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# CASC / ACÉC Newsletter

Canadian Association for Studies in Cooperation  
(CASC) L'Association Canadienne pour les Études sur  
la Coopération (ACÉC)



## Save the Date

**CASC/ACÉC Annual Conference**

**Date: May 31- June 3, 2016**

**Location: University of  
Calgary, Calgary, AB**

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## President's Message

*Fiona Duguid*

Happy Spring to all CASC / ACÉC members and friends. Spring time is a busy time for us and this spring is no different.

We are excited to announce the CASC / ACÉC series on the [Each for All](#) radio show about co-operatives on the co-op radio station CFRO 100.5FM out of Vancouver, BC. You will recognize Robin Puga's name from his work at the former B C Institute for Co-operative Studies in Victoria, with Ian MacPherson and on the board of CASC / ACÉC. He is also the founder and host of Each for All. CASC/ ACÉC and Robin have been working with his team to create a series of radio shows on co-op studies research and researchers. We hope you enjoy hearing about the projects of new and established researchers in our field. The CASC / ACÉC shows and all others are available for podcast and could be excellent teaching resources.

CASC / ACÉC became a member of [Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada](#) (CMC) in early 2015. Since becoming a member we have made our presence known. At the CMC AGM in June 2015, CASC / ACÉC put forward a resolution asking for a review of higher education programs for co-operative education. This was

passed unanimously. Since then a committee of stakeholders supporting higher education programming has met to follow up with a plan of research, review, and evaluation. Also, CASC / ACÉC will be nominating Daniel Côté to the CMC board. Daniel was a Business Strategy professor at *l'École des Hautes Études Commerciales* (1978-2014) in Montreal. He is a past recipient of the CASC / ACÉC Award (2014) and continues to teach in the SMU Co-operative Management Education as well as doing research in the field of co-op management. The vote will take place in Winnipeg in June 2016. We are confident that Daniel would be a true asset to the CMC board and represent the interests of co-operative research and education. Finally, at the CMC AGM, CASC / ACÉC will be working with IRECUS (University of Sherbrooke), SMU Co-operative Management Education, and the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives (USask) to make co-operative education and research more visible.

We are so very pleased to be heading towards the CASC / ACÉC Conference. We will join the Congress again this year, this time in Calgary May 31 to June 3. We are also joining forces with our friends from the [Association for Co-operative Educators](#) (ACE) to create a CASC-ACE Congress ***Energizing Communities: Co-operatives Nurturing Democratic Practices*** that is going to be a really great experience for all attendees. Our program co-ordinator, Sarah Pike from ACE, has done an amazing job putting together a dynamic program that is grounded and far reaching. Please see the Conference article and preliminary program in this newsletter. Other conference planning support has come from Cathy Chamberlain (ACE) who

has taken care of all communications, Hazel Corcoran ([CWCF](#)) who has used all of her social capital to bring in government officials from the US and Canada and has widened the scope for more local co-operative opportunities, and Seth Leon ([ACCA](#)) who has done a superb job of connecting us with local suppliers (read co-op caterers and local brewery) and the local co-op sector. I know we are going to have a stimulating conference and this will be because of the dedication of our friends at ACE as well as CWCF and ACCA. It has been a pleasure working with them.

As well as partnering with ACE, we will have our usual joint sessions with our sister association, [ANSER](#), and the banquet. We are also working with Audra Krueger from the Centre at USask to host the Student Case Study Competition for the second year. This year we will be partaking in mobile learning labs around

the city of Calgary visiting local co-ops in situ. The People, Power, Planet project will host a community presentation and reception. We are also honoured to host the first annual Mark Goldblatt lecture followed by reception including local beer, co-op food, and live music. And if that wasn't enough, we will be showing the top videos from the P5 Video Challenge. This is on top of all the excellent presentations, panels, and workshops by co-op researchers and practitioners that usually make up a CASC / ACÉC conference.

As usual at the Conference, we will be having our AGM and board elections. CASC / ACÉC will have four seats vacant, so please consider joining us on the board. We have had a productive and fun first part of 2016 and look forward to seeing you at the Conference in Calgary or other co-op research and education opportunities in the near future.

## 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 2016 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, Marie Bouchard, Donna Balkan, Daniel Côté, and Brett Fairbairn.

The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2016. Please email Fiona Duguid at [fduguid@gmail.com](mailto:fduguid@gmail.com), 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 2 in Calgary.



