

Angus Reid Applied Sociology Awards / Prix des praticiens Angus Reid/de sociologie appliquée :

Practitioner: Dr. Sara Cumming, Sheridan College



Dr. Cumming is a professor of Sociology with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Sheridan College. She was nominated for this award by colleagues who recognized her ability to focus on “community action projects that bring academic knowledge, participatory action and community-based research to ameliorate hardships for vulnerable populations.”

Working with government and community partners, her research project, “The Community Ideas Factory,” identified affordable housing, food security, employment services, and wraparound programs as areas where change was needed.

Her work and the resulting recommendations led to direct improvements in program delivery within the homeless sector. As well, the project impacted how the region considered funding requests with a focus on ‘evidence and best-practice’ in addition to collaboration with service users and providers.

As the Executive Director of the not-for-profit program, “Home Suite Hope”, Dr. Cumming has used her sociological background in qualitative methodologies, social policy and the ‘lone mother population’, to develop evidence-based best-practice programming thereby facilitating growth and transition in the lives of the women and families serviced by the organization.

The adjudication committee was impressed with Dr. Cumming’s commitment to her community not only through her research but through her active participation in advocating for - and directly implementing - strategies for change.

Student: Courtney Petruik, University of Calgary



Courtney is a doctoral student currently doing ethnographic research in association with Calgary’s Allied Palliative Mobile Program (CAMPP), a small, non-profit community-based organization that provides end-of-life medical and social care for people who are homeless. The focus of her research is on understanding the complex and innovative work involved in providing care for people who are not well- served by mainstream services, as well as investigating the way that work is facilitated and constrained by the institutional environment within which it takes place. Courtney’s research

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has involved accompanying the CAMPP team as they visit their clients in shelters, detox centres, temporary housing, and on the streets, and she has also spoken with CAMPP clients to learn about what they want in the way of care at this time. Courtney's research aims to inform policy and practice in ways that will better support this kind of community-based care work and contribute to the ongoing development of services that meet the needs of homeless people at the end of life. As part of her association with CAMPP, Courtney also uses her research skills to assist the CAMPP team by preparing reports which they can use in their efforts to secure needed funding in the current precarious funding environment.

The recipients of the student award are selected by the Department of Sociology at the University of Calgary.

Canadian Review of Sociology Best Article Award / Prix du meilleur article de la revue canadienne de sociologie :



Dr. Nicolas Graham, University of Victoria

Canadian Fossil Capitalism, Corporate Strategy, and Post-Carbon Futures. [Canadian Review of Sociology 56\(2\): 224-250.](#)

The author of the winning article, Nicolas Graham, is a scholar of corporate networks, lobbying, and in particular, the influence of the fossil fuel sector over government policy. Accordingly, this article is a study of the carbon extractive sector in Canada, and its relationship to renewable energy development. The author looks both at investment in renewable energy by large fossil fuel companies, and also the interlocking nature of directorates/boards of fossil fuel and renewable energy companies. In doing so, it presents an analysis of how the corporate structure of energy firms may impede or facilitate a transition to what the author calls a "post-carbon future" in Canada.

The committee was enthusiastic about the article and pleased to select it as the best paper. In particular, multiple committee members noted the paper's ambitious and time-consuming methods, including a social network analysis of firms' interlocking directorates, and also an analysis of investments of energy firms. Given the disparate and fragmented nature of these data, pulling it all together for an original analysis is a significant undertaking. Committee members also lauded the author's obvious command of relevant literature, and the social importance and timeliness of this topic.

Early Investigator Award / Prix du jeune chercheur :



Dr. Paul Josse, University of Hong Kong

The adjudication committee is pleased to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Paul Josse with the 2020 CSA Early Investigator Award. Dr. Josse received his PhD in Sociology from the University of Alberta in 2014 and is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Hong Kong. At this early stage in his career, Dr. Josse has a diverse and high-quality research and publication record in the fields of social theory, social movements, inequality, and critical criminology. He has published a large number of refereed articles, most of them sole-authored, in journals such as *Social Forces*, *Sociological Theory*, *Theory and Society* and *British Journal of Criminology*. Dr. Josse's recent work on charismatic leadership links classic and contemporary theories to examine new religious movements, environmental social movements, the democracy movement in Hong Kong, and the charismatic populism of the presidency of Donald Trump. His work is well-cited and has been recognized by his academic peers. In 2018, he was awarded the Clifford Geertz Prize for Best Article in the Sociology of Culture from the American Sociological Association and his work on Trump and moral panics won an outstanding article award from the Society for the Study of Social Problems in 2019. The committee was also impressed by Dr. Josse's public engagement. In addition to communicating his work within policy communities, Dr. Josse has made over one hundred research-related appearances in the popular press, both in Canada and internationally, in venues such as *Maclean's Magazine*, *The Economist*, *BBC*, *The Globe and Mail* and *Forbes*. His extraordinary level of public outreach was recognized when he was still a graduate student, where he was the first student to have ever received the University of Alberta's Media Recognition Award. In sum, Dr. Josse's glowing letter of support describes him as "the full package...a highly productive researcher, an exceptional and thought-provoking teacher, and engaged university citizen."

