

SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

Fall Term 2021

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR

The 2020-2021 academic year brought many unexpected changes as a result of the pandemic and mobilization for social justice around Indigenous issues and Black Lives Matters. This is not to mention the ongoing climate crisis and many other critical events over the course of the year. It is a period that highlights the need for sociology to tackle what are increasingly seen as “wicked” problems.

The department at Western has risen to the challenges of our times with researchers taking on cutting edge analysis of Covid-19 related inequalities. Faculty members have also regularly engaged national and international media to raise awareness on pressing issues and have been active in policy development through sitting on national policy advisory committees

Our students have also done remarkable work which has been recognized through Social Science and Humanities Research Council scholarships and other awards. Our students have also been active in publishing and taking on applied sociology projects.

During the 2021-2022 academic year, we are working to transition to in-person learning and hosting in-person and hybrid events in the Winter. We hope you can join us at them and hope you stay in touch. We wish you and your loved ones well.

— Howard Ramos

WELCOME A NEW FACULTY MEMBER

We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Kaitlyn Mendes to the department as an Associate Professor. She is an award-winning professor, coming to the department from University of Leicester, UK. She also will begin a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Inequality and Gender in January 2021.



Mendes focuses on issues of gender and media, using a mixed methods approach and is interdisciplinary, working with people in media studies, cultural studies, psychology, law, and criminology.

Mendes is a productive researcher, with three monographs, two edited collections, a policy document, and over fifty refereed articles in top-tier journals. She has extensive experience as a PI, securing over £500k in funding from the AHRC, ESRC, and Research England. She has also pioneered innovative methodologies to gather hard to access data.

Mendes' most recent research explores how digital technologies are fueling gender inequalities amongst young people, and what can be done, in terms of policy, education, training, and cultural change to mitigate against these harms. She hopes her research into contemporary online practices like cyberflashing, online grooming, sexting, child sex exploitation, and image-based sexual abuse can make an impact, through NGOs, educators, unions, and policy makers, as well as parents.

"I use a research-led teaching approach, where I share my research insights with students. This includes my creative mixed-method research designs through teaching research methods, and showing students how to study phenomenon which can be emotionally challenging, hard to pin-down, and hard to measure in some cases."

— Kaitlynn Mendes

A selection of recent publications and commentaries by Kaitlynn Mendes

"Mapping #MeToo: A synthesis review of digital feminist research across social media platforms"

"Digital Footprints of #MeToo"

"'It started with this one post': #MeToo, India and higher education"

"Lockdown, violence and understanding women's anger"

"Schools urgently need to tackle rape culture by educating pupils about online world"

"Everyone's Invited: Why we're not surprised about the #MeToo movement in UK schools"



WESTERN SCHOLAR

Anna Zajacova was named as a Western University Faculty Scholar for 2021 in recognition of her significant scholarly achievements in teaching and research.



BOOK AWARD

Janice Forsyth's book *Reclaiming Tom Longboat* won the North American Society for Sport History (NASSH) Book Award. It also won the 2020 Indigenous History Award from the Ontario Historical Society.



SERVICE RECOGNIZED

Tess Hooks was honoured by UWOFA with the Tom Murphy Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to UWOFA.

TAKING THE LEAD

Rachel Margolis will be Undergraduate Chair for the next three years. A big thank you to Wolfgang Lehmann for serving as Undergraduate Chair for seven years. He is on sabbatical for the fall term.

Kim Shuey is the Acting Graduate Chair for the fall term. Anna Zajacova is on leave during the fall term and will be returning to the Graduate Chair role for the winter term.

Howard Ramos, Chair of the Department of Sociology, is also Chairperson of the Canadian Statistics Advisory Council, an independent body that advises the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry and the Chief Statistician to support the national statistical system and its overall quality.

Janice Forsyth is the Program Director of Indigenous Studies and a Senior Fellow Member of Network for Economic and Social Trends (NEST).

Kate Choi is the Director of the Centre for Research on Social Inequality, part of the NEST group of research centres. The Centre for Research on Social Inequality is a community of scholars working and collaborating on research and methods that advance the scientific understanding of social inequality.

