

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*CSA President 2014-2015  
Dr. Linda Gerber*



It's an exciting time to be involved in the CSA!

Many of you have recently returned home from our 2014 Annual Conference at Brock University, the largest ever, where over 650 of your colleagues participated in more than 190 sessions including 13 keynote panels and special lectures. Most of our 21 research clusters had networking meetings and many of them organized sessions and panels around their common interests. At the Awards Banquet, we honoured the recipients of numerous awards including: the John Porter Book Award, the Outstanding Contribution Award, the Angus Reid Applied Sociology Award, the Best Student Paper Award, the Canadian Review of Sociology Journal Best Article Award, the Early Investigator Award and the Outstanding Service Award (check out Research Clusters and Awards on our home page for the details). Of course, there was the Wine and Beer Garden -- otherwise known as the "beer tent" . . .

The CSA grew from 820 members in 2012 to 957 in 2014, in part because of the energy generated by our research clusters. The breakdown of our membership in 2013 included: 46 percent employed in academe (sessional instructors through retired professors); 47 percent students (undergraduate to postdoctoral fellows); and another 7 percent claiming "other" employment -- apparently within colleges or universities (4%) and beyond the walls of academe (3%). It is among the 7 percent with "other" employment that we find applied sociologists or practitioners. Believing that academics and applied sociologists (in government, the private sector, the media, and various NGOs) have a great deal to offer each other, we are making a concerted effort to reach the latter wherever they are employed. To the extent that we succeed, academic and non-academic sociologists will be "committing sociology" together as members of the CSA.

Are you going to Japan in July for the ISA World Congress? If so, please let us know. We are aware of a dozen or more members of the CSA who will be there -- including Patrizia Albanese, who has taken up the torch (i.e. responsibility) in the run-up to 2018. We will have a booth, in Yokohama, promoting the 2018 World Congress in Toronto and would welcome anyone who can volunteer to cover the booth for an hour or so (with representatives from Tourism Toronto).

Before we know it, the CSA will be gearing up for its 2015 Annual Conference at the University of Ottawa. Start thinking about organizing sessions or panels, presenting papers, and nominating candidates for our awards, so that we can make the 2015 conference in Ottawa bigger, better, and more exciting than ever.

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## FROM THE BLOG



[Modest proposals for conference participants](#)

*Posted by James Conley*



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### 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Based on the comments received onsite at Brock, the 2014 Conference programme is believed to be one of the best yet with over 190 sessions and events scheduled during the week attended by more than 650 delegates!

Thank you to our gracious hosts in the Sociology Department at Brock for helping with the local arrangements; Kate Bezanson, Andrea Doucet, and Kyle Liao.

In our continuous efforts to improve the Conference experience, we encourage you to share your thoughts on this event and offer suggestions for 2015. Feedback from those unable to attend this year is also important.

Please complete our post-conference questionnaire by Monday, June 23 so we can incorporate this feedback into our planning of the 2015 Conference in Ottawa, Ontario.

Enjoy the summer and look for the 2015 call for sessions to open in September!

*Patrizia Albanese, 2014 Conference Director*  
*Sherry Fox, Conference Coordinator*

### CANADIAN REVIEW OF SOCIOLOGY

#### Featured research in the May 2014 edition:

[Why It's Valuable for Canada to View Itself as a Multicultural Nation](#)

[Canadian Television Advertising Delivers Scripts for Racial Bias](#)

[Learn more about the journal](#)



### WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Thank you to those who were able to cast their votes during the 2014 Elections! Voter participation increased by 70%!

The following candidates have been elected by the membership. They formally assumed their positions following the Annual General Meeting on May 28, 2014.

