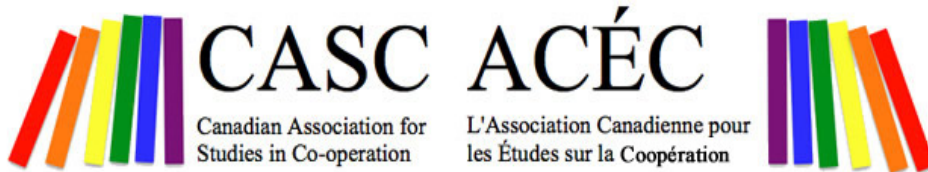


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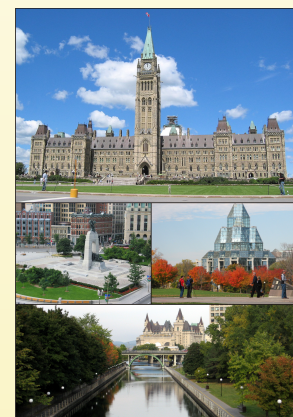


Save the Date

CASC/ACÉC Annual Conference

Date: June 2nd – 4th, 2015

**Location: University of
Ottawa, Ottawa, ON**



President's Message

As another CASC conference approaches, it is an opportune time to reflect on some developments in CASC in recent years (and some possible future directions).

CASC, as we all know, has never been a typical academic professional association. The most obvious distinguishing feature has been our object of study, namely co-operatives and cooperation. Our members have always had close ties with individual co-operatives, co-operative networks and apex bodies. Indeed, Ian MacPherson, one of the founders of CASC served as the first president of Canadian Co-operative Association. This year, CASC has formalized its relationship with the co-operative sector in an important way, by becoming a voting member of Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada (CMC). This new relationship is symbolized in the choice of the keynote speaker for our conference this year, Leo Leblanc, the president of the Board of the CMC. As an initial contribution to the organization, CASC will introduce a resolution at the AGM of CMC proposing a needs assessment for the higher education programs in the sector, and the commissioning of a report (with concrete policy proposals) based upon the needs assessment.

Second, CASC has had a diverse membership, which extends beyond full-time academics to include students, practitioners, members of apex bodies, government officials, and members of NGOs and foundations. This diversity is regularly reflected in the sessions at the CASC conference. This year at CASC we will be working with le Conseil Québécois de la Coopération et la Mutualité (CQCM), the Ontario Co-operative Association (On Co-op) and the CMC to organize a full day of sessions which bring together practitioners and researchers to discuss the needs of the sector. Also, CASC has been supporting CMC and Industry Canada in the organization of a Public Policy Workshop on co-operatives, which will take place June 5th.

An additional significant feature of CASC is that by nature it is an interdisciplinary organization. Our members have training in a wide field of disciplinary and interdisciplinary fields. Moreover, we acknowledge that other fields of study can and do contribute to the study of cooperatives. For this reason, in recent years we have sponsored joint sessions with the Canadian Association of Food Studies (CAFS), the Canadian Association for Studies in International Development (CASID), and Association for Non-profit and Social Economy Research (ANSER). This tradition will continue at our 2015 Conference.

Another trend in CASC have been the development over the last decade of educational programs in cooperative studies at different institutions. More recently, an important dialogue has begun among these programs, and with members in the sector, about how they can cooperate more closely to better meet the needs of the sector. This year at CASC, we will continue this discussion as we attempt to engage in more strategic planning for the higher education needs of the sector.

CASC has also been characterized by its “engaged” membership. Many members are actively involved in co-operatives – as members, as employees, as board members and even as co-operative developers. There has been an increasing recognition in CASC, and the broader co-op sector, that universities and colleges represent an important site for co-operative development. It is a place where many youth come into contact with co-operatives for the first time and, as such, provides a prime location for co-operatives in many sectors to recruit new members. This includes not only conventional student co-operatives (in housing, bookstores, etc.), but also financial co-operatives, local food co-operatives, etc. Universities and colleges are also a key site for learning about co-operatives, not only in conventional classroom situations

but also through experiential education programs. For these reasons, universities and colleges also constitute a strategic site for inter-cooperation, both among various forms of co-operatives and between cooperatives and other organizations with similar values, including student clubs and associations, as well faculty and staff associations. This year at CASC we will be organizing discussions on the strategic role of universities and colleges and the importance of inter-cooperation for achieving strategic goals.

A lot of co-operation has gone into planning this year's conference. We are appreciative of all the support provided CQCM, On Co-op and CMC (especially by Cécile Pachocinski, Mark Ventry and David Flemming). Special thanks go to Fiona Duguid (our conference co-ordinator) and Claude-Andre Guillotte who have been tireless in their efforts to make this year's conference bigger and better than ever! We look forward to seeing you all in Ottawa, June 2nd-4th!

Darryl

CASC Merit Award Nominations

Do you know a deserving CASC/ACÉC member?

The CASC board would like to invite you to submit nominations for the 2015 CASC Award of Merit. The award is to recognize an individual's outstanding leadership and contributions to the field of co-operative studies, their mentorship of students and others in understanding the intricate workings of co-operatives, and to acknowledge their ongoing support of CASC.

CASC recognizes that we have many leaders in our midst who have contributed in a variety of ways to raising the profile of co-operatives and co-operative studies through their research on the co-op model.

The award is one way to recognize the contribution researchers make to addressing the real life challenges cooperators face, documenting insights, and chronicling the vibrant growth of the movement. Past winners of the award include Alain Roy, Jack Quarter, Ian MacPherson, Lou Hammond Ketilson, Leslie Brown, Sonja Novkovic, Greg MacLeod, and Marie Bouchard, and Daniel Cote.

