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## INTRODUCTION

The Prairie Metropolis Centre (PMC) is a consortium representing six prairie universities including the University of Alberta; University of Calgary; University of Manitoba; University of Regina; University of Saskatchewan and the University of Winnipeg. The Prairie Metropolis Centre also has academic affiliates from other prairie universities (e.g., University of Lethbridge and Brandon University). The Centre is based at the University of Alberta, in Edmonton, with research nodes at each of the other five universities.

The Prairie Metropolis Centre's overall objectives include developing research programs in a number of Research Domains; documenting the specific strategies that immigrant groups employ to effect successful integration within urban structures and systems, the processes by which these strategies are pursued and modified, and the outcomes of these processes; identifying policy options that relate to immigrant integration into Canadian society and; communicating the Centre's research findings broadly to academic and non-academic audiences. The goal is to better understand the processes by which immigrants become Canadians. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> annual report for the PMC and the third report in Phase III of the Metropolis Project.

As in past years the year under review was a busy one for the Prairie Metropolis Centre. The following are highlights of activities from 2009-2010:

- PMC Internal Agreement was finally accepted and signed by all six consortium universities.
- PMC organized five node conferences in prairie cities. Each of the node conferences included a Family, Children and Youth Research Priority Workshop. The Economic and Labour Market Integration domain was highlighted at the Edmonton node conference.
- PMC hosted the Annual Regional Planning Meeting in Edmonton in January 2010.
- PMC continued to provide support to its community partners. PMC supported various NGO projects during the year as well as continuing to offer travel subsidies to facilitate NGO participation in Metropolis events.
- PMC provided travel grants to students and researchers to facilitate their participation at both the National and International Metropolis conferences.
- PMC held two research grant competitions this past year. The first competition was held in April 2009 and the second in January 2010.
- PMC held the *Fariborz Birjandian Graduate Student Award* competition in October 2009.

- The sale of the *Journal of International Migration and Integration* to Springer Science and Business Media was finalized in the summer of 2009.
- The administration office focused on the reconciliation of the Conference accounts from the 11<sup>th</sup> National Metropolis Conference.
- The front page of the PMC website was redesigned to make the site more accessible.

## GOVERNANCE

### Co-Directors

*The Centre is managed by two Co-Directors. The Co-Directors are the chief executive officers of the Centre, reporting to the Board of Governors.*

Dr. Tracey Derwing (University of Alberta) and Dr. Linda Ogilvie (University of Alberta) continued in their roles as Co-Directors this past year. They successfully submitted the SSHRC Mid-Term Review report in January 2010. The report was a 15-page narrative outlining PMC's activities from the past three years. In the fall of 2009, the Co-Directors organized five node conferences in each of the PMC prairie cities as well as organizing the Annual Regional Planning Meeting held in Edmonton in January 2010. They arranged two research competitions and two Board of Governors' face-to-face meetings, adjudicated travel grants for both the International and National Metropolis conferences and dealt with community requests for grant funding. They continued networking with PMC's government and NGO partners and with students and research affiliates to ensure PMC's research capacity continues to grow.

PMC experienced a few administrative challenges this past year. The first was a serious problem with the position of Office Coordinator. In the past two years six employees have attempted to fill this position with some being from the University's temporary staffing pool. The Co-Directors have now resolved this issue with the hiring of a new Office Coordinator in March 2010. The Co-Directors also had to address a number of issues related to difficulties with the University of Alberta's Research Services Office (RSO). These difficulties translated into late disbursements of grant funds and delays in the reconciliation of the Conference accounts. The issues were brought to the attention of the Dean of Education, the lead Dean for the PMC, who forwarded the concerns to central administration where they are currently being handled. Meetings have been arranged with PMC, the Faculty of Education and the RSO to try to deal with some of the processing delays within the RSO and changes to RSO policies that impede the work of the PMC.

### **Board of Governors**

*The Centre is managed by a Board of Governors with the overall responsibility for the direction of the Centre and which is accountable to the Sponsors, Institutions, and Partner Organizations.*

The PMC Board of Governors met face-to-face twice this past year and held a number of teleconferences. In June 2009 the Board of Governors met to approve the budget for the upcoming year and ratify the research funding recommendations made by the Adjudication Committee for the April competition. They also met at the Annual Regional Planning Meeting in January 2010 to discuss research directions for the coming year. A teleconference was held in March 2010 to ratify the research funding recommendations made by the Adjudication Committee for the January competition.

To comply with the MOU, two membership changes were made this past year. The Board thanked Mr. Vinay Bhardwaj (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) and Dr. Judy White (International Women of Saskatchewan) for their contributions to the Board. The Board welcomed, Mr. Kelly Wagar (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation), and Ms. Beulah Gana (Saskatoon Open Door Society). Mr. Tom Denton (Manitoba Refugee Sponsors) also accepted a position on the PMC Board of Governors Executive Committee.

Please see Appendix 1 a-b for the complete list of Board of Governors and Executive Committee members.

### **Adjudication Committee**

*The Adjudication Committee is an advisory committee to the Board of Governors and is mainly responsible for reviewing grant applications submitted to the Centre for full or partial funding according to standard SSHRC procedures.*

The PMC's Board of Governors agreed to align PMC's research competitions with those of the other Centres. To accomplish this, two research competitions were held in 2009-2010 and the Adjudication Committee met face-to-face twice (to decide on the research grant proposals submitted in both competitions April 2009 and January 2010). Members were once again able to provide comprehensive and constructive feedback to all researchers who applied for funding.

To comply with the MOU, the Committee had some membership changes during this past year. PMC thanked Mr. Fariborz Birjandian (Calgary Catholic Immigration Society), Dr. Hugh Grant (University of Winnipeg), Dr. Alison Hayford (University of Regina), Dr. Ingrid Johnston (University of Alberta), and Dr. Louise Racine (University of Saskatchewan) for their participation on the Committee. New members to the Committee are: Ms. Amanda Card (Alberta Association of Immigrant Services Agencies), Dr. Yatta Kanu (University of Manitoba), Dr. Christina Rinaldi (University

of Alberta), Dr. Regan Shercliffe (University of Regina), Dr. James Townsend (University of Winnipeg), and Dr. Hassan Vatanparast (University of Saskatchewan).

Please see Appendix 2 for the complete list of Adjudication Committee members.

### **Domain Research Committee**

*The Domain Research Committee is an advisory committee to the Board of Governors and is mainly responsible for developing the Centre's domain research programs as well as developing the research priorities as set out in the MOU and related Annexes for Phase III of Metropolis.*

The Domain Leaders were granted funding for a cross-domain research project entitled, *An Immigrant Integration Index: A Cross-Domain Project*. The project is developing a quantitative tool to measure the integration of immigrants. Final reports are expected in March 2011.

Dr. Peter Li (University of Saskatchewan) stepped down as Domain Leader of the Economic and Labour Market Integration domain. Dr. Lori Wilkinson (University of Manitoba) was accepted by the PMC Board of Governors and the University of Manitoba (as a co-sponsor of course release) as the new leader of this domain. Dr. Anna Kirova (University of Alberta) will be stepping down as Domain Leader of the Family, Children and Youth domain. Dr. Laurie Carlson-Berg (University of Regina) was accepted by the PMC Board of Governors and the University of Regina (as a co-sponsor of course release) as the new leader of this domain.

Please see Appendix 3 for the complete list of Domain Leaders.

### **Data Committee**

*The Data Committee is an advisory committee to the Board of Governors and is mainly responsible for coordinating the purchase of data by Centre researchers to ensure maximum benefit and optimal costs and sharing data purchased with Centre funds among all interested Centre researchers.*

The Data Committee met with Ms. Martha Justus (Citizenship and Immigration Canada) to discuss the possibility of using real data sets that have been anonymized to develop lesson plans for courses in data analysis. This project is expected to be explored further in the summer of 2010.

The Data Committee Chair was unable to sign the MOU Agreement for responsibility for issuing CIC data because the University of Alberta would not sign the agreement as stated due to legal risks. Therefore, PMC researchers will be obliged to negotiate for these data individually.

The Data Committee also had a number of membership changes. Dr. Richard Wanner (University of Calgary) accepted the position of Chair of the Data Committee. The Committee thanked Dr. Lori Wilkinson (University of Manitoba) for her time and effort as Chair over the past few years. Dr. Michael Haan (University of Alberta) and Dr. Hugh Grant (University of Winnipeg) were welcomed to the Committee and Mr. Chuck Humphrey (University of Alberta) was made a senior advisor to the Committee.

Please see Appendix 4 for the complete list of Data Committee members.

### **Senior Policy Advisor**

Mr. Rob Vineberg continued in his role as Senior Policy Advisor to the PMC.

### **Journal of International Migration and Integration**

Dr. Peter Li (University of Saskatchewan) stepped down as the Editor of the *Journal of International Migration and Integration*. Dr. John Shields (Ryerson University) accepted the position and became the Editor in July 2009. The Journal's publisher, Springer Science & Business Media, submitted a proposal to purchase the Journal in the spring of 2009. This proposal was accepted by the PMC Board of Governors and the sale was completed in August 2009. This sale is an important step in ensuring the sustainability of the Journal and its ability to carry on in the event that there is no Phase IV of the Metropolis Project. PMC continues to facilitate the editorial process but expects to be phased out from these tasks in 2011 as these processes are transferred to an online editorial system. Dr. Shields will receive a course release each year and some travel money from Springer for the rest of his term as Editor; however, if the stipend from Springer does not sufficiently cover travel to National and International Metropolis conferences, PMC has agreed to make up the difference. The Journal also experienced changes in the role of Book Review Editor this past year. Dr. Marian Rossiter (University of Alberta) stepped down as Book Review Editor and the Journal was pleased to welcome Dr. Deniz Canel Çinarbas (University of Alberta). Unfortunately, Dr. Canel Çinarbas was obliged to resign from this position shortly after taking it because she decided to return to Turkey. The PMC is currently looking for a replacement. In the spring of 2010, the Editor of JIMI received correspondence from Sage Publishers, who wanted to discuss the purchase of the journal. Although Dr. Shields responded that JIMI is in good hands with Springer, it was gratifying to know that other publishers also view the Journal as one of high interest.

### **PMC Staff**

Ms. Lenise Anderson, the Assistant to the Co-Directors, took maternity leave from July 2009 until January 2010. During this time Ms. Anna Miekus filled in three quarter-time for Ms. Anderson. Due to high staff turnover in this past fiscal year, Ms. Miekus'

assistance continues to be necessary on a part-time basis. Ms. Geneviève Murphy was hired in March 2010 as the new Office Coordinator. Ms. Murphy worked for the Centre on a temporary basis from November until March 2010. Ms. Marlene Mulder, the PMC Junior Research Scholar, continued to organize the internship program and the Brown Bag Lunch Seminar Series in Edmonton. She is also working on a third edition of the PMC statistical compendium. Ms. Laura Templeton, a PhD student in Sociology at the University of Alberta, has been hired temporarily to work with the 2006 census to develop tables for the third edition of the statistical compendium entitled, *Portraits of Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities in Canada: Regional Comparisons*. Ms. Brenda Crnkovic also continued in her role as a student assistant responsible for aspects of the editorial process for the *Journal of International Migration and Integration*.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Prairie Metropolis Centre accomplishments for the 2009-2010 fiscal year are described in reference to the six categories identified in the MOU: training activities, academic research, knowledge transfer/mobilization activities, communities and NGO capacity, network activities and budget.

