



WESTERN MIGRATION CONFERENCE SERIES
TAKING STOCK OF A TURBULENT DECADE AND
LOOKING AHEAD: IMMIGRATION TO NORTH AMERICA
2000-2010

Thursday, April 28 – Saturday, April 30, 2011

Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre
London, Ontario

Thursday, April 28, 2011

Location: Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre

5:00 – 8:30 PM Registration

6:00 – 8:30 PM Welcome Reception and Poster Session

Poster Presentations:

William Ashton, Brandon University – *Rural Centres and Immigration: Policy, People, and Applied Research*

Julianna Beaudoin, The University of Western Ontario – *Trends and Inconsistencies in Immigration and Refugee Board Case Decisions*

Roderic Beaujot & Muhammed Raza, The University of Western Ontario - *Immigration and the Population of Canada: The 2000-2010 Decade in Historical Context*

Caroline W. Bennett-AbuAyyash & Victoria Esses, The University of Western Ontario - *Immigrant Skills Discounting: When Religious Affiliation Leads to Discrimination*

Aimee Chin & Léonie Karkoviata, University of Houston; Nathaniel Wilcox, Chapman University - *Impact of Bank Accounts on Migrant Savings and Remittances: Evidence from a Field Experiment*

Jorida Cila & Richard Lalonde, York University; Zohrah Haqanee, University of Toronto - *Cultural Brokering and Bicultural Identity: An Exploratory Study*

Maria Eugenia de Luna Villalón, The University of Western Ontario - *Sociolinguistics Barriers: Constructing and Reproducing Temporary Migrants' Social Inequalities*

Secil Ertorer, The University of Western Ontario - *Acculturation and Crisis of Identity: A Case Study of Karen Refugees*

Joy Fraser, Athabasca University - *The Settlement Sector in Canada's Prairie Region: Settling and Unsettling Concerns*

Suzanne Huot, Belinda Dodson & Debbie Rudman, The University of Western Ontario - *The Challenge of Successful Integration for Francophone Immigrants within Minority Communities*

Fernando Mata, Department of Canadian Heritage - *Religion Mix Growth in Canadian Cities: A Look at 2006-2031 Projections Data*

Friday, April 29, 2011

Location: Maple Leaf Room, Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre

8:00 – 4:00 PM Registration

8:00 – 9:00 AM Breakfast

**9:00 – 11:00 AM Economic Aspects of North American Immigration:
How Immigration Both Affects and is Affected by Economic Considerations**

Chair: Roderic Beaujot, The University of Western Ontario

- Charles Beach, Queen's University
Economic Outcomes and Economic Impacts of Immigrants to Canada
- Örn Bodvarsson, St. Cloud State University
The Labor Market Effects of U.S. Immigration: What is the Latest Evidence?
- Katharine Donato, Vanderbilt University
The Salience of Legal Status: Immigrant Employment Conditions in the United States
- Christopher Robinson, The University of Western Ontario
Recruitment and Retention of Immigrants in a Global Labour Market: Implications for Policy

11:00 – 11:15 AM Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:30 PM Keynote Address

Chair: Donald Abelson, The University of Western Ontario

Pia Orrenius, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

From Brawn to Brains: How Immigration Works for America

12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch

**1:30 – 3:30 PM Precarious Migration:
Policy Considerations and Outcomes for Refugees, Temporary Foreign
Workers, and the Undocumented**

Chair: Zenaida Ravanera, The University of Western Ontario

- Tanya Basok, University of Windsor
Tigers, Coyotes and Cats: Precariousness and Masculinity among Mexican Migrant Workers in Canada
[with Daniele Belanger, The University of Western Ontario and Eloy Rivas, University of Windsor]
- Donald Galloway, University of Victoria
Contested Legality and the Insecurity of Status: Some Snapshots from a Decade of Refugee Law
- Alison Mountz, Syracuse University
Precarity and Enforcement: Exploring the Migration, Protection, Security Nexus

- Immanuel Ness, Brooklyn College, City University of New York
U.S. Corporate Exploitation of Migrant Laborers, Precariousness, and Worker Direct Action, 2005-2010

3 :30 – 4:00 PM

Coffee Break

4:00 – 6:00 PM

North American Immigration Policies and Politics in a Turbulent Era

(panelists in alphabetical order)

- Harald Bauder, Ryerson University
“Danger” in Canadian Immigration Debates
- Meyer Burstein, Welcoming Communities Initiative
Institutional Innovation: Responding to Organizational Churn and Policy Change
- Els de Graauw, Baruch College, City University of New York
Filling the Federal Policy Void: State and Local Responses to Undocumented Immigration in the U.S.
- Ron Schmidt, California State University, Long Beach
Immigration Politics in the USA in the Post- 9/11 Era

6:00 – 6:30 PM

Cash Bar

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Dinner

8:00 PM – onwards

Bar Open

Saturday, April 30, 2011

Location: Maple Leaf Room, Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre

8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration

8:00 – 9:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 – 10:15 AM Keynote Address

Chair: Victoria Esses, The University of Western Ontario

John Biles, Citizenship and Immigration Canada

Canadian Immigration, Integration and Diversity in the Early Years of the Twenty-First Century

10:15 – 10:30 AM Coffee Break

**10:30 – 12:00 PM The International Context of North American Migration:
How Are We Faring in the International Sphere?**

Chair: Belinda Dodson, The University of Western Ontario

- Daniel Hiebert, University of British Columbia
Focusing a Swedish Lens on Canadian Immigration Policy
- Susan Martin, Georgetown University
US and Canada: Perspectives on Regional and Global Governance of Migration
- Alan Simmons, York University
Evolution or Revolution? Canada's International Migration Policies

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch

**1:00 – 2:30 PM Sociocultural Aspects of North American Migration:
Immigrants and the Native Born**

Chair: Jeff Hopkins, The University of Western Ontario

- Monica Boyd, University of Toronto
Suffer the Little Children: 21st Century Challenges for the Offspring of Immigrants
- Kay Deaux, City University of New York Graduate Center
Assimilation and Its Discontented
- Abdie Kazemipur, University of Lethbridge
Economic Gains and Social Pains: The Interplay of Economic and Sociocultural Experiences of Immigrants in Canada

2:30 – 3:00 PM Closing Remarks

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