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CLSRN 7th Annual Conference: 30 May 2013, Montreal

The Canadian Labour Market and Skills Research Network (CLSRN) held its 7th annual conference on May 30, 2013 in conjunction with the 47th Annual Meetings of the Canadian Economics Association in Montreal.

The conference was a great success, with drop-in attendees nearly doubling official registrants, bringing many of the sessions to room capacity.



CLSRN Acting Director Stephen Jones (McMaster University) gives the opening comments for the start of the 7th Annual CLSRN Conference in Montreal on 30 May 2013 at HEC.

Sessions and Presenters:

Returns to Education and Skills

Chair: Elizabeth Dhuey

Mai Seki (Bank of Canada)
Heterogeneous Returns to College Selectivity and the Value of Graduate Degree Attainment

Fraser Summerfield (University of Guelph)
Education, Skill and Human Capital Mismatch in the Labour Market

Natalia Kyui (Bank of Canada)
Expansion of Higher Education, Employment and Wages: Evidence from the Russian Transition

Personnel Economics

Chair: Fabian Lange

Steven Lehrer and Adnan Kahn (Queen's University)
The Impact of Social Networks on Labour Market Outcomes: New Evidence from Cape Breton

Vincent Pohl (Queen's University), Constança Esteves-Sorenson (Yale University), and Rosario Macera (Universidad Catolica de Chile)
Efficiency Wages and Their Mechanisms: Empirical Evidence

Robert McCann, Xianwen Shi, Aloysius Siow, and Ronald Wolthoff (University of Toronto)
Becker Meets Ricardo: Multisector Matching with Social and Cognitive Skills

Child Development/Benefits

Chair: Shelley Phipps

Weili Ding (Queen's University)
Did parenting practices respond to the introduction of universal childcare?

Peter Gottschalk (Boston College) & Martha Stinson (U.S. Census Bureau)
The Impact on the Development of a Child's Human Capital of a Mother's Decision to Work

Tammy Schirle (Wilfrid Laurier University)
Income Effects of a Demigrant: the Universal Child Care Benefit and the Labour Supply of Canadians

Special points of interest:

- Dr. Jennifer Hunt appointed as Chief Economist at the United States Department of Labor
- New dissemination vehicle: Canadian Labour Research: New Releases
- CLSRN Retirement Program Papers launched
- CLSRN Summer School to be held in Toronto: 13-14 June

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CLSRN 7th Annual Conference (con't)

Special Topics

Chair: René Morissette

Louis-Philippe Beland (Université de Montréal) and Dongwoo Kim (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

The Effect of High School Shootings on Schools and Student Performance

Sylvia Fuller and Natasha Stecy-Hildebrandt (University of British Columbia)

Career pathways for temporary workers: Exploring heterogeneous mobility dynamics with sequence analysis

Ross Finnie, David Gray, (University of Ottawa) and Yan Zhang (Statistics Canada)

The Receipt of Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) Status Among Canadian Seniors - Incidence and Dynamics

The keynote speaker for this year's CLSRN Conference was Shelly Lundberg (University of California, Santa Barbara) who concluded the conference with her presentation on Educational Inequality.

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CLSRN Affiliate Dr. Jennifer Hunt Appointed as Chief Economist at the United States Department of Labor

The CLSRN is pleased to note that Dr. Jennifer Hunt has been appointed as Chief Economist at the United States Department of Labor to Acting U.S. Secretary of Labor Seth Harris.

Dr. Hunt led the CLSRN's successful Apprenticeship Research program in 2010 and has held key advisory roles for the network for many years.

She is on leave from her position as Professor of Economics at Rutgers University. She held previous positions at McGill University, the University of Montreal and Yale University. She is a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research in Cambridge, Massachusetts, a Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research in London, and is on the Scientific Advisory Council of the Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung (the Research Institute of the German Federal Employment Agency) in Nuremberg.

Dr. Hunt has done research in the areas of employment and unemployment policy, immigration, wage inequality, transition economics, crime and corruption. Her current research focuses on immigration and innovation in the United States, the U.S. science and engineering workforce, and the 2008-2009 recession in Germany.

She received her Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard and her Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Of her experience so far, Dr. Hunt notes that:

"I am finding it stimulating and rewarding to bring my academic expertise to policy, especially in the area of immigration reform".

Dr. Hunt was recently awarded a 2013 American Economic Journal (AEJ): Macroeconomics – Best Paper Prize for her work: "How Much Does Immigration Boost Innovation?" with Marjolaine Gauthier-Loiselle (Princeton University).



Keynote speaker Shelly Lundberg (University of California, Santa Barbara) with Stephen Jones (McMaster University)



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Image: United States Department of Labor

New Research Dissemination Vehicle Launched: Canadian Labour Research – New Releases

The CLSRN is pleased to announce that it has launched a new research dissemination vehicle:

[Canadian Labour Research – New Releases](#)

Canadian Labour Research: New Releases is designed to help circulate new research on Canadian labour issues or labour research that uses Canadian data from all academic disciplines. We are pleased to be able to provide *Canadian Labour Research: New Releases* four times a year (quarterly), and welcome listing submissions. Appropriate listings should be related to Canadian labour research and/or use Canadian data, and should have been published in the past 6 months, or forthcoming in the next 6 months. To submit a research listing, please send bibliographical information of the submission – including electronic link to abstract page (if available) to CLSRN Knowledge Transfer Officer Vivian Tran at Vivian.Tran@ubc.ca. To receive this and other CLSRN publications, please subscribe to our mailing list at: <http://www.clsrn.econ.ubc.ca/subscribe.php>

[Canadian Labour Research – New Releases](#) will complement the CLSRN's current research dissemination vehicles: the [CLSRN Working Paper Series](#), the [CLSRN Newsletter](#) and [Labour Market Matters](#).