### I. Training

In the fiscal year 2009-2010 approximately 54% of the PMC research funding awarded was allocated to student research assistants (or \$90,044 of \$165,269 research dollars awarded). PMC research grant recipients have indicated that they intend to hire or have hired three doctoral students and eight master's students (see Appendix 11f for more information about student research assistants). Furthermore, reporting PMC research affiliates have engaged 93 students in different training opportunities. For a complete list, please refer to Appendix 5 and Summary Table 8. For a list of the 52 Master's and the 31 PhD theses completed or in-progress, please refer to Appendix 5 and Summary Table 7. In addition, the PMC administrative office continued to employ three students (one undergraduate and two graduate) to assist with a variety of research and administrative tasks throughout the year.

To honour the tremendous amount of work accomplished on the behalf of the Centre by Mr. Fariborz Birjandian (Calgary Catholic Immigration Society), PMC's Board of Governors unanimously agreed to rename PMC's Graduate Student Award the *Fariborz Birjandian Graduate Student Award*. The Award this fiscal year, in the amount of \$5,000, was given to Mr. Michael Helstrom from the University of Alberta's Department of Political Science. Mr. Helstrom's project is entitled, *Migrant Community Mobilization around Labour Market Policy in Canada and Sweden* and is expected to be completed in November 2010.

PMC hosted Ms. Mabelle Victoria, a PhD student from the Open University in the United Kingdom, while she collected her data. Ms. Victoria is conducting an ethnographic study - non-participant classroom observation with audio recording – at an employment preparation program for professional immigrants. Data collection started in September 2009, and ended in November 2009. The working title of the research is, *A Study of Social Interaction in a Multicultural Group: How People from Different Linguistic and Cultural Background Successfully Negotiate Communication*. Ms. Victoria will be returning to Edmonton in the summer of this year to re-interview some of her participants, and will again be provided with office space at the PMC.

The PMC also hosted Ms. Vera Tettah, a PhD candidate from the Department of Linguistics, Macquarie University, who wanted to learn about the research activities of the Centre. She met with Drs. Ogilvie, Derwing and Rossiter.

Ms. Marlene Mulder, PMC Junior Research Scholar, managed PMC's successful Volunteer Internship Program for students at the University of Alberta. For the third year in a row, PMC received more requests for interns from the community partners than it could accommodate. This year fourteen undergraduate and one graduate student participated in the Internship Program (see Appendix 6 for a list of internship placements). The Internship Program is very popular with the Centre's Edmonton community partners, who are not only happy to receive PMC interns but are actively seeking them as they offer consistent volunteer assistance over an extended period of time. For many of the community programs that focus on immigrant youth the students are excellent mentors and role models. In the past year, 15 interns were placed in 9 settings. Three students withdrew from the program part way through and two more arranged to complete their internship hours after the end of their school year in April. The students provided approximately 760 hours of volunteer time. In addition to their work in the community, the students attended monthly meetings at PMC.

In addition, during this past year, PMC offered funding to 9 students to attend the National Metropolis Conference in Montreal. Unfortunately, three of those students were unable to attend for personal reasons. PMC was also able to contribute funds to support a University of Manitoba graduate student participating in an internship program with UNHCR in Panama. PMC continued to distribute regular email notifications regarding immigration and Metropolis related events to students registered on the PMC student email list.

## **II. Academic Research**

### **a) PMC Research Team**

During the year under review, PMC increased the number of affiliated researchers from 130 to approximately 140 from across the prairie provinces (see Appendix 7a for a list of affiliated researchers, and Appendix 7b for the turnover of PMC researchers). During the period under review, reporting PMC researchers (50 individuals submitted reports)

published or had accepted 8 books, 119 refereed articles, 42 book chapters, and 57 other publications such as book reviews (see Appendix 9 and Summary Table 1 for a list of these publications and a breakdown by research domain). As well, reporting PMC researchers presented 266 papers at national and international conferences, workshops, symposia, and meetings (see Appendix 10a and Summary Table 2 for a list of presentations and breakdown by research domain).

b) PMC Research Program

The five domains represented in the PMC, Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic Integration; Economic and Labour Market Integration; Family, Children and Youth; Housing and Neighbourhoods; and Welcoming Communities: The Role of Host Communities in Attracting, Integrating and Retaining Newcomers and Minorities are well represented by their respective Domain Leaders and by researchers. Although the PMC does not have a Justice, Policing and Security domain, there are researchers conducting work in this area. The Co-Directors continued to discuss this domain at each node conference to encourage researchers who have an interest in relevant issues to affiliate.

c) PMC Research Grants

The Centre received 10 research grant applications for the April 2009 competition. Of these, four were approved for funding for a total of \$87,445 (see Appendices 11 a-f). In January 2010 the Centre received nine research grant applications and of these three were funded for a total of \$77,824. The total amount funded for PMC research projects is \$165,269 for the fiscal year 2009-2010.

The following is a list of funded projects grouped by research domain. (See Appendix 12 for a copy of the PMC Grant Application, Guidelines and Tips for Applying.)

Economic and Labour Market Integration Domain

*Career Development Influences of International Students who Pursue Employment and Permanent Immigration to Canada*

Principal Investigator: Nancy Arthur, University of Calgary (Faculty of Education)  
Awarded \$16,470 (April 2009 Competition)

*Addressing the Accreditation Gap: Post-MD Training of International Medical Graduates in Manitoba*

Principal Investigator: Hugh Grant, University of Winnipeg (Department of Economics)  
Awarded \$17,950 (January 2010 Competition)

*The Impact of Professional Bridging Programs for Immigrant Teachers in Western Canada*

Principal Investigator: Clea Schmidt, University of Manitoba (Faculty of Education)

Awarded \$19,710 (April 2009 Competition)

*Temporary Foreign Workers in Nursing and the Trades in Alberta*

Principal Investigator: Alison Taylor, University of Alberta (Department of Educational Policy Studies)

Awarded \$28,995 (April 2009 Competition)

Family, Children and Youth Domain

*Contrasting Authentic South Asian International Arranged Marriages from Bona Fide Marriages for Immigration: An Insider Viewpoint*

Principal Investigator: Noorfarah Merali, University of Alberta (Department of Educational Psychology)

Awarded \$40,164 (January 2010 Competition)

*Nutrition and Health Issues among Newcomer Children in Saskatchewan*

Principal Investigator: Hassan Vatanparast, University of Saskatchewan (School of Public Health)

Awarded \$22,000 (April 2009 Competition)

*Cultural Validation of the Elder Abuse Questionnaire*

Principal Investigator: Christine Walsh, University of Calgary (Faculty of Social Work)

Awarded \$19,980 (April 2009 Competition)

d) PMC Cross-Domain Research Grant

In the fiscal year 2008-2009, PMC awarded \$70,000 to the Domain Leaders for their research project entitled, *An Immigrant Integration Index: A Cross-Domain Project*. Although the final reports are not expected until March 2011, much work was done this past year. The following are progress updates:

**Update from Dr. Peter Li** (University of Saskatchewan, Domain Leader: Economic and Labour Market Integration domain):

The leaders of the domains have been working on a research project to measure various aspects of immigration integration, using data from the Ethnic Diversity Survey (EDS). This project has been funded by the PMC as a cross-domain project.

Economic integration, like other forms of integration, requires having a standard or benchmark against which the individual performance of an immigrant can be

gauged. The main problem has to do with selecting an appropriate benchmark against which individual immigrants' earnings can be compared. In the past, economic integration has been studied mainly as a disparity between the earnings of new immigrants and the mean earnings of native-born Canadians. Past research was also hampered by the fact that foreign and Canadian credentials were not measured directly. Since the data of EDS are merged with 2001 Census data at the individual level, it provides a rich data source to estimate immigrants' economic integration.

The present study decomposes the earnings disparity between immigrants and native-born Canadians to see how much of it may be attributed to differences in levels of human capital and how much of it may be attributed to differential returns. Based on such decompositions, three sets of individual scores of economic integration can be imputed and estimated. The first set measures the level of earnings disparity attributed to human capital difference between immigrants and the native-born. The second set measures the earnings disparity due to differences in returns to the two groups. The third index is a summation of the two, and it gives the total index of economic integration.

The work thus far has been model testing. Several models have been considered and tested for decomposing the earnings disparity between immigrants and the native born, and it is found the Oaxaca-Blinder method developed by econometricians offers the best way for decomposing such earnings disparity. However, the Oaxaca-Blinder method requires the use of mean earnings, and only a composite score; an index cannot be constructed for individuals. Modifications to the Oaxaca-Blinder method have been made to further decompose earnings disparities into individual scores rather than just one composite score based on means. Once the individual scores of economic integration are successfully constructed, it will be used to test why some immigrants are more integrated than others, taking into account human capital variations.

**Update from Dr. Darren Lund** (University of Calgary, Domain Leader: Welcoming Communities domain) and Mr. Tony Pascuzzo (Research Assistant)

Our portion of this cross-domain study has been to measure the notion of *welcoming communities* in Canada. Research to this point has used micro-level data from the Ethnic Diversity Survey (EDS). Using descriptive statistical methods and single-variable tests of significance on data regarding individual respondents to the EDS, we are gaining a better understanding of responses to the relevant portions of the questionnaire. Specifically, we have investigated how responses to individual questions vary between the identified subpopulations of interest. There are four such populations, comprised of possible combinations over two binary categories: Immigrant and non-immigrant status, and visible minority and non-visible minority. Further distinctions were made as to how the responses of these subpopulations vary between urban and rural settings. Some statistically and practically significant

differences were observed between subpopulations and between urban and rural settings. Numerous small sample sizes hampered the comparisons between some categories of respondents, so a second round of analyses will be applied in order to identify and apply theoretically sound yet more statistically prudent stratifications of the population for the purposes of this study. Identification of important differences in subpopulation responses at the single-variable level has helped, and will continue to help in understanding the way in which EDS data can be used to describe Canadians' experiences of *welcoming communities*, as well as some of the possibilities and limitations of developing a generalized model using multivariate techniques.

**Update from Dr. Anna Kirova** (University of Alberta, Domain Leader: Family, Children and Youth domain) and **Dr. Rick Enns** (University of Calgary, Domain Leader: Housing and Neighbourhoods domain)

Drs. Kirova and Enns are working together on their components of the cross-domain project. The project provides an opportunity to conceptualize the issues associated with the integration of families in relation to a broad range of factors including racism, discrimination, and civic and social participation. At this stage, the researchers have reviewed government policies on immigrant integration, the literature on social engagement, and several theories of integration. They have also considered some existing measures of integration, including the Migrant Integration Policy Index published by the European Union, the Social Development Index (Hong Kong) and the Canadian Index of Wellbeing. Analyses using the Ethnic Diversity Survey have been carried out; shelter costs to household income ratio and overcrowding are variables that related to the Housing and Neighbourhoods domain, while language use and friendship networks have been examined in the Family, Children and Youth domain. The next steps of the study include considering the value of domain-based versus cross-domain measures of integration; examining patterns of integration across domains (individual choice, versus access and opportunity; role of policy) and examining patterns of integration by and within immigration class.