## Those Responsible for Education in Co-ops Head to Calgary, May 31-June 3, 2016

*Catherine Chamberlain*

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“Use democratic power to energize your community” is this year’s message from educators, developers, and researchers who focus on co-operation. The Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation / L’Association Canadienne pour les Études sur la Coopération (CASC / ACÉC) and the Association of Cooperative Educators (ACE) meet once again to share best practices and learning from around the world. They will convene at the Congress for Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Calgary, May 31-June 3.

“Educators dedicated to co-operatives have important information to share, and the Calgary Congress is the perfect place to do that,” says Sarah Pike, executive director of ACE. “Calgary is a city in transition,” adds Fiona Duguid, CASC President. “its co-op activity and thinking are so inspirational.”

### ***Celebrating in the community***

Kicking off the whole event is a special opening reception featuring the First Annual Mark Goldblatt Memorial Lecture to commemorate a great Canadian housing co-op advocate.

Another community event — “People, Power, Planet (PPP): Best Practices and

Knowledge Mobilization in Community Energy Development” — will explore renewable energy collectives, and talk about the growth of alternate energy in Alberta. Leading the reception are researchers J.J. McMurtry, Judith Lipp, and Mümtaz Derya Tarhan. They will be joined by representatives of Alberta Solar Co-op who will tell of their journey to create their co-operative and the challenges they faced.

### ***Of service to First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities***

A highlight will be the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Co-op Development and Education Series. Co-operators from across Canada will offer their firsthand experiences of making co-operatives work for Indigenous communities. The session will be moderated by Merle Massie and Darcy Overland of the Co-operative Innovation Project at the University of Saskatchewan. Panelists include Mary Nirlungayuk of Arctic Co-operatives Limited, Kevin McLeod of Saskatchewan First Nations Technical Services Co-operative, Ltd., and Art Cunningham of Alberta Aboriginal Development Co-operative.

### ***Experiencing co-op frontlines***

Once again this year, tours or “Mobile Learning Sessions” will allow participants to take lessons from co-operators in the community at UFA Co-operative Limited in Airdrie, Calgary Co-op, Filipino Canadians’ Family Multi-Purpose Co-op, Sarcee Meadows Housing Co-operative Ltd,



Connect First Credit Union, Prairiesky Cohousing co-op, the Grain Exchange Worker-Owned Co-operative, Calgary Aging in Place Co-operative, Cooperative Théâtre à Pic and NewScoop YYC, a news co-operative.

## ***Mirroring communities served***

Senior managers of larger co-operatives operating in Alberta will discuss how their organizations continue to grow to reflect changing communities. Panelists are UFA President and CEO Carol Kitchen, Calgary Co-op Vice President Jeff Ambrose, Karen Flamand, Co-operators General Insurance Company senior region claims manager, and Servus Credit Union's Director of Corporate Social Responsibility Vern Albush.

## ***Co-ops' power in solving public issues***

From both sides of the border, government officials will offer solutions to create more co-op friendly public policies. Moderating the session will be noted Albertan co-operator Lynn Hannley, managing director of The Communitas Group Ltd. One panelist is Rebecca Kemble, a worker co-operator and Alder of Madison, Wisconsin.

Go to <http://s.coop/2016lights> for more information on the 2016 CASC and ACE Conference, including the associations' first ever video challenge, the conference's more than 40 workshops and presentations, annual awards banquet and keynote presentation by William Nelson, recent president of the CHS Foundation and past ACE president.



**The Grain Exchange**, Alberta's first fully worker-owned co-operative bakery and pizzeria, will be part of Mobile Learning Sessions and presentations in Calgary. The start-up is inspired by the world-famous Arizmendi Association of Cooperatives in California.





## Keynote Speaker 2016: William Nelson

*Isobel Findlay*

Cooperative Hall of Fame inductee (2015) and winner of FFA's Honorary American Farmer Degree, William Nelson brings a rich mix of academic, administrative, and sector experience to his co-operative leadership role. As a professor for 13 years at the University of Minnesota-Waseca and as the president of CHS Foundation and vice-president, CHS Corporate Citizenship, William Nelson has done so much to advance co-operative research and education, foster collaborations and partnerships, and build networks of researchers and educators dedicated to the generation, dissemination, and application of research.

He grew up on a farm in central Minnesota before completing undergraduate degrees from the

University of Minnesota, Morris, in Sociology and Political Science, and graduate degrees from the University of St. Thomas (Community Education) and the University of Houston (Studies of the Future).

Between 1992 when he joined the CHS Foundation until his retirement in March 2016, William Nelson provided leadership to all CHS corporate citizenship activities, including corporate philanthropy, volunteerism, employee engagement, and CHS corporate memberships in associated organizations. William also led the CHS Foundation, which offers support through university partnerships, rural leadership development, cooperative education, and farm and agricultural safety programs.

