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### **Message from the President**

I hope you had an enjoyable and healthy summer. I would like to report on several recent activities and mention some forthcoming activities of interest to CPS members.

#### *2011 CPS Meeting*

We had a successful annual meeting in Fredericton, New Brunswick this year. Thanks to program chair Eric Fong, local coordinator Michael Haan, workshop coordinator Martin Cooke and the workshop presenters, session chairs and discussants, and all those who helped to make it an interesting and useful meeting. Like you, I enjoyed the opportunity to visit the beautiful University of New Brunswick campus and the scenic city of Fredericton, and to see colleagues and friends again.

#### *International Metropolis Conference*

Several CPS members – Jenna Hennebry, Ann Kim, Sharon Lee, Fernando Mata, and me – organized and/or presented papers at the 16th International Metropolis meetings in the Azores this September. The conference was an unusual opportunity to meet in a unique area of emigration, with the chance to learn more about the process of international migration in a country of origin rather than the typical focus on immigration and integration in countries of destination. As session chairs or presenters, we discussed immigration issues and current research in Canada.

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The next International Metropolis Conference will be held for the first time in Beijing, China in Autumn 2012. I hope that CPS members will continue to play an active role in this important international forum on international migration.

### *2012 PAA Meetings*

As in previous years, the Population Association of America (PAA) will host a joint CPS-PAA session at the forthcoming 2012 PAA annual meetings in San Francisco. After discussion with PAA President Daniel Lichter, the joint session's theme is "Asian Americans and Asian Canadians: A Minority Success Story?" We anticipate lively presentations and stimulating discussion by presenters and audience on this topic.

I have been organizing these joint CPS-PAA sessions for several years. For future PAA meetings, I would like to turn over the responsibility for organizing a joint CPS-PAA session to one of the CPS committees. We will discuss this issue at the CPS Council meetings during the 2012 CPS meetings. The joint CPS-PAA session gives visibility to topics of interest to Canadian and U.S. demographers and provides a forum for Canadian demographers to share and highlight their research with U.S. and other demographers.

### *2012 CPS Elections*

The CPS nominations committee will shortly be preparing a slate of nominees for 2012 elections. We will solicit possible additional nominees from CPS members next February, prior to the March 2012 elections.

### *2012 CPS Meetings*

Vice-President and program chair Eric Fong has recently sent out a call for papers for the 2012 meetings (see appendix of newsletter), which will be held in Ontario at either the University of Waterloo or Wilfrid Laurier University. I encourage everyone to submit a paper or poster proposal. I look forward to good attendance and, as always, an interesting CPS meeting.

I wish you all a productive and enjoyable autumn. Also, best wishes for the holiday season and the new year.

*Barry Edmonston*  
*President, Canadian Population Society*

### *CSP Selected into Social Science Citation Index*

Our society's journal, *Canadian Studies in Population* (CSP), has recently been accepted for inclusion in the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI). This index provides access to bibliographic and citation information for articles published in over 2400 social science journals. The SSCI will begin coverage of CSP with volume 36 (2009). This will greatly

increase the profile of CSP and hopefully promote submissions and the excellent research that is published within its pages.

The CPS membership extends its gratitude to Frank Trovato, CPS Editor, for his efforts in getting the journal accepted into this index.

## PCLC NEWS

### *Cluster Members Active Participants in the 2011 Socio-Economic Conference*

Members of the Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster (PCLC) presented some 20 papers at the 2011 Socio-Economic Conference, which was held in Palais des congrès de Gatineau, September 26-27. The cluster's participation also included sessions organized by CPS members: *Immigrant Adaptation and Integration* (Barry Edmonston), *Health Inequalities over the Life Course: Comparisons across Cohorts and Countries* (Amélie Quesnel-Vallée), and *Families and Well-Being* (Zheng Wu). There were also a number of State of the Art Lectures on topics of interest to the Cluster, with one such lecture given by Feng Hou, "On the Tip of a Gold Mine: Modeling Socioeconomic Changes with Multi-Year Census Data."

