

### **Message from the President**

*Dr. Howard Ramos, Dalhousie University*

As we enter 2017 and the Winter term it might feel like the world has entered into non-sociological times. The Oxford Dictionary selected “post-truth” as the word of the year, fake-news is ubiquitous, polling has been questioned, academics are labelled as elite, not to mention the rise of nativism, misogyny, and the election of Donald Trump. All of these trends are driven by fear and demands for over-simplified solutions to pressing problems.



Yet, despite these trends, Canada appears to be an exception. Indeed, there have been many opportunities for sociologists to ‘commit sociology’ by promoting the political and social literacy needed to understand our social world. During the past academic year the Canadian Sociological Association did this by issuing a statement of concern against the Russian Federation's decision to designate the [Yuri Levada Analytic Center](#) as a “foreign agent” and supported a similar statement by the [American Sociological Association](#) and British Sociological Association. The association also worked with the Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences to promote Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples in the 2017 Congress, and, by dedicating space for recognition of Indigenous territory and acknowledgement at the start of our conference this spring. The association is also dedicating a panel during the conference to discuss what sociologists can do in non-sociological times and has introduced roundtables and other new events to help promote an engaged and critical sociology. We look forward to seeing you at the annual conference at Ryerson.

Sociologists across Canada have been active in countering the cooptation of their work and sparking important public debate, as seen by Porter Prize winner [Vic Satzewhich](#)’s intervention on the screening of immigrants for “Canadian values.” [Ardath Whynacht](#) also recently sparked an important discussion on family violence, victims and the intersection with issues of mental health. Many others are regular and active public intellectuals and make valuable policy contributions to issues of race and ethnicity, immigration, sexuality, gender studies, critical health, and much more.

The expertise of our association is also sought after. Executive Administrator, Sherry Fox will be a key speaker in the Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences webinar on membership recruitment and retention strategies. The Canadian Sociological Association is likewise actively involved in promoting Canadian sociology at the world stage as seen in its involvement with [sessions at the American Sociological Association](#) meetings in Montreal in 2017. We are also gearing up to host the [International Sociological Association \(ISA\) in Toronto in 2018](#).

There will be a number of important opportunities for Canadian sociologists to organize and present papers at the ISA. Mark your calendars and keep your eyes open for calls for papers and other ways of getting involved. Michael Burawoy, editor of [Global Dialogues](#), moreover, has invited a number of Canadian sociologists to comment on what our practice of the discipline can offer in non-sociological times. Contributions should appear sometime later this year.

Although the worlds appear to be in tumultuous times, sociology has an important role to play in them. It is my hope that you have a good term and continue to commit sociology!

### Message from the President-Elect

*Dr. Rima Wilkes, University of British Columbia*



For the first time in three decades January in Vancouver is like January in many other parts of the country. Really cold. Ok maybe just somewhat cold. But we have to at least try to be like “real” Canadians.

Like you I am looking forward to the upcoming May 29-June 1 Canadian Sociological Association conference which is taking place at the Congress meeting in Toronto. The new research cluster format that we have seen in recent years at the conference is working extremely well, and provides a great opportunity to hear exciting new work in our respective fields. If you haven't already submitted your abstract the [deadline is January 27](#).

As for what we have been up to, many of us in the Association are planning not only for this upcoming meeting but also for the International Sociological Association Conference in Toronto in 2018, which the CSA will host. This is a major coup for sociology in Canada and a special acknowledgment must go out to Patricia Albanese, Professor of Sociology at Ryerson University for her instrumental work in pulling it all together.

Finally, as President-Elect it is my honour to chair the [Outstanding Contribution](#) and [Student Paper Award](#) committees. The deadlines are February 15, 2017 and April 14, 2017 respectively. Please send in your nominations and papers! I look forward to announcing the winners at the annual banquet on May 30. I also look forward to meeting all the returning and new members of the Canadian Sociological Association in Toronto. Have a wonderful Winter term.

