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Migration and resilience in urban Canada-Immigration et résilience en milieu urbain



Hello Everyone,

As we head into the holidays, I am very pleased to introduce **Patricia Walker**, the new Research Manager for BMRC-IRMU. Patricia has worked extensively in research support positions at York University – as a Research Assistant, a Grant Writing Assistant, and Research Project Coordinator. With a Masters in Environmental Studies and a Graduate Diploma in Environmental/Sustainability Education, Patricia studied children and youth's vulnerability to climate change. Having moved from Brazil to Canada in 2000, she has lived experience as an immigrant that informs her work at BMRC-IRMU.

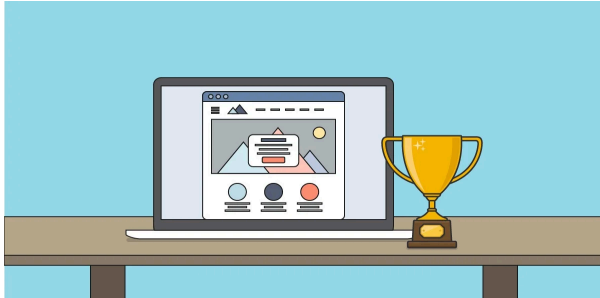
The partnership is busy! Please read about the incredible activities of student, faculty, and community partners. An exciting research project funded by SSHRC about international students led by Nancy Mandell and Sutama Ghosh is also highlighted. Check the KM News below for information about recent Research Digests, books, and articles. The International Student Working Group is organizing a webinar about the impacts of relaxed employment rules for international students. See the details below under announcements where you will also find our holiday hours.

It has been a great privilege to work with everyone for another year as we navigate a postpandemic (maybe) world. I want to thank all participants in the partnership for their contributions to investigating and improving migrant settlement and integration in Canada at this challenging time. I especially want to thank the Secretariat staff; Camila Bonifaz, Farah Elazony, Patricia Walker, and, until November, Shehnaz Fakim for their hard work and expertise that are crucial for the partnership's success.

From everyone, at the Secretariat, our very best wishes for a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to working with you in the new year.

Cheers,

Knowledge Mobilization News



List of research digests:

1. [French Language Skills and Resilience among Quebec Asylum Seekers](#) by Nicole Ives et al.

Other Books/Presentations/Publications :

1. Hennebry, J. L., Piper, N., Hari, K. C., & Williams, K. (2022). Bilateral labor agreements as migration governance tools: An analysis from a gender lens. *Theoretical Inquiries in Law*, 23(2), 184-204.
2. Finn, M., Williams, K., & Momani, B. (2022). Political participation among Canadian Arab youth. *Journal of Youth Studies*, 1-26.
3. Garborean, F. & Veronis, L. (2022). « Ensemble ! » Politique en matière de diversité culturelle de la Ville de Gatineau. In Bob White (ed.), *Villes interculturelles au Québec : pratiques d'inclusion en contexte pluriethnique*.
4. Preston, V. S. McLafferty, and M. Maciejewska. (2022). Gender, Immigration, and Commuting in Metropolitan Canada, *Tijdschrift voor economische en sociale geografie*, Vol.113 (4), p.348-364.

In Case You Missed It...

5. Abu-Laban, Y., Tungohan, E., & Gabriel, C. (2022). *Containing diversity: Canada and the politics of immigration in the 21st century*. University of Toronto Press.
6. Schlosser, F., & McPhee, D. M. (Eds.). (2022). *Global Talent Management During Times of Uncertainty*. Emerald Group Publishing.

Get to know our research projects and our researchers!



Sounding Different, but Still Equal? Assessing Discrimination against “Audible Minorities” in Urban and non-Urban Settings in Quebec and Ontario, by Jean-Philippe Gauvin, Concordia University and Antoine Bilodeau, Concordia University

Research on diversity has long established that individuals’ attitudes toward minority group members are influenced by their ethnic cues. However, this literature focuses heavily on visual cues, such as ethnic sounding names on a resume, or the skin color of racialized individuals. Interestingly, the literature on language attitudes finds that auditive cues such as foreign-sounding accents are especially important when developing attitudes about newcomers. Both fields of research find that ethnic cues have a significant impact on perceptions of trust and credibility: majority group members are less likely to find minority group members as trustworthy and credible as members from their own group. However, it is not clear which has a stronger effect on trust and credibility, auditive or visual cues? And are the effects additive and intersectional, thus leading to members of both an audible and visible minority group to be even more discriminated against? We attempt to answer these questions using data from an online survey experiment, administered to 1,200 adult residents of Quebec and 1,200 adult residents of Ontario. We examine how members of the majority group perceive the credibility of climate change experts of varying ethnic background and accent. Our findings suggest that having a foreign accent and being racialized both hinder the ability to be perceived as a legitimate, trustful and credible expert by members of the majority group in Canadian society. Moreover, we find striking differences in the effect of ethnic cues in Ontario and Quebec, the latter focusing more on auditive cues than the former.