**Update from Dr. Lloyd Wong** (University of Calgary, Domain Leader: Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic Integration domain)

For the Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic Integration domain initially the task was to identify the key variables that might be used to create each sub-index. We started off with 19 variables from the EDS – around the themes of 1) civic participation, 2) political participation, 3) sense of belonging to Canada, and 4) experience of discrimination

All 19 variables were standardized to make them comparable and avoid arbitrary cut offs during recoding and then all the results refer to standardized values. Then we used a statistical technique called factor analysis where we ran a whole series of

factor analysis, and then reliability analysis, to reduce the number of variables to end up with a reliable index. So from 19 variables we ended up with 8 variables for the sub-index of immigrant integration related to domain:

- pc\_q110 (voted in federal election)
- pc\_q120 (voted in provincial election)
- pc\_q130 (voted in municipal election)
- ts\_q030 (trust in neighbours)
- ts\_q050 (trust in colleagues)
- at\_q030 (sense of belonging to municipality)
- at\_q040 (sense of belonging to province)
- at\_q050 (sense of belonging to Canada)

This scale has a Cronbach's Alpha of .7658 with 8 items and an average inter-item correlation of .02849 so the alpha should be around .76. Finally the sub-index was finalized by adding all included variables and using their factor loadings as weights – provides the relative importance of each variable in the formula.

So far we have run this scale on a nativity variable (Immigrants and Non-immigrants/Canadian born) as well as a whole host of other variables including the following:

1. Recent immigrants, earlier immigrants, 2<sup>nd</sup> generation, and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation (to test straight-line theory of integration)
2. Race (people of colour vs. white or visible minority vs. non-visible minority)
3. Selected visible minorities
4. Nativity and visible minorities status
5. Generational status and visible minority status

Preliminary results of the above statistical analyses were presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> National Metropolis Conference in Montreal. Currently, further work is being done to confirm the preliminary findings and also to explore other areas where this integration index for the domain is pertinent. A team meeting of all the domains will be held later in 2010 to consider the feasibility of bringing together all the domain indexes (as sub-indexes) to create an overall immigrant integration index.

e) PMC Research Domains

***Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic Integration Domain***

*Lloyd Wong, Domain Leader*

It was a busy year for the PMC's Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic Integration domain. There were several initiatives during this past year either by the Domain Leader or research affiliates.

One major initiative was the participation of the Domain Leader, along with one research assistant, Ms. Annette Tezli, in the PMC funded cross-domain research project entitled *An Immigrant Integration Index: A Cross-Domain Research Project*. This project is in collaboration with other Domain Leaders and their research assistants including Dr. Rick Enns and Mr. David Connolly of Housing and Neighbourhoods domain, Dr. Anna Kirova and Mr. David Connolly of Family, Children, and Youth domain, Dr. Peter Li of Economic and Labour Market Integration domain, and Dr. Darren Lund and Mr. Tony Pascuzzo of Welcoming Communities domain. This research is still ongoing and there will be a team meeting in Calgary in September 2010 to discuss the end stages of the research project.

Several research affiliates of the domain presented at the past various research node conferences and workshops in the fall of 2009 and/or topics at these node conferences were germane to the Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic Integration domain. These include the following presentations:

- Time Use Patterns by Immigration Status in Canada – Dr. Mobinul Huq, University of Saskatchewan
- *Retirement Prospects of Immigrants in Canada* – Dr. Derek Hum and Dr. Wayne Simpson, University of Manitoba
- *Iranian Network: patterned interaction and identity construction* – Mr. Kosar Karimi Pou, University of Regina
- *Immigrant women: Accessing social capital as the “other” within Canadian national identity* – Ms. Terra Brockett, University of Regina
- *Recent Senior Immigrants' Social Integration in Canada* – Mr. Adam Belton, M.A. Student, University of Regina
- *Identity Transformation Among the Muslim Youth in Canada* – Dr. Abdie Kazemipur, University of Lethbridge
- *French Language Immigration and Community: Issues of Civic Engagement, Citizenship and Governance* – Dr. Yvonne Hébert, University of Calgary
- *Elder Abuse: Views of Older South Asian Canadians* – Dr. Christine Walsh, University of Calgary

There were two PMC research grants awarded for 2009-2010 that were germane to the domain and they include:

- *Career Development Influences of International Students Who Pursue Employment and Permanent Immigration to Canada* - Dr. Nancy Arthur, University of Calgary
- *Temporary Foreign Workers in Nursing and the Trades in Alberta* – Dr. Alison Taylor, University of Alberta

Other activities of the Domain Leader are noted as follows:

- Participated in the adjudication of the workshops related to the Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic Integration domain for the 12<sup>th</sup> National Metropolis Conference in Ottawa in December, 2009.
- Participated at the PMC Annual Regional Planning Meeting and Board of Governors Meeting in January, 2010.
- Provided Priority Leader Dr. Jim Frideres with a summary of the 2009 publications of several of the research affiliates in the domain.
- Presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> National Metropolis Conference in Montreal in March on preliminary findings from the cross-domain project on *An Immigrant Integration Index*.

In conclusion, it was an enjoyable and productive year for the Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic Integration domain.

### ***Economic and Labour Market Integration Domain***

*Lori Wilkinson, Domain Leader*

Researchers in the Economic and Labour Market domain continue to study many aspects of economic life of immigrants. In general, their research falls into three areas: (1) qualifications and credential issues of immigrants, (2) skilled immigrants and labour market outcomes; and (3) temporary foreign workers and other issues.

#### **(1) Qualifications and Credentials Issues of Immigrants:**

- Foreign trained medical professionals and outcomes by Dr. Hugh Grant
- Qualification standards for career development practitioners by Dr. Nancy Arthur
- Qualifications for getting into the new economy by Dr. Alison Taylor and Dr. Harvey Krahn
- Skilled immigrants facing credentialing problems and their protest actions by Dr. Peter Grant

#### **(2) Skilled Immigrants and Labour Market Outcomes:**

- Foreign temporary workers and rights issues by Dr. Delphine Nakache
- International comparison of immigrant economic outcomes by Dr. Richard Wanner
- Provincial nominee program immigrants and economic outcomes by Dr. James Townsend
- Skilled migration in North America by Dr. Richard Mueller
- Highly skilled immigrants by Dr. Kara Somerville
- Economic outcomes of adult education by Dr. Ana Ferrer and Dr. Craig Riddell
- Labour transition of immigrant youth by Dr. Lori Wilkinson

- Immigrants' experiences in the Saskatchewan labour market by Dr. Doug Durst
- Economic wellbeing by Dr. Michael Haan

(3) Immigrant Occupations and Retirement

- Live-in Caregivers in Rural Areas by Dr. Denise Spitzer
- ESL teaching, immigrant teachers by Dr. Clea Schmidt
- Immigrants' retirement prospects by Dr. Derek Hum and Dr. Wayne Simpson
- Temporary foreign workers by Dr. Robert C. Annis

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*Dr. Derek Hum and Dr. Wayne Simpson, Economics, University of Manitoba*

Grant: (2008-2010) Prairie Metropolis Centre Research Grant, "The Retirement Prospects of Immigrants: Will it Require a New Social Contract?"

"The Retirement Prospects of Immigrants" in Abbott, Michael, Charles Beach, Robin Broadway and James MacKinnon (eds.) *Retirement Policy Issues in Canada*, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2009, 429-450 (with D. Hum).

"Immigrant Retirement Prospects: From Bad to Worse?" Center for Comparative Immigration Studies Working Paper Series, University of California San Diego, March, 2009.

"The Retirement Prospects of Immigrant Men: From Bad to Worse?" paper under revision for *Canadian Public Policy* (with D. Hum).

"The Retirement Prospects of New Immigrants – From Bad to Worse?" paper presented to the Manitoba Association of Business Economists, Dec. 4, 2008.

"Retirement Prospects of Immigrants in Canada: Getting Worse?" Prairie Metropolis Centre Winnipeg Research Symposium, Sept. 29, 2009.

*Dr. Peter S. Li, Sociology, University of Saskatchewan*

Along with the four other Domain Leaders at PMC, Dr. Peter Li is developing an index of integration using data collected from the Ethnic Diversity Survey (Statistics Canada). At this point, each domain is developing a measure that defines one part of the integration process. The end-goal is to statistically combine these measures into a single indicator. This project has been attempted in other countries but has not largely succeeded. Initial results remain positive.

*Dr. David McGrane, Political Studies, St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan*

Dr. McGrane received funding in the form of a graduate student research assistant who was assigned full time to this project. They have no findings yet to share (although Dr. McGrane did present a paper on Manitoba immigration and multiculturalism policies at the Prairie Political Science Association meetings in September 2009 in Calgary). The authors are hoping for a book to come out sometime next year.

“The combination of an aging society and strong economy growth will necessitate a large increase in international immigration to the three Prairie Provinces in order to fill labour shortages across a number of important occupations. STM Political Studies Professors David McGrane and Bohdan Kordan are examining the connections among the immigrant recruitment strategies, immigrant settlement services, and the multiculturalism policies of the provincial governments of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. The results of this research will help policy-makers design programs to attract and retain the immigrants that their economies need for future growth.”

*Dr. Richard Mueller, Economics, University of Lethbridge*

Finnie, R., & **Mueller, R.E.** 2010 (forthcoming). “They Came, They Saw, They Enrolled: Access to Post-Secondary Education by the Children of Canadian Immigrants,” in R. Finnie, M. Frenette, M., R.E. Mueller, & A. Sweetman, (Eds.). *Pursuing Higher Education in Canada: Economic, Social and Policy Dimensions*. Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen’s University Press and School of Policy Studies, Queen’s University.

**Mueller, R.E.** 2009. “Does the Statue of Liberty Still Face Out? The Diversion of Foreign Students from the United States to Canada in the Post 9/11 Period,” *Canadian Journal of Higher Education* 39(1), 15-43.

Finnie, R., & **Mueller, R.E.** 2009. *Access to Post-Secondary Education in Canada Among the Children of Canadian Immigrants*. A MESA Project Research Paper. Toronto, ON: Educational Policy Institute.

Note: The first and third papers were funded by the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation through the Measuring the Effectiveness of Student Aid project. These two papers have also been in the media quite a lot around Oct. 2009 (the Globe and Mail, the National Post, as well as other related papers). Basically, the authors find that immigrants (both first and second generation) have rates of university attendance that are much higher than those of individuals born in Canada to Canadian parents. They also find that these rates are not uniform among immigrants, with those from China in particular having university participation rates in the 80-90 percent range and total PSE

participation rates close to 100 percent. Other areas in Asia (e.g., SE and S Asia) also have high participation rates. So too do those second generation immigrants from Africa (we could not disaggregate the source regions further). This is even after controlling for a number of family background variables, school-related variables and parental expectations using the first four cycles of the Youth in Transition Survey (Cohort A).

*Dr. James Townsend, Economics, University of Winnipeg*

*Quantifying the Impact of the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program* (with Mr. Manish Pandey). Prairie Metropolis Centre Grant (2008-2010, \$12,141) In the first paper (under review) they show that, after controlling for economic conditions, the Nominee programs resulted in a substantial increase in immigration flow to smaller provinces (the results were presented at the 11th National Metropolis Conference in Calgary). In the second paper (expected to be submitted to a journal) the authors find that Nominees experienced higher earnings than comparable national economic immigrants. Manitoba Nominees were more likely to remain in the province, while Nominees to Atlantic Canada had retention rates that were lower than those immigrants to other parts of Canada (the results of this paper were presented at the PMC Research Symposium in Edmonton in January).

*Dr. Lori Wilkinson, Sociology, University of Manitoba*

Dr. Wilkinson's National SSHRC Metropolis Project is now complete. Although listed under the Family, Children and Youth domain, this project examines the school-to-work transitions of newcomer youth and has a significant focus on economic issues related to integration. Eleven peer-reviewed presentations, one MA thesis (completed) and a joint CURA LOI application have resulted from the project to this point. A number of research articles are currently being prepared.