Michael Haan is the Academic Director of Statistics Canada Research Data Centre at Western. The Research Data Centre (RDC) enables scholars at Western to access secure data from Statistics Canada for research, provides training, and assists in the dissemination of research results. He is also the Director of the Collaborative Graduate Program in Migration and Ethnic Relations, an interdisciplinary program for graduate students to study of migration, ethnic relations, cultural diversity, conflict, acculturation, and the integration of migrants.

Sean Waite is serving on Western's first Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Council. It will advise the senior management group on these issues and policies.

Anabel Quan-Haase is the new Rogers Chair in Studies in Journalism and New Information Technology for the Faculty of Information and Media Studies. In this role she will examine the role of social media during the COVID-19 pandemic, with an emphasis on the informational and societal impacts of this technology.

Ted Hewitt is President of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), while on leave from Sociology. His work in 2020 led SSHRC through vital adaptations in support of researchers adapting to pandemic disruptions.

Scott Schaffer is now the Chief Specialty Editor for the Sociological Theory section of *Frontiers in Sociology*.

Laura Huey is the co-founder of #CrimComm, a new virtual community for criminology researchers who believe in the importance of making research fully accessible to policy makers, practitioners, students, the public, and to each other. On the website and in social media, this global network discusses and shares resources on effective communication.

Amanda Zavitz-Gocan is the new Leadership Chair of the Gender Equality Coalition of Ontario, a non-profit organization that provides a connection for individuals, organizations, businesses, and government to discuss issues of gender inequality and create solutions.

NEW APPOINTMENT



Lauren Barr now has a Limited Term Appointment for the next two years. Lauren is an award-winning instructor who has taught a wide range of courses for our department. She is also conducting research on support for youth in education, focused on career education and student success in Ontario.

NEW POSTDOC



Huijing Wu joined us as a Postdoctoral Associate in March. She will be working with Rachel Margolis until 2023, on research about families and aging.

Wu obtained her PhD in Sociology at Bowling Green State University in 2019, where her dissertation focused on older adults in living apart together relationships and how they differ from other relationships in later life. We look forward to hearing her Brown Bag talk Friday, Dec. 3 on her current research.

FONDLY REMEMBERED



Sadly, Professor Emeritus Eddie Ebanks, who taught in the Sociology department for 35 years and was a former Chair of the Department, passed away Nov. 8. Dr. Ebanks was a founding member of the Canadian Population Society, a demography scholar, and author of countless publications on Latin America and the Caribbean. Above all, we remember him as a devoted friend, mentor, and a genuine, caring person who fought tirelessly on behalf of others.

SOCIOLOGY AND RESEARCH ON THE PANDEMIC

Western University has been a leader in research about the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects.

Patrick Denice, Kate Choi, Michael Haan, and Anna Zajacova created a data visualization of COVID-19 infections in Canada. This visualization of the data shows “the correlation between COVID-19 infections and the percentage of residents who are Black across census subdivisions.”



This research was presented at PAA 2021 in May.

— “Visualizing the Geographic and Demographic Distribution of COVID-19”

Their research process was challenged by the fact that “race-based and other demographic information on COVID-19 patients is not being collected consistently across provinces in Canada.” Their approach, drawing on COVID-19 counts and census data, offers a way “for researchers and policymakers to use existing data to identify communities nationwide that are vulnerable to the pandemic.” This research was also presented at PAA 2021.

— “Studying the Social Determinants of COVID-19 in a Data Vacuum”

Kate Choi added to our understanding of the social upheaval during the pandemic in research, with Brandon Wagner and Philip N. Cohen, finding “a dramatic decrease” in marriages in the United States in 2020 compared with 2019.

— “Decline in Marriage Associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States”

Rachel Margolis, with Ashton Verdery, Emily Smith-Greenaway, and Jonathan Daw, estimate that, on average, under diverse epidemiological circumstances, every death from COVID-19 leaves approximately nine bereaved.

— “Tracking the reach of COVID-19 kin loss with a bereavement multiplier applied to the United States”

Continuing this research, Margolis and her research group found that COVID-19 bereavement corresponds with depression in older adults in 27 countries.

