

# SOM NEWS

**The Newsletter of the Sociology Migration Cluster (Canadian Sociological Association)**

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## **CO-CONVENORS’ MESSAGE**

This is the first Bulletin from the CSA Cluster on the Sociology of Migration (SOM). It is a work in progress but as the three co-convenors of SOM, we are excited by the possibilities to showcase the accomplishments and activities of people like yourself who have strong interests in the field of migration. The information listed in this first Bulletin covers only a small group of people with migration interests but we hope that with time, others will send in information about themselves and about activities in the area. Eventually we plan to have an “issues and commentary” page, and where possible to highlight conferences and Canadian job opportunities in the field of migration

We begin this issue with a report on a webinar held in October 2024 by experts in publishing in the field of migration. We then highlight the plans for the 2025 CSA annual meeting. We next report on the various activities of several of our members.

Best wishes for a happy and productive New Year,

SOM co-convenors: Lisa Kaida, McMaster University; Lori Wilkinson, University of Manitoba; Monica Boyd, University of Toronto

## WEBINAR: “HOW TO PUBLISH BOOKS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES ON MIGRATION: INSIGHTS FROM EXPERTS” (October 23, 2024, online)

The SOM cluster hosted the first professional development webinar. Dr. Vic Satzewich (McMaster University) and Dr. Lori Wilkinson (University of Manitoba) shared their insights on soliciting journal manuscripts as an editor and working with Canadian academic publishers as a book author. The recorded webinar is available [here](#).

If you have suggestions for professional development-related topics for our upcoming webinars, please email us at [som@csa-scs.ca](mailto:som@csa-scs.ca). We look forward to hearing from you!



Canadian Sociological Association  
Sociology of Migration Research Cluster

October 23, 2024 @ 1:00 ET  
Virtual Panel

### How to publish books and journal articles on migration: Insights from experts

  

Dr. Lisa Kaida    Dr. Vic Satzewich    Dr. Lori Wilkinson

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## SOCIOLOGY OF MIGRATION INFORMATION ON MIGRATION SESSIONS AT THE 2025 MEETING OF THE CSA

As part of the CSA, the Sociology of Migration Cluster will be participating in the 2025 Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS) Congress at George Brown College in Toronto, Ontario from Sunday, June 1 through Thursday, June 5. Please see: <https://www.csa-scs.ca/2025-annual-conference>.

The SOM cluster will be holding sessions that are fully in person, so please plan to attend the CSA meetings in Toronto. Dates for the submission of abstracts are December 4, 2024 to January 27, 2025.

The CSA program committee for the 2025 conference approved 4 submitted paper sessions for the SOM cluster. In addition we will be sponsoring a panel session on shifting Canadian

attitudes towards immigration featuring Professor Keith Banting, Queens University and Professor Irene Bloemraad, University of British Columbia (see below).

Information on submitting an abstract is provided at: <https://event.fourwaves.com/csa-scs-conference-2025/submission>. Please note that Session organizers may request a copy of your paper and/or presentation prior to the Conference for an opportunity to review and provide feedback. Full papers or presentations will not be posted on the CSA Conference website nor within the Conference Program. However, depending on the status of the author(s), full papers might be eligible for the SOM cluster best student paper award.

*Reminder:* CSA guidelines state that presenters may submit a maximum of **two (2)** different abstracts to **two (2)** different sessions.

The SOM sessions are listed and described below. We look forward to seeing you at the 2025 CSA annual conference!