### *Seminar on Computer Modeling Held in Ottawa*

*On Varieties of Computer Modeling: A Toolbox Approach to Analysis and Decision Making* was the theme of the Seminar held in the morning of September 28, following the 2011 Socio-Economic Conference. Thomas Burch provided a general introduction to computer modeling, along with descriptions and illustrations of the computer modeling tools available to researchers and policy analysts. Michael Wolfson discussed microsimulation and its various applications in policy-relevant research, and Jacques Legaré gave a brief talk on his experience as a user of the results of *LifePaths*.

The Seminar was followed by a general meeting to help plan the second half of PCLC's mandate. The meeting was attended by some 40 people – members of the Advisory Council, Leadership Group, partners from the federal agencies, and Cluster members.

### *Events at National Conference of the Canadian Research Data Centres Network (CRDCN) Supported by the PCLC*

*Coming of Age: The Policy Impact of an Aging Population* was the theme of the 2011 national conference of the CRDCN, organized by the University of Alberta RDC, and held at Sutton Place Hotel in Edmonton on October 4-5. The Cluster supported a full day pre-conference workshop on microsimulation wherein Martin Spielauer gave an

introduction to *LifePaths* and other microsimulation models developed at Statistics Canada.

The participation of graduate students in the main conference together with a student competition to produce the best research poster and the best oral presentation were also supported by the PCLC.

### *Students Receive Grants for Apprenticeship and Presentations at International Conferences*

Three students received funding support through the Cluster Student Competition in June 2011:

- **Valerie Jarry** (Université de Montréal) to present a paper “The Survival Advantage of Siblings of Centenarians: Contribution of Childhood Conditions” at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Boston, November 17-20, 2011
- **Mariah Koh** (McGill University) to present “Socioeconomic Patterning in Health Dynamics in Canada: A Mixture Latent Markov Model” at the IEA World Congress of Epidemiology, Edinburgh, August 7-11, 2011
- **Anne Binette Charbonneau** (Université de Montréal) to pursue an Exchange and Research Apprenticeship at Mount Saint Vincent University for the projects, “Projecting Baby Boomer Home Care Needs” and “Family Friend Caregiving,” Halifax, June 13 - August 26, 2011

Five students applied for the October 15 Student Competition, which are currently under review for funding.

— *Zenaida R. Ravanera*

## STATISTICS CANADA UPDATES

### Dataset Releases:

**Confidential microdata files released to the Research Data Centres (RDCs) between March 2011 and September 2011:** Canadian Community Health Survey rapid response module; Labour Force Survey 2010; Canadian Century Research Infrastructure 1911 dataset; Youth in Transition Survey (Cycle 6); Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics 2009.

## Report on the Demographic Situation in Canada

Statistics Canada launched a new dynamic web page for the *Report on the Demographic Situation in Canada* on July 20, 2011, in order to provide the most recent data and analyses on Canadian demographics as soon as they are available.

The *Report on the Demographic Situation in Canada* analyzes recent demographic patterns at the national, provincial and sub-provincial levels. Trends in population growth and the evolution of the various components of Canada's population growth – fertility, mortality, and migration (interprovincial and international) as well as marriage and divorce – are examined. The *Report on the Demographic Situation in Canada* has been published annually or biennially since 1985.

The Report can be accessed at: [www.statcan.gc.ca/demography](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/demography) (English) and [www.statcan.gc.ca/demographie](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/demographie) (French).

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

- *Canada's population estimates as of July 1st, 2011*. Released on September 28th, 2011, these estimates are also available for the provinces and territories.
- *Study: Projected Trends to 2031 for the Canadian Labour Force* in the June 2011 Internet edition of the *Canadian Economic Observer*, Vol. 24, no. 6 .

## Some articles in the recent issue of the *Canadian Social Trends*, Number 92:

- *What's Stressing the Stressed? Main Sources of Stress among Workers* by Susan Crompton (released on October 13, 2011)
- *Commuting to Work: Results of the 2010 General Social Survey* by Martin Turcotte (released on August 24, 2011)
- *Intergenerational Education Mobility: University Completion in Relation to Parents' Education Level* by Martin Turcotte (released on August 24, 2011)
- *Generational Change in Paid and Unpaid Work* by Katherine Marshall (released on July 12, 2011)
- *Recent Evolution of Immigrant-Language Transmission in Canada* by René Houle, (released on June 7, 2011)

## Recent Releases from Statistics Canada:

- *Women in Canada: A Gender-based Statistical Report 2010-2011*, sixth edition, released on July 26, 2011.

