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Recent Conferences



2016 Colleges and Institutes Canada (CiCan) Conference focused on the important theme of Inspiration, which drives innovation, development and discoveries. Selkirk’s Regional Innovation Chair, Dr. Terri MacDonald, provided two presentations at this year’s national conference in Quebec City. The first presentation entitled, “Preparing for the Future: Building Resilient Rural, Remote and Northern Communities” served as the keynote for the Rural Networking Session. The keynote included highlights from State of Rural Canada report. The Report was the result of a partnership between the CRRF, RPLC and Brandon University. The second presentation, “Colleges Supporting Economic Development: The Case of a Regional Business Retention and Expansion Pilot Project” shared learnings from the Columbia Basin RDI’s regional BRE initiative. Follow the link for more information on the presentations: <http://www.cbrdi.ca/news/regional-innovation-chair-presents-at-national-college-conference/>

A number of team members attended and presented papers on a panel co-organized by the migration theme group at the **4th Annual Nordic Conference for Rural Research** held at the University of Akureyri, in Iceland from May 22 – 24, 2016. The title for this year’s conference was: **Nordic Ruralities: Crisis and Resilience**. The conference was an interdisciplinary forum for rural research with a particular emphasis on the Nordic countries. Papers covered a range of topics from migration, labour issues and sustainability to belonging and health care in rural areas.

Personal Note from the Nordic Conference for Rural Research: Kristine N. Stewart, recently completed her doctorate at the University of Columbia Missouri and presented aspects of her doctoral thesis at the Nordic Rurality Conference in Iceland in May. This was made possible with some RPLC funding support from the Migration theme group. The title of her paper was ‘Exploring media, identity, and migration in the Scottish Highlands: A mixed methods study’. In return for RPLC funding support she has agreed to produce a Briefing Paper which should be available in the Autumn of this year. Kristine is currently working as an Associate Professor in the United Arab Emirates University.

Recent Conferences *Continued*

The following titles are some examples of team member contributions:

- *Between Fixity and Fluidity - Belonging and Wellbeing in Rural Areas* - Philomena de Lima.
- *From Outports to Netports: The Power of Locally-controlled Communications for Isolated Communities & From Extension to Engagement: Transitions in Community-University Relationships in a Remote Region* - Ivan Emke
- *The State of ICTs in Rural and Northern Manitoba* - Wayne Kelly
- *Nature and Cultural Heritage as Infrastructures for Rural Development: Use, Planning and Governance of Amenity Values in Swedish and Canadian Forest Landscapes* - Sara Teitelbaum & Guy Chiasson
- *The Role and Capacity of Voluntary and Non-Profit Sector Groups in Supporting Sustainable Community Development: A Case Study of Kitimat, BC Canada* - Laura Ryser & Greg Halseth
- *Rural Youth Migration in the Context of Rural Labour Shortages* - Ray D. Bollman
- *The Rise of the 'Arcadian Province': Mobilities in Times of Crisis* - Guy Garrod

For access to the book of abstracts and further details see: <http://ruralities.org/conferences/iceland-2016/>

The next Nordic Conference for Rural Research is scheduled in 2018 and will be hosted in Denmark.

IAMO Forum 2016 Rural Labor in Transition: Structural Change, Migration and Governance.

Held from 22 - 24 June 2016 in Halle (Saale), Germany. The Forum places the interlinkages between people's mobility across localities, countries, sectors and types of employment as well as local economic development in focus. The drivers and consequences were debated from a social sciences perspective, including economics, political sciences, sociology, anthropology and history." Find more information at the conference website:

<https://forum2016.iamo.de/about-the-conference/>

RPLC Webinars on 'International Migration in Rural Areas'

The migration theme group has run three successful Webinars on 'international migration in rural areas' between January - June this year, which were recorded and can now be accessed on YouTube:

Motivations of Mexican Workers to Participate in Canada's Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program: An Empirical Analysis

- Lidia Carvajal & Judith I. Stallmann



Canada's Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program: Motivations of Mexican Workers:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLXLkRH6BsE

Reconciling Labour Mobility, Cohesion Policies and Social Inclusion in Rural Areas of the European Union - Philomena de Lima



Rural Labour Mobility: Cohesion and Social Inclusion Policy in Europe:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=t9Zyz4IANWY

'Emotional Geographies of Marital Separations: The Impacts of the Canadian Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program on Relationships in Colonia Buenavista, Mexico'

- Linamar Campos-Flores



Geographies of Immobility: Emotions & Human Rights of Latin-American Workers in Quebec:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfP3hKN8_Zk



General YouTube Channel Link:
www.youtube.com/channel/UC24ZwmEVj0-vlwNwf9er0hQ

Upcoming Conferences



ICRPS 2016 Summer Institute in Fairbanks, Alaska: “Northern Perspectives on Global Challenges” The institute will convene for thirteen days and will involve approximately 30 graduate students and numerous faculty members from universities around the world. The program will include a variety of lecture, interactive workshops, panel discussions, and supplemental field trips. It is also an opportunity to develop Masters and PhD research programs as well as share research results with faculty and other students interested in rural policy .” Find more information at the conference website: www.2016.icrps.org/



