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CANADIAN CENTURY RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE (CCRI/IRCS) AT YORK UNIVERSITY





York University is part of one of the most comprehensive humanities and social science research projects in Canadian history, the Canadian Century Research Infrastructure (CCRI), a five-year pan-Canadian initiative to develop a series of databases for the study of Canada from 1911-1951. York is one of seven Canadian universities collaborating in the project (Memorial University of Newfoundland, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Université Laval, University of Toronto, York University, University of Victoria, with the University of Ottawa as administrative centre).

FACILITATING INNOVATIVE RESEARCH ON THE MAKING OF MODERN CANADA

The CCRI is an interdisciplinary collaboration of universities and leading scholars including the CCRI York University team leaders, Dr. Gordon Darroch (York) and Dr. Evelyn Ruppert (Trent). The CCRI at York is responsible for the Ontario databases derived from manuscript census records and other primary sources including Statistics Canada documents, newspaper commentaries, political debates, and other social and political discussions related to the Canadian census. These new databases will be added to those covering the periods 1871 to 1901 and 1961 to 2001. The result will be a new foundation for the study of social, economic, cultural, and political change in 20th century Canada.

The CCRI will help uncover Canada's "hidden history," examining change from both the top-down and bottom-up, through the interactions among individuals within families, communities, and larger jurisdictions. The census is the only historical source that provides both national geographic coverage and more than a century-long chronological scope. Systematic analysis of detailed population characteristics over time is the key to probing ways in which large-scale change intersects with individual and family experiences.

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ccribased research will contribute to betterinformed discussions of the country's social, cultural and economic transitions in patterns of education, immigration, employment, ethnicity, religion, citizenship, and urbanization, and the changing character of Canadian families and households. Placing the relationships among individuals, families, and households at the forefront of historical investigation, the CCRI will open up a myriad of new research opportunities, integrating social with spatial and textual with quantitative analyses. The CCRI will enable innovative and internationally significant programs of research. This research will represent the culmination of more than twenty-five years of systematic socio-historical study by researchers across Canada – work that has set the stage both for the creation of CCRI and for the research projects that will be enabled by this new infrastructure. The project is supported by the Canada Foundation for Innovation, Ontario Innovation Trust, Harold Crabtree Foundation, IBM Canada, Statistics Canada, Library and Archives of Canada and other partners.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AT YORK UNIVERSITY

York researchers are undertaking innovative research of local, national and international significance. York is a leading force in the development of knowledge that provides insight into the scientific, economic, social and cultural issues affecting our world. Our interdisciplinary and collaborative research tackles real-world challenges with real-world solutions in areas such as health, sustainability, international studies and culture and entertainment. York's collaborative focus enables researchers to push beyond traditional research methods and develop truly unique solutions. By challenging the ordinary and delivering the unexpected, York is redefining university research in Canada.