The deadline for nominations is May 10, 2015. Please email Darryl Reed at dreed@yorku.ca, providing the individual's name and a short statement explaining your reasons for the nomination. The award will be presented at the banquet on June 4 in Ottawa.

CASC-ACEC Conference 2015

University of Ottawa, Ontario | June 2nd – 4th 2015

CASC Conference 2015: It's Jam Packed!

Fiona Duguid

CASC Programme Committee Chair

The CASC conference programme committee is excited to present to you CASC 2015 – Co-operatives: A Capital Idea! A jam-packed programme has been put together for you.

As usual the conference features individual paper sessions and pre-formed panels; as well this year more submissions were made to the roundtable and workshop options. These offer participants the opportunity for more interaction and participation. New to CASC this year are the presentations from the call for co-operative case studies. This session looks to be exciting with case studies on credit unions, sustainable development, and new worker co-ops.

Joining CASC this year is the students' case study competition being hosted by the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives (USASK). On June 2, 12 students from universities across Canada and the US will come together to compete in a co-op case study writing competition. Audra, co-ordinator of the student case study competition, says, "The CHS Foundation, our funder for this event, sees the Students' Case Study Competition as a way to have students move from theory to practice by working on the real life problems that often present themselves in co-operatives. It should also be noted that the term case competition is a bit of a misnomer, as we didn't want teams competing. They are all winners because they were selected to participate, received a bursary and get to work through a case with experts from the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives. We wanted this to be a really positive experience for the students

a kind of welcome to the co-op club".

The joint sessions with other associations have far surpassed the minimum this year. On June 2, CASC will work with the Canadian Association for Food Studies (CAFS) to begin the morning with a panel on sustainable farming in the National Capital region. Following this are individual papers on co-operatives and food security. The lunch time will be spent enjoying a PWYC lunch to support a local food co-op, the West End Well, while discussing the evolution of a national food federation.

CASC's three joint sessions with Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID) also look to be stimulating. The individual papers promise to be provocative and diverse. A featured project funded by International Development Research Council (IDRC) spans Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda, and Canada.

CASC is happy to announce that Interdisciplinary Funding offered by the Federation of Social Sciences and Humanities was garnered to support practitioners and international colleagues for the CAFS and CASID joint sessions. Many thanks to the Federation.

Last but not least, we continue to work closely with our sister association, the Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research (ANSER). We have seven individual paper sessions and panels with them this year focusing on a cross section of common research interests. We are also looking forward to our joint banquet

and night of awards.

We are also hosting along with ONCoop, CQCM, CMC, and Credit Unions Central of Canada (CUCC) our second annual Practitioner Day at CASC. Building on the theme of capital, the practitioner sessions revolve around four forms of capital – financial, human, natural, and community. Throughout the day on June 4, we will have four interactive sessions led off by panelists with expertise on the theme and followed by moderated discussion. We welcome our practitioner friends to the conference.

The conference will culminate with a keynote

delivered by Leo LeBlanc, president of Co-operatives and Mutuels Canada and an executive with 35 years of experience with Coop Atlantic. Participants will have the opportunity to hear his reflections and thoughts on capital ideas.

With 2015 being the final year of the Measuring the Co-operative Difference Research Network (SSHRC, CURA funding), the CASC programme is especially robust. We are happy to be able to provide simultaneous translation for June 3 and 4th thanks to Co-operatives and Mutuels Canada (CMC).

Looking forward to learning, sharing, and networking with you in Ottawa from June 2-5, 2015.

CASC/ACÉC Keynote Speaker: Leo Leblanc



President, Co-operatives and Mutuels Canada (CMC), and Vice-President, Human Resources and Corporate Affairs, Co-op

Atlantic, Leo LeBlanc has been with Co-op Atlantic since 1978 and held executive positions in a number of departments. Responsible also at Co-op Atlantic for public relations and government affairs, Mr. LeBlanc is expert in governance and frequent leader of courses and workshops for directors.

In addition to his leadership roles at CMC and Co-op Atlantic, Mr. LeBlanc has also worked as a consultant to various co-operatives in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, West Africa, and the Northwest Territories.

Leo LeBlanc holds a bachelor's degree and master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Moncton, where he also lectured for 12 years. His knowledge and considerable experience in the fields of human relations, the development of co-operatives, and the development of business enterprises in general is vast and varied.

Leo LeBlanc will present as the final speaker on Co-op Practitioner Day, June 4, bringing together co-operative practitioners, administrators, educators, and researchers to reflect on the practice of the sector and how they can collaborate more successfully in supporting co-operatives in meeting the needs of their (existing and potential) members.

In line with the theme of the conferences, the day is organized around the different capital resources that are an essential part of all well-functioning co-operatives.

The Canadian Co-op GIS Database coming soon...

Tim Petrou

This summer at the 2015 CASC Conference, co-operators will have the unique opportunity to participate in an interactive workshop exploring how co-operative studies can make use of open data and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The workshop takes its cues from a multi-year project that has endeavoured to *map the co-operative difference*. Nearly all of the provinces have reported in and a national interactive map of Canadian co-ops will soon be made available. By using open source platforms and public data sets, we are able to study co-operatives from a whole new perspective—quite literally a bird's eye perspective! But there is much more to GIS than simply mapping. Regional trends, time sequence analyses, and a completely new suite of statistical vantage points will empower future researchers to get a glimpse of Canadian co-ops in a whole new light.