- (SOM1) Sociology of Migration research cluster open session
- (SOM2) Recent Developments in Gender and Migration Research
- (SOM3) Advancing Theories of Migration
- (SOM4) Evidence-based research on immigrant integration
- (SOM5) For or Against? Attitudes towards Canadian Immigration

**Session Title: (SOM1) Sociology of Migration research cluster open session**

**Session Details**

Format: Presentation Session

Language: English

Affiliation: Sociology of Migration Research Cluster

Location: In-person at George Brown College (June 1-5, 2025)

Open to Submissions: Yes - In-person presentations

**Session Description:** In this open session, we encourage those conducting sociological research on migration to submit their abstracts. Presenters will have opportunities to share their research findings with the audience and to discuss with other presenters how their own research can contribute to advancing a specific sub-field of the sociology of migration. This session will be held in-person only. Topics may include (but are not limited to): migration/immigration policy issues; the changing rules of federal and provincial governments pertaining to temporary migration/permanent immigration; migration management/industries; transnationalism; precarious legal status and livelihoods; migration and sexuality; educational and occupational pathways of the 1.5 and second generations; climate migration; and the circumstances of temporary migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

Abstracts should be structured with the following five sections: Objective; Background; Data/Method; Results; and Conclusion.

**Keywords:** Migration and Immigration; Policy; Work and Professions

**Session Organizers:** Lisa Kaida, McMaster University, kaidar@mcmaster.ca; Lori Wilkinson, University of Manitoba; Monica Boyd, University of Toronto

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**Session Title: (SOM2) Recent Developments in Gender and Migration Research**

**Session Details**

Format: Presentation Session

Language: English

Affiliation: Sociology of Migration Research Cluster

Location: In-person at George Brown College (June 1-5, 2025)

Open to Submissions: Yes - In-person presentations

**Session Description:** This Sociology of Migration research cluster-sponsored session accepts abstracts pertaining to the sociological research on gender and migration. Presenters will have opportunities to share their research findings with the audience and to discuss with other presenters how their own research can contribute to advancing the field of gender and migration, which is attracting renewed scholarly interest in recent years. This session will be held in-person only. Topics may include (but are not limited to): intersectionality of gender, nativity, and race, class; gendered barriers to migration during covid; migration of care workers; gendered integration processes of im/migrants; gender-based violence in im/migrant communities.

Abstracts should be structured with the following five sections: Objective; Background; Data/Method; Results; and Conclusion.

**Keywords:** Migration and Immigration; Feminism; Gender

**Session Organizers:** Lisa Kaida, McMaster University, kaidar@mcmaster.ca; Lori Wilkinson, University of Manitoba; Monica Boyd, University of Toronto

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**Session Title: (SOM3) Advancing Theories of Migration**

**Session Details**

Format: Presentation Session

Language: English

Affiliation: Sociology of Migration Research Cluster

Location: In-person at George Brown College (June 1-5, 2025)

Open to Submissions: Yes - In-person presentations

**Session Description:** This Sociology of Migration research cluster-sponsored session accepts papers critiquing/advancing the existing theories of migration, including but not limited to: theories of international migration, assimilation, superdiversity, and intersectionality of nativity, gender, race, class, etc. Presenters will have opportunities to share their research with the audience and to discuss with other presenters how their own research can contribute to advancing the theories of migration. This session will be held in-person only.

**Keywords:** Migration and Immigration; Theory

**Session Organizers:** Lisa Kaida, McMaster University, kaidar@mcmaster.ca; Lori Wilkinson, University of Manitoba; Monica Boyd, University of Toronto

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**Session Title: (SOM4) Evidence-based research on immigrant integration**

**Session Details**

Format: Presentation Session

Language: English

Affiliation: Sociology of Migration Research Cluster

Location: In-person at George Brown College (June 1-5, 2025)

Open to Submissions: Yes - In-person presentations

**Session Description:** This Sociology of Migration research cluster-sponsored session accepts abstracts entailing the sociological research on immigrant integration. Presenters will have opportunities to share their research findings with the audience and to discuss with other presenters how their own research can contribute to advancing the broad field of economic, social, cultural, and political integration of im/migrants (e.g. temporary workers, international students, asylum claimants, resettled refugees, skilled permanent immigrants). This session will be held in-person only.

