

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings CPS members! On behalf of the entire membership, I offer our appreciation to Dr. Wayne McVey, Dr. Frank Trovato, and all other members involved in securing funding for our flagship journal, *Canadian Studies in Population*. The SSHRC has awarded the CPS enough funding to continue publication for another three years! Our success in obtaining this grant no doubt reflects the high caliber of the journal over the past several years. Special regards goes to the out-going editor, Dr. McVey, for his all efforts toward ensuring that the journal remained a rigorous and vital outlet for Canadian population research.

In addition, I welcome the incoming editor, Dr. Trovato. I expect that Dr. Trovato will maintain a high standard and build upon the strong foundation that Dr. McVey established during his editorship. The journal is a reflection of the CPS membership, and its future success depends on having a regular stream of submissions. Hence, I urge all members to continue submitting high quality articles so that *CSP* remains a competitive and salient outlet for population studies.

I am pleased to report that the CPS committees have been formalized and

have commenced their business. The committee heads are:

- Eric Fong, Chair for committee overseeing the 2001 Census Edited Volume.
- Margaret Michalowski, CPS representative to the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- Alain Gagnon, representative to the Federation of Canadian Demographers (FCD).
- Heather Dryburgh, Chair of the International Committee.

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- Gustave Goldmann, Chair of the Journal Committee.

- Laurie Goldmann, Chair of the Membership Committee.

- Sharon Lee, Chair of the National Committee.

- Barry Edmonston, Chair of the Program Committee.

- Gustave Goldmann, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

- Alain Belanger, Chair of the Student Paper Competition.

If you have any input for these committees, please consult the relevant committee head. The contact information for the committee heads are available on the [CPS webpage](#).

The program for the 2009 annual meeting in Ottawa has been released. The program looks very promising and I anticipate another successful conference. I thank the program organizer, Dr. Barry Edmonston, and the session organizers for their hard work!

There will be a strong representation of CPS members at the upcoming PWFC-CPTF symposium. I look forward to seeing many of you in Gatineau this December.

Seasons Greetings!

- Zheng Wu, CPS President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Announcement

I am pleased to inform you that the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) has funded

our journal, *Canadian Studies in Population*, for a three-year cycle: 2008-09 to 2010-11. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who provided me assistance and encouragement during the application process: Wayne McVey, Jr., Rod Beaujot, Rajulton Fernando, Russell Wilkins, and Gustave Goldmann. Our success in obtaining this award is a collective one. Without the contributions and support of authors and reviewers we would not have a viable journal. In particular, Wayne McVey is to be commended for his work as past editor. Undoubtedly, the SSHRC's positive evaluation of our journal reflects a recognition of the excellence which Wayne established in his capacity as editor.

I look forward to your continued support of *Canadian Studies in Population*.

CSP is catalogued in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). For submission inquiries, please contact ftrovato@ualberta.ca.

- Frank Trovato, CSP Editor

Teaching Workshops?

Teaching workshops at the CPS Annual Meetings? CPS members are not only top-notch researchers, but many also teach in undergraduate and graduate programs across the country. Currently, teaching workshops are not on the CPS annual meeting program, and while it is too late for 2009, if there is interest in having workshops at future CPS meetings – such as on teaching methods for population studies or quantitative

analysis courses – please contact Ann Kim at annkim@yorku.ca.

PWFC Meeting

“Meeting Canada’s Diverse Challenges: Social Risk, Private Risk and Productivity” is the theme of the 4th Population, Work, and Family Policy Research Collaboration (PWFC) Symposium on December 9-10, 2008 at the Hilton Lac-Leamy Hotel in Gatineau, Québec. The Symposium is organized by the Policy Research Initiative in collaboration with a number of federal government agencies, as well as two SSHRC-funded clusters, the Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster (PCLC) and the Canadian Labour Market and Skills Researcher Network (CLSRN). Some 50 papers submitted through the PCLC will be presented in the workshop and poster sessions, many of which are authored by members of the CPS.

In conjunction with the 4th PWFC Symposium, the PCLC will hold pre-Symposium program in the afternoon of December 8. The program includes a knowledge mobilization activity where resource persons will talk about extracting “a story” from research analysis, preparing a media release on the research findings, and preparing for an interview with journalists. There will also be a general meeting and meetings of the thematic committees.

PCLC News

Updates from the Population Change and Lifecourse (PCLC) Strategic Knowledge Cluster.

1. First Meeting of the PCLC Advisory Council

The issues that the Council brought to the attention of the Cluster Leadership Group and thematic committee leaders included aboriginal questions, security, and environmental sustainability. The 10-member Advisory Council is composed of prominent people located in Canada and internationally, and includes a long-time CPS member, Lorna Marsden, President Emerita of York University. A result of the meeting is a list of action items to be included in the Cluster’s strategic plan.