Underlying this novel technology is a database that has been built to collect and aggregate co-operative information. Since the activities of Canadian co-ops encompass a vast and diverse spectrum, it is infamously difficult to study Canadian co-ops as a single sector. Despite all of this diversity every Canadian co-op has at least one attribute in common—each has an address. A GIS has the potential to house all sorts of attribute information

that might correspond to any given co-operative, co-operative sector, or territory. GIS are unique because these systems are built around the single common attribute, that being a geo-spatial co-ordinate. We can add further attributes such as the "kinds" of co-operatives, membership characteristics, financial data, or environmental data. The possibilities are limited only by what can be measured, empirically or otherwise. All or any of these data can be subjected to statistical and spatial analysis resulting in the production of infographics, charts, or other metrics that visualize complex and multi-faceted analytics in a way that makes them accessible to everyone.

At this year's CASC Conference in Ottawa, we will be hosting a more detailed discussion and further demonstrating the possibilities that GIS opens up for co-operative studies. It will also mark the official launch of the first Canadian Co-op GIS database. Our database will be free to access and free to use as a repository for Canadian co-op data. The aim is to gain support for this initiative by providing ongoing and open access to co-operative data while building the depth and richness of this resource through facilitating future co-operative studies and encouraging researchers to contribute new attribute information for future reference.

We hope to see you in Ottawa and are excited to be bringing GIS to Canadian co-operators.

Co-operatives – Capital Idea(s)!

OTTAWA UNIVERSITY/UNIVERSITÉ D'OTTAWA, JUNE 2-4, 2015

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Time	Session	Event	Presenter	Affiliation
8:30 - 10:30	A1: Panel (Louis Pasteur, Room 155)	CAFS/CASC Joint Session: What Makes Community Food and Farming in Ottawa Sustainable? (Chair: Patricia Ballamingie)		
			Moe Garahan	Just Food
			Jason Gray	Ottawa Food Bank
			Steph Kittmer	West End Well
			David Burnford	Riverglen Biodynamic Farm
			Phil Mount	Centre for Sustainable Food Systems
			Hannah Renglich	LOFC
	A2: Papers (Demarais, Room 6160)	Co-ops and Communities on the Margins (Chair: Isobel Findlay)		
		Cooperatives, Social Capital and the Economy of Safety	Judith Harris Bernice Cyr	University of Winnipeg Native Women's Transition Centre
		Cooperatives at the Crossroads: Transforming Communities or Gentrifying Communities	Jessica Gordon Nembhard	John Jay College CUNY
		Fair Trade Producer Co-operatives and Public Policy Initiatives in Latin America	Darryl Reed Patrick Clark	York University Carleton University
	A3: Papers (Demarais, Room 11161)	Co-operatives: Impact and Implications (Chair:)		
		An Assessment Framework for Demutualization and Co-operative Conversions	Murray Fulton Jean Pierre Girard	University of Saskatchewan University of Quebec
		Cooperative Lenders and Dodd Frank Compliance within Real Estate Lending: Cost Implications	Gregory McKee Albert Kagan	N. Dakota State University Offutt School of Business, Concordia College

		Economic Impact of the Co-operative Sector in Canada – Final Report and Update	George Karaphillis Fiona Duguid Alicia Lake	Cape Breton University MCRDN MCRDN
	A4: Panel (Desmarais, Room 8143)	Exploring online information landscape of co-op research (Chair: David Fleming)		
			Roger Gillis	Mount Saint Vincent
			Katherine Kitching	MCDRN
			David Fleming	CMC
10:00-10:30		BREAK		
10:30-12:00	B1: Papers (Louis Pasteur, Room 155)	CAFS/CASC Joint Session: Food and Co-operatives (Chair: Hannah Renglich)		
		Co-operatives promoting community development through food access and skills programs.	Simon Berge Wayne Caldwell	University of Guelph University of Guelph
		Alternatives to Private Third Party Certification in Ecuador: A New Role for Public Policy in Agricultural Certification?	Patrick Clark	Carleton University
		Co-operation with Cows: Reinventing the Prairie Grazing Commons	Michael Gertler JoAnn Jaffe	University of Saskatchewan University of Regina
		Cultivating Alliances: The Local Organic Food Co-ops Network	Jennifer Sumner Cassie Wever	OISE/ U of T York University
	B2: Panel (Demarais, Room 11161)	Comparative Co-operative Law (Chair: Tim Petrou)		
			Aarohi Kumar	Carleton University
			Troy Dixon	MCDRN
			Etienne Fouquet	University of Sherbrooke
	B3: Workshop (Demarais, Room 8143)	Diagnosing Contradictions of/through Co-operation		
			Justin Ellerby	Cape Breton University
	B4: Paper (Demarais, Room 6160)	Co-operative Trends (Chair: Gregory McKee)		
		Reflections on Housing and the Cooperative Difference	Catherine Leviten-Reid	Cape Breton University
		The return of cooperative housing, emerging models	Claudia Sanchez Bajo	University of Pavia