The analysis focuses on two aspects of the transition from school to work and includes an examination of the educational and employment pathways taken by the youth six months, two years and four years after arrival. The investigation of the Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Canada continues at the Statistics Research Data Centres in Vancouver and Winnipeg. Preliminary results on educational pathways indicate that there are area of origin, sex and immigration class differences in how youth negotiate the transition from high school to post-secondary education and/or work. For example, while youth entering as dependents from the business class experience low assessment of their educational credentials upon arrival, they experience the greatest upward trajectory two years and four years later. In other words, they 'catch up' to Canadian-born youth faster than the other immigrant entry groups. While refugees experience a steep upward trajectory in the years after arrival, they

remain, on average, 1.4 years behind in their educational track compared to Canadian-born youth of similar ages four years after arrival.

### ***Family, Children and Youth Domain***

*Anna Kirova, Domain Leader*

As part of its knowledge dissemination plan for 2009-2010, PMC highlighted the work undertaken by the researchers in the Family, Children and Youth domain through a series of node conferences in the three prairie provinces. The first half of the day in all five node conferences consisted of workshops devoted entirely to the current research conducted by affiliated researchers and graduate students on topics relevant to the priorities identified in the FCY domain. These half-day workshops were organized by the Domain Leader, Dr. Anna Kirova in the following cities: Regina, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton. Nineteen faculty members, two NGO representatives, and two graduate students presented their research at these five workshops. It is worth noting that the presentations covered a wide spectrum of topics within the identified priorities areas pertinent to the FCY domain. It was particularly exciting to see the first results of the New Canadian Children and Youth Study presented at these workshops. The workshops demonstrated that two new areas of research for the PMC affiliated researchers are emerging. The first is focusing on the topic of immigrant elders' abuse, and the second is focusing on nutrition and health of immigrant children and youth. The cross-domain research along with the results from the New Canadian Children and Youth Study will impact most significantly the direction of the domain in the next couple of years. However, as the leadership of the domain has changed, the new Domain Leader will set the priorities for the domain in the last two years of Phase III of the Metropolis Project.

### ***Housing and Neighbourhoods Domain***

*Rick Enns, Domain Leader*

Researchers in this domain seek to examine the immediate and long-term housing outcomes of recently-arrived newcomers in cities across the prairies. Recent research suggests that many immigrants no longer experience the favourable housing outcomes of immigrants that arrived a generation or more ago. The situation of refugees appears to be even more precarious, particularly in recent years as refugees across the prairies have had to cope first with dramatic increases in rent and declining vacancy rates and, more recently, with a deteriorating economy that has exacerbated affordability problems and under-employment. A major focus of research in recent years has been on the immediate and longer-term housing experiences of newcomers in second-tier cities and smaller centres across western Canada. Much of this research has spanned, and reflects, significant changes in the global and regional economies through 2008 and 2009, and similar, significant changes in some but not all of the factors that contribute to housing outcomes for recently-arrived newcomers across the prairie provinces.

Previous research in Winnipeg, Edmonton, and Calgary documented significant affordability problems for recently-arrived newcomers seeking shelter in these three

cities. Regional variations were noted with immigrants in Edmonton and Calgary paying significantly higher proportions of significantly lower monthly or annual incomes for shelter when compared to the Canadian average. The relatively better housing outcomes for refugees in Winnipeg may be related to a different range of housing options in Winnipeg and a different policy context. Over the past year the experiences of previously-studied households in Winnipeg have been examined through another wave of data collection. These research findings have illuminated the potential for policies at the provincial and municipal levels to ameliorate negative housing outcomes for newcomers, along with the periods of vulnerability that can heighten the pressures faced by newcomer households. Research over the past year has attempted to examine municipal responses to housing pressures faced by newcomers in selected centres across the three prairie provinces. This research has also examined household pressures that emerge approximately 12 months after arrival as initial settlement and financial supports come to and end and new resources are required and as households face new financial pressures such as the repayments of outstanding transportation loans.

Also, over the past year, and continuing through this year, housing and neighbourhood experiences as one aspect of a broad-based measure of integration are being examined as part of a cross-domain research project utilizing the *Ethnic Diversity Survey (EDS)* along with data from the federal 2001 census. This research is being conducted through the Research Data Centres located at the universities of the co-principal investigators. Preliminary findings were presented at the annual Metropolis Conference in March 2010. Research to date highlights the difficulties in obtaining raw data to evaluate the housing experiences of recently-arrived newcomers to second-tier and smaller centres across western Canada. These difficulties are compounded when trying to examine important inter-group differences, as well as provincial and regional factors that may explain known differences in outcome for various newcomer groups, or when attempting to examine experiences longitudinally. Data obtained from the federal census significantly bolsters data from the *EDS* and research across all five domains continues.

Other research conducted by affiliates of the Housing and Neighbourhoods domain has examined ethnic clusters and the residential concentration of immigrants, the effects of location on economic outcomes, the continuing concentration of immigrants in Canada's three largest cities, housing stress and social capital, government response to illegal housing, and housing discrimination.

As noted in last year's report, a number of challenges and a number of fruitful areas of research exist in the Housing and Neighbourhoods domain. The following, listed in no particular order, have been identified through discussions with other Metropolis domain researchers and affiliates:

- Strategies to access existing data bases and data collected at regular, scheduled intervals;
- International and national comparisons of policy frameworks relating to immigrant housing;

- Household strategies to access and improve housing;
- Psychological and family-level consequences of attempts to increase household income in order to access and retain suitable and adequate housing;
- Short- and long term-consequences of precarious housing for refugees and immigrants, including long-term impacts on occupational, professional, and earning outcomes;
- Housing as a social determinant of health;
- The impact of federal transportation loan repayment on housing outcomes, and;
- Homelessness, and hidden homelessness, in newcomer communities.

***Welcoming Communities: The Role of Host Communities in Attracting, Integrating, and Retaining Newcomers and Minorities Domain***

*Darren Lund, Domain Leader*

The Welcoming Communities domain has continued its exciting growth trajectory this year, with ever-increasing membership among research affiliates of the Prairie Metropolis Centre. Both the Domain Leader and its members have been active in forwarding the goals of the Metropolis project through their research, publications, presentations, policy-making, governmental and community work in this area. The Research Affiliates reported a very productive year, with seven books and book chapters published or in press, eight refereed journal and other publications accepted or published in the past year. Likewise, Welcoming Communities scholars have actively disseminated their research at 15 academic and Metropolis conferences and other meetings and presentations. At least two graduate research assistants, one Master's and one doctoral student, have been hired for data collection, analysis, writing and dissemination in Metropolis-funded research. A highlight of the year was progress made on a cross-domain research project, entitled *An Immigrant Integration Index: A Cross-Domain Research Project* undertaken through the Prairie Metropolis Centre with four other Domain Leaders. Early results of our study were featured at a presentation session entitled *Measuring Immigrant Integration across Multiple Domains* at the 12<sup>th</sup> National Metropolis Conference in Montreal in March. In addition, throughout the year, the Domain Leader made several radio, television, and newspaper appearances on issues of diversity and promoting the welcoming of newcomers and minorities.

### **III. Knowledge Transfer/Mobilization Activities**

Again this past year PMC undertook a number of knowledge transfer activities which included, Brown Bag Lunch Seminars, the PMC website, the Journal of International Migration and Integration, the PMC e-Newsletter, the PMC Working Papers Series, Data Committee meetings, and sponsorship of delegates at Metropolis Conferences. Appendix 10a provides a complete list of miscellaneous conferences, workshops, lectures, working papers and other forms of dissemination undertaken by PMC researchers. This is in addition to the scholarly presentations and publications listed in Appendix 9. Summary Table 2 provides a breakdown of knowledge dissemination

activities by event type. Appendix 10b provides a list of the media contacts made by research affiliates.

a) PMC Node Conferences and Research Symposia

Node conferences were held in each of the cities of partnering universities (Regina, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Calgary and Edmonton). The node conferences all took a similar format: the Family, Children and Youth domain was highlighted in the mornings, and local researchers and community partners presented their work in the afternoons. Dr. Anna Kirova, University of Alberta, organized the Family, Children and Youth workshops. In each city she presented her own research, and incorporated presentations from appropriate provincial, municipal and NGO representatives. The afternoon proceedings were organized by the PMC and presentations were made by local researchers, NGOs, government representatives and in some cases, graduate students. The node conferences were extremely well received with good audience participation from local federal department representatives, provincial and municipal government representatives, academics and service-providing organizations in each instance. There were approximately 40 attendees in Regina, 85 in Winnipeg, 60 in Saskatoon, 70 in Calgary and over 100 in Edmonton. The quality of the local researchers' presentations each afternoon was superb, and the feedback the PMC received was overwhelmingly positive in each case. PowerPoint presentations from each of the node conferences are available on the PMC website. (Programs for the node conferences appear in Appendix 13 a-e).

b) Featured Domains

In compliance with the MOU for Phase III, PMC highlighted two of the research domains in the past year. The Family, Children and Youth domain was the focus of the node conferences, and the Economic and Labour Market Integration domain was highlighted at the node conference in Edmonton (because the Annual Regional Planning meeting was scheduled for the next day, some of the PMC Board members and others invited to the meeting were also able to attend this conference). Drs. Peter Li and Lori Wilkinson organized the afternoon presentations (see Appendix 13e).

c) PMC Annual Regional Planning Meeting

The Annual Regional Planning meeting was held in Edmonton on January 22, 2010. Board members, Domain Leaders and NGO and government representatives attended, along with interested research affiliates (31 individuals). The theme of the morning sessions was Government Perspectives on Immigration and Related Research. Dr. Howard Duncan opened the meeting with the perspective from the Metropolis Secretariat. He outlined several global trends, such as population growth in developing countries and urbanization. How these trends will affect immigration and Canada's place in the world are questions of interest. Mr. Bram Strain, Director General, Prairies and Northern Territories Region, CIC then outlined CIC's plans and priorities for 2010. The perspectives of the Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta governments on

immigration issues were then provided by Ms. Margot Morrish (in paper format only), Mr. Eric Johansen and Mr. Percy Cummins. Mr. John Reilly, from the City of Edmonton, gave a presentation on municipal initiatives. A wide-ranging discussion followed. The afternoon sessions dealt with NGO Perspectives on Immigration and Integration Issues. Mr. Tom Denton sent a presentation in which he lamented the lack of research on immigration in favour of a focus on short-term integration. Ms. Beulah Gana focussed on issues faced at the Saskatoon Open Door Society, and Ms. Yvonne Chiu presented perspectives from the Edmonton Multicultural Health Brokers' Cooperative. In the latter half of the afternoon, the Domain Leaders discussed the primary concerns in their respective areas. Finally, there was a discussion about many of the issues that arose during the day. The main points that arose for planning the next year dealt with knowledge transfer, making research more accessible to funders and to NGOs; focussing more on international immigration issues, the nominee system, successful models of integration, Francophone communities, the role of municipalities, gender, the interaction of systems that deal directly with newcomers, ESL programming, and immigrant seniors. The attendees also discussed the limitations faced by researchers in terms of funding and limited access to appropriate data.

d) PMC Brown Bag Lunch Seminars

As in other years, the PMC organized a series of speakers in Edmonton and one presentation in Calgary. Mr. Benjamin Amoyaw, Manitoba Labour and Immigration, organized a Metropolis Brown Bag series in Winnipeg. The Brown Bag Lunch Seminars take place over the lunch hour in a variety of settings. Our co-sponsors (university departments, policy-makers or NGOs) provide venues and the seminar topics are matched to the interests of the hosts. This year the turnout in Edmonton attendance ranged from 15 to 58. Some of the PowerPoint presentations from the seminars have been uploaded to the PMC website. The complete listings appear in Appendices 14 a-c.