**President (2014-2017):** Terry Wotherspoon, University of Saskatchewan

**Communications Officer (2014-2016):** Tina Fetner, McMaster University

**Equity Subcommittee (2014-2017):** Min Zhou, University of Victoria

**Policy, Ethics and Professional Concerns Subcommittee (2014-2017):** Catherine Corrigan-Brown, University of Western Ontario and Kevin Walby, University of Winnipeg

**Research Advisory Subcommittee** (appointed to fill vacancy 2014-2015): Andrea Doucet, Brock University



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**Student Concerns Subcommittee (2014-2016):** Louise Birdsell Bauer, University of Toronto (Central Rep) and Laura Winters, University of New Brunswick (Eastern Rep)

The Executive Committee also approved new appointments to the **John Porter Tradition of Excellence Award Nominations Committee for the 2014-2017 term:** Melanie Heath, McMaster University, Lesley Wood, York University, and Nathan Young, University of Ottawa.

### CONNECTING SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENTS

#### **Bishop's University**

*Mary Ellen Donnan*



Call for Papers: "Where is Sociology Now?"  
Oct 3-5 2014

The Department of Sociology at Bishop's University invites papers on the topic, "Where is Sociology Now?" How can our discipline move forward yet retain its history and identity in the wake of feminist, postmodern, post-structuralist, and post-colonial critiques? In other words, now that we have critiqued the very foundations of our discipline, how can we (or can we) draw upon the insights and tools that made Sociology so powerful in the first place? Alternatively, have such "critiques" themselves run into problems that Sociology can address?

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#### **University of Lethbridge**

*William Ramp*

Learn about the latest appointments, research projects, presentations, and publications within the department of Sociology.

[University of Lethbridge Spring Update](#)

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#### **MacEwan University**

*Jeff Stepnisky*

The Department of Sociology at MacEwan University is pleased to announce the appointments of Dr. Alissa Overend and Dr. Kalyani Thurairajah to the positions of Assistant Professor for July 1, 2014. Dr. Overend brings to the department an expertise in health and illness. Dr. Thurairajah brings an expertise in race, ethnicity and identity.





**University of New Brunswick**  
*Luc Theriault*

The Department of Sociology at the University of New Brunswick (Fredericton campus) is pleased to announce the recipients of the following prizes awarded at the Faculty of Arts Awards Ceremony held on May 28th, 2014 in Fredericton.



- \* Brandi Lee Riddoch received the Barbara Pepperdene Essay Prize awarded to a graduating student for an outstanding critical essay in a Sociology course.
- \* Heather Delaney received the Sandra Budovitch Memorial Prize awarded to the graduating student having the highest average in the Sociology Honours Program.
- \* Emily Guidry received the Douglas R. Pullman Prize in Sociology awarded to a graduating student with a Major in Sociology.

### CANADIAN SOCIOLOGY IN THE NEWS

#### **Sociologist Danielle Juteau now member of the Order of Canada**

Danielle Juteau, professeure émérite au Département de sociologie, est nommée Membre de l'Ordre du Canada pour sa contribution à la sociologie, notamment dans le champ des études ethniques et des études féministes.

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#### **In Memoriam: Dr. Frank Jones**

Founder of McMaster University's Sociology department.

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### INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY

The CSA will be hosting a display at the ISA World Congress in Japan to invite delegates to Toronto in 2018. Please [contact us](#) if you will be attending the event and would like to volunteer to greet delegates at the booth.

#### **XVIII World Congress of Sociology (Yokohama, Japan)**

##### **Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology**

An incredibly sensitive community of academics and professionals such as the International Sociological Association, aware of the social transformations taking place in the world, cannot and should not be absent from a debate on inequality. The great tradition of multi, inter and transdisciplinary works in which the most complex problems of the present day world are addressed; its unique condition of being academically, scientifically, regionally, institutionally and organically plural make it ideally qualified to face the challenge of contributing to this international exchange, from which an intellectual and moral force can emerge in order to achieve drastic changes in the manners, forms of reasoning and scopes of the decisions to be taken in the world to ensure the preservation of human life and societies.

Raquel Sosa  
ISA Vice-President, Congress Program

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