

Message from the President

President's Message

CSA President 2015-2016

Dr. Terry Wotherspoon, University of Saskatchewan

The approach of a new academic year presents opportunities to reflect on both the past and the future. This has been a particularly good year for the Canadian Sociological Association. We have had a very successful annual conference at the University of Ottawa, and the call for sessions is now open for next year's conference at the University of Calgary. The range of sessions and research clusters reveals the tremendous scope of the discipline and the significant contributions made by those connected with the discipline in Canada (extending well beyond the nation and the academy to encompass those who work with government agencies, NGOs and many other organizations). Reception has been very strong to the updated version of *Opportunities in Sociology*, produced through collaboration between the association and the Sociology Department at UBC. A French language version of the document will be available in the coming months.



Looking further ahead, preparations are also advancing for the next congress of the International Sociological Association which will be held in Toronto in July, 2018. Because of the extensive planning and high levels of commitment associated with this important event, the CSA, as host organization, will not be part of Congress for that one year only. Although the event is still three years away, it is crucial for us to consider in a thorough manner the implications these arrangements may have for our association. As the Executive Committee explores various options for keeping members connected to the CSA in a year in which our regular annual event will not take place, we encourage members and Department representatives to provide input and express any preferences that they may have with respect to these issues.

The association is also continuing to strengthen connections among diverse segments of the sociological community in recognition that sociologists and sociological practice extend well beyond universities and community colleges. These connections have become especially significant in a context in which the need to 'commit sociology' is becoming increasingly more evident in recognition of complex challenges associated with the intricacies of contemporary social environments. I look forward to a year in which all CSA members and others who are part of the sociological community will contribute to our capacity to understand important issues through their research and scholarship, academic studies, and other forms of work and engagement with broader communities.

Opportunities in Sociology



The Canadian Sociological Association is proud to partner with the University of British Columbia in producing *Opportunities in Sociology*. This informative pamphlet presents an easily accessible guide to labour market opportunities for students graduating with a BA in Sociology. The pamphlet is designed with practical advice in mind and will be of interest both to students considering majoring in Sociology and students graduating with a Sociology degree.

NEW - the pamphlet is now available in French!

Encourage your department to order copies before the run out.

2016 Annual Conference

51st Annual Conference of the CSA-SCS

Join us at the University of Calgary May 30 to June 3, 2016. Our association along with 70 others come together annually as part of the CFHSS Congress.



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The Call for Session Proposals opened September 14 and we invite submissions from within and outside of academia in English and/or French.

Student Concerns Subcommittee

Hi everyone!

We hope that your term is off to a good start. We'd like to hear from you regarding any items you wish to bring to the attention of the student concerns subcommittee. Also, soon we'll be soliciting feedback on workshops and sessions you'd like to see at the Annual Conference. If you have any ideas about sessions for Congress or are interested in being involved please contact your regional rep: Western - Rebecca Nelems; Central - Louise Birdsell Bauer; and Eastern - Laura Winters

We have also started a listserv for student members of the Canadian Sociological Association. We are hoping that this will serve to advertise different workshops and to open conversation that Canadian Sociological students are interested in.

New for 2015-2016

The Canadian Sociological Association will be launching a new Student Department Rep program similar to the current Department Rep program. More information in the weeks to come!

Research Cluster Spotlight

Sociology of Culture

The Sociology of Culture research cluster in the Canadian Sociological Association was formed in 2013. Since then, we have enjoyed membership growth and organized several successful sessions at the annual meetings of the CSA at Congress in 2014 and 2015. The goal of the research cluster is to provide an institutional base within the CSA for the growing area of research about culture, to help co-ordinate Sociology of Culture panels at annual meetings of the CSA, and to reach out to scholars working in related fields and disciplines. We have a website and mailing list to connect cultural sociologists in Canada and abroad, and to aid in the dissemination of research within the scholarly community. We look forward to developing the cluster further in the coming year and to seeing you in Calgary at the 2016 meetings of the CSA at Congress!

We invite interested faculty, students, and independent scholars to join the cluster by emailing on of the cluster organizers: Allyson Stokes, Kim deLaat, Diana Miller, or Benjamin Woo.