- 2011 Census Response Rates

<b>2011 Census of Population: Collection Response Rates as of August 24, 2011<sup>1</sup></b> <a href="http://census2011.gc.ca/ccr01/ccr01_014-eng.htm">http://census2011.gc.ca/ccr01/ccr01_014-eng.htm</a>	
	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>98.1</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	98.2
Prince Edward Island	98.3
Nova Scotia	98.0
New Brunswick	97.7
Quebec	98.2
Ontario	98.3
Manitoba	97.8
Saskatchewan	97.8
Alberta	98.0
British Columbia	97.6
Yukon	94.1
Northwest Territories	96.6
Nunavut	92.7
<sup>1</sup> Collection response rates for occupied private dwellings.	

<b>2011 National Household Survey: Collection Response Rates as of September 30, 2011<sup>1</sup></b> <a href="http://nhs.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm_r012-eng.htm">http://nhs.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm_r012-eng.htm</a>	
	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>69.3</b>
Newfoundland & Labrador	64.0
Prince Edward Island	61.5
Nova Scotia	65.8
New Brunswick	64.5
Quebec	72.9
Ontario	68.1
Manitoba	68.8
Saskatchewan	64.5
Alberta	67.5
British Columbia	70.2
Yukon	61.1
Northwest Territories	83.9
Nunavut	78.1
<sup>1</sup> Collection response rates for occupied private dwellings.	

**Notes:** These preliminary rates are obtained directly from collection results, i.e. before data processing and data quality verification. They are calculated as the number of sampled private dwellings that returned a questionnaire divided by the number of sampled private dwellings classified as occupied by field staff. After processing and quality verification of the data, post-collection response rates will be produced. Among other improvements, these final response rates will include removal of blank questionnaires identified as such during processing and adjustments to the number of occupied private dwellings based on a sample study of the quality of the dwelling occupancy status.

## IN THE NEWS

*Global Population to Hit 7 Billion by October's End (David Crary, Globe and Mail, October 16, 2011)*

As of Oct. 31, according to the UN Population Fund, there will be 7 billion people sharing Earth's land and resources. In Western Europe, Japan and Russia, it will be an ironic milestone amid worries about low birthrates and aging populations. In China and India, the two most populous nations, it's an occasion to reassess policies that have already slowed once-rapid growth. But in Burundi, Uganda, and the rest of sub-Saharan Africa,

the demographic news is mostly sobering as the region staggers under the double burden of the world's highest birthrates and deepest poverty. The regional population of nearly 900 million could reach 2 billion in 40 years at current rates, accounting for about half of the projected global population growth over that span.

*Sweden's big immigration idea: the 'Canada model' (Doug Saunders, Globe and Mail, October 13, 2011)*

Policy circles in Stockholm have been dominated with talk of adopting "the Canada model." That, in fact, is the title of a widely discussed new Swedish book titled *Kanadamodellen – "The Canada Model,"* which urges Sweden's government to start making things look more like their Nordic fellow on the other side of the Atlantic. "We looked at Canada, and we saw that it worked – even though Canadians don't always say this, from a Swedish perspective we felt that Canada is a model that should be followed," said Martin Adahl, one of the book's editors and a fellow with the Stockholm think tank FORES, as he visited London to discuss his ideas with a bemused group of British and Canadian scholars.

*Feds Propose Immigrants Provide Upfront Evidence of English, French Fluency (The Canadian Press, Globe And Mail, October 14, 2011)*

The federal government wants immigrants to provide upfront evidence that they're fluent in one of Canada's two official languages when they submit citizenship applications. Ottawa is requesting comments on its proposal to require prospective immigrants to prove they have a Canadian Language Benchmark Level 4, in either English or French. A notice says the proposed change would not increase the language level required for citizenship but would provide officials and judges with "objective evidence of an applicant's language ability."