His leadership roles are numerous, serving on the National Council on Farmer Cooperatives' executive education committee and the board of directors of the National Cooperative Business Association as well as the Minnesota Council on Economic Education. He is a director for the Ralph K. Morris Foundation, and the Farm Foundation where he is a member of the Farm Foundation's Steering Committee for *A Dialogue on Food and Agriculture in the 21st Century*. He is a member of the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives Advisory Committee, and the eXtension Foundation Leadership Council. He is a founding member and chair of the board of directors of the Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America.

William Nelson is as well known to CASC-ACÉC audiences as he is to our ACE colleagues. William has been a regular contributor to our annual meetings and is currently a member of the Advisory Board of the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives at the University of Saskatchewan. We are delighted with the opportunity to have William Nelson discuss his insights gained over his 30+ year career in improving the quality, application, and breadth of cooperative research and education.

William's address is titled: **"Transitions in Cooperative Education: An Incomplete Agenda for the Future"**

## The **P5 Video Challenge**: Educating for Co-operation

# WIN \$1000 DOLLARS

Sponsored by the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC) | The Association of Cooperative Educators (ACE)  
Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada (CMC) and | The Cooperative Foundation

**WHAT:** Make a video about co-op education! Subjects may include, but are not limited to:

- School and campus based co-ops as sites of education
- Co-operatives and extension programs
- Co-operative education programs
- Cooperative development as experiential education
- Co-operative education pioneers (movements, figures)
- Specific areas/features of education (e.g., co-ops and peace)

**WHY:** P5! Education is a big part of what co-ops do.

There is a long history of co-operative film, which has been a very effective method for education

The winning video in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1000.00

**WHEN:** Submission Videos are to be uploaded to Launchpad6 by May 1, 2016

The address for submission is <http://s.coop/p5video>

Winners will be announced at the  
2016 CASC and ACE Conference



The Cooperative Foundation

**WHERE:** 2016 CASC and ACE Conference  
May 31-June 3  
University of Calgary  
Alberta, Canada

**WHO:** Eligible Participants are North American co-operatives, co-operative educators and education programs, students and other co-operative champions.

**HOW:** Contest Guidelines

### 2 categories

Videos **under 3 minutes** in length

Videos **3-10 minutes** in length

Format: Documentary, docu-drama, animation, musical, or multi-genre

Criteria: Videos will be judged on co-operative content and spirit, innovation, artistic value and technical achievement.

If you have questions, contact Sarah at [pike@ace.coop](mailto:pike@ace.coop)

Submissions must be completed between  
**Jan 1, 2016 and May 1, 2016**

## CASC / ACÉC-ACE Conference Preliminary Agenda

As of April 19, 2016

Tuesday, May 31		
8:00 – 2:00	<b>AB 677</b>	Youth Cohort Meeting (Open to those 30 years or younger, pre-registration required)
12:00 – 5:00	<b>AB 651</b>	Student Case Study Preparation (Pre-registration required)
3:00 – 4:00	<b>AB 677</b>	ACE Annual Meeting
5:00 – 9:00		<b>Opening Reception</b> Triwood Community Association 2244 Chicoutimi Drive NW Calgary, Alberta T2L 0W1  <i>Featuring:</i> <b>Mark Goldblatt Inaugural Lecture</b> The Big Idea: Building a Co-operative Economy through Popular Culture Presented by Hazel Corcoran and Greg O'Neill <i>Open to the public, Light fare, music</i>

Wednesday, June 1		
7:30	<b>Coffee available near room AB 677, full breakfast not served</b>	
8:00 – 9:30	<b>Dining CTR – Blue Room</b>	<p><i>(15 minute for welcome, to include acknowledgement of Indigenous land)</i></p> <p><b>Indigenous and Native American Co-op Development and Education (plenary)</b></p> <p>Moderator: Darcy Overland and Merle Massie of the Co-operative Innovation Project, University of Saskatchewan</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Nirlungayuk, VP of Corporate Services, Arctic Co-operatives Limited</li> <li>• Kevin McLeod, Saskatchewan First Nations Technical Services Co-operative, Ltd.</li> <li>• Art Cunningham, Alberta Aboriginal Development Co-operative</li> </ul>
	<b>AB 641</b>	
	<b>AB 651</b>	
	<b>AB 677</b>	
	<b>AB 658</b>	
9:30 – 9:45	<b>Break, Coffee available near room AB 677</b>	
9:45 – 11:15	<b>Dining CTR</b>	<p><b>Co-operative Impact on Indigenous and Rural Populations</b></p> <p>Moderator: TBD</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Co-operative Innovation Project: Co-operative Development in Rural and Aboriginal Western Canada</b> <i>Merle Massie, University of Saskatchewan</i></li> <li>• <b>Co-operative Higher Education after the Truth and Reconciliation Commission: Energizing Post-colonial Communities</b> <i>Dr. Isobel M. Findlay, Fellow in Co-operatives, Diversity, and Sustainable Development, Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, and Dr. Len Findlay, English, U of Saskatchewan</i></li> <li>• <b>Rural and Remote Social Services and the Co-op Option: Convergence with traditional values and practice.</b> <i>Bernice Cyr, University of Winnipeg</i></li> </ul>
	<b>AB 651</b>	<p><b>The Art of Explaining Co-ops</b></p> <p><i>Jason Rodney, Aynah, co-director</i></p>
	<b>AB 658</b>	<p><b>Entrepreneurship and Democratic Practice</b></p> <p><i>Dan Arnett, Central Co-op, Cooperator and Chief, Pinchot University, Faculty/Advisor</i></p>
	<b>AB 641</b>	Student Case Study Presentation
	<b>AB 677</b>	
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Dining CTR –</b>	<b>Lunch</b>