John Porter Award / Prix du livre John Porter:



Dr. Emily Laxer, Glendon College, York University

Unveiling the Nation: The Politics of Secularism in France and Quebec ([McGill-Queens University Press, 2019](#))

The John Porter Tradition of Excellence Book Award committee was unanimous in its appreciation of *Unveiling the Nations's* topical content, depth of analysis, and quality of research, and in its belief in the important sociological and political contributions this book will make to both academics and to lay Canadian audiences.

Laxer's 2020 award winning book uses a comparative lens to examine how party political conflict shapes state responses to religious diversity in France and Québec. Both societies have seen the proliferation of highly-mediatised campaigns to restrict the wearing of (mainly Islamic) religious signs in public spaces and institutions. Yet, as Laxer shows, the resulting debates have unfolded differently, with politicians in France proclaiming a "consensus" over restrictive legislation, while secular laws remain subject to deep partisan divides in Québec. Using historical evidence and interviews with key political actors, the book traces the impact of national political contexts and processes in producing these disparate outcomes. Laxer concludes by urging future scholars to consider how the mechanics of partisan conflict inform political actors' constructions of the secular state.

Outstanding Contribution Award / Contribution remarquable:



Dr. Carl E. James, York University

It was with enormous enthusiasm, respect, and gratitude that the Canadian Sociological Association's Awards Committee unanimously decided to award Dr. Carl E. James the prestigious CSA Outstanding Contribution Award. This award "honors colleagues who have significantly contributed to sociology in Canada."

James's innovative, extensive, highly distinguished, and deeply impactful research, his dedicated and profoundly influential mentorship, and his committed community engagement and advocacy exemplify the ideal of engaged, public sociology.

Dr. Carl James is recognized internationally as a leading scholar on youth studies, race and ethnic relations, and equity in education, having authored and co-authored about two dozen books, and well over 160 journal articles, book chapters, research reports and educational resources. James started his research career examining Black youth's aspirations and experience with education and career opportunities. His later work investigates how issues of race, ethnicity, and culture shape the lives of immigrants and racialized Canadians, particularly youth. As stated in the nomination letter, "James was the first to write of the expectations and aspirations of second and one-and-a-half generation Black Caribbean Canadians in the 1970s. This work is tremendously impactful as it became foundational to the many studies that came after on the lived experiences of today's African Canadian youth." Similarly, his work on immigrants' experiences of negotiating identification as Canadians in the strictures of race, ethnicity, and liberal multiculturalism, particularly in the five editions of his book *Seeing Ourselves: Exploring Race, Ethnicity and Culture*, is widely admired and influential. Recently, James was one of the six co-investigators of the first national comprehensive study of racialized and Indigenous faculty's experiences in Canadian Universities, which has resulted in multiple publications including the book *The Equity Myth: Racialization and Indigeneity at Canadian Universities* and has influenced policy making in numerous national bodies.

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Dr. James has made significant contributions to communities through his community-based research and sustained engagement. His work has had a profound impact on school boards in Ontario, provincial and federal government departments. James's work has been sought after by many international communities as well. He generously shared his research and teaching with universities and governments in the US, Australia, Sweden, Tanzania and Jamaica. From 1997 to 2013, he was Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Teacher Training at the University of Uppsala, Sweden. He is regularly interviewed as an expert on national and international TV programs, radio programs, and in newspaper articles.

Dr. James has also been an exceptional teacher and mentor to students and new scholars. He has supervised and mentored well over 100 graduate students at the Doctoral and Masters levels. In 2017, he was given a Graduate Faculty Teaching Award by York University in recognition of his profound contribution to graduate teaching and mentorship.

Canadian and international academic bodies and communities have recognized the importance of Dr. James's work. He is the recipient of dozens of honors and awards. In 2006, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Uppsala University in Sweden for "his anti-racism and equity work in education." He was inducted to the fellowship of the Royal Society of Canada in 2012, one of the highest honors given to Canadian Scholars. In 2019 alone, he received Afroglobal Television's Marcus Garvey Memorial Award and Ontario Alliance of Black School Educators' Lifetime Achievement Award of Excellence.

The CSA Awards committee agreed wholeheartedly with Professor Howard Ramos, who nominated Dr. James, and Professors Elaine Coburn, Tamari Kitossa, and Lloyd Wong, who wrote letters of support, that Dr. James is more than deserving of this recognition from the Canadian Sociological Association. Dr. James is a tremendous inspiration to his colleagues and students in Canada and around the world. We look forward to honoring him and celebrating his accomplishments in our 2021 annual conference in Edmonton.

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