Population Change and Life Course: Taking Stock and Looking to the Future

Welcome and Overview
Cluster Past in Review

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19-20 March 2013, Ottawa Marriott
Past National Conferences

- Population, Work, and Family Policy Research Collaboration (PWFC)
  - March 2006
  - December 2006 - Social Development and Economic Outcomes
  - December 2008 - Meeting Canada's Diverse Challenges: Social Risk, Private Risk and Productivity
Past National Conferences

❖ Statistics Canada’s Socio-Economic Conference
  ▪ April 2010
  ▪ September 2011

❖ Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster
  ▪ March 2013 - Income, Health, and Social Programs in an Aging Population
  ▪ March 2015 - Population Change and Life Course: Taking Stock and Looking to the Future
Thematic Committees & Leaders

- Aging, lifelong learning and life course flexibility  
  Paul Bélanger
- Aging and paid work  
  Ellie Berger
- Caregiving and social participation  
  Janet Fast
- Health over the life course  
  Amélie Quesnel-Vallée
- Families  
  Zheng Wu
- Immigrants and migrants  
  Barry Edmonston
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  Beth Jackson
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A Look to the Future

❖ Session 8: New Data – Sources, governance and infrastructure, analysis
  ▪ New data (big data, administrative data, merged data)
  ▪ Infrastructure and governance models (access)
  ▪ Analysis (training needs)

❖ Session 9: Mega Trends in population and people’s lives
  ▪ Population change
  ▪ Life course
  ▪ Associated policy
Executive Committee

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  Project Director
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- Céline Le Bourdais
  McGill University

- Susan McDaniel
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- Kevin McQuillan
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  – Jean-Pierre Voyer
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  – Michelle Crawley
  – Patrick Couperus
  – Valérie Laflamme
THE PAST IN REVIEW
Formation of the Cluster

- SSHRC competition for Strategic Research Cluster Design Grants (2004-05) and Completion Grant (2005-06)
- SSHRC “Designing the ideal cluster”, Ottawa, 8 Feb. 2005
- Population, Work and Family Policy Research Collaboration
  - Population Change and Public Policy
    Roderic Beaujot
  - Lifecourse and Bringing all the Threads Together
    Paul Bernard
  - Canadian Labour Research Cluster
    W. Craig Riddell
Policy-Relevant Research Cycle

- Concepts
- Methods
- Data
- Results
- Questions
- Researchers
- Policy-Makers
- Ideas
- Evidence
- Reasons
- Policies
- Issues

Policy Issues can become research questions
Research concepts can reframe policy issues and policy ideas
Policy implementation generates administrative data
The quest for evidence leads to data development
Research results become policy-relevant evidence
Who are we? Cluster Members

- Canadian universities:
  - 161 Faculty/Researchers
  - 110 Graduate students
- Governments: 14 Researchers
- International: 14 Faculty/Researchers
How have we operated?

- Events and projects initiated and managed by:
  - Thematic Committees
  - Director

Administered by:
- Rod Beaujot
- Zenaida Ravanera
- Ania Barszczuk
- Georgios Fthenos

- Calls for Proposals and Competitions
  - Knowledge Mobilization
  - Synthesis, Research & Policy Briefs
  - Big Picture Synthesis
  - Data Development
  - Computer Modeling
  - Faculty Exchange
  - SSHRC to CIHR Transition
  - Student Competition

Four RFP and Competitions every year: January 15, April 15, June 15, October 15
Summary of projects

- Faculty Exchange: 5
- Knowledge Mobilization RFP: 32
- Knowledge Mobilization Director-initiated: 19
- Big Picture Syntheses: 6
- Data Development: 11
- Dynamic Computer Modeling: 1

Total: 74 projects on which we kept separate accounts

- Plus ...
  - Thematic Committee projects paid for from TC budgets
  - Recurring projects such as Policy and Research Briefs
Summary of Student Competitions

- **Summer Courses:** 27
- **Time Away from home program:** 12
- **Student Travel to International and National Conferences:** 95

**Total Grants:** 134

Plus ... students supported to attend:
- Population, Work, and Family Policy Research Collaboration (PWFC)
- Statistics Canada’s Socio-Economic Conference in 2010 & 2011
- Cluster Conferences of 2013 & 2015
- Specific Knowledge Mobilization and Training projects

**International Conferences:**
- International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP): 13
- Population Association of America (PAA): 13
- International Sociological Association (ISA): 4
- European Population Conference (EPC): 5
- Association internationale des démographes de langue française (AIDELF): 11
- American Sociological Association (ASA): 12
Knowledge Mobilization
From technical to general knowledge

Audience
- Academics
- Policy people
- Service providers
- General Public

Research Products
- Conference paper
- Journal Article
- Synthesis paper
- Research Reports
- Research Briefs
- Policy Journals (e.g. Horizons)
- Magazines Target audience (e.g. Transitions)
- Magazines General audience (e.g. MacLean’s)
- News papers

Conference/Workshops
- Academic Conferences (e.g. CHSS)
- UWO RDC Brown Bag/ e-Newsletter
- Small workshops (Chatham house rule workshops)
- Presentations at partner’s events (e.g. HRSDC)
- Big National Conferences (e.g. PWFC, SC Socio-economic Conference)
- Policy Dialogue

Under consideration by the Cluster
Some Reflections

- Variety of projects and events
- Widely shared resources
- Cluster funds used to raise funds from other sources

- Funds for research?
INRS Media Release: Étude comparative Montréal-Toronto-Vancouver: Les élèves allophones du Canada affichent une meilleure réussite scolaire

Workshop on Lifecourse Perspectives on Immigration held at the Centre Urbanisation, June 2010
Some Reflections

- Journal Article ➔ Research Brief ➔ Press Release
  - Synthesis Report (25) ➔ Executive Summary (3) ➔ Key Messages (1)

- Author or Student (Journalism or Social Science)
  - Professional journalist, Media Consultancy firm

- More training
  - how to deal with the media
  - how to write briefs

- Media Relations Office, Media list
Data and Training

Multistate analysis of life histories with R

- YITS and SLID for Stata
- NPHS for Longitudinal Analysis

Seminar on Dynamic Computer Modeling

A Textbook for MODGEN Users

Knowledge Translation and Synthesis Training Workshop

Write for the Reader
Developing Research Briefs

Fifth CPS Graduate Research Development Conference
Some Reflections

• Internships with partner agencies
  – Student competition (and funds) solely for internship

• Greater collaboration between training centres (universities) and partners
Internationalization

• Faculty Exchange
• Support for international conferences and workshops
• Support for students to participate in international conferences
• Participation in SSHRC’s Imagining Canada’s Future: Implications for global peak population for Canada
• Comparative research
• Research collaboration
Partnership Grants on Cluster’s Research Interests

Gender, Migration and the Work of Care
It’s been a good ride!

Thank you!