

Message from the President

Dr. Terry Wotherspoon

As the end of another term approaches, we have many things to celebrate.

Congratulations to those students who will be gaining recognition for their accomplishments with an Outstanding Graduating Sociology Student Award! Congratulations, also, to the thousands of students who are graduating with degrees and certificates in Sociology across the country! The search for work is difficult in uncertain times, but be assured that your programs will have provided you with many skills and opportunities that you can draw on as you plan your futures. Congratulations, as well, to the professors, instructors and other people who have taught and mentored these graduates throughout their programs.



We have a diverse and exciting program scheduled for the annual Canadian Sociological Association meetings in Calgary beginning May 30. In addition to plenaries and special sessions, more than 600 papers are scheduled for presentation, and our association is also cooperating with the Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences in the sponsorship of special events in conjunction with a Sharing the Land, Sharing the Future initiative on reconciliation.

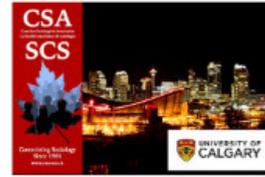
Finally, there was good news for researchers in the recent federal budget, with enhanced investment in funding for discovery research through SSHRC and other Tri-Council agencies along with other initiatives that will support research, students and post-secondary institutions.

Conference Program

Our annual conference continues to draw hundreds of delegates from throughout Canada and abroad.

The conference website is also going through a major renovation featuring better navigation and tandem English and French content. The online program will be posted as soon as possible.

[Learn more about the conference](#)



51st Annual Conference
May 30 – June 3, 2016
University of Calgary



2016 Elections



The 2016 Nominations Committee have compiled a slate of candidates for positions on the Executive Committee and Subcommittees. A summary of the positions and candidates can be found below.

Only CSA-SCS members in good standing may view the candidate biographies and [cast their vote](#) from April 4 to April 22, 2016.

Please [contact us](#) if you require assistance logging into the website.

[Learn more](#)

Award Nomination Season

The association presents several awards each year to recognize the work of sociologists in all stages of their career.

This year's recipients will be announced shortly and we invite you to celebrate the achievements of our colleagues during our annual Banquet and Award Ceremony to be held on May 31 at the University of Calgary.

[Learn more and buy your tickets until May 9.](#)



Best Student Paper Award - deadline extended

Students may submit their paper for consideration until April 25.

[Learn more](#)

Department News

University of Manitoba

Lori Wilkinson, Department of Sociology



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New Books by Faculty Members

Lance W., Roberts Jason D. Edgerton, Tracey Peter, and Lori

Wilkinson. 2015. *Understanding Social Statistics*. Toronto: Oxford University Press.

Laura. M. Funk 2015. *Sociological Perspectives on Aging (Themes in Canadian Sociology Series)*.

P. Albanese and L. Tepperman, Series Editors. Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press.

Andrew Woolford. 2015. *"This Benevolent Experiment": Indigenous Boarding Schools, Genocide and Redress in North America* co-published by the University of Nebraska, Indigenous Education Series and the University of Manitoba Press.

Karen Busby, Adam Muller, and Andrew Woolford (Eds.) 2015. *The Idea of a Human Rights Museum*. University of Manitoba Press.

Amanda Nettleback, Russell Smandych, Louis A. Knafila, and Robert Foster. 2016. *Fragile Settlements: Aboriginal Peoples, Law, and Resistance in South-West Australia and Prairie Canada*. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press.

New PhD Graduates

The department is pleased to announce that three PhD students graduated in Fall of 2015. They are:

Md. Mahmudur Bhuiyan [*Understanding and explaining social welfare policies in developing nations*](#).

He is currently working at Manitoba Health and is a research affiliate with Immigration Research West.

Jill Bucklaschuk [*In pursuit of permanence: examining lower skilled temporary migrants' experiences with two-step migration in Manitoba*](#) . She is currently a SSHRC-funded post-doctoral fellow examining temporary workers at the University of Guelph.

Amanda Nelund [*Engendering alternative justice: criminalized women, alternative justice, and neoliberalism*](#). She is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at Grant MacEwan University in Edmonton

External Awards

Laura Funk received the Dr. John M. Bowman Memorial Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Award in the social sciences.

Susan Prentice won the Réseau action femmes Manitoba, Prix Réseau-Volet Communautaire.