	<b>Blue Room</b>	
	<b>AB 641</b>	
	<b>AB 651</b>	
	<b>AB 677</b>	
	<b>AB 658</b>	
12:30 – 2:00	<b>Dining CTR – Blue Room</b>	<b>Youth Cohort</b>
	<b>AB 641</b>	<b>Energizing Communities: The Role of Co-operatives in Creating a More Inclusive, Peaceful, Sustainable World</b> <i>Joy Emmanuel &amp; Dr. Linda Hill</i>
	<b>AB 651</b>	<b>Strategies for Incorporation and Capitalization</b> Moderator: TBD Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Unique Financing Conditions in Recently Formed Agricultural Cooperatives</b> <i>Gregory McKee, University of Nebraska, Lincoln</i></li> <li><b>The Wyoming-Minnesota Model: 2 Case Studies</b> <i>David Massaglia, Professor - Bemidji State University</i></li> </ul>
	<b>AB 677</b>	<b>Wealth Building Through Ownership</b> Moderator: TBD Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Community Wealth Building and Cooperatives: Adapting the “Cleveland Model” to Other Cities</b> <i>Steve Dubb, Democracy Collaborative</i></li> <li><b>Unions, Co-ops and The American Dream</b> <i>John McNamara, PhD Candidate St. Mary's University; Adjunct Faculty, The Evergreen State College; coop developer Northwest Cooperative Development Center</i></li> <li><b>Taking Arizmendi from the SF Bay Area to Calgary: the Challenges of Replicating a Replication Strategy</b> <i>Hazel Corcoran, Executive Director, Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation</i></li> </ul>
	<b>AB 658</b>	<b>Training the Trainers: How to inspire a co-operative conscience in the classroom</b> <i>Adam Malloy, PhD, Education Manager, Ontario Co-operative Association</i>
2:00 – 2:15	<b>Break, Coffee Available near room AB 677</b>	
	<b>AB 677</b>	<b>Engage and Inclusiveness</b>

2:15 – 3:45		<p>Moderator: TBD</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vern Albush, Director, Corporate Social Responsibility, Servus Credit Union</li> <li>• Carol Kitchen, CEO and President of United Farmers of Alberta</li> <li>• Karen Flamand, Senior Region Claims Managers, The Co-operators</li> <li>• Jeff Ambrose, Vice President, Calgary Co-operative Association Ltd.</li> </ul>
	AB 651	<p><b>Nurturing Democracy: How can I help my Co-op be more Co-operative?</b></p> <p><i>Joy Emmanuel and Dr. Linda Hill</i></p>
	AB 658	<p><b>Creating a Co-op educator Online community</b></p> <p><i>David Morgan TESA, Jessica Gordon Nembhard, GEO</i></p>
	AB 641	<p><b>Intergenerational session lead by Youth Cohort</b></p>
	Dining CTR	
3:45 – 4:00	<b>Break, Coffee Available near room AB 677</b>	
4:00 – 5:30	AB 677	CASC Annual Meeting
	AB 651	<p><b>Rooted in Cooperation: The Credit Union Advantage</b></p> <p><i>Brent Rempe, PhD Student, University of Oklahoma; Director of Education, WEOKIE Credit Union</i></p>
	AB 658	<p><b>Strategic Tools for Worker Co-op Development: Creating Opportunities and Empowerment in Marginalized Communities</b></p> <p><i>E. Kim Coontz, California Center for Cooperative Development, Executive Director</i></p>
	AB 641	
	Dining CTR	
5:30 – 8:00		<p><b>Reception</b></p> <p>People, Power, Planet: Showcasing Community-Owned Renewable Energy in Canada</p> <p>5:30-8:00 PM</p> <p>Location: St. David's United Church - 3303 Capitol Hill Crescent NW Calgary, AB T2M 2R2</p> <p>Features the wrap-up event of a research project called "People, Power, Planet (PPP): Best Practices and Knowledge Mobilization in Community Energy Development" about experiences and lessons of Community Energy across Canada and beyond. The PPP research project is a joint initiative by York University and TREC Renewable Energy Co-operative.</p>
<b>Thursday, June 2</b>		
9:30 – 4:30	Tour 1	<p>Depart from Hotel Alma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UFA Farm &amp; Ranch Supply, Airdrie Farm Store</li> <li>• Calgary Co-op (While at Calgary Co-op have lunch) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Filipino Lending Circle</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sarcee Meadows Housing Co-operative Ltd.</li> </ul> <p>Return to Hotel Alma</p>

