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CLSRN Annual Conference, 7 June 2012, Calgary: Call for Papers

The Canadian Labour Market and Skills Researcher Network (CLSRN) will hold its sixth annual conference at the University of Calgary on June 7, 2012. The conference will take place on the day before the annual meetings of the Canadian Economics Association (June 8-10, 2012).

The keynote speaker at this year's conference is Jeffrey Smith of the University of Michigan. The conference will be a broad academic conference covering all aspects of labour market behaviour and skills development and use.

Individuals wishing to present a paper should submit it, or an abstract, by Monday, January 16, 2012. Submissions should be sent to: clsrn@mail.ubc.ca. The announcement of accepted papers will be made by Monday, February 13, 2012.

The Program Committee for this year's conference is:

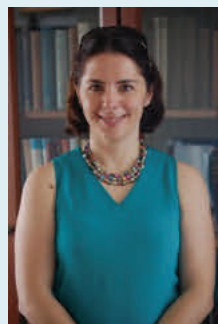
Shelley Phipps, Dalhousie University (Chair of Program Committee)
 Ana Ferrer, University of Calgary
 David Gray, University of Ottawa
 Thomas Lemieux, University of British Columbia
 Mikal Skuterud, University of Waterloo



Shelley Phipps (Dalhousie University) is Program Committee Chair for this year's CLSRN Conference which is taking place in Calgary the day before the Annual Meetings of the Canadian Economics Association

CLSRN-funded paper has won the Arrow Prize

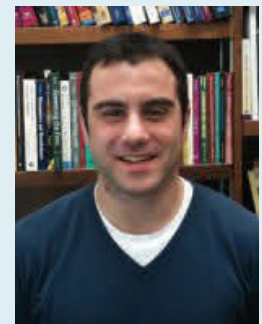
The CLSRN is pleased to note that a CLSRN-funded paper entitled "The Impact of Aggregate and Sectoral Fluctuations on Training Decisions" by affiliates Vincenzo Caponi (Ryerson University, Institute for the Study of Labor, and the Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis); Burc Kayahan (Acadia University) and Miana Plesca (University of Guelph) which has been published in the B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, in "Advances" (Vol 10. Issue 1. Art 28), has won the Arrow prize awarded for young researchers. The winner of the Arrow prize is decided by votes cast by economists: <http://www.bepress.com/arrow.html>



Miana Plesca (University of Guelph)



Vincenzo Caponi (Ryerson University)



Burc Kayahan (Acadia University)

Thomas Lemieux elected as vice-president of the Canadian Economics Association

The CLSRN is pleased to note that affiliate Thomas Lemieux has been elected as vice-president of the Canadian Economics Association. Dr. Lemieux's term as vice-president began in June 2011, this will mean Dr. Lemieux will be president of the Association in 2013-14.

Outside of his busy academic duties, Dr. Lemieux found the time to run the Quebec City marathon with his brother-in-law, former Olympic speedskater Benoît Lamarche in August 2011. The two brothers-in-law made the news by choosing to run the marathon despite its cancellation due to severe weather conditions.



Thomas Lemieux (R) (University of British Columbia) was elected as Vice-President of the Canadian Economics Association in June 2011. In August 2011, Dr. Lemieux and his brother-in-law Benoît Lamarche (L) made the local news by running the Quebec City Marathon despite its cancellation due to severe weather concerns.

CLSRN and CIRPEE conclude a successful Summer School and Workshop in Montreal (June 27–30, 2011)

CLSRN 2011 Summer School, June 27-28:

The CLSRN is pleased to have hosted its second biennial Summer School for graduate students at the HEC Montréal on June 27-30, 2011. The summer school was an opportunity for young economists to explore emerging econometric trends and techniques at the advanced graduate student level, as well as gain exposure recent research presented by prominent international scholars in labour market behaviour.

The 2011 CLSRN/CIRPEE Workshop in Applied Microeconomics, June 29-30:

CLSRN and Centre interuniversitaire sur le risque, les politiques économiques et l'emploi (CIRPEE) co-sponsored a research workshop, which was held at the HEC Montréal on June 29-30. Daniel Parent (HEC and CLSRN) organized the workshop program.

Some comments from Summer School and Workshop attendees:

"Both the summer school and the workshop were of extremely high level and very useful to me. They were also exceptionally organised. Thank you very much for that to everyone involved in the organization."

"I personally benefitted a great deal from this year's summer school and research workshop. Through this event I not only learned about the newest developments in a diversity of tools used for program evaluation, but also got exposure to hot topics in labour research as well as the opportunity to meet many world-class labour economists. Truly this is such a fun and rewarding experience and I am looking forward to the next one!"

"The Summer School was very instructive. The topics were presented very clearly, at an appropriate level, and were well contextualized. The event also provided a unique opportunity to meet graduate students and recent graduates from other Canadian universities."

"The summer school was a great opportunity to learn/re-learn methods from eminent researchers in the field...I enjoyed the variety of topics in the workshop. I walked away with a couple of preliminary ideas on topics I didn't even know I'd be interested in. I also enjoyed meeting students from different schools and at different stages of graduate school."

The Summer School and Workshop website including presentations and power point slides is available here: <http://www.clsrn.econ.ubc.ca/SummerSchoolWorkshop2011/>

If you attended the 2011 CLSRN/CIRPEE Workshop and/or Summer School please feel free to submit a [feedback form](#) if you have not already done so.



Nicole Fortin (UBC) was one of the Summer School Presenters



Daniel Parent
(HEC Montreal)

Charles Beach: 2011 Winner of the Queen's University Award for Excellence in Graduate Supervision at Queen's University to Retire in 2012; Festschrift volume planned



Charles Beach (Queen's University) is retiring in 2012. A Festschrift volume in honour of his extensive research and teaching contributions is planned for the near future.