### Communications Officer Update

*Dr. John McLevey, University of Waterloo*

The association will be holding a conference panel *Communicating Sociology: Practical Advice from Sociologists on Interacting with the Media*. The session will provide members with very practical advice on how to get their message across accurately, and how to have an impact on policy and public understanding of sociology and social science more generally. More details coming soon.



### On Our Website

#### *New Section*

The Association will maintain the latest [information for the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology](#).

#### *Canadian Review of Sociology*

See the latest [journal issue](#), featured articles and media coverage.

#### *Job Listings*

Academic and applied [positions as well as calls for submissions](#) are posted regularly.

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## **CSA-SCS Subcommittee Reports**

### **Equity**

*Chair - Dr. Min Zhou, University of Victoria*

The Equity Subcommittee will organize a special session on inequalities in Canadian academe at the coming Congress.

[Black Professors Matter: Challenging Inequalities in Canadian Academe](#)

The Equity Subcommittee also maintains and updates the online information on “Resources on Equity Issues in Canada” at <http://www.csa-scs.ca/equity-issues>. On this webpage you can find the links to Canadian equity issues and reports compiled by the Equity Subcommittee. Should you have further resources to add to this section, please contact the [CSA office](#).

### **Conference Call for Abstracts**

The Canadian Sociological Association Conference will be held from Monday, May 29 through to Thursday, June 1, 2017 as part of the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences Congress this year taking place at Ryerson University in Toronto, Ontario.

The Call for Abstracts will be closing on January 27, 2017. We invite you to review the preliminary session list and consider submitting an abstract today.

Visit the Conference Website

### **ISA World Congress 2018**

*July 15 - 21, 2018 - Toronto, Ontario*

We are excited to be hosting this event expected to welcome over 6000 delegates to Toronto. Information has now been posted on the Congress on our website.

[Check regularly for updates!](#)

Not familiar with the International Sociological Association or the World Congress?

[Review our FAQ and plan to participate.](#)

*Upcoming Deadlines:*

[Worldwide Competition for Junior Sociologists](#) - March 31, 2017

[Call for Abstracts](#) - April 25 to September 30, 2017

## Research Clusters

Research Clusters bring together researchers and students working in the various substantive areas that make up Canadian sociology. They facilitate information-sharing, networking, academic community-building, and collaboration among faculty and students working in similar areas. Furthermore, they provide an avenue for making sociological knowledge available to media, policy-makers, communities, and non-governmental organizations.



### *Research Cluster News*

Violence & Society Student Paper Awards - deadline March 31, 2017

### *2017 CSA-SCS Conference*

Cluster affiliated sessions

The sessions are open to the Call for Abstracts unless otherwise stated.

[Full list of association Research Clusters](#)

## Department News

Our newsletters enable us to showcase Sociology Departments across Canada. [Contact us](#) if you would like to contribute to the next E-bulletin edition.

### **Carleton University**

*Dr. Janet Siltanen*

Dr. Aaron Doyle is the new Chair while Dr. Wally Clement joins us as the Interim Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences for a 2 year term.



### **University of Manitoba**

*Dr. Lori Wilkinson*

Congratulations to Dr. Andrew Woolford. He was appointed to the College of New Scholars at the Royal Society of Canada in recognition of his extensive research on genocide and colonialism in Canada.



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Cheryl Albas and Tracey Peter were both recognized by the Faculty of Arts with Teaching Excellence Awards. These are competitive awards recognizing the great teaching contributions of Arts faculty. Elizabeth Comack is the winner of the 2016 University of Manitoba Outreach Award. This award recognizes researchers whose work and volunteerism has direct influence outside the university.

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## **Canadian Sociology**

### **Call for Papers: (Un)Making Europe: Capitalism, Solidarities, Subjectivities**

*Dr. Evie Tastsoglou, Saint Mary's University*

Hellenic Sociological Society and the Local Organizing Committee of the 13th ESA ([European Sociological Association](#)) [conference](#) in Athens (August 29 - September. 1, 2017) are pleased to announce the call for papers. The deadline is February 1, 2017.

[Download Call for Papers PDF](#)

### **SocArXiv.org – the new place to commit sociology**

*Dr. Tina Fetner, McMaster University*

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