	Tour 2	Depart from Hotel Alma <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Connect First Training Centre</li><li>• Prairiesky CoHousing (While at Prairiesky, have lunch)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grain Exchange Co-op Bakery</li><li>• Aging in Place Co-op</li></ul></li><li>• Threatre Co-op Walking Tour of Calgary History (this portion of the tour will include a 2-hour walking tour)</li></ul> Return to Hotel Alma
6:00 – 10:00	Awards Banquet, Dining Centre, Alberta Room	
Friday, June 3		
8:00	Coffee available near room AB 677, full breakfast not served	
8:30 – 10:00	AB 677	<b>Public Policy Support of Co-operatives (Plenary)</b> Moderator: Lynn Hannley Panelist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rebecca Kimble, City of Madison Council Members</li><li>• Ryan Taylor, Director of North Dakota US Department of Agriculture (not confirmed)</li><li>• Canadian Federal representative</li><li>• Provincial representation</li></ul>
	AB 651	
	AB 658	
	AB 641	
	Dining CTR	
10:00 – 10:10	Coffee available near room AB 677	
10:10 – 11:10	AB 677	<b>Keynote (Plenary)</b> William Nelson
11:10 – 12:15	AB 677	Lunch
12:15 – 1:45	AB 677	<b>Governing with Many Voices</b> Moderator: TBD Panelist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Stakeholder Democracy in Multi-Stakeholder Co-operatives: The Paradoxical Roles of “Supporting Members”</b> <i>Myriam Michaud, MA, Doctoral Student, FSA U Laval. Note: 2015 Lemaire Co-operative Studies Award.</i></li><li>• <b>Common problems of co-operative federations</b> <i>Brett Fairbairn, Professor and Acting Director, Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan</i></li><li>• <b>Magical Federations: Transmography for 4Trans Democracy</b></li></ul>