**Calgary**

March 25, 2010

*Immigrants in Prairie Cities: Ethnic Diversity in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Canada*

Dr. Royden Loewen (University of Winnipeg)

Co-Sponsor: Faculty of Education, University of Calgary

**Edmonton**

April 2, 2009

*Temporary Foreign Workers: Permanent Rights?*

Dr. Delphine Nakache, University of Alberta

Co-Sponsor: Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers

April 20, 2009

*Meeting the Integration Support Needs of Refugee Youth: The Role of Community-based Participatory Partnership*

Drs. Ernest Khalema & George Ishiekwene  
Co-sponsor: Alberta Employment & Immigration

May 22, 2009

*Preparing Skilled Workers for Integration through Language Instruction: How are we doing?*

Dr. Tracey Derwing (University of Alberta)

Co-Sponsor: NorQuest College

October 8, 2009

*Supporting EAL Immigrant Youth and Immigrant Teachers in Manitoba*

Dr. Clea Schmidt (University of Manitoba)

Co-Sponsor: Edmonton Catholic Schools

October 28, 2009

*Community-based Research for Service Delivery: The EMCN Model*

Ms. Karen Gabert (Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers)

Co-Sponsor: Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers

January 20, 2010

*Putting Immigration Policy in Perspective: An Overview of the History of Canadian Immigration*

Mr. Robert Vineberg (Canada West Foundation)

Co-Sponsor: Citizenship and Immigration Canada

February 24, 2010

*Emergency Relief Response: Let the Next Circus Begin*

Ms. Laurel Borisenko (Consultant to various African Non-Governmental Organizations)

Co-Sponsor: Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers

March 24, 2010

*Immigrants in Prairie Cities: Ethnic Diversity in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Canada*

Dr. Royden Loewen (University of Winnipeg)

Co-Sponsor: Department of Educational Psychology, University of Alberta

### **Winnipeg**

May 13, 2009

*A Snapshot of the Well-being of Newcomer Children and Youth to the Prairies*

Dr. Esther Blum, Dr. John Anchan, Dr. Lori Wilkinson, Ms. Joyce Cabigting Fernandes and Mr. Bong-Hwan Kim

October 22, 2009

*Do Service Providers Need Specialized Training Working with Newcomers from War-Affected Areas?*

Qualtrica Associates – Ms. Neneth Bañas, Mr. Alfred Koineh, Ms. Paula Migliardi

March 10, 2010

*Immigrants in Prairie Cities: Ethnic Diversity in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Canada*

Dr. Gerald Friesen and Dr. Royden Loewen

e) Data Committee

**Update from Dr. Richard Wanner**

**University of Calgary**

**Chair, Data Committee**

As in previous years, the Prairie Metropolis Centre Data Committee has been active in making quantitative data available to PMC affiliated researchers, primarily from Statistics Canada and Citizenship and Immigration Canada. A number of new sources of data are now available on which to base quantitative analyses or supplement qualitative projects. With increasing emphasis at CIC on quantitative research to inform policy, we anticipate that demand for these rich data holdings will increase.

It was announced at the National Data Committee meeting in Montreal during the Metropolis National Conference in Montreal that the memorandum of understanding required to release the Permanent Resident Data System (PRDS), formerly LIDS, has now been approved. As chair of the Data Committee, I signed the MOU and received a CD containing PRDS data covering all immigrants arriving in Canada as permanent residents between 1980 and 2008. I have converted the data to both Stata and SPSS formats for analysis. PMC affiliated researchers interested in using these data must also sign an MOU, which mainly covers the confidentiality requirements for the data. You may contact me at [wanner@ucalgary.ca](mailto:wanner@ucalgary.ca) for a copy. As soon as it is signed and submitted to CIC, I will release the data to you for analysis.

PMC affiliated researchers should also know that master files for the 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006 Censuses of Canada are now available in their local Statistics Canada Research Data Centres. While access to these data are by application to the RDC, most PMC researchers would qualify. The RDCs also contain a wealth of other micro data relevant to immigration research, including the General Social Surveys, Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Canada (LSIC), Labour Force Surveys, the Ethnic Diversity Survey, and many other cross-sectional and longitudinal surveys. You can find more information at the RDC website, [www.rdc-cdr.ca](http://www.rdc-cdr.ca) or at [www.statcan.gc.ca.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/rdc-cdr/](http://www.statcan.gc.ca.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/rdc-cdr/). For those who prefer to use the public-use versions of Statistics Canada micro data available at most university libraries through the Data Liberation Initiative, all the surveys mentioned above, with the exception of some longitudinal surveys, are available for analysis, including the 2006 Census.

For those researchers who use tabular data, there is also good news. CIC has now made extensive tables based on the Longitudinal Immigration Data Base (IMDB) available to Metropolis researchers on the Statistics Canada website. Since the IMDB combines the landing data available in the PRDS with tax data, a great deal of important research can

be conducted with this resource. The data are password protected, so please contact me for an access application form. Other tabular data recently released includes the third instalment of the core tables on immigrants from the 2006 Census of Canada, along with 2009 administrative data in tabular form from CIC.

f) Website

The PMC website continued to offer access to the latest PMC research reports, travel grant applications, grant application packages, reports from workshops and working papers, as well as information regarding upcoming events. A new front page was designed and is more accessible than the previous one. Over the past year, PMC also created a new section entitled *Research Capsules*. Research Capsules consist of brief summaries and highlights of research projects related to the areas of immigration, integration, and diversity. The content of the website has been regularly updated throughout the past year and now includes presentations from the node conferences organized by the Prairie Metropolis Centre as well as notifications of upcoming Brown Bag Lunch Seminars. The PMC website provides direct links to the sites of the other Metropolis Centres, Metropolis federal partners, participating prairie universities, and the affiliated university researchers.

The PMC website ran into some technical difficulties in the fall of 2009 as security protocols were breached. However, the Metropolis Secretariat along with the University of Alberta's Academic and Communication Technologies department worked to quickly secure the site and get it up and running again.

g) E-Newsletter

E-Newsletters were distributed three times during this past year. Each issue covered a variety of topics relating to the Centre. For example, in the December 2009 issue PMC began a new section of the newsletter entitled, *PMC Focus Series*. The first article of this series was written about Dr. Earle Waugh from the University of Alberta. Dr. Peter Li was also a recent focus of this section. This issue also included information about the 12<sup>th</sup> National Metropolis Conference held in Montreal. Each issue is distributed to the PMC network via email and each issue contains active links to web pages to allow the reader to access the most up-to-date information on the topics included.

h) Journal of International Migration and Integration

This past year was an exciting one for the Journal of International Migration and Integration (JIMI). In the summer of 2009 the Journal was sold to its publisher, Springer Science and Business Media. This sale was critical to the sustainability of the journal and to ensuring its existence beyond the end of the third phase of the Metropolis Project. The JIMI editorial staff continued to work on moving the journal to an online submission system. It is expected that by the summer of 2010 the Editorial office at the University of Alberta will be spending only five hours a week on JIMI-related business as most of the editorial duties will be transferred to the online submission system.

Volume 10 of JIMI was published this past year. This volume included 18 articles and four research notes. Of the 18 articles, eight were from international authors and 10 were from Canadian authors, with three being published in French. Of the 10 by Canadian authors, three were by PMC research affiliates. Of the four research notes, three were by international authors and one by a Canadian author. This volume also included 16 book reviews. The regular issues were all on time. Submissions are steady.

### **Report of the Managing Editor of the Journal of International Migration and Integration (JIMI)**

Dr. John Shields

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JIMI, which is the creation of the Prairie Metropolis Centre, based at the University of Alberta, is an international peer reviewed journal which focuses on policy oriented research in the areas of migration, immigration and integration. The journal produces four issues per year and it is published by Springer Science and Business Media. JIMI is also the official journal of the International Metropolis Project.

Since taking over the Managing Editorship from Dr. Peter Li in the late summer of 2009, my responsibilities have been primarily focused on reading, reviewing, and sending out manuscripts for peer review and making written editorial decisions on submissions to JIMI. This has also involved regular correspondence by the editor with manuscript submitters, the Prairie Metropolis Centre staff and Directors and the journal's publisher, Springer. Furthermore, I am often required to identify suitable peer reviewers for submissions. Each year there is also a Special Issue of the journal that is published and as editor I take the prime responsibility for soliciting, selecting and working with the guest editors of these Special Issues. The bulk of the considerable hours I devote to the job of the Editor of JIMI are centred on such activities.

In addition, I have an ongoing responsibility to promote the journal in terms of expanding its readership and those interested in submitting articles. This is carried out in particular at special events organized around immigration research themes (many organized by the Metropolis Project) as well as at academic conferences. I attend both the annual National Metropolis Conference held in Canada each year as well as the annual International Metropolis Conference explicitly for the purpose of promoting JIMI.

Three issues of JIMI have been published since I assumed editorship, starting with Vol. 10, No.3. Vol. 10, No. 4 was a Special Issue focused on *Migration, Crime and Justice* (guest edited by Dr. Scot Wortley from the University of Toronto). The Table of Contents for Volume 10 can be found in Appendix 18.

The most recent issue Vol. 11, No. 1 is a Special Issue on *The Education of Minority Muslim Students: Comparative Perspectives*. I worked very closely with the guest editors of these issues in bringing their volumes to successful publication. I have recently also arranged for the next Special Issue which will come out in one of the Volume 12 editions in 2011, focussing on Citizenship and Immigration in a Comparative Context. I was able to meet with the guest editors at the March 2009 National Metropolis Conference in Montreal regarding this issue.

i) PMC Working Papers Series

PMC has added a requirement to research grants issued by the PMC that a working paper be submitted at the end of the granting period. PMC is actively following up on these requirements as well as urging non-funded researchers to submit papers to the series. This has admittedly been a difficult task as many researchers are hesitant to submit for fear of breaching journal submission guidelines. We have also had significant numbers of requests for extensions to research grant periods, which has delayed the publication of working papers.

2009 additions to the PMC working paper series appear on the PMC website and are listed in Appendix 15. This year PMC published 5 working papers.