2. HRSDC Conference on Monitoring Canadian Families over the Lifecourse

At the Conference on *Monitoring Canadian Families over the Lifecourse* held in Gatineau on September 25, 2008, CPS members including Teresa Abada, Rod Beaujot, Barry Edmonston, Rajulton Fernando, Évelyne Lapierre-Adamcyk, Céline Le Bourdais, Zenaida Ravanera, Judy Lynn Richards, and Zheng Wu presented their research on a number of topics including family formation, family structure, fertility, immigrant integration, and challenges for the elderly. The research projects were funded by Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC), and the participants were mainly from the policy community.

3. Request for Proposals on Knowledge Mobilization Projects

The PCLC Executive Committee invites requests for proposals for knowledge mobilization projects such as producing a series of research and policy briefs, edited collections, or special

issues of a journal. The projects could also include collaborative problem solving or agenda setting activities, symposiums, workshops, or conferences for knowledge dissemination. In addition to this knowledge mobilization initiative, the Cluster holds student competitions to fund training, attend of workshops, give conference presentations, and faculty exchanges that would enhance collaboration across institutions and researchers. For more information, please [click here](#).

- Zenaida R. Ravanera

Statistics Canada Updates

General Social Survey 20th Anniversary Project Nearing Completion

Statistics Canada's General Social Survey (GSS) has been gathering information from Canadians since 1985. In addition to collecting data on general social conditions in Canada, several special topics have been explored, such as: health, time use, personal risk and victimization, education and work, social networks, family, aging and retirement, social support and technology use. It is now possible to observe the changing social conditions of Canadians over the past 20 years.

Our goal is to create a historical database with 20 of data that includes a series of data files containing harmonized variables for trend analysis. To accompany the database we are also developing tools and supporting documents to aid researchers in analyzing these data. When the database is ready, we will be releasing a series of Fact Sheets highlighting important findings from this data.

The GSS Historical Database will be released in the Canadian Research Data Centres in April 2008. After the release it will be possible to purchase special tabulations from Statistics Canada. Contact: SASD-DSSEA@statcan.ca.

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New Books

Rod Beaujot and Don Kerr, eds. 2007.
The Changing Face of Canada: Essential Readings in Population.
Toronto: Canadian Scholars' Press Inc.

D. Swanson and S. Murdock, eds. 2008.
Applied Demography in the 21st Century. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer B.V. Press.

Frank Trovato. 2009. *Canada's Population in a Global Context: An Introduction to Social Demography.*
Toronto: Oxford University Press.

SOCIETY CORNER

FCD News

The new President of the Federation of Canadian Demographers (FCD) is Danielle Gauvreau of Concordia University, Department of Sociology. Dr. Gauvreau took office on September 1, 2008 for a three-year term, which will

include the major responsibility of organizing the next FCD conference.

- *Russell Wilkins*

MEMBER FOCUS

In June 2008, **Alain Gagnon** was elected Councilor of the Canadian Population Society (CPS). At the meeting of the Society (held on June 6th), he was nominated Vice-President of the Federation of Canadian Demographers (FDC). For the next three years, he will assist the new President, Danielle Gauvreau, from the University of Concordia. At the CPS meeting, Alain presented a paper entitled: "Was old age mortality always lower among the elite and the wealthier? Evidence from pre-industrial Québec and other populations" (co-authored by Bertrand Desjardins and Robert Bourbeau), while Nora Bohnert, who completed her Master degree at the University of Western Ontario under Alain's direction, presented a paper entitled "Is childhood poverty associated with a higher mortality risk in later life?" As a member of the Panel on Historical Demography of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), Alain organized with his colleagues the seminar "The Emergence of Social Differences in Mortality: Time Trends, Causes and Reactions", Alghero, Sardinia, Italy, 29-30 May 2008. He also presented there his work on mortality among preindustrial elite. A few months later, Alain was invited by the Panel on Evolutionary Perspectives in Demography of the IUSSP to present "Are there trade-offs between fertility and survival to old ages? Evidence from three large historical demographic databases" (*International Seminar on*

Trade-offs in Female Life Histories, Bristol, United Kingdom, 23-25 July 2008). Being active in the IUSSP, Alain is currently organizing a session on the "Historical demography of Epidemics" for the next conference of the IUSSP in Marrakech (fall 2009). Finally, as an enthusiastic demographer, Alain is happy to announce the birth of his daughter Livia on August 29!