		<i>Chris Hancock, Instructor, School of Business, MacEwan University and Chair of the Alberta Federation of Rural Water Coops</i>
	<b>AB 651</b>	<b>Community-Owned Renewable Energy in Canada</b> Moderator: TBD Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Unleashing Local Capital in Greening Alberta's Grid: Energizing Communities Through the Alberta Solar Co-op</b> <i>Colin Rioux, Alberta Solar Co-op, Founding Director</i></li> <li>• <b>Renewable Energy Ownership in Alberta: Co-op Case Studies</b> <i>Lesley Cornelisse, Programs and Research Associate, Institute for Community Prosperity at Mount Royal University</i></li> <li>• <b>Renewable Energy Co-operatives in Canada: Figures, Challenges and Opportunities</b> <i>M. Derya Tarhan, PhD Student, University of Toronto</i></li> </ul>
	<b>AB 658</b>	<b>Living the Co-op Difference</b> Moderator: TBD Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vancity – Making good money work: A transformational journey</b> <i>Daniel Côté, Honorary professor, HEC Montreal, Adjunct professor, St-Mary's university</i></li> <li>• <b>Electrical Co-operatives: Generating Interest in the Co-operative Difference</b> <i>Daphne Rixon, Associate Professor and Executive Director, Centre of Excellence in Accounting and Reporting for Co-operatives</i></li> <li>• <b>Talking the Talk: Canadian co-operatives and sustainability reporting</b> <i>Fiona Duguid and Donna Balkan</i></li> </ul>
	<b>AB 641</b>	<b>Youth Cohort Debrief</b>
	<b>Dining CTR</b>	
1:45 – 2:00	<b>Break, coffee available near room AB 677</b>	
2:00 – 3:30	<b>AB 677</b>	<b>Education Strategies at the Post-Secondary Level</b> Moderator: TBD Panelist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Co-operative Education Partnerships: Universities and Industries.</b> <i>Simon Berge, Assistant Professor, University of Winnipeg</i></li> <li>• <b>The academy and the association. Co-operating in education; first steps towards equipping post-secondary students with relevant co-operative skills.</b> <i>Dr. Catherine Pearl, Assistant Professor, Mount Royal University</i></li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Postsecondary Education about Co-ops in Canada and the US: Hypothesis, Data, Action</b> <i>Brett Fairbairn, Professor and Acting Director, Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan</i></li> </ul>
	<b>AB 651</b>	<b>Governing for Success</b> Moderator: TBD Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Co-op Governance, fit to build resilience in the face of complexity</b> <i>Karen Miner, St. Mary's University</i></li> <li>• <b>Supporting the Board Chair</b> <i>Rod Kelsay, Mid America Cooperative Council</i></li> <li>• <b>Co-operative Governance by the Numbers: Exploratory analysis of the Co-operative Business Study</b> <i>Travis Reynolds, PhD Candidate, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan</i></li> </ul>
	<b>AB 658</b>	<b>Addressing gender inequality, poverty relief, and rural development</b> Moderator: TBD Panelist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Democracy and Development in Fair Trade Banana Production: Analysing Small and Micro Producer Cooperatives in Ecuador and Peru</b> <i>Darryl Reed, Professor, York University</i></li> <li>• <b>Examining Success Factors for Sustainable Rural Development through the Integrated Co-operative Model</b> <i>Dr. Lou Hammond Ketilson, Fellow in Co-operative Management, Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan</i></li> <li>• <b>Whose voice counts? Gender inclusion, participation and empowerment in agricultural co-operatives: The Case of Mamsera AMCOS</b> <i>Jayne Bergeron, Master's of Public Administration, School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University Note: 2014 CASC Amy and Tim Dauphinee Scholarship Recipient.</i></li> </ul>
3:30 – 3:45	<b>Break, coffee available near room 677</b>	
3:45 – 5:00	<b>AB 677</b>	<b>Empowering and Integrative potential of Co-operatives</b> Moderator: TBD Panelist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grazing Co-operatives in the Organizational Ecology of Rural Saskatchewan</b> <i>Michael Gertler, Fellow in Community and Co-operative Development, Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan</i></li> <li>• <b>The Integrative Potential of Co-operatives</b> <i>Dietmar Roessl, Vienna University of Economics and Business</i></li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Revenue-Generating Social and Economic Mission-Entwined Organizations</b> Dr. Kazi Abdur Rouf York Center for Asian Research (YCAR), Canada.</li> </ul>
	<b>AB 651</b>	<b>Emerging Co-op Researchers Network: A platform for students of co-ops (and their and educators)</b> , Justin Ellerby, VP, CASC
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## Jessica Gordon Nembhard: Coooperative Hall of Fame, 2016

College Park (UMCP) and a co-founder of the Democracy Collaborative at UMCP. She was also a founding board member of the Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. In 2008-09 she was a visiting scholar at [the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives](#) at the University of Saskatchewan and remains a scholar of the centre. Since 2007, Nembhard has served on the Association of Cooperative Educators (ACE) Board of Directors.

A co-founder of the [U.S. Federation of Worker Co-ops](#) and active member of the [Grassroots Economic Organizing](#) Newsletter collective, Jessica's groundbreaking research on the worker co-op sector has positioned worker co-ops as tools for economic and social justice. She recently joined the board of directors of [Green Worker Cooperatives](#). In 2001, she received the Cooperative Advocacy and Research Award from the [Eastern Conference for Workplace Democracy](#).

A long-time supporter of the [Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund](#), Jessica has been a key resource for the organization with which she is working on a draft pilot co-op curriculum for [Tuskegee University](#) that, it is hoped, will encourage other universities to recognize the value of adding co-ops to their business curriculum. A member of the [Southern Grassroots Economies Project](#) (SGEP), a regional network dedicated to building a robust co-op economy in the U.S. South among marginalized communities, she is also engaged in planning [CoopEcon](#), an annual SGEP conference held at the Federation's Rural Training and Research Center in Epes, Alabama.

In addition to these diverse academic, administrative, and activist roles, Jessica is president of the board of directors/shared

On May 4, 2016, CASC/ ACÉC friend and co-op movement leader Dr. Jessica Gordon Nembhard will be inducted to the Cooperative Hall of Fame—the highest award given by the cross-sector U.S. cooperative community—at the National Press Club in Washington. DC.

