

## E-Bulletin: Fall 2018

### Message from the President

*Dr. Myrna Dawson, University of Guelph*



It has been an amazing summer for Canadian sociologists with the excitement of hosting the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology in Toronto. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, taking part in this unique opportunity to engage with sociologists and others from around the world.

For those who were unable to attend, we missed you. That's why we are happy to be in the throes of preparing for *Congress 2019 Circles of Conversation* taking place in Vancouver, June 1-7. The CSA Conference will take place June 3-6 during Congress.

As we begin a new academic year, let's continue to do what we do best – commit sociology – and in doing so:

- Let's continue to transcend our disciplinary silos and learn from each other because many of us across disciplines are working on the same issues and challenges;
- Let's continue to engage broader publics in our efforts and learn from the expertise of the communities we work with because they have much to teach us;
- Let's emphasize the policy impacts of our work to the community at large, to educators and decision-makers, to ensure that our contributions will realize their potential (and the new media and publication section on our website can help you do that).

As in previous years, we have dedicated colleagues from across the country who are serving on the CSA Executive Committee. I feel fortunate to be working with them this coming year.

We look forward to working with our members as well. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with your ideas or concerns. Enjoy the coming year and we look forward to seeing you at Congress 2019.

## Executive Committee Reports

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### President-Elect

*Dr. Tina Fetner, McMaster University*



My research lies in the subfields of sexualities, social movements, and political sociology. I used qualitative, quantitative, and case-based historical methods to examine a number of issues related to social change and sexuality. This includes analyses of LGBTQ movements and right-wing anti-LGBTQ movements, as well as gay-straight alliance groups in high schools and changing social attitudes toward lesbian and gay people. Recently, I have examined the historical cultural and political underpinnings of right-wing activism in Canada and the United States.

As the CSA President-elect, I am looking forward to serving on the Executive Committee and supporting our President, Myrna Dawson. I will also chair the Awards Committee, which reviews nominations for the Outstanding Contribution Award and the Best Student Paper Award. If you know of someone who is deserving of either of these awards, please see the CSA website for details on how to submit a nomination. I also am looking forward to planning the 2020 CSA Conference at Western University in London, Ontario.

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### Past-President

*Dr. Rima Wilkes, University of British Columbia*



Hopefully you were able to attend the **International Sociological Association Conference in Toronto**. The CSA was the local host organization. The conference was a great success largely thanks to the tireless work put in by Sherry Fox, Patrizia Albanese, the Local Organizing Committee (comprised of Association members), and the countless volunteers who stepped forward to help the thousands of delegates who attended.

My role this year is **to chair the Nominations Committee**. This committee is tasked with recruiting candidates for positions on the Executive Committee

and subcommittees. If you would like to have the committee consider someone (either yourself or someone else) refer to our website for information. We especially encourage nominations of individuals from equity-seeking groups. We look forward to putting together an exciting slate of candidates from whom the new CSA leadership will emerge.

I also plan to continue working on **issues related to decolonizing at the CSA**. The association (and special thanks must also go to the members of the Indigenous-Settler Relations and Decolonization Research Cluster) made a significant effort to work on this in relation to the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology (the opening, plenary panels, handouts, speakers, film, closing). However, there is clearly much more work to be done. This year we will work on initiatives related to Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences Congress and our annual Conference as well as some ideas that have been brought to the executive during the most recent meeting, including related to nominations. If you have any ideas or suggestions or there is something you would like to take the lead on please let me know.

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### **Managing Editor, Canadian Review of Sociology**

*Dr. Karen Stanbridge, Memorial University of Newfoundland*



As the incoming Managing Editor of the Canadian Review of Sociology, I want to thank Tracey L. Adams (Western University) for her years of service in this role as well as her previous work on the Editorial Board. Tracey has also stepped in as the interim editor of the journal following the very sad passing of François Dépelteau (Laurentian University). The journal will be posting a call for a new editor in the coming weeks.

The CSA and journal have paid tribute to François and our thoughts are with François' family, friends, and colleagues.

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### **Message from the Equity Subcommittee**

*Dr. Augustine Park, Carleton University*

The Equity Subcommittee has an ambitious agenda for the year. We will be organizing a session at the CSA Conference on the role of the Association in addressing anti-Black racism, Indigenizing sociology in Canada, and equity hires.

We also plan to organize a workshop for Black, Indigenous and racialized graduate students on navigating sociology as a discipline and a profession in the context of racism and colonialism. We hope to grow a mentorship program for Black, Indigenous and racialized students out of this workshop. If you are interested in acting as a mentor, please get in touch with Augustine Park, the current Chair of the Equity Subcommittee.