Abstracts should be structured with the following five sections: Objective; Background; Data/Method; Results; and Conclusion.

**Keywords:** Migration and Immigration; Policy; Work and Professions

**Session Organizers:** Lisa Kaida, McMaster University, kaidar@mcmaster.ca; Lori Wilkinson, University of Manitoba; Monica Boyd, University of Toronto

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**Session Title: (SOM5) For or Against: Attitudes towards Immigration**

**Session Details**

Format: Presentation Session

Language: English

Affiliation: Sociology of Migration Research Cluster

Location: In-person at George Brown College (June 1-5, 2025)

Open to Submissions: No. This panel session has pre-arranged speakers

**Session Description:** On October 17, the Environics Institute released results from the September 2024 Focus Canada public opinion survey. This survey asked 2,016 Canadians for their opinions on immigration-related topics. For the first time in 25 years, nearly 60 percent of Canadians say too many immigrants are accepted into Canada, the highest level in Environics surveys since 1998 (Environics Executive Summary, 2024). Such findings command attention because public opinion surveys offer critical information about cleavages and consensus in a society, and suggest how immigrants may be received.

How then are we to understand the recent reversal of pro-immigration opinion? This open plenary session addresses this question by drawing on the expertise of two well-known scholars.

Dr. Keith Banting, former president of the Canadian Political Science Association and renowned expert on public opinion and multiculturalism will share his insights from his analysis of the 2024 Environics Focus Survey. He asks if we are seeing a real shift or a “shallow” shift. Specifically, is the shift in attitudes towards levels of migration solely about immigration levels without the strong backlash against multiple aspects of immigration found in Europe and the USA? He also asks if the past stability in immigration attitudes masks an underlying polarization for select groups of Canadians. Professor Irene Bloemraad, Director of the UBC Center for Migration Centre, then directs attention to Canadian views on the rights of migrants. Drawing from her ongoing survey experiments into Canadian attitudes on migrant inclusion, she asks if societal attitudes about migrant social and civic rights distinguish between those admitted as permanent residents and those in liminal spaces? She finds that public approval is greater for extending rights to citizens than extending civic rights to out-of-status migrants in Canada.

**Keywords:** Migration and Immigration; Policy; Politics; Social Structure

**Session Organizers:** Monica Boyd, University of Toronto, monica.boyd@utoronto.ca; Lisa Kaida, McMaster University, kaidar@mcmaster.ca; Lori Wilkinson, University of Manitoba

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In addition to the SOM cluster sessions, there also are five sessions listed on the CSA program with a MIG abbreviation. These sessions are not affiliated with the Cluster on the Sociology of Migration. Persons interested in participating in these sessions can find summaries of these sessions posted on the CSA website at: <https://event.fourwaves.com/csa-scs-conference-2025/pages/3801baae-20be-4266-973c-fa2bef753d27>  
(Click on “CSA-SCS Conference – Initial Session List\_12272024.pdf.” This information is based on what is found on the CSA website as of Jan 5, 2025. Please note that this link may change later.)

(MIG1) Breaking Barriers: Newcomer Struggles and Solutions in Canadian Society  
(MIG2) Migrant Networks in the Integration Process  
(MIG3) Gender, Transnational Migration, and Social Reproduction: Intersectionalities  
(MIG4) Migrant inclusion in smaller Canadian centers  
(MIG5) Roots and Returns: Exploring Homeland Imaginaries and Return Migration and Mobilities

## MEET OUR ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF THE BULLETIN

**Associate Editor:** Mr Rosty Othman, University of Manitoba

### Meet Rosty Othman:

Jihad (Rosty) Othman holds a Master’s degree from the University of Cincinnati, College of Arts and Sciences, Sociology Department (2015). He is currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Manitoba, College of Arts, Winnipeg, Canada. He is a research affiliate with the Winnipeg Social Enterprise, Center for Social Science Research and Policy at the University of Manitoba and Algoma University. His specialties are migration and refugee studies, sociology of health, and research methods.