		Patronage dividend – an old concept with new clothes...	Daniel Cote	HEC
12:00 – 1:45	C1: Roundtable (Bioscience, Room 200A&H)	CASC/CAFS Lunch Panel – Nationally Networked, Locally (Gr)own – Federation for Food Sovereignty Moderator: Hannah Renglich, Local Organic Food Co-operative Network (Lunch PWYC from West End Well Co-operative) Panelists: Denyse Guy (Co-operatives and Mutuels Canada) and Abra Brynne (Food Secure Canada)		
	C2: Workshop (Demarais, Room 8143)	Student Case Study Workshop Lunch		
2:00 - 3:30	D1: Workshop (Demarais, Room 8143)	Student Case Study		
	D2: Papers (Demarais Room 6160)	Co-operative Case Studies (Chair:)		
		Bridging the Gap: The Potential of Justice Tourism in Contributing to Sustainable Development in Montero, Peru	Chantal Marie Hanson	University of Ottawa
		Learning in Struggle: Argentina's New Worker Cooperatives as Transformative Learning Organizations	Marcelo Vieta	OISE/ U of T
		Better Together? the Case of iNova's Merger	Daphne Rixon	Saint Mary's University
	D3: Papers (Demarais, Room 11161)	Sustainability Papers (Chair:)		
		Greening together?: Exploring the relationship between highly participative workplaces and ecological (less-un)sustainability	Justin Ellerby	Cape Breton University
		Sustainability Accounting Systems and the Obstacles to Implementation for Ontario's Co-operatives	Andrius Ragainis	York University
		Reporting on the Relationship of Organizations with their Communities – Is there a Co-operative Difference in what is Measured and Reported from that of Investor-Owned Corporations?	Elizabeth Hicks Leslie Brown	Mount Saint Vincent Mount Saint Vincent
3:30-3:45		BREAK		
3:45-5:15	E1 (Demarais, Room 11161)	CASC Annual General Meeting		

	E2 (Demarais, Room 8143)	Student Case Study Workshop
5:15 - 7:30	ART 509	CASC Reception Student Case Study presentations

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

9:00 – 10:30	F1: Papers	Contemporary Research on Co-operatives (Chair: Catherine Leviten-Reid) Simultaneously translated		
	90 U, Room 140	La transformation de la culture organisationnelle d'une caisse Desjardins	Jocelyn Champagne Racine	Université de Sherbrooke
		Stratégie des grandes coopératives agricoles: état des lieux	Claude-Andre Guillotte	Université de Sherbrooke
		« La charge identitaire des coopératives » : recherche théorique sur la contribution des coopératives à la reconnaissance identitaire des individus et des collectivités.	Anne-Marie Merrien	Université de Sherbrooke
	F2: Panel	CASC and ANSER joint session: Informal Learning and Community Engagement in Social Housing and Co-operatives (Chair: Daniel Schugurensky)		
	ART, Room 318		Daniel Schugurensky	Arizona State University
			Karsten Mundel Fiona Duguid	U of Alberta, Athabasca MCDRN
			Erica McCollum Behrang Foroughi	University of British Columbia Arizona State University
			Manuel Larrabure Marcelo Vieta	OISE/U of T
	F3: Papers	CASID/CASC Joint Session: Co-operatives and International Experiences (Chair: Justin Ellerby)		
	Simard, Room 221	Co-operatives and 21st Century Globalization: Leamington Canada and Girgarre Australia	Hasmet Uluorta	Trent University
		Adventures in International Evaluation: Measuring the Impact of Co-operative Development	Anna Brown	Canadian Co- operative Association
		Effectiveness of the Cooperative Management practices in the province of Bataan	Olivia Ann Siccion	Bataan Peninsula State University

10:30-10:45		BREAK		
10:45-12:15	G1: Papers 90 U, Room 140	ANSER/CASC Joint Session: Co-operative Trends and Innovations (Chair: Claude-Andre Guillotte) Simultaneously translated		
		Une coopérative de service qui ne vend pas de service » : le paradoxe de l'Accorderie, coopérative de solidarité	Myriam Michaud Luc Audebrand	Université Laval Université Laval
		Analyse des impacts des rétroactions des jeunes rencontrés sur les intervenants bénévoles du GRIS-Montréal	Olivier Vallerand Marie-Peir Petit Gabrielle Richard Marie Houzeau	GRIS-Montreal, Universite Laval
		L'éducation, au coeur du modèle coopératif : Évolution et développement historique du 5e principe cooperative	Myriam Michaud	Université Laval
	G2: Panel (Demarais, Room 11161)	Exploring Co-op Development in Rural and Aboriginal Western Canada (Chair: Isobel Findlay)		
		A Quantitative Snapshot of Rural and Aboriginal Western Canada	Haotao Wu	University of Saskatchewan
		Social Capacity in Rural and Aboriginal Western Canada	Dazawray Landrie-Parker	University of Saskatchewan
		Co-operative Development in Rural and Aboriginal Western Canada	Merle Massie	University of Saskatchewan
	G3	CASID/CASC Joint Session: Integration in the Co-operative Context (Chair: Alison Clegg)		
	Simard, Room 221	The Tanzanian Experience	Suleman Chambo	Moshi Co-operative University, Tanzania
	Panel	The Ugandan Experience	Bernard Obaa	Makerere University, Uganda
		The Rwandan Experience	Vincent Rutaremara	Rwanda Co-operative Agency
		The Canadian Experience	Lou Hammond Ketilson	University of Saskatchewan
12:15 – 1:15		LUNCH (on your own)		
1:15 –	H1: Workshop 90 U, Room 140	Can Learning to co-operate really be fun? A critical appraisal of co-operative games. Simultaneously translated		