— “Bereavement from COVID-19, Gender, and Reports of Depression among Older Adults in Europe”

Anabel Quan-Haase’s research, with Aqdas Malik and M. Laeeq Khan, examines how leading health organizations use Instagram for communicating and engaging during the pandemic. They find that “[t]here is much opportunity to strengthen the role of health organizations in countering misinformation on social media by providing accurate information, directing users to credible sources, and serving as a fact-check for false information.”

— “Public Health Agencies Outreach through Instagram during COVID-19 Pandemic: Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication Perspective”

Anabel Quan-Haase also worked with a group of researchers on how digital inequalities put vulnerable populations such as the socially isolated, penal system subjects, digitally disadvantaged students, older adults, gig workers, and last-mile workers at higher risk of exposure to COVID-19.

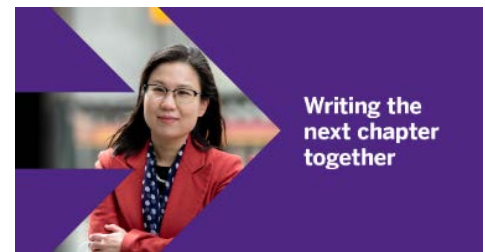
— “Digital inequalities in time of pandemic: COVID-19 exposure risk profiles and new forms of vulnerability”

Anna Zajacova, Anthony Jehn, Matthew Stackhouse, Kate Choi, Patrick Denice, Michael Haan, and Howard Ramos researched mental health effects of the pandemic. They find that, from March to May 2020, mental health among Canadian adults deteriorated. However, economic concerns during this time lessened, coinciding with the government’s economic interventions.

— “Mental health and economic concerns from March to May during the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada: Insights from an analysis of repeated cross-sectional surveys”

Scott Schaffer’s research finds a ‘necroethics’ during the pandemic that identifies some persons “essential and essentially expendable.” He presented this research at The COVID-19 Pandemic Conference.

— “Necroethics in the time of COVID-19 and Black Lives Matter”



Kate Choi’s research on the effects of inequality was featured in Western’s Research Excellence story “Covid Next” and she has been regularly interviewed about her research on the pandemic.

SSHRC posted a [Perspectives on COVID-19: Impacts on disadvantaged populations](#) page that includes 10 articles by Western researchers, including Kate Choi, Patrick Denice, Michael Haan, and Anna Zajacova.

In addition to this peer-reviewed research, our faculty contributed to the understanding of the pandemic outside of academia, in media, and in online commentaries.

“Western University researchers reveal who is most likely to adhere to public health precautions”

“The Current with Matt Galloway Feb. 15, 2021: . . . how COVID-19 is impacting birth rates”

“Estimates and Projections of COVID-19 and Parental Death in the US”

“How COVID-19 Twisted Death and Grief”

“4 Numbers That Make the Pandemic’s Massive Death Toll Sink In”

“Covid-19 has killed the parents of thousands of children. We must support them”

“40,000 kids have lost a parent to COVID-19, a new report finds. Schools need to step in and help”

“As many as 43,000 U.S. children have lost a parent to COVID-19”

“London’s COVID recovery plan moves beyond ideas to strategy, measures”

“COVID-19 pandemic may produce dramatic changes in life expectancy, birth rates and immigration”

“Even with equal vaccination rates, COVID-19 hotspots still have higher infection rates”

The COVID-19 research and public outreach done by members of our department has broad impact. It brings to the forefront the inequalities that multiply the difficulties and human costs we face as a society.

GRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Presenting research

We were very pleased that the SGSA held the 13th Annual Sociology Graduate Student conference virtually on March 12, 2020. This internal conference allows our graduate students to showcase their work to their peers and faculty and hone their presentation skills. PhD students, Ina Palii and Taylor Paul received awards for their papers, and Melissa Elliott was presented with the award for Best Paper Presentation.

Our graduate students also presented their research to a wide number of conferences and venues, for example: the Centre for Research on Social Inequality, Women's March Sarnia-Lambton/Sarnia Intersectional Feminist Network, and at the annual conferences of Canadian Population Society, Canadian Sociological Association, Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education, International Communication Association, and the American Sociological Association. Some also contributed their time and effort to organizing and Chairing sessions at these conferences.

