Thematic Committee on Health Inequalities Over the Life Course
2013 Report
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Past activities (2009-2013)
Membership drive
All the departments of sociology, economics, epidemiology and public health across Canada were examined for Faculty interests that coincided with the focus of the thematic committee and the PCLC mandate. A list of 56 new potential members was drafted from this canvassing, and invitations to join the cluster were sent, resulting in 25 responses from faculty members and some of their students.

Sponsored sessions at conferences
2010 Socio-Economic Conference. Public Policies and Health Inequalities
2009 Socio-Economic Conference. Social Inequalities in Health over the Life Course
2009 CRDCN Annual Conference. Health Over the Life Course

Forthcoming activities (2013-2014)
Research brief

Panel session on census mortality linkage at the Canadian Population Society (co-sponsored by the PCLC)
Supporting the travel costs of a speaker to the special panel session: Making the most of Statistics Canada's linked Census and administrative data files: Exploring the Research Potential of the 1991 Census Linked File Organizer and Panel Presider: Pamela White. Panelists: Walter Omariba, Statistics Canada; Paul Demers, Cancer Care Ontario

CIHR transition grant development competition.
Background. In 2009, SSHRC revised its guidelines on the eligibility of subject matter, stating that all research primarily intended to improve health, health care, and health-care systems would no longer be eligible for consideration at SSHRC. Since research eligible under the mandate of CIHR will not be considered by SSHRC, many areas of research previously funded through SSHRC programs must now apply to CIHR.

Objective of the funding opportunity. This funding opportunity is intended to assist social scientists in making the transition to CIHR by providing seed funding and in-kind assistance (advice on the grant, if desired) to assist in the development of research proposals for submission to CIHR. Up to three grants of a maximum of $4,500 will be funded. A call for proposals has already gone out for the April 15 competition.

Sponsor of a plenary session at the 2014 CIQSS conference on the theme of the Social Determinants of Health.
Support will consist of personnel assistance for planning, supplies and printing, travel costs for a plenary speaker, subsidy for registration of 10 PCLC members, and the production of a report for KT.