2:45			Myriam Michaud Luc Audebrand	Université Laval Université Laval
	H2: Roundtable (Demarais, Room 11161)	Challenges of working with co-ops to develop assessment tools (Chair: Peter Hough)		
			Peter Hough	Sustainability Solutions Group
			Eric Tusz-King	EnerGreen Builders Co-op
			Sonja Novkovic	Saint Mary's University
	H3: Panel Simard, Room 221	CASC-CASID Joint Session: Collaborative Research and the Integrated Co-operative Model (Chair: Lou Hammond Ketlison)		
		Sharing Knowledge, Collaborating Across Cultures and Organizational Forms	Suleman Chambo	Moshi Co- operative University, Tanzania
		Cooperative Rural Development through public and common goods	JoAnn Jaffe Terra Brocket Bernard Obaa	University of Regina University of Regina Makerere University, Uganda
		Building Cooperation, Community and the Commons through Collaborative Research	Cindy Hanson Adegemi Ogandade	University of Regina University of Regina
2:45- 3:00		BREAK		
3:00 – 4:30	I1: Roundtable 90 U, Room 140	Fair Trade and Co-operative Development (Chair: Darryl Reed) Simultaneously translated		
			Darryl Reed	York University
			Martin van der Borre	La Siembra
			TBA	JustUs Coffee
			TBA	
	I2 : Workshop (Demarais, Room 11161)	Cultivating Co-operative Studies through GIS (Chair: Tim Petrou)		
			Yuriy Czoli	GIS program, Flemming College
	I3: Roundtable (Demarais, Room	CASC/ANSER Joint Session: Tools to Measure Co-operative Performance and Impact (Chair: Leslie Brown)		
			Leslie Brown	Mount Saint Vincent

	9161)		Sonja Novkovic	Saint Mary's University
			John McNamara	Saint Mary's University
4:30		On your own		

Thursday, June 4, 2014

9:00 – 10:30	J1 90 U, Room 140	Practitioner Day: Financial Capital (Chair: Marc-Andre Pigeon)		
			Michael Beland Gerald St-Aubin Patrick Duguay	CMC Fund Fonds Essor CDR Outaouais
	J2: Papers Lamoureux Room 241	CASC/ANSER Joint Session: Co-operatives and the Social Economy (Chair:)		
		The Italian Road to Creating Worker Cooperatives from Workers' Buyouts: A Collaborative Approach to Saving Jobs and Businesses in Times of Crisis	Marcelo Vieta	OISE/ U of T
		Indigenous Cooperatives in Canada: Cooperatives, community economic development, colonization, and culture	Ushnish Sengupta	OISE/ U of T
		Challenging the Perceived Moral Hazard of Transferring Government Housing to Communities: The Atkinson Housing Cooperative, 10 years later	Jorge Sousa	University of Alberta
		Collective Entrepreneurship in Canada's New Cooperatives	Marcelo Vieta Derya Tarhan Fiona Duguid	OISE/ U of T OISE/ U of T MCRDN
	J3: Panel (Demarais, Room 1110)	CASC/ANSER Joint Session: Western Cluster on Measuring the Co-operative Difference (Chair: Ana Maria Perado)		
		Understanding the Difference: Communities, Challenges and Practice	Ana Maria Perado	University of Victoria
		Enabling Policy Environments for Cooperative Economies: The Case of Evergreen Cooperative Corporation in Cleveland	James Rowe	University of Victoria
		Rethinking Co-operatives: The Case of Japanese-Canadian Fishing Co-operatives	Joanne Lee Brian Smallshaw	University of Victoria University of Victoria
10:30-10:45		BREAK		
10:45 - 12:15	K1 90 U, Room 140	Practitioner Day: Human Capital (Chair: Claude Andre Guillotte)		
			Luc Morin Daniel Cote Colette Lebel Lorriane Carrier	CCO HEC La Coop fédérée CQCM

	K2: Panel Lamoureux Room 241	CASC/ANSER Joint Session: Exploring Education for Co-operation: Applying Rochdale to the Social Economy (Chair: Jorge Sousa)		
			Jorge Sousa	University of Alberta
			Erin Hancock	MCDRN
	K3: Panel (Demarais, Room 1110)	CASC/ANSER Joint Session: Balancing Social and Financial Objectives in Credit Unions (Chair: Jack Quarter)		
			Jack Quarter	OISE/U of T
			Laurie Mook	Arizona State University
			Susan Henry	Alternia Credit Union
			Edward Jackson	Carleton University
			John Maiorano	OISE/U of T
	12:15-1:15	LUNCH		
	1:15 - 2:45	Practitioners Day: Natural Capital (Chair:)		
			Hannah Renglich Janice Ashworth	Local Organic Food Co-operative Network Ottawa Renewable Energy Co-operative
	L2: Papers (Demarais, Room 11161)	Co-operative Issues (Chair: JJ McMurtry)		
		Thinking Through Cooperative Capital	JJ McMurtry Jennifer Sumner	York University OISE/U of T
		Credit Unions and Financing of Community Energy Projects – Trends, Opportunities and Challenges	Asmaa Haye	York University
		Cooperative Tensions, Trends of Institutionalism, and the Promise of Multi-stakeholder Cooperatives	Thomas Gray	USDA
	L3:Papers (Demarais, Room 1110)	Co-operatives and their Difference (Chair:)		
		A comparative analysis of the Co-operative Difference perception by the employees of Caisses populaires and retail co-operatives Employees of Caisses populaires and retail co-operatives	Andre Leclerc Leslie Brown Elizabeth Hicks	University of Moncton Mount Saint Vincent Mount Saint Vincent
		A comparative analysis of the Co-operative Difference perception by the employees of Caisses populaires and retail co-operatives	Andre Leclerc Leslie Brown Elizabeth Hicks	University of Moncton Mount Saint Vincent Mount Saint Vincent

