



PRAIRIE METROPOLIS CENTRE

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

Winnipeg Research Symposium

The Marlborough Hotel – 8th floor – Marlborough Hall
331 Smith Street – Winnipeg, MB

September 29, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

8:30 – 9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Moderator

Bram Strain, Director General, Prairies and Northern Territories
Region, Citizenship and Immigration Canada

Tracey Derwing, PMC Co-Director, University of Alberta
Linda Ogilvie, PMC Co-Director, University of Alberta

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 *The Health and Social Integration of Newcomer Children and Youth: Results
from a National Longitudinal Study*
John Anchan, Executive Director, Centre for Teaching, Learning and
Technology, University of Winnipeg
Esther Blum, Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of Social Work and
with the Arthur Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice, University of
Manitoba

Bong-Hwan Kim, Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology, University of Manitoba

Joyce Cabigting Fernandes, Research Associate, Sociology, University of Manitoba

Lori Wilkinson, Associate Professor, Sociology, University of Manitoba

Break

10:15 - 10:30

10:30 *English as an Additional Language (EAL) Immigrant Youth in Rural Manitoba: Issues of Education and Engagement*

Clea Schmidt, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Manitoba

11:00 *Migration and Social Capital Factors in the School-to-Work Transitions of Immigrant Youth*

Lori Wilkinson, Associate Professor, Sociology, University of Manitoba

11:30 **Discussants**

Tom Denton - Board Member, PMC; Co-Chair, Manitoba Refugee Sponsors

Lynn Campbell - Program Development Coordinator, Adult Language Training Branch, Manitoba Labour and Immigration

Lunch

12:00 - 1:00

1:00 - 4:00 Moderator

Margot Morrish, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Support, Manitoba Labour & Immigration

1:00 *Manitoba Immigration Policy and Programs*

Ben Rempel, Assistant Deputy Minister Immigration, Settlement & Multiculturalism, Manitoba Labour and Immigration

1:30 *Labour Market Integration Supports for Newcomers*
Karen Sharma, Director, Labour Market Services & Strategic Initiatives; Immigration, Settlement & Multiculturalism; Manitoba Labour and Immigration

1:50 *Retirement Prospects of Immigrants in Canada*
Derek Hum, Professor, Economics, University of Manitoba
Wayne Simpson, Professor, Economics, University of Manitoba

2:10 Discussion

Break

2:25 - 2:35

2:35 *Profile of Refugees to Manitoba*
Connie Jonasson, Supervisor, Settlement, Prairies and Northern Territories Region, Citizenship and Immigration Canada

2:55 *How Welcoming Are Our Communities? – What Newcomers Tell Us*
Tom Carter, Professor, Canada Research Chair in Urban Change and Adaptation, University of Winnipeg

3:15 *Research Challenges in a Welcoming Community*
Tom Denton, Board Member, PMC; Co-Chair, Manitoba Refugee Sponsors

3:35 Discussion

3:50 - 4:00 Closing remarks

Tracey Derwing and Linda Ogilvie, PMC Co-Directors



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