## MEMBER NEWS & RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Names of the contributors are in bold letters.

### 1) RECENT ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS (ARTICLES, BOOKS, REPORTS)

#### 1A) BOOKS

**Secil E. Ertorer.** (2024). *Racism and Identity in a Xenophobic World: A Post-Pandemic Perspective*. Springer Nature. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-69095-2>

#### 1B) REFERRED PUBLISHED ARTICLES, 2024

**Pallavi Banerjee & Carieta O Thomas.** (2024). The Migrant Care Work Regime and the Making of the Constant-Care Worker Among Indian Immigrant Nurses” *Gender, Work, and Organization*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gwao.13215>

**Max Stick, Christoph Schimmele, Maciej Karpinski, & Amélie Arensault.** (2024). Immigrants’ Social Relations with Neighbours: Does the Population Density of the Neighbourhood Matter? *Journal of International Migration and Integration*. 25, 861–885. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12134-023-01107-8>

**Yukiko Tanaka & Cynthia J Cranford.** (2024). Navigating Cumulative Disadvantages of Migration, Care, and Employment Regimes: Dependent Immigrants in Canada,” *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*, 2024, jxae024, <https://doi.org/10.1093/sp/jxae024>

**Chara Karagiannopoulou, Evangelia Tastsoglou, & Sandy Petrinioti.** (2024), Gender and Asylum Seeking in a European Borderland: Intersectional Discriminations and ‘Lessened’ Citizenship. *Refuge*, 40(1), 1-17. <https://refuge.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/refuge/article/view/41162>

**Serperi Sevgur, Evangelia Tastsoglou, & Eugena Kwon.** (2024) A Matter of National Dignity: Protection of Slaves and Southern Refugees in Canada, 1844-1869 *Canadian Ethnic Studies*, 56(1), 123-134. <https://doi.org/10.1353/ces.2024.a921083>

#### 1C) BOOK REVIEWS 2024

**Banerjee, Pallavi.** 2024. The Centrality of Labor in The Migration-Development Regime: How Class Shapes Indian Emigration. *International Labor Review* 77(1): 156-159. (Book review of Rina Agarwala’s book *The Migration-Development Regime* ).

**Evangelia Tastsoglou.** 2024. “The “Aegean Guernica”: A Treatise on Contemporary Heroism, its Meaning and Significance”. Book Review of *Molyvos. A Greek Village’s Heroic Response to the Global Refugee Crisis* by John Webb. *H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews* October.

#### 1D) RESEARCH REPORTS, 2024

**Charles, Carlo Handy & Laurent Francis NGoumou.** 2024. Favoriser le bien-être et l’intégration sociale de la communauté racisée LGBTQA+ de Toronto et Ottawa. Francoqueer, Canadian Institutes for Health Research. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dx8o25gM1ID\\_yg0UUlf05wCwzJlXsar5/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dx8o25gM1ID_yg0UUlf05wCwzJlXsar5/view)



### Manga Book

**Charles, Carlo Handy.** 2024. *Histoire de Louis*. Le Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS, France) and Université des Antilles. The manga's print version is available for free loan at the Université des Antilles' Libraries in Martinique and the CNRS in Paris. <https://www.cnrs.fr/fr/actualite/de-la-these-au-manga-une-nouvelle-approche-de-la-mediation-scientifique> / <https://www.icmigrations.cnrs.fr/2024/10/08/prix-ma-these-en-manga-cnrs/> The commercial version of the manga will be available in 2025. An excerpt is available: <https://www.calameo.com/read/005618667ef292395f934>

### 1E) GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

Karpinski, M., Arensault, A., Schimmele, C., & **Stick, M.** (2024). Immigrants' age at arrival and social networks in Canada, Statistics Canada: Economic and Social Reports, 4(11). Catalogue no. 36-28-0001

Schimmele, C., **Stick, M.**, Karpinski, M., & Arensault, A. (2024). Differences in confidence in public institutions across generations of Canadians. Statistics Canada: Economic and Social Reports, 4(8). Catalogue no. 36-28-0001.