Recently Published Graduate Research

Jacek Koziarski and Laura Huey, "[#Defund or #Re-Fund? Re-examining Bayley's blueprint for police reform](#)"

Anna Zajacova and Anthony Jehn, "[Stratification in Post-Secondary Education and Self-Rated Health among Canadian Adults](#)"

Jacek Koziarski, "[Examining the Spatial Concentration of Mental Health Calls for Police Service in a Small City](#)"

Lorna Ferguson, Janne E. Gaub, and Laura Huey, "[Exploring the Roles and Function of Police Search and Rescue Teams in Canadian Agencies](#)"

Katelyn Mitri, "[Does higher education make a difference? The influence of educational attainment on women's and men's nonstandard employment outcomes](#)"

Vesna Pajovic and Kim Shuey, "[Patterns and stratification of stressor exposure among Canadian workers](#)"

Laura Huey, Lorna Ferguson, and Adam D. Vaughan, "[The limits of our knowledge: tracking the size and scope of police involvement with persons with mental illness](#)"

Xavier St-Denis, Yacine Boujija, and Stephen Sartor, *Non-Linear PSE Pathways and Credential Accumulation: Statistical Portrait and Evaluation of Labour Market Outcomes*

Award-Winning Graduate Students

2021 Centre for Research on Social Inequality Graduate Student Academic Competition winners: Stephen Sartor and Anthony Jehn

3MT MRP Thesis Competition winners: Justin Clark, Sandra Weir, and Maria Gonzalez

CSA Outstanding Graduating Sociology Student, PhD: Natahnee Winder

Ellen Nielsen Award of Excellence: Natahnee Winder

CSA Outstanding Graduating Sociology Student, MA: Taylor Paul



Award-Winning Policy Presentation

Xiaoxi Wang won the Policy Pitch Prize in the CRDCN National Policy Challenge for her presentation, "[Homeownership Gap between Immigrants and the Canadian-born: Implication for Canada's Housing Strategy](#)"



Vanier Scholar

Doctoral student Lorna Ferguson was awarded a 2021-2022 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship for her research on missing persons. Read the [Western News](#) story.

Scholarships and Fellowships Received

Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Molly Harper
Lauren Mar
Vesna Pajovic
Stephen Sartor
Matthew Stackhouse

SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship

Anthony Jehn

MA (Research Paper Stream) Completed

Congratulations to our graduate students in the research paper stream, on completing their MA.

Kamma Andersen	Adam Mamudovski	Cathlin Sullivan
Kennedy Beacock-McMillan	Lauren Mar	Caitlin Turnbull
Justin Clark	Rebecca Rayner	Brooke Van Raay
Maria Gonzalez Sanchez	Sarah Revie	Sandra Weir
Camilla Iciaszczyk	Michelle Robinson	Tianyi Xing
Alyssa Jensen	Eve Smerchinski	Alice Yin
Carina Lee		



PhD Completed

Jennifer Elgie completed her PhD, with the thesis *Changing the narrative from the inside: A look at how strength and narrative based service delivery can function as a space of resistance for Indigenous women*. Congratulations Dr. Elgie.

Lorna Ferguson launched The Missing Persons Research Hub

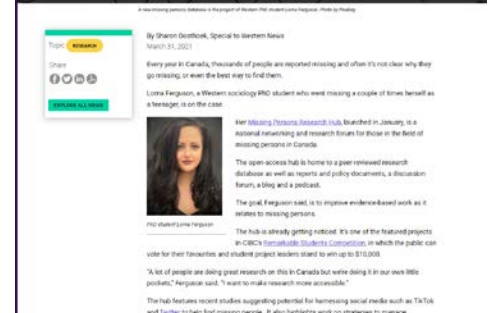
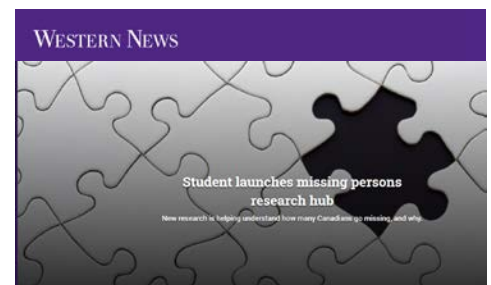


PhD student, Lorna Ferguson, launched [The Missing Persons Research Hub](#), a national networking forum and research hub for the field of missing persons in Canada. The hub aims to increase evidence-based Canadian scholarship in the area of missing persons, communicate research, educate on missing persons, centralize access to research and resources, provide networking opportunities,

and connect researchers. It is supported by the RCMP National Centre for Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains (NCMPUR).