We are pleased to feature Pauline Sarrazin, PhD in Applied Social Sciences at the Université du Québec en Outaouais.

Pauline holds a Master’s degree in European and International Studies. Pauline also works as a research assistant for Dr. Anyck Dauphin, professor in the Social Sciences Department at UQO. She assists Dr. Dauphin with her work on the integration of Syrian refugees in Gatineau, as well as her participation in the research project “The role of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in building Migrant Resilience” at York University.

Pauline’s thesis focuses on the role of mental health services in the integration trajectory of asylum seekers, in Quebec and in France. The aim of this research is to study the migratory pathways of asylum seekers who have mental health needs. With this project, Pauline is trying to understand how the use of mental health services, or their non-use, by asylum seekers influences their socio-economic integration once permanent residency is

Highlights



University to Work Transitions of International Students in Canada,

Project Team: *Nancy Mandell, Professor, Sociology, York University, Sutama Ghosh, Associate Professor, Geography and Environmental Studies, Toronto Metropolitan University, Larry Lam, Professor*

Emeritus, Sociology, York University, Noor Din, Founder & CEO, Human Endeavour, Saad El Hakmi, PhD Candidate, Policy Studies, Toronto Metropolitan University, Sohail Shahidnia, PhD Candidate, Policy Studies, Toronto Metropolitan University, Jana Borrás, PhD Candidate, Sociology, York University, and Janice Phonepraseuth, PhD Candidate, Sociology, York University.

This project advances a critical understanding of the transition process undertaken by undergraduate and alumni international students at York University and Toronto Metropolitan University, as they move from university into the Canadian labour market. This research identifies the academic, economic, familial, institutional, social and cultural barriers and facilitators affecting university to work transition processes as well as the individual coping strategies employed by international students while transitioning. In collaboration with Human Endeavour and international student groups, the project will provide a concrete set of recommendations for international students, universities, employers, immigration policy makers, and informal community settlement services all implicated in the university to work transition.

This project aims to contribute to the growing body of scholarship on critical migration studies by revisiting the transition pathway of international students. This two-year project fills an urgent gap in the scholarship on the student to employee transition, highlights a relatively invisible social issue, and facilitates public discourse on the roles and responsibilities of governments, postsecondary institutions, non-profit agencies in addressing this urgent issue. This project is funded by an Insight Development Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

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Community Partner

Lisa Alfieri Sladen is the Manager, Community Innovation and Partnerships at the Regional Municipality of York.



to the Region's 1.2 million residents.

Lisa oversees the secretariat support provided to various boards and committees focused on promoting positive change, including York Region's Newcomer Integration Table, under the Local Immigration Partnership, and the Human Services Planning Board of York Region. Lisa fosters relationships with all levels of government, academia and other community stakeholders to support the implementation of complex Plans and initiatives including the Newcomer Inclusion Plan for York Region and the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for York Region. In her role Lisa has overseen key research studies related to workforce development, community benefits, housing affordability, and the economic and social integration, and well-being of newcomers in York Region. Prior to York Region, Lisa worked at the Province of Ontario in various progressive capacities including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing where she was Manager, Municipal and Federal/Provincial Relations.

Lisa negotiated multi-sectoral agreements advancing shared priorities and served as Chair of the Provincial/Territorial Local Government table of senior officials responsible for shaping strategic policy and research priorities of thirteen governments across Canada and as Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee on Urban and Regional Research. With over 30 years of progressive public service experience at the both the provincial and municipal level, Lisa is a proven leader finding collaborative solutions to complex intergovernmental, stakeholder management, and change management challenges.

Announcements

- A recent [interview](#) with Jill Hanley on French Language Skills and Resilience among Quebec Asylum Seekers is now available on the BMRC website.
- The Secretariat will be closed from Friday, Dec. 23, 2022, through to Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, and will re-open on Wednesday Jan. 4, 2023.
- Call for papers: Datafication of borders and migration – Deadline Jan. 10, 2023. For more information, [click here](#).
- Citizenship Studies Call for Proposals – Special Issues – Deadline 1 February 2023. For more information, [click here](#).
- Research Impact Canada offers freely accessible online e-modules on Knowledge Mobilization, including a module on infographic design for knowledge mobilization. For more information, [click here](#).
- Doctoral Students Needed for a [Scoping Review](#). – If you have any students or know any students that might be interested, kindly ask them to send an application to pranrpm@ualberta.ca. Deadline to apply is January 15th, 2023.

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