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CLSRN Retirement Program Papers Launched

The [April 2013 release of CLSRN Working Papers](#) featured papers from the CLSRN's *Challenges for Canada's retirement income system (RIS)* research program – a three-year multi-project research program organised by the CLSRN and funded by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). The primary objectives of this project were to explore key aspects of Canada's RIS with a view to identifying challenges and potential challenges facing policy makers.

Projects and CLSRN researchers from the *Challenges for Canada's retirement income system* are:

[CLSRN Working Paper no. 112](#) (French)

"Sources de revenu de retraite au Québec 2004-2030: une analyse de microsimulation"

Nicholas-James Clavet (Université Laval)

Jean-Yves Duclos (Université Laval)

Bernard Fortin (Université Laval)

Steeve Marchand (Université Laval)

[CLSRN Working Paper no. 113](#)

"Impacts of Cyclical Downturns on the Third Pillar of the RIS and Policy Responses"

James B. Davies (University of Western Ontario)

Xiaoyu Yu (University of Western Ontario)

[CLSRN Working Paper no. 114](#)

"How do the level and composition of income change after retirement? Evidence from the LAD"

Ross Finnie (University of Ottawa)

Byron G. Spencer (McMaster University)

[CLSRN Working Paper no. 115](#)

"The Receipt of Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) Status Among Canadian Seniors – Incidence and Dynamics"

Ross Finnie (University of Ottawa)

David Gray (University of Ottawa)

Yan Zhang (Statistics Canada)

[CLSRN Working Paper no. 116](#)

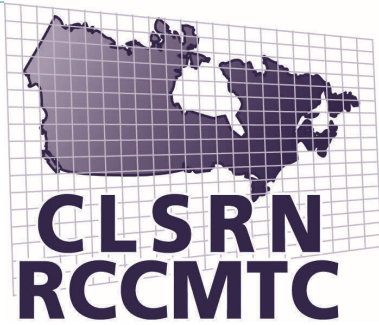
"Retirement Incomes, Labour Supply and Co-residency Decisions of Older Immigrants in Canada: 1991-2006"

James Ted McDonald (University of New Brunswick)

Christopher Worswick (Carleton University)



CLSRN Retirement Program directors Tammy Schirle (Wilfrid Laurier University) and Kevin Milligan (University of British Columbia) with CLSRN Director Craig Riddell (University of British Columbia)



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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 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).

Retirement Papers Launch (con't)

[CLSRN Working Paper no. 117](#)

"Employer-provided pensions, incomes, and hardship in early transitions to retirement"

Kevin Milligan (University of British Columbia)

[CLSRN Working Paper no. 118](#) (*forthcoming in Canadian Public Policy)

"Senior poverty in Canada: A decomposition analysis"

Tammy Schirle (Wilfrid Laurier University)

[CLSRN Working Paper no. 119](#)

"Estimating the Number of Guaranteed Income Supplement Recipients Who Have Mistakenly Saved in Registered Retirement Savings Plans and Registered Pension Plans"

Michael R. Veall (McMaster University)

[CLSRN Working Paper no. 120](#)

"The Retirement Income System and the Risks Faced by Canadian Seniors"

Kevin Milligan (University of British Columbia)

Tammy Schirle (Wilfrid Laurier University)

CLSRN 2013 Summer School, 13-14 June 2013: Toronto

CLSRN will host its third biennial Summer School for graduate students at the School of Public Policy & Governance at the University of Toronto on June 13-14, 2013. Professors Jesse Rothstein (University of California, Berkeley) and Lowell Taylor (Carnegie Mellon University) will present a survey of substantive and methodological advances in labour economics research.

For registration and further information, please visit the 2013 Summer School Website at:

<http://www.clsrn.econ.ubc.ca/SummerSchool2013/>

CLSRN 2013-2014 PhD Fellows

The CLSRN is proud to support the development and training of promising new labour market scholars. The CLSRN PhD fellows for 2013-2014 include:

Qing (Felix) Li, McMaster University
Angela Daley, Dalhousie University
Nancy Kong, Dalhousie University
Paul Spin, Dalhousie University
Muhammad Umar Boodoo, University of Toronto
Haimin Zhang, University of British Columbia
Alix Duhaime-Ross, University of British Columbia
Brant Abbott, University of British Columbia
Hugo Borges Jales, University of British Columbia
Lori Timmins, University of British Columbia
Jinwen Xu, University of British Columbia
Anton Laptiev, University of British Columbia
Kirsten Cornelson, University of Toronto
Eric Mak, University of Toronto
Uros Petronijevic, University of Toronto

The CLSRN congratulates its 2013 – 2014 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.