Ferguson says, “[M]y aim is to improve both prevention and response to all missing cases, but particularly those involving individuals who, like myself, have faced social, economic, and other hardships.”

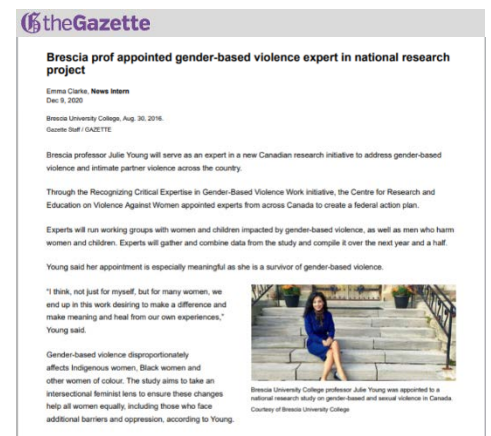
This spring, Ferguson had the opportunity to discuss this new research hub and her research, as a featured guest in the [NIRO Knowledge podcast episode 23](#), and was featured in [Western News](#). More than just an organizer, Lorna Ferguson is also actively researching missing persons herself. Her own recently-published article, “[Profiling persons reported missing from hospitals versus mental health facilities](#),” is a recent addition to the research database on the hub.



Julie Young to advise Canada-wide project to address gender-based violence

The Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women appointed experts from across Canada to create a national action plan. PhD Candidate Julie Young serves as an expert in this research initiative to address gender-based violence (GBV) and intimate partner violence (IPV) across the country. The “Recognizing Critical Expertise in Gender-Based Violence Work” project, led by Linda Baker, Peter Jaffe, Angelique Jenney, and Katreena Scott, aims to identify a national set of core capacities that will be helpful to GBV organizations as they continue to design and implement sustainable and relevant training to strengthen collaborative community responses. Julie Young’s appointment as expert is featured in the [Western Gazette](#).

Young was successful in obtaining project funding from Women and Gender Equality Canada to gather insights from survivors and service providers to inform the National Action Plan to end Gender-Based Violence in Canada. Last September, Young was appointed to the [Advisory Council on Gender-Based Violence](#), which advises the Minister for Women and Gender Equality, Maryam Monsef.



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Award Winners



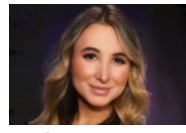
Maeve Macdonald:
2021 Sociology
Award



Lauren Mar:
CSA Outstanding
Graduating
Sociology Student,
Honours



Mileva Boghosian:
Gold medal for
Honours
Specialization in
Sociology



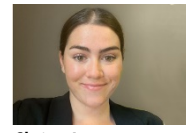
Kaylin Mesic:
Gold medal for
Honours
Specialization in
Criminology



Megan Rauser:
Gold medal for
Honours Double
Major in Sociology



Vanessa Briccardi:
Gold medal for
Honours Double
Major in
Criminology



Claire Lavereau:
Social Science
Faculty Gold Medal,
Three Year
Program Major

Published

Kaitlynn Wannamaker, "Royce, Edward. Poverty and power: The problem of structural inequality"

RECENT FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Aging and the Lifecourse

Choi, Ramaj, and Haan, "Age of the oldest child and internal migration of immigrant families: A study using administrative data from immigrant landing and tax files"

Jin, Langevin, Lebel, and Haan, "Factors associated with the completion of apprenticeship training in Canada"

Wang, Verdery, Margolis, and Smith-Greenaway, "Bereavement from COVID-19, Gender, and Reports of Depression among Older Adults in Europe"

Shuey and Willson, "The Life Course Perspective," in *Wiley Blackwell Companion to Medical Sociology*