Gustave Goldmann has presented several papers this Fall. These include: "The Canadian Research Data Centre Network: A Fundamental Element of the Social Research Infrastructure in Canada" (with Denis Gonthier) at the conference on *Census Microdata: Findings and Futures*, University of Manchester, September 1-3, 2008; "Ethnic Mobility – An Historical and Contemporary Outcome for Aboriginal Peoples in Canada: Evidence Drawn From Past Trends and Current Census Data" (with Senada Delic) presented at the conference on *Aboriginal Population in Transition: Social, Demographic, and Epidemiological Dimensions*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, October 17-18, 2008; and "Intra- and Intergenerational Mobility: Ethnic Transfer and Mobility." presented at the conference on *Comings and Goings: Migration, Policy and Society*, Carleton, Ottawa, Outaouais Local RDC, University of Ottawa, October 17-18, 2008.

Russell Wilkins has also been active on the conference circuit. His presentations include: "Refining the Measurement of Health Inequalities in Canada – New Data, New Approaches" (with Wolfson, McIntosh, and Finès), the 30th General Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth, Portoroz, Slovenia, August 24-

30, 2008; and “Computation of Health Adjusted Life Expectancy from National Surveys: Relative Impact of Sex, Income and Education (with Finès, McIntosh, and Wolfson), the ISOQOL (International Society for Quality of Life Research) conference, Montevideo, Uruguay, 23 October 2008. He also delivered an invited seminar on the *Canadian Census Mortality Follow-up Study* at the University of Ottawa, Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine, in November.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Statistics Canada's 25th International Methodology Symposium, “Longitudinal Surveys: from Design to Analysis,” will take place at the Palais des Congrès in Gatineau, QC, October 27-30, 2009. We are **soliciting papers** related to the several methodological aspects of longitudinal surveys. Your proposal must be submitted by e-mail to: symposium2009@statcan.gc.ca by **March 31, 2009**. It should include a 250-word abstract (French or English) of the content of the presentation, as well as its title and your full contact information. We will contact you by May 1, 2009 to inform you whether or not your proposed communication has been accepted.

Diversity Matters, February 23, 2009, Vancouver, British Columbia. Statistics Canada is pleased to present this one-day conference featuring a panel of high-profile experts who will explore the changes, trends, and implications of ethno-cultural diversity and immigration for Canada, British

Columbia, and Metro Vancouver. Presenters include Anil Arora, Assistant Chief Statistician, Statistics Canada; Dave O’Neil, Director, BC Stats; Andrew Ramlo, Director, Urban Futures; and Professor Dan Hiebert, Co-Director, Metropolis BC. For more information and registration details, please visit our [conference website](#).

2009 ADQ Conference, Demographic Transformations and New Social Dynamics. The upcoming “Association Francophone pour le Savoir” (ACFAS) Congress, which the French ADQ Conference is part of, will take place in Ottawa from May 11 to May 15, 2009. This is an important event to put in your agenda. The theme of the ADQ Conference is “Demographic Transformations and New Social Dynamics. For complete details, please [click here](#).

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Canadian Population Society Annual Meeting, May 27-29, 2009, Carleton University, Ottawa. The deadline for submitting abstracts is **January 16, 2009**. Authors will be notified about acceptance of their submissions beginning on February 2, 2009. Please visit the [conference page on CPS website](#) for complete details about the submission process and conference details.

Population Association of America (PAA) 2009 Annual Meeting. The PAA will gather in Detroit, MI (Marriott Renaissance Hotel) from April 30 to May 2, 2009. Please refer to the

[conference website](#) for the conference program and additional details about registration and accommodations in Detroit.

**NEW PUBLICATIONS OF
SOCIETY MEMBERS**

Abada, T., F. Hou, and B. Ram. 2008. "The Effects of Harassment and Victimization on Self-Rated Health and Mental Health among Canadian Adolescents." *Social Science and Medicine* 30: 1-11.

Gagnon, A. and R. Mazan. 2008. "Does Exposure to Infectious Diseases in Infancy Affect Old Age Mortality? Evidence from a Pre-industrial Population." *Social Science and Medicine*, forthcoming.

Gagnon, A. R. Mazan., B. Desjardins, and K. R. Smith. 2008. "Post-reproductive Survival in a Natural Fertility Population." Pp. 225-241 in *Kinship and Demographic Behavior in the Past*. T. Bengtsson and G. P. Mineau, eds. Springer.

Luo, Z. C. and R. Wilkins. 2008. "Degree of Rural Isolation and Birth Outcomes." *Paediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology* 22:341-349.

Omariba, D. W., F. Rajulton and R. Beaujot. 2008. "Correlated Mortality of Siblings in Kenya: The Role of State Dependence." *Demographic Research* 18: 311-336.

Shin. Y. E. and Bali Ram. 2008. "Does It Pay to Migrate? The Canadian

Evidence." *Canadian Studies in Population*, 35:103-117.

Wilkins R., M. Tjepkema, C. M. Mustard, and R. Choinière R. 2008. "The Canadian Census Mortality Follow-up Study, 1991 through 2001." *Health Reports* 19: 25-43.

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