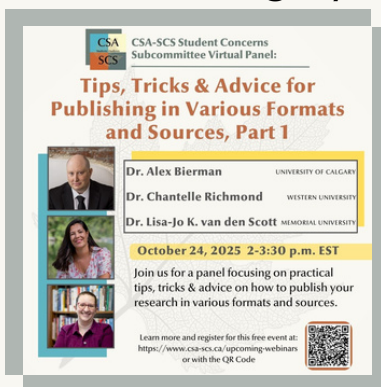




CSA-SCS Student Concerns Subcommittee Bulletin

Welcome to the Canadian Sociological Association Student Concerns Subcommittee's Monthly Bulletin. In this newsletter you will find a round-up of different activities and student achievements. While we try our best to include calls for proposals and abstracts, research assistant and post-doctoral opportunities, we don't have access to all of the positions available. If you hear of any opportunities you would like to share with the student membership, we always welcome submissions and encourage you all to forward opportunities to us to share.



WEBINAR SERIES

Join us on Friday, October 24 from 14:00 - 15:30 (ET) for our first webinar of the year! This virtual panel is Part 1 of 2, focused on Tips, Tricks & Advice for Publishing in Various Formats and Sources. Our panelists include Dr. Alex Bierman, from the Canadian Review of Sociology

Editorial Board; Dr. Chantelle Richmond, who sits on the editorial board for Wellbeing, Space and Society, an open access journal; and Dr. Lisa-Jo K. van den Scott, recipient of the 2025 Honourable Mention for the Canadian Sociology Book Award. This incredible panel of quantitative and qualitative researchers will be providing advice and tips on where to begin when publishing research. Click to register: [Publishing Webinar Registration](#)

SCS COFFEE CHATS

This year, the Student Concerns Subcommittee is running monthly Coffee Chats as a way for our student membership to connect throughout the year. These informal meet ups will also be a space where students can raise any concerns to the Student Concerns Subcommittee. There's nothing to prepare, just pop in when you can, and stay for as long or as little as you'd like. Mark the dates below on your calendar! Click to register: [Coffee Chats](#)

- 1) Thursday, October 23
- 2) Thursday, November 27
- 3) Thursday, December 18

11:00-12:00PT | 12:00-13:00MT | 13:00-14:00CT | 14:00-15:00ET | 15:00-16:00AT | 15:30-16:30NT



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

The Student Spotlight Program is back! We know that our CSA student members are doing amazing work and we want to spotlight it! This initiative highlights CSA students' academic research, applied sociology work, activism and involvement in community engagement.

You may nominate yourself and/or another student member. Selected nominees will be featured on our website, in our newsletter, and on our social media pages for up to one (1) year. To be considered, nominees must be a member of the CSA. For more information and application instructions, check here: [Student Spotlight Nomination Instructions](#)



HSS COMMONS

We have heard that some of our student members struggle to connect with other sociology students in Canada. If you're ever unable to make it to the Coffee Chats, another way to connect is on the HSS Commons platform. The HSS Commons' helps connect and support the work of Humanities and Social Sciences researchers across Canada. Members can share, access, develop, re-purpose, and preserve scholarly data and resources. The Student Concerns Subcommittee, as well as the Canadian Sociological Association, both have pages already created to help our membership connect. Sign up for the HSS Commons here: <https://hsscommons.ca/en/>. CSA student group is here: <https://hsscommons.ca/en/groups/csastudents>

2025 STUDENT SURVEY

Thank you so much to everyone who completed the 2025 Annual Student Survey! We appreciate all of the feedback provided. We will be reviewing survey submissions over the coming weeks and using the results to help shape our planning for the upcoming year. For those of you that entered your names into the draw to win one (1) of two (2) FREE annual CSA student memberships, stay tuned! The two (2) winners will be contacted soon.

For anyone who missed the survey, you are always welcome to contact us throughout the year to provide additional feedback or to ask us questions. We're always happy to help. The best way to reach us is by email: students@csa-scs.ca. We always look forward to hearing from you!



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2025 RESEARCH CLUSTER BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARDS



Every year, several Canadian Sociological Association Research Clusters adjudicate Best Student Paper Awards as part of our annual Conference Programming. In 2025, eight (8) students were recognized by various Research Clusters for their incredible papers. CONGRATULATIONS to all of the winners! Sociology students in Canada are doing great work! For the full list of past recipients, click [here](#).

CONGRATULATIONS!

Research Cluster: Economic Sociology

Recipient: Nicolas Viens, University of British Columbia

Paper Title: Public Funds, Private Gains: Offshore Havens and the Limits of De Risking Decarbonization

Research Cluster: Internet, Technology and Digital Sociology

Recipient: Zihao Zhou, University of Toronto

Paper Title: Do Discrimination and Exclusion Leave with Dating Apps? An Exploration of Self-presentation of Chinese Gay Men Dating on Douban Group

Research Cluster: Internet, Technology and Digital Sociology

Recipient: Kathleen Rose, University of Windsor (Honourable Mention)

Paper Title: It's All Fun and Games: Gender and Body Positivity in Gaming

Research Cluster: Political Sociology and Social Movements

Recipient: Ahmadreza Mohammadpouryazdi, Concordia University

Paper Title: Mobilizing Collective Trauma: How the PS752 Families Association Turned Grief into Transnational Justice and Political Resistance



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CONGRATULATIONS!

Research Cluster: Sociology of Childhood and Youth (Presentation Award)

Recipient: Mehdi Hassan, OISE University of Toronto

Paper Title: Afghan Youth's Metaphorical and Relational Understandings of the Self and the World

Research Cluster: Sociology of Mental Health

Recipient: Fahimeh Mehrabi, University of Calgary

Paper Title: A Meta-Analysis on Social Robots Filling the Void of Loneliness in Later Life

Research Cluster: Work, Professions and Occupations

Recipient: Michael Slinger, University of Ottawa

Paper Title: Managing Ignorance through Everyday Clinical Interactions: How Practitioners Use Ignorance to Reaffirm Their Professional Authority

Research Cluster: Work, Professions and Occupations

Recipient: Yan Xu, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Paper Title: Ranks and Goals at Workplace: Employees' Organizational Commitment in a Manufacturing Start-up in China

2025 OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SOCIOLOGY STUDENT AWARDS

In the spring of 2013, the CSA-SCS launched an initiative to assist Canadian University and College Sociology Departments in recognizing their top graduating Honours, MA, and PhD students. The selection process is up to each institution's department, however it is hoped that the strength of the student's research is a priority in the decision. Recipients receive an award certificate, a letter of congratulations from the CSA President, and are acknowledged publicly on the CSA-SCS website. In 2025, there were 92 student recipients from 37 different academic institutions. Congratulations to each of you! To see the full list of recipients from 2025 (and beyond), click here: [Outstanding Graduating Student Awards](#)



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HEY YOU!

Do you have a:

- **research, postdoc, or other employment opportunity**
- **call for abstracts or other submissions**
- **upcoming event**
- **any other opportunity that might be relevant to our CSA student membership**

Feel free to reach out & share it with us!



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