Kim, York University

Ann Kim has two new SSHRC-funded projects : 1. Development, Migration Strategies and Prospects for social Integration: Understanding Contemporary transnationalism among South Korean Families (PI with 5 co-investigators and 2 collaborators scattered across central Canada and US); and 2. “Worked to Death”: Gendered-Racialized Dimensions of Economic Security among Later Life Canadians” (Co-PI with other 1 PI and 2 other Co-Is).

Recent invited presentation: Diversity and Older Adults: Intersectionality, Economic Security and Housing. NICE (National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly) Special Panel Session on Ethnicity and Aging: Implications for Policy and Practice. Annual NICE Knowledge Exchange, Victoria University in the University of Toronto., May 21, 2009.

Susan McDaniel, University of Lethbridge

Susan McDaniel was appointed as Director of the Prentice Institute, University of Lethbridge, in July 2009, and also as Prentice Research Chair in Global Population and Economy and Professor in the Department of Sociology. She was elected (2007-2009) as Director of the Royal Society of Canada, Social Sciences Division, and re-appointed to the Scientific Advisory Committee, Canadian Council of Academics.

Dr. McDaniel co-organized (with Zachary Zimmer) an international conference on Global Aging in the 21st Century, to be held at the University of Utah, October 28-29, 2009.

In addition, she is a co-editor of the Oxford University Press Sociology Book Series and on the International Editorial Board of Sociopedia.ISA, the International Sociological Association’s online database of state-of-the-art reviews of areas in the social sciences.

Ravi Verma

Dr. Ravi Verma, a young senior, retired from Statistics Canada on September 30, 2009 to continue his professional activity as a consultant in Demography and Social Statistics. Currently, is an Adjunct Research Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario. He is planning to undertake assignments on a voluntary basis around the world. He also looks forward to enjoying life with his family, six grand children, and friends and to remain healthy and professionally productive. He spent 44 years working in India, U.S.A., Canada, and Bangladesh.

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