		Labouring Under Old Assumptions: Time for a new Cooperative Model?	Michelle Flaherty Morgan Teeple Hopkins	University of Ottawa University of Ottawa
		Challenging co-operative decision making	Claudia Sanchez Bajo Jamie Campbell Kaye Grant	University of Pavia Mondragon Café, University of Winnipeg Reconnaissance Consulting Group
2:45-4:15	M1 90 U, Room 140	Practitioners Day: Community Capital (Chair:)		
			Hugh Nelson Kirsten Brouse Martin van der Borre	Y's Owl Maclure West End Well La Siembra
	M2: Papers (Demarais, Room 11161)	Social Innovation (Chair: Erin Hancock)		
		The Canadian Co-operative Movement and the National Film Board of Canada: A Historical Survey of Co-op Films 1940-2000	George Melnyk	University of Calgary
		New Theory Meets Historic Co-operator: Raiffeisen as Social Innovator	Brett Fairbairn	University of Saskatchewan
		The Co-op Index - the tool's reliability for co-operative development: Analysis of data collected so far, and plans for the future.	Ryszard Stocki Peter Hough	Saint Mary's University MCDRN
	M3: Panel (Demarais, Room 1110)	Measuring the Impact of Credit Unions on their Communities (Chair: Lou Hammond Ketilson)		
		Affinity Credit Union: Building Resilient Communities: Lessons from Practice	Myrna Hewitt	Affinity Credit Union
		Measuring the Impact of Credit Unions on their Communities: Lessons from Research	Victoria Taras Jessica Gordon Nembhard	University of Saskatchewan City University of New York
		"Like Pinning Jello to the Floor": Reflections of Efforts to Measure Impact	Lou Hammond Ketilson Jessica Gordon Nembhard	University of Saskatchewan City University of New York
4:15-4:30		BREAK		

4:30-5:30	N1 90 U, Room 140 Keynote	Keynote: Leo LeBlanc (Chair:)
5:30-6:00	Social Sciences, Room 4007	Drinks Joint CASC/ANSER Banquet

Centre for the Study of Co-operatives Update

Audra Krueger

We are pleased to announce that the Graduate Certificate in the Social Economy and Co-operatives will be offered in the fall of 2015. As part of this certificate, the Centre will be offering a new course: JSGS 846 Co-operatives in the New Economy: Institutions, Governance, and Policy. This course examines how co-operatives both shape and are shaped by societal institutions and public policy. The course will be taught by Brett Fairbairn and will be offered Monday evenings. To learn more about the certificate please contact audra.krueger@usask.ca or visit <http://usaskstudies.coop/programs/graduate-certificate.php> The certificate will be offered through the [Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy](#), with generous development funding from one of our sponsoring organizations — [CHS Inc.](#)

The Co-operative Innovation Project (CIP) is a first-of-its-kind partnership between the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives at the University of Saskatchewan and Federated Co-operatives Limited. It explores co-operative development in rural and Aboriginal communities in western Canada. Data collection for the CIP project is nearly completed; over the past months the team has gathered hundreds of surveys from across western Canada and hosted community meetings in over 20 rural and Aboriginal communities. The research team has moved into the early stage of data analysis and is working towards compiling our quantitative and qualitative findings. We are hoping to keep participating communities updated and return community reports in the coming weeks. These reports will provide an overview of our findings, detailing some socio-economic trends and local needs that have been identified in our research



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- What is the role of co-operatives and social enterprises in the modern economy?
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- What governance structures are most effective in dealing with the challenges of contemporary society?
- How do leadership and decision-making skills affect the performance of co-ops and social economy organizations?

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The CIP Team. From left to right: Dazawray Landrie-Parker, Nicole McLaren, Peter Couchman, Murray Fulton, Ken Coates, Hannah Barrett, Dionne Pohler, Dawn Brinkmeier, Wu Haotao. Missing: Audra Kreuger (behind the camera).



Eva (GM) and The CIP Team. From left to right: Peter Couchman, Eva McKenzie, Wu Haotao, Nicole McLaren, Dazawray Parker, Murray Fulton, Dawn Brinkmeier, Dionne Pohler, Hannah Barrett. Missing: Bob Walker (behind the camera).



We would like to extend an invitation to all to meet our Visiting Scholar Ivana Catturani, Junior Research Fellow, European Research Institute on Co-operative and Social Enterprise. She will be presenting her research on Tuesday, 12 May 2015, 3:30–4:30 pm in the Canada Room, Diefenbaker Building, U of S Campus. Her talk is titled

Governance Issues in Multilevel Co-operative Bank Network.

The Centre is excited to work with CASC to pilot the first ever Students' Case study competition. The competition will bring together graduate students and provide them with the opportunity to examine and analyze a contemporary problem facing co-operatives in a format that is educational and fun. Each team will be given the task of assessing the situation the co-operative, analyzing available information, crafting options, and presenting a solution. The students will present their conclusions at the reception using a modified three-minute thesis (3MT) format.