**Stick, M.**, Hou, F., & Zhang, H. (2024). Housing international students: Housing suitability across municipalities. Statistics Canada: Economic and Social Reports, 4(5). Catalogue no. 36-28-0001.

**Stick, M.**, Hou, F., & Zhang, H. (2024). Municipal variations in the housing arrangements of international students. Statistics Canada: Economic and Social Reports, 4(11). Catalogue no. 36-28-0001

**Stick, M.**, Leanage, A., & Arim, R. (2024). Socioeconomic profile of working-age immigrants in same-sex couples. Statistics Canada: Economic and Social Reports, 4(6). Catalogue no. 36-28-0001.

**Stick, M.**, Schimmele, C., Karpinski, M., & Arensault, A. (2024). The social networks of immigrant women. Statistics Canada: Economic and Social Reports, 4(4). Catalogue no. 36-28-0001.

### 2) RECENT THESES AND DISSERTATIONS (2023 AND 2024)

**Charles, Carlo Handy.** 2023. *Transnational Space and Sexuality: An analysis of same-sex intimate cross-border relationships among men in Haiti and their migrant partners across the Haitian diaspora* (Doctoral dissertation, Université des Antilles; McMaster University (Hamilton, Canada)).

**Carieta Thomas.** 2024. *Technologies of Surveillance: An Intersectional Analysis of Undocumented Caribbean Women Care Workers in the Labour Markets in Canada and the U.S.* Ph.D. Dissertation, Department of Sociology, University of Calgary.

### 3) AWARDS AND ACCOLADES, 2024



**Pallava Banerjee** received the Canadian Sociological Association's 2024 Global Sociology book award for her recent book *The Opportunity Trap: High-Skilled Workers, Indian Families, and the Failures of the Dependent Visa Program*. (NYU Press, 2022)

**Carlo Handy Charles** received the Canadian Sociological Association's Outstanding Graduating Sociology PhD Student Award for his doctoral studies at McMaster University: <https://www.csa-scs.ca/outstanding-graduating-sociology-student-award> 2024

**Carlo Handy Charles** received France's National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) Foundation Prize for Best PhD Thesis: <https://www.icmigrations.cnrs.fr/2024/10/08/prix-ma-these-en-manga-cnrs/> | <https://www.cnrs.fr/fr/actualite/de-la-these-au-manga-une-nouvelle-approche-de-la-mediation-scientifique>

**Carieta Thomas** received the Canadian Sociological Association's Outstanding Graduating Sociology PhD Student Award for her doctoral studies at the University of Calgary: <https://www.csa-scs.ca/outstanding-graduating-sociology-student-award> 2024

#### 4) NEW HIRES (2023 OR 2024)

- a) Carlo Charles, 2023–present, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Windsor
- b) Zhenxiang (Zeke) Chen, 2024-present, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Manitoba
- c) Max Stick, 2023-present, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Mount Saint Vincent University
- d) Carieta Thomas, 2023-present, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University

#### 5) UPCOMING EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

In addition to associations that will be also meeting as part of the Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences Canada at George Brown College in May-June, 2025 (see:

<https://www.federationhss.ca/en/membership/our-members>), we encourage people to consult websites for associations such as the American Sociological Association (including the Section on International Migration), the International Sociological Association, or regional associations to determine dates of up-coming meetings and due dates for the submission of abstracts.

#### FINALE

This Bulletin represents the first SOM Bulletin, and it is a work in progress. The next Bulletin will be sent to persons on our listserv account in May or early June 2025.

Sometime in February or early March we will post a listing of sections to which we hope you will contribute. We also will indicate a designated person to whom entries should be emailed.

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