



PRAIRIE METROPOLIS CENTRE

A Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration, Integration, and Diversity

Saskatoon Research Symposium

University of Saskatchewan – College Building Room 280
105 Administration Place – Saskatoon, SK

September 28, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

8:30 – 9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Moderator - Terry Wotherspoon, Chair, PMC Board of Governors, and
Head, Department of Sociology, University of Saskatchewan

Tracey Derwing, PMC Co-Director, University of Alberta

Linda Ogilvie, PMC Co-Director, University of Alberta

Dirk de Boer, Vice-Dean, Arts and Science, University of Saskatchewan

9:15-12:00 Children, Family and Youth Research Priority Workshop

Organized by Anna Kirova, PMC Domain Leader, Family, Children and
Youth, University of Alberta

9:15 *A Multi-Partner Collaboration in the Development of an Intercultural Early
Learning Program for Refugee Children*

Anna Kirova, Domain Leader; Faculty of Education, University of Alberta

9:45 *Revisiting the Challenges and Successes of a High School EAL Classroom*

Koreen Geres, Walter Murray Collegiate Institute, Ph.D. student in
Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Saskatchewan

10:10 **Discussant**

Smita Garg – *Immigration Community Resource Coordinator*

Break

10:20 – 10:35

10:35 *LINC: Problems and Possibilities*
Tracey Derwing, Co-Director, Prairie Metropolis Centre; Professor, TESL,
Department of Educational Psychology, University of Alberta

10:55 **Discussant**
Gatdeet Wakou – *Settlement Counselor, Citizenship and Immigration Canada,*
Saskatoon

11:05 *Nutrition and Health Issues in Immigrant Children and Women*
Hassan Vatanparast, Assistant Professor, College of Pharmacy and
Nutrition; Assistant Professor, School of Public Health, University of
Saskatchewan

11:25 **Discussant**
Beulah Gana – *Executive Director, Saskatoon Open Door Society*

11:35 **Questions and Discussion**

Lunch

12:00 – 1:00

1:00-2:45 **Immigrant Status and Diversity: Sociocultural and Economic Dimensions**
Moderator – Li Zong, Associate Professor, Sociology, University of
Saskatchewan

1:00 *Using Social Identity Theory and Relative Deprivation Theory to Explain Social
Protest: Two Tests of an Integrated Model*
Peter Grant, Professor, Psychology, University of Saskatchewan (co-author
Dominic Abrams, Psychology, University of Kent)

1:30 *Time Use Patterns by Immigration Status in Canada*
Mobinul Huq, Associate Professor, Economics, University of Saskatchewan



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2:00 *Saskatchewan's New Immigration Strategy*
Rupen Pandya, Assistant Deputy Minister, Immigration Division,
Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education,
Employment and Labour

Break

2:45 - 3:00

3:00 - 3:50 **Enriching Prairie Life - Emerging Issues in Immigration and Integration**
Moderator - Terry Wotherspoon, Sociology, University of Saskatchewan

Discussion - Framing a Research Agenda

The program will conclude with an open discussion among participants to encourage dialogue among community partners and members of policy and research communities concerning research and action strategies within the context of Metropolis.

3:50 - 4:00 **Closing remarks**
Tracey Derwing and Linda Ogilvie, PMC Co-Directors