WP05-09

*English Pronunciation Research: The Neglected Orphan of Second Language Acquisition Studies?*

Jun Deng, Amy Holtby, Lori Howden-Weaver, Lesli Nessim, Bonnie Nicholas, Kathleen Nickle, Christine Pannekoek, Sabine Stephan, Miao Sun

WP10-01

*The Effect of Age and Exposure in the Development of L2 Accent Perception*

Amy K. Holtby

WP10-02

*Second Language Learners' Perceptions of their own Recorded Speech*

Jennifer Foote

WP10-03

*An Analysis of Immigrant Attraction and Retention Patterns among Western Canadian CMA's*

Valerie Pruegger & Derek Cook

WP10-04

*A Portrait of the Health and Well-being of Newcomer Children and Youth in the Prairies*

Lori Wilkinson, John Anchan, Nancy Arthur, Esther Blum, Elizabeth Burgess Pinto, Joyce Cabigting Fernandes, Amy Chaves, David Este, Chuck Humphrey, Nina Hrycak, Bong-Hwan Kim, Anna Miekus, Linda Ogilvie, Frank Trovato, Joe Wu

j) Contract Research

Dr. Tracey Derwing, Ms. Jennifer Foote and Ms. Lori Diepenbroek (a graduate student at the University of Alberta) completed a literature review for the Research and Evaluation Branch, CIC, Ottawa entitled: A Literature Review of English Language Training in Canada and Other English-Speaking Countries. The review supported an evaluation of the LINC program that the government undertook in the summer and fall of 2009. Ms. Jennifer Foote, a former prairie affiliated graduate student, also completed a literature review at the request of CIC entitled: The Role of Literacy/Numeracy in Facilitating the Participation of Newcomers in the Labour Market/Earning income; and in Voting/Volunteering/Charitable Giving. Three students of Dr. Lori Wilkinson (University of Manitoba) Shawn Baker, Bong-Hwan Kim, and Alison Kalischuk completed literature reviews on the following topics:

- The role of housing in facilitating the participation of newcomers in the labour market/ earning income; in voting/volunteering/charitable giving; in developing bridging social capital; and in exploring cultural connections with cultures other than their own.
- The role of public spaces in facilitating the participation of newcomers: in voting/volunteering/charitable giving; in developing bridging social capital; and in exploring cultural connections with cultures other than their own.
- Culture, Belief Systems, and Integration into a Host Society.

k) Statistical Compendium

Ms. Marlene Mulder (PMC's Junior Research Scholar) and Ms. Laura Templeton (a PhD student in Sociology from the University of Alberta) are currently working on a new version of the statistical compendium, *Portraits of Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities in Canada: Regional Comparisons*, using 2006 census data. Tables and Figures have been completed for the main chapters and writing for the main chapters is underway. The report is expected to be available in fall of 2010. The compendium will be distributed in either CD or memory stick format upon its completion to government partners, partnering NGOs and the other Centres. Data libraries will be supplied with the information as well. PMC will also make the information available on the PMC website for free download.

l) Sponsorship of Delegates at Metropolis Conferences

The PMC was pleased to be able to provide funding to two NGO representatives and three academic researchers to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> International Metropolis Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark. PMC also provided funding to 28 delegates to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> National Metropolis Conference in Montreal, Quebec (12 academic researchers, 10 NGO representatives, and 9 students - three were unable to attend due to personal reasons).

m) Communication of Research Results to Policy-Makers by PMC Research Affiliates

During the past year PMC affiliated researchers actively engaged in disseminating their research results with policy-makers. For example, Dr. Marilyn Abbott (University of Alberta) is a member of the ESL (K-12) Advisory Committee with Alberta Education.

Dr. Regan Shercliffe (University of Regina) presented a report on January 4, 2010 to the Regina Community Clinic, entitled, *Using the Karen Depression Scale for screening for depression for Karen in primary care*. Dr. Shercliffe also presented a report on April 20, 2009 to the Winnipeg Mount Carmel Clinic, entitled *Perceptions of depression in Karen community sample*.

Dr. Robert Annis (Brandon University) is a member of the Manitoba Immigration Minister's Advisory Council, and of the Rural Team Manitoba. Dr. Annis spoke of and contributed to numerous agenda items concerning rural immigration issues and did so on a regular basis. Those in attendance included representatives from, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Manitoba Labour and Immigration, Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Rural Secretariat, Western Economic Diversification Canada, and Health Canada.

Dr. Laurie Carlson Berg (University of Regina) maintains ongoing contact with Ms. Lucie Gauvin, Saskatchewan Learning, regarding her research initiatives, findings and how they can inform curriculum development. Dr. Carlson Berg also met with Ms. Yetunde Oke, Saskatchewan Immigration, on November 10, 2009. Dr. Carlson Berg maintains ongoing contact with Ms. Smita Garg, Immigration Community Resource Coordinator, City of Saskatoon. Ms. Garg shared an overview of Dr. Carlson Berg's research initiatives with her department.

In May 2009, Dr. Tracey Derwing (University of Alberta) helped to organize a 'Language Day' focussing on second language acquisition research for the Research and Evaluation Branch, Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC). Dr. Derwing suggested most of the academic participants and discussed the topics and flow of the day with the CIC representative and the consultant. Dr. Derwing made an opening 20-minute presentation, which was followed by all day discussions in small groups and plenary sessions.

Dr. Derwing and Dr. Murray Munro (Simon Fraser University) presented, *Influences on newcomers' language proficiency: Data from the Citizenship Language Survey* as well as a longitudinal study of adult second language learning to approximately 40 employees from Citizenship and Immigration Canada Research Network in Ottawa in February, 2010. In the afternoon, they met with 10 CIC employees to discuss possible research options following up on the Citizenship Language Survey.

Dr. Derwing also met with Mr. John Reilly and Ms. Lola Murray from the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, City of Edmonton, in August, 2009 at their request to provide them advice about their Racism-Free Edmonton project. Dr. Derwing and Dr. Ogilvie hosted a larger meeting in February, 2010 regarding this initiative.

Dr. Derwing presented on adult immigrant language training in Canada at a two-day invited conference in Bern, Switzerland at the request of the Forum of Federations. The conference was funded by the Swiss government, and was intended for Swiss government employees working in the area of immigration.

Dr. Sara Dorow (University of Alberta) presented *Social landscapes of Fort McMurray: Mapping community* at a workshop for Leadership Wood Buffalo in 2009 in Fort McMurray. She also interviewed some federal, provincial, and municipal officials (anonymously) as part of a SSHRC research project in Fort McMurray.

Dr. Gina Higginbottom hosted a roundtable workshop at the University of Alberta, in 2009 entitled *Internationally Educated Health Professionals: Experiences and research from two Canadian provinces* with co-presenters J. Salma (U of Alberta) and K. Sharma (Labour Market and Strategic Initiatives Branch, Manitoba Labor and Immigration). Dr. Higginbottom worked with Ms. Munira Lajli (Public Health Agency Canada in Edmonton) as a co-investigator of a Participatory Intervention grant. She also collaborated with Ms. Karen Bardy and Ms. Ann Mah (Edmonton Public Schools Board) on a Participatory Intervention grant. Other collaboration with researchers from government (Alberta Health Services) include:

1. Dr. Lucenia Ortiz, Multi-cultural Coordinator (Royal Alexander Hospital (RAH)), Advisory group member of FAMCHAT study, co-investigator of ETG and Participatory Intervention study;
2. Ms. Susan Young, Professional Lead Nursing (Alberta Health Services), co-investigator of FAMCHAT study;
3. Ms. Michelle Boyce, Clinical Educator (RAH), co-investigator of FAMCHAT study;
4. Mr. Stellan Callendar, Unit Manager (RAH), co-investigator of FAMCHAT study;
5. Ms. Joan Fogeron, Clinical Educator (RAH), co-investigator of FAMCHAT study. Knowledge User of submitted CIHR Knowledge Synthesis grant.

Dr. Jennifer Kelly (University of Alberta) met with the Racism-Free Edmonton Committee to discuss how to develop benchmarks for racism.

Dr. Darren Lund (University of Calgary) was invited in January 2010 to present *Facing backlash and resistance to creating welcoming communities* at the “How could Canadian communities be more welcoming?” a national Metropolis Project Research Policy meeting in Ottawa.

Dr. Linda Ogilvie (University of Alberta) maintained numerous contacts at federal, provincial (Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan), and municipal levels as Co-Director of the Prairie Metropolis Centre.

Dr. Valerie Pruegger (University of Calgary) continued her ongoing work with the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination for Calgary. She provided briefing reports as requested to provincial and federal governments on immigration issues as they relate to municipal government.

Dr. Marian Rossiter (University of Alberta) was invited to participate in the *Roundtable Meeting on Youth Gang Programs* (March 4, 2010), sponsored by Justice Canada in Ottawa. She was also invited to participate in *Language Day* in May 2009 a national consultation on outcomes for second language learners in Canada, sponsored by Citizenship and Immigration Canada in Ottawa. Dr. Rossiter met with the Honourable Linda Duncan, Member of Parliament (Edmonton-Strathcona NDP) and Councillor Amarjeet Sohi, City of Edmonton (Ward 6), in February 2010 regarding Refugee Transportation Loans.

Dr. Clea Schmidt (University of Manitoba) presented research findings in October 2009 to Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, Winnipeg, on *Embedding the Essentials Skills* project.

Dr. Richard Wanner (University of Calgary) presented a paper in January, 2010 to a Metropolis Priority Seminar in Ottawa attended by many policy-makers and researchers. Dr. Wanner had an opportunity to discuss his research work with several policy-makers in attendance.

Dr. Earle Waugh (University of Alberta) presented *Caregivers Issues and Immigration* in 2009 to the Provincial Deputy Minister, Health and Representatives from Labour at a seminar entitled, Ethnicity and Health sponsored by the Faculty of Extension, University of Alberta.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson (University of Manitoba) continued partnerships with various provincial government departments, mostly with Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth (Mr. Tony Tavares) and Manitoba Labour and Immigration (Ms. Margot Morrish and Mr. Benjamin Amoyaw, Manitoba Immigration Branch; Ms. Vivian Auiglar-Multiculturalism Branch)

n) Report to SSHRC for Midterm Review

The PMC submitted a 15–page report to SSHRC in December, 2009, outlining the activities of the Centre over a two and a half year period. This report was also shared with the Metropolis Secretariat.

#### **IV: Communities and NGO Capacity Activities**

The Prairie Metropolis Centre continued to support community partners by bringing together stakeholders who share common interests and goals. For example, PMC's Brown Bag Lunch Seminar series, research symposia, and the Internship Program

provide networking opportunities for our stakeholders. PMC was also pleased to be able to provide funding support to a variety of community projects. For example, PMC provided support to the Fellowship Refugee Committee's annual fundraising dinner. The dinner raises funds to support sponsorship of refugees. The PMC provided a grant to the Edmonton Multicultural Coalition to carry out some community research on success stories of immigrants supporting newcomers within their own communities, "The Experience of Ethno-cultural Communities in Supporting Newcomers in Edmonton: A Community Research Project". Both Dr. Tracey Derwing and Dr. Anna Kirova attended several meetings of the Coalition in an advisory capacity. Please see Appendix 8 for a complete list of PMC partnering organizations and community contacts.

Dr. Baha Abu-Laban (University of Alberta) is a member of the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and a member of the Human Rights Executive Committee on Human Rights City Edmonton Project. Dr. Abu-Laban is also a member of Catholic Social Services' Advisory Committee for Immigration and Settlement Service. This past year Dr. Abu-Laban was a member of the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers Executive Director Recruitment Committee.

Dr. Robert Annis (Brandon University) is the lead facilitator for Brandon's Welcoming Communities Dialogue Group. He met frequently with representatives of non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and public service providers. (Reports from formal Dialogue sessions are available on RDI'S web site.) Organizations who met with and who participated in the dialogues included, Westman Immigrant Services, Maple Leaf Brandon, City of Brandon Economic Development, Brandon and Area Neighbourhood Renewal, Brandon Race Relations, Brandon School Division, and Brandon Regional Health Authority.

Dr. Glenda Tibe Bonifacio (University of Lethbridge) is member of the Board of Directors for the Lethbridge Family Services, and a Board representative to the selection committee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Immigrant Achievement Awards held in March 2010 for the Lethbridge Immigrant Services.

Dr. Laurie Carlson Berg (University of Regina) has regular contact with l'Assemblée communautaire francaskoise (ACF). Dr. Carlson Berg was invited to become a member of the Réseau provincial de l'immigration and to speak at the Colloque en immigration: Accueil et adaptation des nouveaux arrivants, held on September 29, 2010 in Regina, Saskatchewan. This conference was organised by l'assemblée communautaire francaskoise in collaboration with la Fédération des communautés francophones et acadiennes du Canada.