79th Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Toronto, August 7 – 10, 2016. This Year’s theme: Understanding Rural Social Class in an Era of Global Challenge. Researcher and Interest Groups have been invited to organize sessions that take up the intersection of social class within their respective domains of expertise. Plenary and special sessions will provide an opportunity for focused and cross-disciplinary consideration of the implications of class for rural areas in an era of global change. Professional Development Workshops include “Innovative Research Methods for Rural Sociologists” and “How Survey Methods are Changing.” Find more information at the conference website: www.ruralsociology.us/



XIV World Congress of Rural Sociology 2016: Sustainable and Just Rural Transitions: Connections and Complexities, happening August 10 – 14, 2016 in Toronto. There will be a panel discussion concerning the International Handbook of Rural Studies (2016), Mark Shucksmith and David L. Brown (co-editors). Panelists include Bill Reimer, Reidar Almås, & Tom Rudel. There will be two Keynote Plenaries: “50 Years of Debate on Peasantries 1966-2016” & “Since NAFTA: Expectations Then, Impacts Since, Insights Going Forward.” There will also be a joint panel by the RDI and RPLC, “The Rural-Urban Nexus: Challenges and Opportunities.” Keynote Speaker: Erik Olin Wright, University of Wisconsin, discussing “Envisioning Real Utopias: Possibilities for Rural Change.” Find more information at the conference website: <http://www.ryerson.ca/arts/irsacongress2016/>



CRRF/RPLC Conference, held in Guelph from October 12-15th, 2016. The conference theme for this year is “Building Vibrant Rural Futures: Mobilizing Knowledge and Informing Policy” and will serve as a critical platform to explore a number of subthemes including: Local and regional economic development, Labour force development and training, Climate change and the impacts on rural communities infrastructure, economies, and lifestyles, Rural data, information, and harnessing digital data & Aboriginal transformations/issues.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS DEADLINE: July 15, 2016

A brief overview of proposed sessions should be submitted via:

www.guelph2016.crrf.ca

Proposals welcomed in either French or English.

Translation Services available at Conference.

PhD Scholarship - Career paths and Education Provision for Forestry Summary

Applications are invited for a three year funded PhD scholarship in the School of Education at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland.



Description: This fully funded* PhD is aimed at exploring the educational and other influences on young people's career choices with respect to forestry. There has been, in recent years, worldwide concern raised over the fall in the numbers of students undertaking forestry courses in universities. While there is speculation about why this might be, and several critical reasons have been given, high on the list is the reducing interest in forestry academic programs. While there may be some evidence to suggest that young people are now more attracted by careers that offer higher salaries there is also some evidence that young people are influenced by their own experiences in outdoor and forest settings.

This PhD, therefore, aims to investigate the conceptions that young people, teachers and career guidance professional have about forestry. How these perceptions compare with the changing nature of forestry requirements for the 21st century, and the experiences that young people have which are influential in setting them on a career path into forestry and forestry related professions.

The PhD will commence in October 2016 and the successful candidate will be based at the School of Education at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland.

The funding associated with this project covers the equivalent of three years, full-time UK/EU tuition fees, plus a stipend (at Research Council UK levels) for three years*.

The project is a collaboration between the University of Aberdeen and the University of the Highlands and Islands, Inverness College and is funded by Scottish Forestry Commission (Scotland and GB) and the Scottish Forestry Trust.

**Pending final confirmation of funding availability.*

Criteria: Applicants should hold or expect to obtain a good honours degree (2.1 or above) and/or a Masters level qualification in relevant disciplines including but not limited to education or a relevant social sciences discipline, environmental sciences or sociology.

Deadline: 8th of July 2016

Further Info: Informal enquiries about this PhD may be made to Dr Donald Gray: d.s.gray@abdn.ac.uk

Application Docs: For further details and information about this scholarship and how to apply go to www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught/apply.php

Countries: All countries



Instagram

You can now find RPLC on Instagram: [rplc_capr](https://www.instagram.com/rplc_capr) What does #rural mean to you? Share your photos by tagging us and letting us know where your favorite rural space is! <https://www.instagram.com/p/BGCKnrBkCLX/>

New Podcast



What is rural in the 21st century? That is the central question that shapes the episodes of Rural Routes, a new podcast program that is quickly gaining popularity across Canada, as well as internationally. The program, an initiative of Memorial University's Harris Centre, in partnership with the Rural Policy Learning Commons and Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation (CRRF), was created by the Centre's knowledge mobilization manager, Bojan Fürst. Rural Routes is available online at www.ruralroutespodcasts.com

The show is also available for streaming or download through iTunes, Google Play, SoundCloud, and Stitcher, and is available free of charge to community and campus radio stations through the National Campus and Community Radio Association program exchange. If you are looking for a bit of colourful content: you can now browse Rural Routes episodes on a map. Click on any point to hear an episode associated with that bit of geography!

www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1cxCFw50SMKCVkvEBkidnC2PMc8



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Special thanks to Kim Lemky for doing such a wonderful job as Acting Director & Welcome Back to Bill Ashton as he returns to the office.



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Governance	Personnel Exchanges
Migration	Institutes
Infrastructure & Services	Policy Fora
Natural Resources	Distance Learning
Transformations in Indigenous Communities	Publications
Digital Information Hub	Social Media

Deliverables

Policy Briefs	Conferences
Learning Institutes	Presentations
Publications	Workshops/Webinars
Opportunities	Newsletter
Job Notices	Research Reports

Audience

Faculty	Community Groups
Students	General Public
Government	& YOU
Policy makers	