CLSRN affiliate Charles Beach was the winner of the 2011 Award for Excellence in Graduate Supervision at Queen's University.

The award is presented by the Queen's University School of Graduate Studies in recognition of superb achievement as a researcher and mentor to current and past graduate students.

Dr. Beach received his award at this year's fall convocation ceremonies at Queen's University.

Dr. Beach has been a professor in the Department of Economics at Queen's University for almost 40 years, and will retire in 2012. He estimates he's supervised 50 PhD, 70 masters and 30 undergraduate students throughout the years.

Dr. Beach was a member of CLSRN's academic leadership group from 2006 until 2010. The CLSRN has benefitted from Dr. Beach's input and leadership during his years as co-director of the Immigration Program. Charles has been editor of the Canadian Journal of Economics for many years

A Festschrift volume in honour of Dr. Beach's extensive research and teaching contributions to his discipline is expected to be released in the near future.

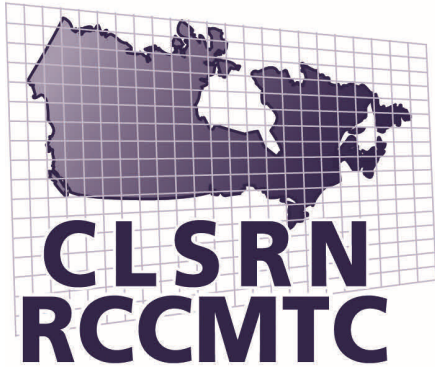
CLSRN Affiliates: Recent News and Announcements

- David Green (University of British Columbia) is now editor of the [Canadian Journal of Economics](#). To view some of David's research contributions to the CLSRN, please see: [CLSRN Working Paper no. 38](#); [CLSRN Working Paper no. 60](#); and [CLSRN Working Paper no. 74](#). For CLSRN features on David's research please see: [Labour Market Matters - January 2011](#); and [Labour Market Matters - May 2011](#)
- Kevin Milligan (University of British Columbia) is now co-editor of the [Canadian Tax Journal](#). To view some of Kevin's research contributions to the CLSRN, please see: [CLSRN Working Paper no. 12](#). For CLSRN features on Kevin's research please see: [Labour Market Matters - August 2009](#); and [Labour Market Matters - October 2010](#)
- Herb Emery (University of Calgary) was recently appointed editor of [Canadian Public Policy](#). To view some of Herb's research contributions to the CLSRN, please see: [CLSRN Working Paper no. 74](#). For CLSRN features on Herb's research please see: [Labour Market Matters - May 2011](#)
- Michael Baker (University of Toronto) gave the Innis Lecture at the 45th Annual Meetings of the Canadian Economics Association in Ottawa which took place in June 2011. This year's Innis Lecture by Dr. Michael Baker entitled "**University Early Childhood Interventions: What is the Evidence Base?**" is available to be viewed as [CLSRN Working Paper no. 86](#).

To view some of Michael's other research contributions to the CLSRN, please see: [CLSRN Working Paper no. 50](#); [CLSRN Working Paper no. 52](#); . For CLSRN features on Michael's research please see: [Labour Market Matters - March 2010](#); [Labour Market Matters - October 2010](#); and [Labour Market Matters - October 2011](#).



CLSRN Affiliate Herb Emery (University of Calgary) was recently appointed editor of Canadian Public Policy



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The CLSRN (www.clsrn.econ.ubc.ca) is a network of academic researchers interested in strengthening the understanding of the Canadian labour market. Based at the University of British Columbia, and national in scope, the CLSRN consists of established scholars and promising new researchers from the fields of economics, industrial relations, political science, sociology, business, history, policy studies and labour studies. The CLSRN was established three years ago as a multipartite partnership between academic researchers, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). CLSRN is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) under its Strategic Knowledge Clusters Program. Research activities of CLSRN are carried out with support of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC).

Upcoming Events

The following is a list of upcoming events that the CLSRN is organizing, or sponsoring:

- CLSRN/SRDC Research Program on Adult Learning Workshop—December 2011
- CLSRN “Challenges for Canada’s Retirement Income System” Workshop — May 2012
- CLSRN Annual Conference: Calgary, June 2012
- Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis: “Conference Cities, Open Economies, and Public Policy”: Toronto, August 2012
- CLSRN/SRDC Research Program on Adult Learning Conference — Fall 2012

For more information about these events please follow the CLSRN’s Twitter Feed (www.twitter.com/CLSRN) or email Vivian.Tran@ubc.ca to join the CLSRN mailing list.



Arthur Sweetman (McMaster) is Co-Director (with Karen Myers of the SRDC) of the Adult Learning Program

CLSRN 2011–2012 PhD Fellows

The CLSRN is proud to support the development and training of promising new labour market scholars. In 2011-2012, the CLSRN is pleased to be supporting the following PhD Fellows:

Brant Abbott (University of British Columbia)
Kelly Chen (Dalhousie University)
Guido Matias Cortes (University of British Columbia)
Lisa Glynn (University of Toronto)
Andrew Hill (University of British Columbia)
Hugo Borges Jales (University of British Columbia)
Alfia Karimova (University of Toronto)

Anton Laptiev (University of British Columbia)
Phil Leonard (McMaster University)
Evan Meredith (McMaster University)
Lori Timmins (University of British Columbia)
Sarah Wang (McMaster University)
Haimin Zhang (University of British Columbia)
Weina Zhou (University of British Columbia)

The CLSRN congratulates its 2011 – 2012 PhD fellows on their achievements so far in their young careers, and wishes them the best in their research and studies in the upcoming years.



Image: [Renjith Krishnan](#)