Heidinger and Willson, "The lasting imprint of childhood disadvantage: cumulative histories of exposure to childhood adversity and trajectories of psychological distress in adulthood"

Denice, "Choosing and Changing Course: Postsecondary Students and the Process of Selecting a Major Field of Study"

Health and Health Inequality

Denice, Choi, Haan, and Zajacova, "Visualizing the Geographic and Demographic Distribution of COVID-19"

Andersen, Holm, and Côté, "The student mental health crisis: Assessing psychiatric and developmental explanatory models"

Nair, Luu Ly, Halstuch, Lavi, Sano, Haan, and Power, "Correlation of Occupational Exposure and Risk of Genitourinary Malignancies: A Canadian Population Study"

Lorusso, Markham, and Forsyth, "Indigenous Youth in Ontario School-Based Health and Physical Education Programs: A Scoping Review"

Malik, Khan, and Quan-Haase, "Public Health Agencies Outreach through Instagram during COVID-19 Pandemic: Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication Perspective"

Zajacova and Jehn, "Stratification in Post-Secondary Education and Self-Rated Health among Canadian Adults"

Ram, Ram, and Yadav, "The Effects of Maternal Age on Neonatal and Post-neonatal Mortality in India: Roles of Socioeconomic and Biodemographic Factors"

Zajacova, Grol-Pokopczyk, and Zimmer, "Sociology of Chronic Pain"

Zajacova and Lawrence, "Postsecondary Educational Attainment and Health among Younger U.S. Adults in the "College-for-All" Era"

Stern, Luu Ly, Welk, Chin, Haan, and Power, "POD-1. The impact of ethnicity on prostate cancer mortality in Canada"

Shuey, Willson, and Hackshaw, "Family Structure and Parents' Health: Implications for the Reproduction of Health Inequality across Generations"

Inequality, Power, and Social Regulation



Huey, Mitchell, Kalyal, and Pegram, *Implementing Evidence-Based Research: A How-to Guide for Police Organizations*

Lecoq, Ballucci, and Spencer, "Keep Them on the Straight and Narrow': Understanding, Selecting and Governing Subjects Through Intensive Supervision Units"

Koziarski and Huey, "#Defund or #Re-Fund? Re-examining Bayley's blueprint for police reform"

Ferguson, Gaub, and Huey, "Exploring the Roles and Function of Police Search and Rescue Teams in Canadian Agencies"

Giancarlo, Forsyth, Te Hiwi, and McKee, "Methodology and Indigenous memory: using photographs to anchor critical reflections on Indian residential school experiences"

Denice, DeArmond, and Carr, "When schools open: Student mobility and racial sorting across new charter schools in Kansas City, Missouri"

Quan-Haase, Mendes, Ho, Lake, Nau, and Pieber, "Mapping #MeToo: A synthesis review of digital feminist research across social media platforms"

Huey, Ferguson, and Vaughan, "The limits of our knowledge: tracking the size and scope of police involvement with persons with mental illness"

Malleson and Calnitsky, "Which Way Forward for Economic Security: Basic Income or Public Services?"

Ringrose, Mendes, Whitehead, and Jenkinson, "Resisting Rape Culture online and at school: The pedagogy of Digital Defence and Feminist Activism Lessons" in *Violence, Victimization and Young People: Education and Safe Learning Environments*

Ballucci and Lecoq, "Expanding Mechanisms of Governance: Uncertainty and Risk in Police Decision-Making Strategies in the Pursuit of Specialized Peace Bonds"

Lehmann, "Conflict and contentment: Case study of the social mobility of working-class students in Canada"

Calnitsky, "The Policy Road to Socialism"

Social Demography and Migration

Sano, Hillier, Haan, and Zarifa, "Youth Migration in the Context of Rural Brain Drain: Longitudinal Evidence from Canada"

Wagner, Choi, and Cohen, "Decline in Marriage Associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States"

Farina, Zajacova, Montez, and Hayward, "US State Disparities in Life Expectancy, Disability-Free Life Expectancy, and Disabled Life Expectancy Among Adults Aged 25 to 89 Years"

Kwon and Adams, "Feeding the Canadian Immigrant Family: an intersectional approach to meal preparation among immigrant families in Ontario"

Choi and Goldberg, "Multiracial Children's Experiences of Family Instability"

White and Haan, "The demographic determinants of inter-provincial migration declines in Canada: A decomposition analysis"

Pieber and Quan-Haase, "Up close and impersonal: locative media and the changing nature of the networked individual in the city" in *Handbook of Cities and Networks*.