Co-operative researcher, author, ambassador, activist, developer, Jessica is author of the pathbreaking book *Collective Courage: A History of African American Cooperative Economic Thought and Practice* (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2014) featured in the *CASC / ACÉC Newsletter* (Spring 2014). Building on her work over a number of years, the book tells the story of the co-operative economic struggles of African Americans, underlining how co-ops have been key social justice tools. In the process the book adds powerfully to the fields of co-operative studies and African American studies.

Jessica is a Professor of Community Justice and Social Economic Development in the Department of Africana Studies at John Jay College, City University of New York (CUNY). In the early 2000s she was an Assistant Professor in the African American Studies Department at the University of Maryland,

leadership team of Organizing Neighborhood Equity (ONE) D.C.

CASC / ACÉC is honoured to contribute a congratulatory ad in her honor in the Hall of

Fame commemorative program in recognition of her achievement, her commitment to co-ops, and her determination to address economic inequality.

## Researcher Profiles

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**Dr. Catherine Leviten-Reid**, Associate Professor in the Master of Business Administration in Community Economic Development (MBA in CED) program, does research on housing and social economy organizations (non-profits and co-operatives). She is currently conducting an inventory of rental housing in the CBRM in partnership with Cape Breton Community Housing. This project involves capturing vacancy rates, rents and the location of rental housing vis-à-vis important services in the community. Tenants of this rental housing will also be approached as part of the research project as a way to understand the quality, affordability and security of rental housing in the community in which

### Rethinking Rental Housing in Cape Breton

CBU is located. That research is funded by the Homelessness Partnership Strategy.

Dr. Leviten-Reid's research is not only helping local organizations transition to housing first (meaning that

individuals on the margins are placed in housing and have access to services as a way to help them get back on their feet) but is also informing policy and housing literature. Most of the housing research in this country is conducted in cities like Winnipeg and Toronto.

Meanwhile, at a policy level, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation takes the pulse of the rental housing market in communities like CBRM by collecting data from buildings with three or more units in them. In CBRM, however, the rental housing universe looks quite a bit different.



This is not the first project Dr. Leviten-Reid has conducted in partnership with local actors. In the spring of 2013, Leviten-Reid completed a study of Supported Housing for Individuals with Mental Illness (SHIMI) with Pamela Johnson and Michael Miller. The SHIMI advisory committee was able to apply the results of this evaluation to their work, and results were also published in the Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health.

Dr. Leviten-Reid is passionate about the research that she does and embraces the opportunity to work with community organizations to study real-world problems (ones which also have theoretical implications). She also feels privileged to have the opportunity to work with, teach and learn from students in the MBA in CED program.

Dr. Leviten-Reid has published articles on social economy and social care in journals including the Non-profit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, VOLUNTAS: The International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations and the Canadian

Journal of Nonprofit and Social Economy Research. Dr. Leviten-Reid is on the board of the Affordable Housing Renovation Partnership, is a member of an inter-organizational committee overseeing the 2016 homelessness count in CBRM and recently served on the economic advisory committee for the Nova Scotia Commission on Building our New Economy. From 2010-15, Dr. Leviten-Reid was also a co-investigator in a major SSHRC funded Community University Research Alliance (CURA) called “Measuring the Co-operative Difference.”

Originally from Ontario, Dr. Leviten-Reid completed her PhD in Human Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was a post-doctoral fellow at the Centre for Co-operatives at the University of Saskatchewan before joining CBU.

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<http://www.cbu.ca/news-events/story/rethinking-rental-housing-in-cape-breton/>.

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## Social Services and the Co-op Option for Indigenous Communities: Convergence with traditional values and practice

**Judith Harris** has been active in community development in urban and rural Ontario and Manitoba and in international contexts for 30 years. Her on-going interest is in exploring options for an Economy of Safety.

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**Bernice Cyr** is a dynamic leader with over 20 years of successful experience in senior financial and executive positions in the non-profit, social service, and economic development sectors.

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For urban and rural Indigenous communities, accessibility and sustainability issues at the level of the individual and the organization magnify inequities in social service delivery. As researchers, we employ circle pedagogy or circle learning to record experiences of life in rural Manitoba and to bring forward alternatives for the economy of social services. We reflect on well-documented challenges and key inquiry recommendations affecting child & family and justice services in the community and for the individuals accessing those services. A common theme emerging from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report

(2015), the Phoenix Sinclair Inquiry (2014), and the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry (1999) is that lack of reciprocity contributes to poor relations and policy development and inadequate social outcomes. As recently as April 13, 2016, the *Winnipeg Free Press* (B5) declared, “Kids in care ‘a billion-dollar business’” (according to Cindy Blackstock) and “this system feeds children into other institutionalizing industries such as justice, health and social services” (according to Cora Morgan). The article goes on to describe the Manitoba government’s practice of clawing back the child tax credits given to children from the agencies who

become the legal guardian while in care, in order to fund the system to keep the child in care. This complex practice has diverted dollars meant to enhance care to individual children to instead fund child maintenance, a service for which the provinces are already legislatively responsible. Despite improvements in social work practice and approaches, the structure and administration of the systems, which bureaucratize social, justice, and health, do not promote “good practice” in their current state. In this research we reflect on the state of current system outcomes and on the proposition of a social cooperative model similar to those emerging in other nations.

