



Second Annual Symposium of the Population, Work and Family Policy Research Collaboration

“Social Development and Economic Outcomes”

**Château Cartier, 1170, Chemin Aylmer
Gatineau, Québec
December 7-8, 2006**

The Population, Work and Family Policy Research Collaboration (PWFC), in operation since March 2005, is a joint initiative of the federal government and the academic research community. The sponsoring groups include the Policy Research Initiative (PRI), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Human Resources and Social Development Canada, Statistics Canada and the following three SSHRC Clusters: the Canadian Labour Market and Skills Research Network (CLSRN), the Population Change and Public Policy Research Cluster (PCPP) and the Lifecourse Cluster (LC).

The purpose of the PWFC is to facilitate the coordination and increase the benefits of collaboration between the federal government and the research community in subjects relevant for the medium-term public policy agenda. This symposium is intended to bring academics from the research Clusters together with policy officials from government to help create *stronger links between the two communities and begin building a program of future cooperation in policy research.*

Day 1

December 7, 2006

7:45 **Registration**

8:30 **Opening**

Chaudière Room

Executive Director (TBA), *Policy Research Initiative*

Chad Gaffield, President, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*

8:50 **Links Between Social Policy and Economic Outcomes**

Chaudière Room

Chair TBC

Panelists

“Skill Formation and Economic Outcomes”

Craig Riddell, *University of British Columbia and CLSRN*

“Social Policy and the Well-being of Young Families”

Evelyne Lapierre Adamcyk, *Université de Montréal and PCPP*

“Social Investment, the Life-Course and the Competitiveness of Societies”

Paul Bernard, *Université de Montréal and LC*

10:35 **Break**

11:05 **Formal Responses to the Panel**

Chaudière Room

Andrew Sharpe, *Centre for the Study of Living Standards*

Peter Hicks, Assistant Deputy Minister, *Human Resources and Social Development Canada*

11:35 **Precarious Families and Income Inequality**

Chaudière Room

Introduction

Roderic Beaujot, *University of Western Ontario and PCPP*

Guest Speaker

John Myles, *University of Toronto and CLSRN*

12:15 **Lunch**

Chaudière Room

13:15 **Spotlight on PWFC Research: Part I**

Concurrent Sessions

Immigration and Earnings

Chaudière A

“The Effect of Immigration on Nonimmigrant Wage Levels and Immigrant-Nonimmigrant Wage Differences in Canadian Metropolitan Labour Markets”

Richard Wanner, *University of Calgary and PCPP*

“The Immigrant Earnings Gap in Canada: A Longitudinal Cohort-Based Analysis”

Ross Finnie, *Queen’s University and CLSRN*

Transitions to Work

Chaudière C

“Links Between Knowledge and Work and Appropriateness of Education”

Jake Murdoch, *Université de Montréal and LC*

“Employment Activation Programs in France”
Stéphane Moulin, *Université de Montréal and LC*

Participating in Society

Beau Rivage A

“Social Participation Over the Life-Course”
Stéphanie Gaudet, *University of Ottawa and LC*

“Dynamic Effects of Childcare Subsidies: the Case of the Five Dollar per Day Child Care Policy in the Province of Quebec, Evidence From the SLID”
Philip Merrigan, Pierre Lefebvre, Matthieu Verstraete
UQAM, CIRPÉE and CLSRN

Children, Families and Upward Mobility

Rive Gauche

“Family Change and Children's Behaviour”
Zheng Wu, *University of Victoria and PCPP*

“Intergenerational Economic Mobility in the Ontario Child Health Study”
Martin Dooley, *McMaster University, CLSRN and PCPP*

14:20 **Break**

14:35 **Poster Session**

Frontenac Room

“Unmet Needs for Primary Care in a Context of Universal Healthcare: The Case of Québec”

Hani Guend, *Université de Québec, INRS and PCPP*
Anne Laure Tesson, *Université de Montréal*

“The Healthy Immigrant Effect: The Importance of Source and Destination Countries”

Ted MacDonald, *University of New Brunswick and CLSRN*

“The Effects of Technological Change on Life-Cycle Human Capital Investment”
Xueda Song, *York University and CLSRN*

“Planning for PEI's Aging Population”

Ron Kelly, *Seniors' United Network*
Dr. Judy-Lynn Richards, *UPEI and PCPP*
Jill Wakelin, *Seniors' Secretariat Office, Government of PEI*
Dr. Bernice Bell, *UPEI*

“Will Family Physicians Earn More by Switching their Payment Model? Experimental Evidence from Canada”

David Gray, *University of Ottawa and CLSRN*

15:05 **Spotlight on PWFC Research: Part II**
Concurrent Sessions

Immigration Experiences

Chaudière A

“The Sources of Differentiation in the Immigrant Housing Market: Insights from the Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Canada”

Michael Haan, *University of Alberta and PCPP*

“The Wage Disadvantage of Visible Minority Immigrant Males: What is the Effect of Work Experience?”

Michael Smith, *McGill University and CLSRN*

Population Aging

Rive Gauche

“Career Trajectories in Informational Technology Employment”

Julie McMullin Tammy Duerden Comeau, Emily Jovic, *Workforce Aging in the New Economy Project and University of Western Ontario*

“Approaches to Improving Projection Models of Chronic Home Care Needs for Elderly Canadians”

Janice Keefe, *Mount Saint Vincent University and PCPP*
Jacques Légaré, *Université de Montréal and PCPP*

Retirement Transitions

Chaudière C

“Health, Pensions, and the Retirement Decisions of Canadians”

Tammy Schirle, *Wilfrid Laurier University and CLSRN*

“Bridge Employment in the Transition to Retirement”

Benoît-Paul Hébert, Senior Research Advisor, *Human Resources and Social Development Canada*

May Luong, Analyst, *Human Resources and Social Development Canada*

“Anticipated Retirement and Return to the Labour Market”

André Léonard, Research officer, *Human Resources and Social Development Canada*

Bruno Rainville, Senior Research Officer, *Human Resources and Social Development Canada*

Personal Re-employment and Individual Training Accounts
Beau Rivage A

Speakers, TBC

16:10 **Adjournment**

Day 2	December 8, 2006
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9:00 **Life-Course Flexibility, Economic Security and Economic Efficiency** Chaudière Room

Chair Barbara Glover, Director General, *Human Resources and Social Development Canada*

“Economic Security in Future Labour Markets: Changes and Challenges”
Terrance Hunsley, Senior Project Director, *Policy Research Initiative*

Speaker, TBC

10:20 **Break**

10:40 **Competitiveness and Economic Performance**

Introduction

Paul Bernard, *Université de Montréal*

“Institutional Competitiveness and the Global Economy”
John L. Campbell, *Dartmouth College, USA*

Speaker, TBC

12:00 **Lunch** Chaudière Room

13:15 **Poster Session** Frontenac Room

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13:45 **Revealing the Research Gaps**

Chaudière Room

Chair Sonia L'Heureux, Director General, *Human Resources and Social Development Canada*

Presenters

Jean-Pierre Voyer, Executive Director, *Social Research and Demonstration Corporation*

Garnet Picot, Director General, *Statistics Canada*
Speaker, TBC

Commentaries

Mel Cappe, President, *Institute for Research on Public Policy*
Commentator, TBC

15:45 **Adjournment**