*Canadians are Living in an Age of Deep Diversity (Globe Editorial, Globe and Mail, Oct. 14, 2011)*

The term "visible minority" may have outlived its usefulness in Canada. That demographic category, used by Statistics Canada and in federal employment-equity law, refers to non-whites, with the exception of aboriginals. A new survey shows, however, that visible minorities are a very heterogeneous group, and that other demographic markers – such as religion and class – can more accurately predict discrimination and other barriers that certain groups face. The poll of 2,345 Canadians found that Muslims are viewed in a predominantly unfavorable light. Only 43 per cent of Canadians hold a positive view of Muslims. In contrast, three-quarters view blacks, Hispanics, and Chinese positively, and 61 per cent view aboriginals positively. Sixty per cent of respondents also viewed relations between the upper and lower classes negatively. "The category of 'visible minority' does not provide any meaningful insight any more," notes Jack Jedwab,

executive director of the Association for Canadian Studies, which released the study. “It creates an artificial grouping of people who in fact may have nothing in common.”

— *The National Committee*

## FEATURE INTERVIEW

In this issue, Michael Haan interviews Ann H. Kim. Dr. Kim is an assistant professor of sociology at York University in Toronto, Canada. She completed her doctorate at Brown University in 2005. Her research focuses include questions related to the immigrant and ethnic integration process, and has been published in the *American Journal of Sociology*, among other journals and edited volumes.

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

**Ann Kim (AK):** My interest in demography was piqued once I completed my MSW degree and worked for several years in the non-profit sector. With a long-standing interest in applied research, I realized then the importance of understanding demographic processes. As these processes underlie all of our social issues, it was, and still is, an important area of study. Its wide scope and its interdisciplinary nature were also appealing.

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

**AK:** Migration and immigration, and I’ve also done work in the area of spatial demography, but I find all areas fascinating and interlinked.

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

**AK:** Don't all social scientists! In seriousness, yes, in very straightforward ways such as using population counts, population changes and trends over time. In more complex ways, I study the motivations and social, economic, and political context behind population movements and settlement and integration patterns and experiences.

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

**AK:** 1) Changing ideas (and age and affordability) of retirement and their social and economic impacts; 2) Urbanization and more broadly, the issue of regionalization; and 3) Immigrant retention in an era of transnationalism.



**MH:** What advice would you give to those entering the field of demography? I mean, 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?

**AK:** This is a good survey topic and good questions for a demographer. At least in Canada, demography has typically attracted smaller numbers of students and scholars, partly due to being perceived in narrow terms, i.e., fertility, mortality, and migration rates and projections. There may be limited awareness of its widening disciplinary scope. For those just entering the field, I would tell them that they are in good company and that their knowledge and skills will open doors.

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

**AK:** These days, the question seems to be, what WOULD I do? Play ice hockey, ride my bicycle, and read more children's books.

### KEEPING POSTED

**FONG, Eric.** Eric Fong was elected to the Chair-Elect of the International Migration Section of the American Sociological Association.

*CPS membership has its privileges! Please renew your CPS membership today. Membership can be [renewed online](#).*

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF CPS MEMBERS

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**CPS 2012 CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**CANADIAN POPULATION SOCIETY 2012 ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Wilfred Laurier University and University of Waterloo, 30 May -1 June 2012**  
**Deadline for Submission: 16 January 2012**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A PAPER:**

1. All authors are asked to submit an abstract via email to the session organizer by 16 January 2012. Abstracts must be sufficiently detailed to allow the session organizer to judge the merits of the paper.
2. The author making the submission should provide the full names, affiliations, addresses, and e-mail addresses of all co-authors for each submission.
3. Authors will be notified by session organizers about acceptance of papers beginning on 10 February 2012.
4. Completed papers should be sent to session organizers by 8 May 2012.
5. Student authors who wish to submit their paper for the Student Paper Competition should submit their abstract to both the session organizer and Anne Milan (ann.milan@statcan.gc.ca) and Feng Hou (feng.hou@statcan.gc.ca).
6. Students can submit their papers to any session. Those who submitted their papers to the Student Session will receive comments on their papers.
7. Authors who wish to submit their papers for consideration only for a poster session should submit their abstract directly to the Organizing Committee Chair, Eric Fong (fong@chass.utoronto.ca).
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