Conferences in 2015 & Call for Papers



May 27th – 30th in Paris, France

**ICA Research International Conference 2015
Future of the Co-operative Model: Creativity,
Innovation and Research**

Registration is open at

<http://www.ica-paris2015.com/index.php/registration>



June 16th – 18th in Saskatoon

**Co-operatives and Mutuels Canada Co-operative
Congress and AGM 2015**

Registration is open at

<https://www.qvc.qc.ca/Inscript/Publique/QVC2101A.aspx?m=2&a>

July 8th – 10th in Sydney, Nova Scotia

**The Community Economic Development Institute of
the Shannon School of Business: Community,
Innovation and Social Enterprise Conference**

For registration information, go to

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/community-innovation-and-social-enterprise-registration-14830340949>

July 12th – 14th in Milan, Italy

**ICA Expo 2015: “Co-operatives: Empowering
People for the Sustainable Development and
Zero Hunger,”**

Registration is now open at

<http://ica.coop/en/events/co-operatives->

**July 12th – 15th at the Amherst Campus of
the University of Massachusetts**

2015 ACE Institute

Registration is now open at

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eaurvd3j4fac1e2a&llr=uxzhaycab>





Conferences Continued

September 17th – 19th 2015 in Geneva

Research Area [Z] “Co-operative Economy and Collective Ownership”

Submit abstracts by May 1 (300-750 words) through the online system and select Research Area [Z] “Co-operative Economy and Collective Ownership”
http://eaepe.org/?page=events&side=annual_conference&sub=eaepe2015_abstract_submission

October 11th – 13th in Quebec City

Quebec International Summit of Cooperatives 2016

For information, see http://www.sommetinter.coop/cms/en_CA/home.html

October 15th – 17th in Phoenix, AZ

2015 Quality of Life Conference “The Future of Quality of Life”

Co-hosted by The International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) along with Arizona State University’s Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation. Call for papers open until May 15. For more information and submission form, see <http://www.isqols.org/call-for-paper-submission-form/>



November 10th – 13th in Antalya, Turkey

ICA 2015 Global Conference: Towards 2020: What Will Your Co-operative Look Like?

Registration is now open at <https://antalya2015.coop/registration-intro>

December 3rd – 5th, 2015 at University of Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa

EMNET 2015:

Seventh International Conference on ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT OF NETWORKS which will be held in cooperation with the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences (EMS),

Call for papers deadline May 15, 2015. For information, see <http://emnet.univie.ac.at/emnet-2015/call-for-papers/>

September 14th – 16th in Lucerne (CH)

As part of the open program and on behalf of the Association of Cooperative Research Institutes (AGI), the organizing team invites interested scientists and practitioners to take part with their contributions and presentations. We welcome contributions from the economic, social, historic and legal sciences. Please send your conceptual design as mentioned below until November 15, 2015 to the Email address: alexander.jungmeister@unilu.ch.

Vth International Gathering on the Workers' Economy

My name is M. Derya Tarhan and I am part of the organizing team for the "Fifth International Gathering on the Workers' Economy". In the past, these gatherings have opened up a space for debate and dialogue between workers, social and political activists, academics, and intellectuals concerning the problems and potential of what organizers have termed "the workers' economy"—based on self-management and the defence of the rights and interests of the population that lives by their work, within the rubric of today's conjuncture of global neoliberal capitalism. This year, the Fifth Gathering will be taking place July 22-26, 2015 in Punta Cardón, State of Falcón, Península de Paraguaná, Venezuela.

Dr. Marcelo Vieta, who is part of the organizing committee, advised me to get in contact with you in order to invite you to attend the Gathering and ask for your support in extending the invitation to others who may be interested in participating.

The Vth International Gathering of the Workers' Economy in Venezuela will be organized into "ideas production panels" based on, but certainly not limited to, the following areas:

- Global crisis and Latin American capitalism: analysis and responses from the workers' economy.
- Debates on self-management, co-management, workers' control, co-operatives, social production enterprises, and other ways of building the economy by workers.
- Issues in and problems for constructing a political economy of labor: management, production and integration of production, technology, the legal situation, etc.
- *Poder popular* (popular power), *comunas* (communes), social property, and territory.
- The role of the working class in the transformation of the state.
- Challenges of unionism and other forms of organizing workers within global neoliberal capitalism.
- Precarious, informal, and servile/indentured work: social exclusion or reworking of forms of labor in global capitalism?
- Building an education system for workers' participatory, protagonistic, and democratic self-management.

Interested workers, social and political activists, academics, and intellectuals can submit their abstracts by **May 15, 2015** to quintoencuentrovenezuela@gmail.com or workers.economy@gmail.com.

For more information regarding the Gathering and the call for participation, please

visit: <http://www.workerscontrol.net/geographical/vth-international-gathering-“-workers'-economy”>

You can also connect with us via social media on Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/events/1424156154551219/>) and Twitter

(www.twitter.com/workerseconomy)

In co-operation,

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Worth Reading This Summer



A Road Map for Worldwide Financial Services Innovation examines innovative ways to bring financial services and positive results to the hardest to reach communities and citizens. Access the full report at <http://filene.org/research/report/a-road-map-for-worldwide-financial-services-innovation>

Publications of the Democracy at Work Institutes of the US Federation of Worker Cooperatives

Successful Cooperative Ownership Transitions: Case Studies on the Conversion of Privately Held Businesses to Worker Cooperatives

The idea of selling a business to its employees and converting it to a worker owned cooperative is gaining traction as a viable succession strategy. It is a strategy that saves jobs, builds community wealth, and empowers workers to own and manage their own business. Worker cooperatives differ from other business entity types in that they are owned and democratically controlled by their workers, and workers share in the risk and reward of operating the business.



Posted on
March 26th, 2015



Posted on
March 9th, 2015

US Worker Cooperatives: A State of Sector

Worker cooperatives have increasingly drawn attention from the media, policy makers and academics in recent years. Individual cooperatives across the country have been highlighted, and substantive studies have been conducted of the worker cooperative experience in other countries, including Spain, Italy, France, Canada and Argentina. But what do we know about worker cooperatives in the US as a whole?

