

CANADIAN CENTURY RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE
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The following papers were presented as joint sessions by the Canadian Historical Association and by the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association at the 75th Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, York University. The Canadian Century Research Infrastructure (CCRI/IRCS) hosted a Session Series entitled, “The City in the Canadian Century” on May 30-31, 2006.

Session 1 – Session Chair: Gordon Darroch

Author-Meets-Critic: *Creeping Conformity: How Canada Became Suburban, 1900-1960*

Critics engage Richard Harris on his 2004 book, *Creeping Conformity*, in which he considers the complicated relationship between the urban/suburban and examines diversity in suburbanisation.

An Author’s View of ‘Creeping Conformity’

(Richard Harris, School of Geography and Earth Sciences, McMaster University)

Rethinking Canadian Suburbanization

(Larry McCann, Geography Department, University of Victoria)

Contrasting Narratives of Suburbia

(Gerda Wekerle, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University)

Session 2 – Session Chair: Heather Garrett

Panel Presentations: *City Limits: Urban Canada in the Early 20th Century*

This panel considers the making of Canadian cities in the early Twentieth Century, a contested terrain in the project of nation-building. Labour struggles, urban migration, moral anxiety, eugenics movements, war, new popular entertainments, debate over immigration and the active remaking of gender were sources of vibrancy in the Canadian cityscape.

Considering the Contradiction:

How the City and the Country Constructed the Bloor Viaduct, Toronto, Canada, 1897-1917

(Ann-Marie Murnaghan, Department of Geography, York University)

Apartments and Other Dwellings: Housing to Rent in Toronto, 1919-1939

(Richard Dennis, Department of Geography, University College London)

Dynamique démographique dans une capitale en reconversion économique: Québec, 1871-1901

(Marc St-Hilaire, Département de géographie, Université Laval and Richard Marcoux, Département de sociologie, Université Laval)

Session 3 – Session Chair: Mario Gravelle

Panel Presentations: *Beyond City Limits: Urban-Rural Change in the Early 20th Century*

What do censuses tell us about the Canadian historical landscape: the geography, social world, economy, and family-life that we continually make? Papers in this session consider the contribution of censuses to the study of Canada's changing rural and urban landscapes.

Connecting Macro and Micro History: A View From the Prairie West

(Ken Sylvester, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan)

Contesting Rural Knowledge: The Census and Microhistorical Rural Research

(Ruth Sandwell, Department of Theory and Policy Studies in Education, OISE/University of Toronto)

Rural-Urban Differences in Occupational and Residential Mobility

(Kris Inwood, Department of History, University of Guelph and Jill Leslie, the Public-Use Microdata Sample of the 1891 Census of Canada, University of Guelph)

Nodalité et fonction:

approches nouvelles pour appréhender la formation et le développement du réseau urbain québécois

(Claude Bellevance, Centre d'études québécoises, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières)

Session 4 – Session Chair: Evelyn Ruppert

Roundtable: *Retrospect/Prospect: New Avenues of Research on the Canadian City*

Scholars who have examined Canadian cities contemplate their research retrospectively, and prospectively to seek out new avenues for research using census -data, -mapping and -related newspaper discourse.

Microhistory and-or-vs. Macrohistory: Reflections on the Question of Analytic Level

(Chad Gaffield, Institute of Canadian Studies, University of Ottawa)

New Avenues of Research on the Canadian City: The Invention and Legitimation of Social Problems

(Paula Maurutto, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto)

Histories of the Geography of Urban Community

(Jordan Stanger-Ross, Department of History, University of Victoria)

Demography and the City: The Expected Impact of the CCRI Databases

(Danielle Gauvreau, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Concordia University)