Stoddart, Cruddas, and Ramos, "Do Neighbourhood Environmental Perceptions Affect Practices?"

Griffith and Ramos, "Will the pandemic make Canada less attractive to newcomers?"

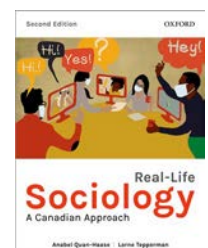
Haan, Yoshida, Amoyaw, and Iciaszczyk, "Becoming Permanent: The Transition Characteristics of Temporary Foreign Workers to Permanent Residents in Canada"

Sociology and Research Methods

Karlson, Popham, and Holm, "Marginal and Conditional Confounding Using Logits"

Choi, Denice, Haan, and Zajacova, "Studying the Social Determinants of COVID-19 in a Data Vacuum"

Quan-Haase and Tepperman, *Real-Life Sociology: A Canadian Approach*, 2nd edition.



Work, Occupations, and Professions

Adams, "Engineers, skills and intra-professional inequalities"

Adams and Sawchuk, "Ethical Dilemmas and Workplace Change: Nurses and Engineers"

Gonalons-Pons and Calnitsky, "Exit, voice and loyalty in the family: findings from a basic income experiment"

Andersen, Curtis, and Brym, "Public support for social security in 66 countries: Prosperity, inequality, and household income as interactive causes"

Hewitt, "Factors Affecting Competitiveness in University Ranking Exercises: Lessons from Brazil"

Mendes, "Digital feminist labour: the immaterial, aspirational and affective labour of feminist activists and fempreneurs"

Pajovic and Shuey, "Patterns and stratification of stressor exposure among Canadian workers"

Meterskya, Orchard, Adams, and Hurlock-Chorostecki, "Patient roles in primary care interprofessional teams: a constructivist grounded theory of patient and health care provider perspectives"

Madsen, Svane-Patersen, Holm, et al., "Work-related violence and depressive disorder among 955,573 employees followed for 6.99 million person-years. The Danish Work Life Course Cohort study: Work-related violence and depression"

ALUMNI NEWS

Kathya Aathavan was awarded the Award for Significant Student Contribution to the Vanier Institute.

Emily Alexander was promoted to Research Director at Instar Research.

Jonathan Amoyaw just landed a tenure track position in the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at Dalhousie University.

Allison Cordoba started a new position as Researcher Anthropologist at MotivBase, which is a big data ethnography company.

Jennifer Elgie has accepted a job as Policy Advisor with The Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI).

Camila Iciaszczyk has been accepted into the European Doctoral School of Demography for 2021/22 academic year. Congratulations Camila.

Natalie Iciaszczyk started a new job as a Policy Analyst at the National Institute on Ageing, a think tank based at Ryerson University.

Rachelle Miele started a new position as Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Wilfrid Laurier University.

WORTHWHILE EVENTS COMING UP

Our Sociology Colloquium Series features a diverse series of speakers (online) this fall and winter. Full details of the series can be found on the [colloquium series webpage](#) and all are welcome. Please make a point of joining us. Would you like to be included in the email notification list for this speaker series? Contact socevent@uwo.ca.

Kate Choi is arranging for an interesting lineup of events for the [Centre for Research on Social Inequality](#) this year. Keep an eye out for the timely topics she has lined up.

Michael Haan has arranged for interesting guest speakers for the [Migration and Ethnic Relations Collaborative Specialization Colloquium Series](#). These talks bring together scholars and practitioners expert in real-world issues in implementing policy or providing services to immigrant and refugee populations. These colloquia are open to students, staff and faculty across Western, and to local community members.

[Rogers Chair, Anabel Quan-Haase](#), will bring us events on various aspects of COVID-19 and the social and informational impacts of social media, including misinformation and anti-social behavior.

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