Build Shared Entrepreneurship

This resource is intended to give small business support organizations a background on how the worker cooperative model can help entrepreneurs reach their dreams



Posted on
March 3rd, 2015

Guide to Worker Cooperative Bylaws and Operating Agreements



After working with professionals to determine which entity type is right for your worker cooperative, the next step is to work with professionals to develop your governing documents. Bylaws and operating agreements should include high-level information about the governance of the organization. They clarify and codify the democratic governance and ownership of your cooperative, help provide a structure through which the cooperative can grow, and provide a last resort for conflict resolution if relationships break down.

Posted on January 30th, 2015

The Rural Succession Dilemma and the Cooperative Solution

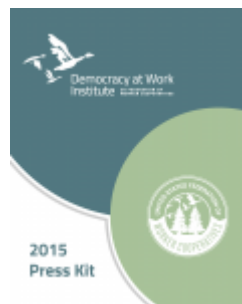
This research paper summarizes an examination of the National Establishment Time Series (NETS) dataset for North Carolina and Iowa to gauge the potential for conversions of existing businesses to worker cooperatives. The data demonstrate that the potential is quite large, and that even if only a fraction of these successfully converted to worker ownership and continued to operate at their last year levels, there would be meaningful economic impacts.



Posted on
December 30th,
2014

Full Publication:

<http://institute.usworker.coop/sites/default/files/RuralSuccession.pdf>



Posted on December
23rd, 2014

Democracy at Work Institute/USFWS Press Kit

The Democracy at Work Institute/USFWS Press Kit includes information about worker cooperatives, why they are important, examples of existing cooperatives and development organizations, city government initiatives, frequently asked questions, and more.

Full Publication:

http://institute.usworker.coop/sites/default/files/PressKit_1.pdf

Becoming Employee-Owned

Becoming Employee-Owned is a guide for business owners interested in employee ownership. It provides an overview of the three primary transition approaches for employee ownership: worker cooperatives, ESOPs, and management buy-outs. Regardless of what stage the business is in--from expansion to succession planning-- this resource can help business owners understand their options for becoming an employee-owned company.

Full Publication:

http://institute.usworker.coop/sites/default/files/COT_BecomingEmployeeOwned_FINALweb.pdf

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December 17th,
2015



Choosing a Business Entity: A Guide for Worker Cooperatives



When forming, worker cooperatives have an important choice to make regarding their legal entity. Each entity type has implications on important issues including taxation, employment law, and access to capital. This resource is intended to give a brief overview of the entity types and lay out the issues worker cooperatives may want to consider when choosing which is the best fit for the business at whatever stage it is currently in.

Full Publication:

<http://institute.usworker.coop/sites/default/files/ChoicofEntityFinal.pdf>

Posted on
December 3rd, 2015

Creating Better Jobs and a Fairer Economy with Worker Cooperatives

Worker cooperatives are a powerful tool for economic and community development. This resource describes their role in creating a more just economy. It provides an overview of the benefits of the cooperative form, with examples of existing cooperatives and quotes from worker-owners. The resource also describes current initiatives to develop cooperatives by nonprofits, as well as government initiatives to spur the growth of the sector.

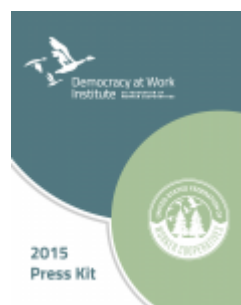
Full Publication:

<http://institute.usworker.coop/sites/default/files/BetterJobs.pdf>



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December 3rd,
2014

Capturing the Imagination of Future Social Entrepreneurs



This piece comes from Sherman Kreiner at the University of Winnipeg Community Renewal Corporation. Kreiner is a longtime community economic development practitioner using worker ownership. His work at PACE in Philadelphia, including the O&O Supermarkets, Childspace and Home Care Associates, may be most familiar to our readers. His piece here explains the University of Winnipeg's development model based on four pillars of sustainability, and he makes the case that the anchor institution in an anchor strategy must provide significant leadership for the initiative to be most effective.

Posted on January
24th, 2014



Featuring a remarkable roster of internationally renowned critical thinkers, this book (co-published by Fernwood Publishing and Zed Books) presents a feasible alternative for a more environmentally sustainable and equitable economic system. The time has never been better for cooperatives everywhere to recognize their own potential and ability to change the economic landscape.

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Cooperatives in a Global Economy: Key Economic Issues, Recent Trends and Potential for Development (Stephen C Smith & Jonathan Rothbaum)

A Role for Cooperatives in Managing and Governing Common Pool Resources and Common Property Systems (Barbara Allen)

JANUARY 2015

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS FOR **YOUNG ADULT** **MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**

TECHNICAL GUIDE



THIS WORLD COUNCIL PUBLICATION BRINGS TOGETHER AN ARRAY OF INTERNATIONAL EXAMPLES ON GROWING YOUNG ADULT MEMBERSHIP, AS SHARED BY THE CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY DURING THE 2014 WORLD CREDIT UNION CONFERENCE IN AUSTRALIA.



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If you have any information that you would like published, including publications, initiatives, research outcomes, upcoming events, general news, please forward it to Findlay@edwards.usask.ca.

Letters to the editor are welcome.

Please make all submissions by October 15th, 2015 to ensure publications.

Submissions for Newsletter: Dr. Isobel Findlay
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