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### **Message from the Policy, Ethics and Professional Concerns Subcommittee**

*Dr. Lisa Kowalchuk, University of Guelph*



The PEPC has been continuing to work the project entitled: “Research on university student evaluations of teaching (SETs): the impacts of qualitative comments on professor health and well-being.”

We have a team of researchers from several different universities across the country. The survey will likely be launched in the coming months and our sampling frame will include but go beyond CSA membership in order to have sufficient numbers to find significant correlations.

Members with comments, questions or suggestions should feel free to email me, as Chair of the Subcommittee.

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### **Message from the Research Advisory Committee**

*Dr. Vivian Shalla, University of Guelph*



The Research Advisory Committee worked diligently over the summer to prepare feedback on the draft *Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy*. Committee members, Dr. Abdie Kazemipur, Dr. Allyson Stokes and Dr. Vivian Shalla, were joined by two ad hoc members, Dr. Tracey Adams and Dr. Andrea Doucet, who graciously accepted to serve on the committee to assist with this task. In preparing its feedback, the Committee consulted widely with CSA members as well as with Dr. Natasha Mauthner, an international expert on this matter. The Committee would like to sincerely thank all those who participated in the consultation. In

its feedback on the draft policy, the CSA expresses support for the principle of sound data management, but raises major concerns about the policy’s far-reaching

implications for how sociological knowledge is produced and how sociologists manage their research and knowledge-making practices. The CSA's feedback also includes several recommendations on ways to move forward. The feedback document will be submitted to SSHRC shortly and will be posted on the CSA website.

The Committee revised the terms and conditions of the Early Investigator Award, correcting inconsistencies in both the English and French versions as well as between the two versions. In July, the Executive Committee approved the revised document, which is available on the CSA website.

As part of its tasks for 2018-2019, the Committee will organize a panel for 2019 CSA Conference. It will also streamline the nomination process for the Early Investigator Award. In addition, it will coordinate with the various research clusters to track and promote best student paper awards as well as other research-related matters. Another important task will be to continue to monitor developments pertaining to the *Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy*, given its potentially significant impact on sociological research in Canada.

For 2018-2019, the Research Advisory Committee is composed of: Chair, Dr. Vivian Shalla (University of Guelph); Dr. Allyson Stokes (Memorial University), who is completing her second year on the committee; and Dr. Abdie Kazemipur (University of Calgary), who joined the committee in Spring 2018.

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### **Message from the Student Concerns Subcommittee**

*Jennifer Adkins, University of British Columbia*



My name is Jennifer Adkins and I am the new Student Concerns Subcommittee Chair and Western rep working alongside Awish Aslam (the Central rep) and Emma Kay (Eastern rep).

I've been fortunate to have a bit of continuity on the committee since I was nominated as the Western rep in 2017. But since our team is fairly new, we're requesting your input about ways to improve your experience as a CSA member as well as strategies to address issues that are of concern to graduate students, like unemployment, publishing opportunities, grant applications, and teaching standards. We also invite your suggestions of workshops and sessions that you would like to participate in during our Annual Conferences. We're looking forward to seeing all of you at CSA 2019, at the University of British

Columbia!

We would like to thank Timothy Kang and Gary Catano for all of their hard work that they put into the committee during their terms.

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## 53rd Annual Conference of the Canadian Sociological Association

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FHSS Congress: June 1 - 7, 2019

CSA Conference: June 3 - 6, 2019

The Annual Canadian Sociological Association Conferences, held as part of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences Congress, make it possible for our members to meet and discuss academic, research, educational and administrative matters. Participating in the Conference will enable you the opportunity to disseminate your findings as well as learn from other researchers and practitioners through a myriad of organized sessions, panels, and workshops.

The Call for Sessions is now open from through October 29, 2018. We invite proposals from all sociological areas of research. Interdisciplinary sessions, those that partner with other associations, and those based on the Congress theme and reconciliation are also of interest. Proposals may be submitted in English and/or French.

Regular sessions (oral presentations) will feature more developed work and research at an advanced stage, with roundtable sessions recommended for presentations on research in progress or more general thematic discussions of work in a particular area. Panels are intended to gather scholars, practitioners, and community members in to discuss and debate the latest relevant issues in Sociology.

**Media and Publications Website**



The Canadian Sociological Association is pleased to present a new forum to highlight the extensive work of our members within the broader community. This service is exclusively available to members of the Canadian

Sociological Association in good standing.

Benefits to our members include promotion of their most recent media interview or coverage of their research as well as published books and articles. The site also features a media contact list to foster engagement between the media and our members. We encourage our members to take advantage of this opportunity.

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