Dr. Tracey Derwing (University of Alberta) is a member of the Language Assessment, Referral and Counselling Centre (LARCC) Advisory Committee, Edmonton.

Dr. Sara Dorow (University of Alberta) has established a partnership with Immigrant Settlement Services in Fort McMurray as part of a SSHRC research project.

Dr. James Frideres (University of Calgary) is a member of the board for Immigrant Services Calgary.

Dr. Peter Grant (University of Saskatchewan) is a member of the Saskatchewan Intercultural Association. He and his students are currently doing a longitudinal study of skilled immigrants who have credentialing problems and their political involvement. They are recruiting participants through the many local cultural groups and organizations in Saskatoon. They also participated in various local conferences/job fairs for skilled immigrants.

Dr. Shibao Guo (University of Calgary) is a Board member of the Calgary Chinese Community Service Association in Calgary.

Dr. Yan Guo (University of Calgary) is a member of the Coalition for Equal Access to Education, Calgary. Dr. Guo invited four community leaders to share their perspectives on ESL education and cultural competency with about 47 pre-service teachers in the Faculty of Education of the University of Calgary on November 12, 2009 and February 26, 2010. These discussion generated productive discussions and were well-received by the pre-service teachers.

Dr. Yvonne Hébert (University of Calgary) is the Director of the Board of Directors at the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society and a member of the Comité avisore, Centre d'accueil des nouveaux arrivants francophones in Calgary.

Dr. Gina Higginbottom (University of Alberta) presented *Migrant, Minority, and Maternity Care* at a meeting with health brokers of different communities for engagement. Dr. Higginbottom also collaborated with researchers from the not-for-profit sector:

1. Ms. Yvonne Chiu, Director (Multi-Cultural Health Brokers Co-operative), Co-Investigator of Emerging Team Grant and Knowledge User for CIHR Knowledge Synthesis grant under review.
2. Ms. Ellen Gabriel, President (Quebec Native Women Inc.), Knowledge User of submitted CIHR Knowledge Synthesis Grant.
3. Ms. Paulette Tremblay, CEO (National Aboriginal Health Organization), Knowledge User of submitted CIHR Knowledge Synthesis Grant.

Dr. Nina Hrycak (University of Calgary) is a Board member of the Canadian Association for Participatory Development. She is also part of the Public Relations Committee for the Canadian Association for Participatory Development as well as the Research Subcommittee for the Canadian Association for Participatory Development.

Dr. Ingrid Johnston (University of Alberta) is working with the Society for Safe and Caring Schools on a project to explore the awareness and use of resources for diversity in schools with high immigrant and refugee populations.

Dr. Jennifer Kelly (University of Alberta) presented, *Working with school age youth to Tutors for Saturday School*, Council of Canadians of African and Caribbean Heritage. She assisted with the organization of the annual Afro Quiz at Edmonton Public Library to Saturday Tutors, Council of Canadians of African and Caribbean Heritage. Dr. Kelly also presented, *Developing Knowledge on the African Diaspora in University of Alberta* to The Black Canadian Association Working Group, in Vancouver May 2009. Dr. Kelly is currently facilitating the progress of the Michaelle Jean Chair in Canadian, Caribbean, African Diasporic Studies.

Dr. Anna Kirova (University of Alberta) is the Vice Chair for the Board of Directors of the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers and a member of the Executive Committee for the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers.

Dr. Darren Lund (University of Calgary) was an invited keynote speaker at the Special Care Awareness and Good Neighbour Conference, City Wide Planning Office, City of Calgary where he presented *Engaging neighbours*.

Dr. David McGrane (University of Saskatchewan) arranged for participants in a third year class on multiculturalism to teach citizenship classes for the Saskatoon Open Door Society in January-March 2010.

Dr. Noorfarah Merali (University of Alberta) was asked by the United Nations Human Development Report Program in 2009 to provide consultation and resources related to the theme of the 2009 UN Human Development Report on Migration. Dr. Merali was in the role of National Leader for Mental Health for the Aga Khan Health Board for Canada for a four year period until July 2009. She was involved planning for integration of refugees from Afghanistan and addressing ongoing refugee and general Ismaili community mental health needs.

Dr. Linda Ogilvie (University of Alberta) maintains numerous non-governmental organization contacts in Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan as Co-Director of the Prairie Metropolis Centre.

Dr. Johanne Paradis (University of Alberta) presented in February 2010 a professional development day workshop for early childhood teachers and special education teachers and SLPs at the Red Deer Catholic school board. Workshop topics included ESL acquisition in typical and atypical children, considerations for assessment and programming, and curriculum development. In January she presented an in-service seminar for special needs early childhood educators on English second language acquisition in young children and implications for classroom programming given at Elves Special Needs Society. Dr. Paradis also presented a seminar on “Working with young English second language learners”, presented in conjunction with an Alberta Education, Early Learning branch workshop given to school administrators, teachers, special education professionals, including SLP in September in Red Deer and Edmonton.

Dr. Valerie Pruegger (University of Calgary) presented *Racialization of Poverty in Calgary* at the 2009 Canadian Social Forum.

Dr. Louise Racine (University of Saskatchewan) was a mentor in the Saskatchewan Intercultural Association Inc. ELT/IIP program for a newly arrived woman from Iran. Dr. Racine's role as a mentor is to guide the mentee to learn Canadian values and socialize into the Canadian society, to learn Canadian nurses' values, and support the mentee in her efforts to enter a nursing program.

Dr. Hetty Roessingh (University of Calgary) presented *Myths and Misconceptions about ELLs and their language learning* at a CCIS workshop in February 2010.

Dr. Marian J. Rossiter (University of Alberta) continued as a member of the Strategic Alliance for the Advancement of Immigrant and Refugee Children and Youth: Refugee Transportation Loan Committee. Dr. Rossiter was also involved with the organization of Refugee Week activities in Edmonton. She is a member of the St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church Refugee Committee and a co-sponsor and supporter of refugee families.

Dr. Hassan Vatanparast (University of Saskatchewan) is a member of the Board of Directors, Saskatoon Open Door Society. Dr. Vatanparast presented, *Healthy Immigrant Children* at the Multicultural Schools Annual Festival for the Saskatchewan Intercultural Association.

Dr. Earle Waugh (University of Alberta) made a presentation on Muslim Immigration at the Mennonite Immigration Centre in February 2009. He is also a St. Paul's United Church Pathway's Speaker.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson (University of Manitoba) is an appointed member of the Urban Exchange Working Group, United Way of Winnipeg. She is also working with the United Way to assist with research and statistical analysis.

Dr. Lloyd Wong (University of Calgary) is a member of the Ethno-cultural Council of Calgary.

Dr. Sophie Yohani (University of Alberta) was an invited keynote speaker at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Black History Month Symposium in February 2010 where she presented *Inspiring Hope and Resilience in African Youth, Families*.

Please see Appendix 8 for the complete list of the PMC Partnering Organization, Community, and Government Contacts.

## V: Network Activities

### a. Provincial and Municipal Governments

All three provincial governments are represented on our Board of Governors, and all three are currently active and engaged in the area of immigration. We experienced excellent participation from provincial, federal and municipal governments at all of the node conferences in the 2009-2010 year. Several of our affiliated researchers have been involved in discussions and activities with government representatives, both on a formal and an informal basis. We are extremely pleased to have the opportunity to work with our provincial and municipal partners in addition to our federal partners – they are all essential to the overall wellbeing of newcomers. Please see Appendix 8 for a list of PMC government contacts.

### b. Affiliated Researchers

Dr. Marilyn Abbott (University of Alberta) is a member of the Alberta Teachers' Association ESL Specialist Council. She is a member of the Alberta Teachers of English as a Second Language, a member of the Canadian Association of Applied Linguists, and a member of Teachers of English as a Second Language Canada.

Dr. Baha Abu-Laban (University of Alberta) is Co-Editor (with Dr. Peter Li) of a Book Series entitled, *International Perspectives on Migration* launched by Springer in 2010. He is a peer reviewer of manuscripts for the Journal of International Migration and Integration.

Dr. Robert Annis (Brandon University) is a member of the National Rural Research Network, the Canadian Rural Research Network and the International Consortium for Comparative Rural Policy Studies.

Dr. Glenda Tibe Bonifacio (University of Lethbridge) is a Research Fellow with the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy, a member of the REDTAC Network, a member of the Work and Learning Network and a member of the Society of Edmonton Demographers.

Dr. Laurie Carlson Berg (University of Regina) is Chair, URFA Equity Committee, University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Dr. Tom Carter (University of Winnipeg) is working with Dr. Kate Golebiowska of Darwin University in Australia on a chapter on immigration in northern and remote areas. His contribution comprised the Canadian component.

Dr. Tracey Derwing (University of Alberta) is a Co-Director for the Prairie Metropolis Centre. She helped organize the Metropolis node conferences in Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary and Edmonton. Dr. Derwing is an active Lifetime member in ATESL (Alberta Teachers of English as a Second Language) and an Honorary Life

Member of TESL Canada. She is a member of the American Association of Applied Linguistics and TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) and a member of the Alberta Teachers' Association English as a Second Language Specialist Council. She serves on the Editorial Boards of the *Canadian Modern Language Review*, *Applied Linguistics*, *Syntagma*, *Language Learning and Technology*, and *JIMI*. Dr. Derwing serves on the Nominating Committee of the Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics.

Dr. Sara Dorow (University of Alberta) was the coordinator of *Unwrapping the Research* conference in Fort McMurray. She is a member of the Editorial Board of *Adoption & Culture: The Interdisciplinary Journal of the Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture*.

Dr. Doug Durst (University of Regina) is the Coordinator of a Visiting Scholar to University of Regina: Lanh Thi Huong, University of Labour and Social Affairs, Hanoi, Vietnam.

Dr. Higginbottom (University of Alberta) attended collaborative research meetings in Spain (September/ October), the United Kingdom and Seattle (October) in 2009, and in the United Kingdom in February, 2010. The United Kingdom meetings were for ongoing study entitled *Ethnic diversity in UK social science and public policy research* (Principal Investigator, Salaway), whereas those in Spain and Seattle were for project development.

1. Dr. Fernando Plaza Pinto (University of Almeria, Spain), Post-doctorate/Visiting Professor in September/October, 2009.
2. Dr. Morgan Myfanwy, Medical Sociology (King's College London), Co-Investigator on submitted Knowledge Synthesis CIHR grant; early collaboration on UK NIHR Programme grant focusing on issues of Donation, Transplantation and Ethnicity (DonaTE).
3. Dr. Sarah Salway (Sheffield Hallam University), Implementation of preliminary study (funded by VolkswagenStiftung Foundation, Germany), Principal Investigator of study in progress funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.
4. Dr. Kate Gerrish (Sheffield Hallam University), Implementation of preliminary study (funded by VolkswagenStiftung Foundation, Germany), Co-Investigator of study in progress funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.
5. Dr. Kuldip Bharj (University of Leeds, UK), Implementation of preliminary study (funded by VolkswagenStiftung Foundation, Germany).
6. Punita Chowbey (Sheffield Hallam University), Implementation of preliminary study (funded by VolkswagenStiftung Foundation, Germany)
7. Dr. Birgit Reime (University of Applied Sciences of the Saarland, Germany), Implementation of preliminary study (funded by VolkswagenStiftung Foundation, Germany).
8. Dr. Peter Allmark (Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, UK), study in progress funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.
9. Dr. Suzanne Phibbs (Massey University, New Zealand), early collaboration on project related to international maternity and ethno-cultural diversity.