Sociology of Development

The Sociology of Development Research Cluster of the Canadian Sociological Association was formed at the 2014 CSA Annual Meetings, and aims to build a network of sociologists in Canada with a common interest in development, broadly defined.

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The cluster organizes panels on the sociology of development annually at the CSA Conference, awards a graduate student paper prize, shares news via the CANDEVSOC listserv, and liaises with other groups working on development issues and research in Canada and beyond.

For more information, or to join the CANDEVSOC listserv, please contact the cluster coordinator for 2015-2016: Liam Swiss or visit the cluster website.

Connecting Sociology Departments

Concordia University

Beverley Best

Two positions have been posted in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Sexuality and/or Kinship

Organization, Innovation and the Workplace



University of Manitoba

Lori Wilkinson

In Memoriam

The department is saddened to announce the passing of Dr. Nick Tavuchis (November 2 1934-April 2 2015). Nick came to our department in 1975 after teaching for several years at Cornell University. Trained at Columbia University under the supervision of William J. Goode and Robert K. Merton, he was a prominent and charismatic member of our department till his retirement in 1999.



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Retirement

Rod Kueneman has retired after over 40 years of teaching at the University of Manitoba.

Memorial University of Newfoundland

Liam Swiss

In fall 2015, Memorial Sociology is honoured to host long-time climate watcher and a founder of environmental sociology, Dr. Riley E. Dunlap. Dr. Dunlap will deliver the 2015 Henrietta Harvey Distinguished Lecture on October 1st on the subject of the climate change denial movement.



MUN Sociology is pleased to welcome Dr. Adrienne Peters (PhD Simon Fraser) as a Visiting Assistant Professor. Dr. Peters is a Criminologist with a focus on youth crime and young offenders.

Dr. Max Liboiron has been awarded two recent research grants:

- Monitoring Marine Plastics in Canada's North, The Marine Environmental Observation Prediction and Response Network (MEOPAR), 2015-2017. \$137,600.
- Action Research Methodologies for the Anthropocene: Knowing Ocean Plastics Through Participatory Citizen Science. SSHRC Insight Development Grant, 2015-2017. \$73,350.

The Department of Sociology is also accepting applications for three different positions.

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Saint Mary's University

Evangelia Tastsoglou



The Department of Sociology and Criminology is very pleased to announce hiring in a TT position Dr. Rachael Collins (Ph.D. University of Saskatchewan, 2014). Dr. Collins has just started teaching as an Assistant Professor of Criminology.

Simon Fraser University

Dany Lacombe

Simon Fraser is pleased to announce the hiring of Dr. **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**, senior lecturer in Sociology at Simon Fraser University.



University of Western Ontario

Tracey L. Adams

The Department of Sociology at the University of Western Ontario welcomes Dr. Michael Haan, who holds a Tier II CRC in Migration and Ethnic Relations, and Dr. Dale Ballucci who will be a valuable addition to our criminology program. We also say good-bye to Dr. Bill Avison who retired on June 30th 2015. You will be missed Bill! The department would like to congratulate our recent PhD graduates: Jordan Harel, Jinette Comeau, Stacey Hallman, and Godfred Boateng. Further, we wish our new MA graduates all the best: E. Alexander, H. Babetti, K. Blair, M. Bochus, W. Chams, C. Cody, A. Jog, S. Koba, Z. Marshall, A. Nevin, A. Ocampo, C. Treleaven.



Canadian Sociology in the News

The Canadian Sociological Association's Stance Against Threats

As many of you are aware, public threats against women and feminists at the University of Toronto were posted anonymously online recently; the comments included statements urging violent actions oriented against persons teaching and taking feminist-related courses in Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies classrooms.

The Executive Committee of the Canadian Sociological Association released a statement condemning these and other violent and misogynist threats, expressing its solidarity with members of the two Departments.

'War on Data'

MacClean's spotlights how the government's current data policies are affecting sociological research in Canada.

<http://www.macleans.ca/news/canada/vanishing-canada-why-were-all-losers-in-ottawas-war-on-data/>