10. Dr. George Ellison, Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies and Director of London Metropolitan University Graduate School, London, UK.

11. Professor Jane Seymour, Head of Sue Ryder Centre, Nottingham, UK – co-supervision of Steve Hemmingway.

12. Professor Azita Emami, Dean of Nursing (University of Seattle, Seattle, WA, USA), co-supervision of Jalal Safipour (Karolinska Institute).

13. Professor Encarna Soriano (University of Almeria, Spain) in respect of three country international comparison on health literacy (Canada, Spain, & USA)

Dr. Nina Hrycak (University of Calgary) was on the conference planning committee and a participant at the Alberta Health Services, Calgary Health Region 2<sup>nd</sup> National Transcultural Health Conference: Multiple voices for enhancing health equity through research, policy, education, and clinical practice.

Dr. Ingrid Johnston (University of Alberta) is working with Queen's University, Belfast, University College Dublin, Open University of Cyprus, and OISE/UT on developing a European Union/ Canada Cooperation Programme in Education, Training and Youth proposal entitled *Developing Inclusive Curricula and Pedagogies for Diversity in Teacher Education*.

Dr. Peter Li (University of Saskatchewan) visited Xi'an Jiaotong University China and gave lectures on Chinese migration and research methods and conferred with researchers in May, 2009. Dr. Li also visited Lanzhou University and Northwest University for Nationalities, China, and gave lectures on multiculturalism and cultural diversity in December, 2009.

Dr. Darren Lund (University of Calgary) was a guest lecturer for a course with the Faculty of Education at the University of Calgary on Social justice activism and War Child. He was an invited panel member on the *Teaching Quality Standards Colloquium: Framework for Teaching Quality in Alberta—In Support of Quality Learning for Alberta Students* of the Faculty of Education, University of Calgary. He was also a member of the Advisory Committee on Equity Policy, Canada Research Chairs Program in Ottawa, a member of the Dean's Task Force on Undergraduate Education, a member of the Executive Committee for the Graduate Division of Educational Research, a Specialization Coordinator for Educational Contexts, Graduate Division of Educational Research and a facilitator for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual MT Program Summer Institute on Teacher Education Practices with the Faculty of Education at the University of Calgary.

Dr. Amal Madibbo (University of Calgary) is a member of the African and Caribbean Coalition of Calgary.

Dr. Noorfarah Merali (University of Alberta) is a Faculty Fellow of the Centre for Global Citizenship Education and Research at the University of Alberta

Dr. Linda Ogilvie (University of Alberta) is a member of the Canadian Society for International Health, Canadian Public Health Association, College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research; and a Co-Director, Prairie Metropolis Centre. She helped organize the Metropolis node conferences in Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary and Edmonton.

Dr. Valerie Pruegger (University of Calgary) is a member of the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychologists.

Dr. Hetty Roessingh (University of Calgary) is a member of the Coalition for Equal Access to Education, Calgary.

Dr. Marian J. Rossiter (University of Alberta) was the Book Review Editor of the *Journal of International Migration and Integration*. She is a Past President, Alberta Teachers of English as a Second Language. She is a member of the Alberta Teachers of English as a Second Language, a TESL Canada Honourary Life Member, a member of the American Association for Applied Linguistics, a member of the Alberta Teachers' Association English as a Second Language Specialist Council, a member of the Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics, a member of the International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language and a member of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages.

Dr. Clea Schmidt (University of Manitoba) is a member of the TEAL MB, member of Teaching EAL to Adults in Manitoba, member of an Advisory Committee for the Centre for Education and Work Project on Immigrants and the Culture of the Workplace, a member of UNIFEM, Winnipeg Chapter, a member of the Canadian Association of Teacher Education, a member of the Canadian Society for Studies in Education, a member of the Editorial Board, *Canadian Journal of Educational Administration and Policy*, and a member of the Editorial Board, *Diaspora, Indigenous, and Minority Education, International*.

Dr. Hassan Vatanparast (University of Saskatchewan) is a member of the Immigration Health Research Group at the College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan and a member of Food Secure Saskatchewan.

Dr. Earle Waugh (University of Alberta) is working with Dr. David Anderson, University of Glasgow on Northern Folk Healing.

Dr. Lori Wilkinson (University of Manitoba) is working with Dr. Ruby Sain, Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University in Kolkata India. They are currently collaborating on teaching a course on human rights and social justice from a multicultural perspective. Dr. Wilkinson has ongoing research with colleagues at University of British Columbia (Miu C. Yan, Social Work; Sean Lauer, Sociology); McMaster University (Rick Sin, Social Work); and University of Toronto (Ka Tat Tsang, Social Work). They are working together on a project examining the school-to-work transitions of immigrant youth. Dr. Wilkinson is the Secretary/Treasurer (elected)

of the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association. She is also the Chair (elected) of the Policy, Ethics and Professional Concerns Subcommittee for the Canadian Sociological Association.

Please see Appendix 10b for the list of Knowledge Dissemination: Media Contacts.

## **VI: Budget**

Financial information is available upon request.

## **CHALLENGES FACED AND CHALLENGES AHEAD**

### Challenges Faced

There have been numerous challenges this year, but the one that has had the greatest effect on the operation of the Centre has been the staffing problems in the secretarial position. We had a resignation from Ms. Judy Bailey, who was under a great deal of stress because of an illness in her family. She was unable to focus on her work in the last several months of her job and many things slipped. We hired a replacement in June, who overlapped with Ms. Lenise Anderson, our assistant, for a month. However, at the end of that month, Lenise went on maternity leave. Lenise offered to answer any questions by phone or email, but the new secretary did not take advantage of her offer. It became apparent that the new employee was unable to complete most of her responsibilities. We had a severe backlog of financial reconciliations, travel reimbursements and so on. When we hired Ms. Geneviève Murphy from the University of Alberta's temporary staffing pool in late November, we discovered that the situation had been even more serious than we realized. There were dozens of unopened emails, many unopened letters, and none of our databases had been updated in a year. We had hired another employee, Ms. Anna Miekus, to cover some of Lenise's duties while she was on maternity leave. Lenise came back full time in March, but we have retained Anna on a part-time basis to catch up on many of the things that were left to slide. We now have a fully functioning office, but there have been some very difficult times in the past year.

Another challenge we faced had to do with our website which was the target of a malicious hacker in the fall. For two weeks our website was completely out of commission while the technical staff at the University of Alberta and the Metropolis Secretariat in Ottawa resolved the problem.

This year we decided to change the date of our research grant competition to align with several of the other centres, in case there were researchers who wanted to apply jointly for comparative studies. In the past our competition was held in April, but in 2009-2010, we held one in April and one in January. This meant extra work for our

adjudication committee (especially since only three projects were funded in the second competition). We will be holding two competitions in 2010 – 2011 as well.

Two of our Domain Leaders, Dr. Peter Li (Economic and Labour Market Integration) and Dr. Anna Kirova (Family, Children and Youth), stepped down from their roles. We are fortunate that we were able to locate suitable replacements: Dr. Lori Wilkinson and Dr. Laurie Carlson-Berg, respectively. According to the terms of the MOU, we also had to replace several of the members of the Adjudication Committee, but again, we were fortunate to find good replacements.

Arranging for five mini-conferences in the fall and January presents scheduling challenges, particularly since the domain leader and the co-directors are teaching, but we feel that the level of engagement is worth the travel.

The sale of JIMI and the ongoing conversion of the database to Springer's requirements has taken a significant amount of time, but we are very pleased that JIMI is now owned by a reputable international publisher.

The Research Services Office at the University of Alberta has gone through significant staff turnover and changes to its policies in the last two years, which has resulted in delays and difficulties in obtaining financial information and processing grants. We have met with the RSO staff and are optimistic that this situation will improve.

Finally, it is challenging, given the small grants that we have to offer, to address the federal, provincial and municipal governments' concerns in comparative, large scale, quantitative studies. Our Adjudication Committee has applied rigorous standards to the grants that have been assessed, but the long wish list of our partners cannot be addressed comprehensively. However, we are very pleased with the level of engagement, particularly in the three provinces. We have also done everything we could to accommodate our federal partners by directing them to individual researchers who could help them with specific projects.

### Challenges Ahead

This year we hope to publish the third edition of the *Canadian Portraits Statistical Compendium* at the end of August, 2010. This publication has been used extensively by our NGO partners, affiliated researchers and federal partners, so a new version based on the most recent census will be valuable. This time around, we will not be printing the publication, but will produce it electronically. It will be made available either on CD or a memory stick for our partners, and will also be put on our website.

The PMC will be developing a poster adapted from one used in Denmark for the workplace. The poster will offer native English speakers some tips for improving communication with non-native speakers of English. We hope to work with a range of organizations to ensure that workplaces across English-speaking Canada have access to this tool.

Once again we will hold node conferences in Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon Calgary, and Edmonton, in addition to a research planning meeting in Edmonton. In the coming year at each of the conferences, we will highlight the Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic Integration domain. This is the most eclectic and largest of the domains. We hope to use virtual communication for at least part of the node conferences where cost and location permit.

We will be holding two research competitions this year again – one in September 2010 and another in January, 2011. Because we were unable to fund several of the grant applications earlier in 2010, we decided to hold a fall research grant competition. Although the fall competition means additional work for the Adjudication Committee, we don't want to hold onto the money when it could be used for research.

A challenge we face this year is the severe budget cuts at the University of Alberta. Although the grant to the PMC is not at risk, the Faculty of Education is unable to provide a course release for Dr. Derwing. In 2010-2011 we will use the University of Alberta grant to cover that cost.

We will continue to work on JIMI with Springer as the whole manuscript system migrates online.

We have offered our Data Committee some travel funds to meet to discuss the development of lesson plans using anonymized data from CIC for courses in statistics. We hope to see some movement on this front in the coming year.

We have not yet received the feedback from the SSHRC midterm review in December of 2009, (other than the notification at the Metropolis conference in March that the Centres will be funded to the end of the five year term). If there are suggestions from the review committee that we can adopt, we will do so.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We are grateful to the people who have made this year a successful one. First, we would like to thank our Board of Governors, who have been very supportive in a myriad of ways. The members of the Adjudication Committee have given freely of their time and are committed to excellence. Thanks also to our Data Committee, who have had several fruitful discussions this year. Dr. Anna Kirova, who has just stepped down in her role as Domain Leader for Family Children and Youth, did a superb job of organizing the morning sessions of the node conferences in each of the prairie cities. Drs. Peter Li and Lori Wilkinson organized the afternoon sessions at the node conference in Edmonton to highlight the work of the Economic and Labour Market Integration domain. We want to thank Peter Li for his immense contributions to the PMC, first as a domain leader throughout all of Phases I and II, and part of Phase III,

and also for his stewardship of JIMI. He edited the journal for several years. We would like to acknowledge both Lori Wilkinson and Laurie Carlson-Berg for taking on domain leader roles (Economic and Labour Market Integration and Family, Children and Youth, respectively). Mr. Rob Vineberg, Senior Policy Advisor to the Prairie Metropolis Centre, has been most helpful. Our other Domain Leaders have been strong supports over the year. We are also thankful to all of the organizations that have provided funding to the PMC in 2009-2010. We are also grateful to our NGO partners for their ongoing support. Finally, we want to thank our staffs, who have worked very hard in difficult circumstances. We really appreciate their dedication and their tenacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Derwing, Co-Director

Linda Ogilvie, Co-Director

Lenise Anderson, Assistant to the Co-Directors

## **List of Appendices**

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