Through our research and work and experience with many of these systems and communities we are exploring alternatives for structuring the economy based on the premise that the individual’s safety and inclusion in the economy promotes better social outcomes and deeper participation in those outcomes. Our exploration of the notion of reciprocity and sustainability applies to organizations, communities, and government structures. We have been guided by recommendations of the recent public report on the death of Phoenix Sinclair, a toddler returned to her troubled birth parents. We have facilitated several circles of learning with stakeholders in social, community, and economic sectors to gather diverse perspectives of human services and the economy of those services. The goal of the learning circles is to encourage participation to bring knowledge, experience, and current practice to a

discussion of key issues, strengths and visions of an alternative economy.

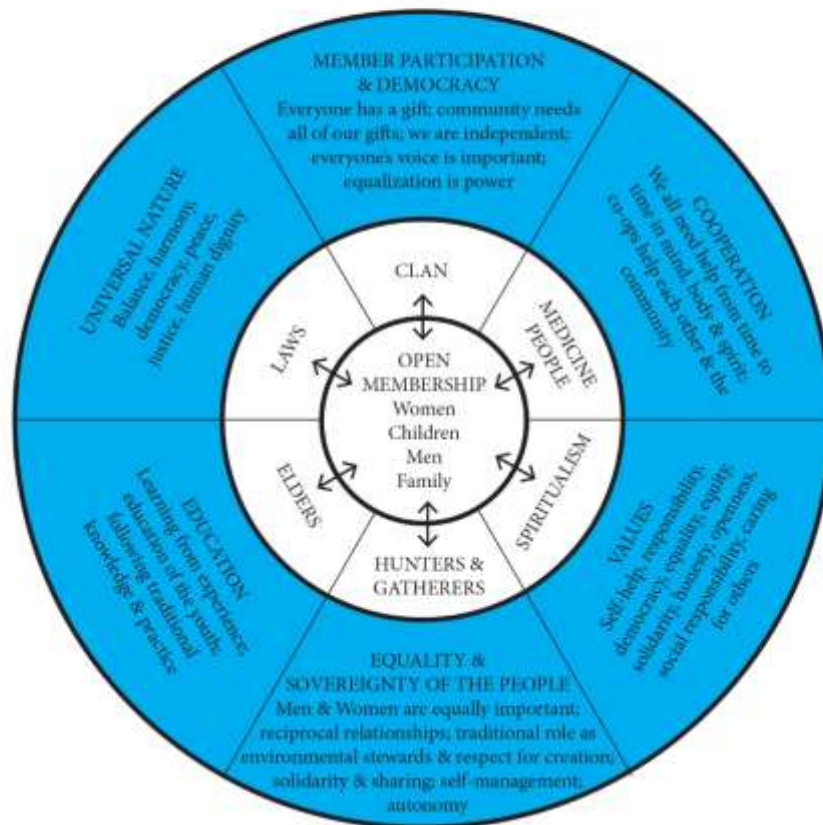
We have employed Search Conference and Appreciative Inquiry approaches, tapping into an oral tradition to collect the knowledge of practitioners and those with lived experience. Harris organized six dialogues focusing on co-operatives and what they might offer women exiting prison. Cyr and Harris have worked closely with other inner-city collectives in their planning and training toward development of worker co-operatives. The focus of the co-operative development has been working with women exiting prisons and who have been or are involved with the child and family services system.

Presently Harris and Cyr are teaching University of Winnipeg courses as part of the Walls to Bridges Collective. The Collective is headquartered at Wilfrid Laurier University. An offshoot of the American Inside-Out program, this initiative is comprised of post-secondary instructors throughout North America who teach in prison/university partnership. Classes are taught with prisoners (inside students) and campus- enrolled participants (outside students) who are brought together in the Women’s Correctional Centre, a mixed federal and provincial facility. The inside students who bear the label of ex-offender face barriers to employment and may benefit from membership in co-operatives upon release. Those who face multiple forms of oppression might also benefit from a co-operative system of social service delivery.

Although there is growing evidence that the contribution of the alternative economy can be directed to better social, environmental, and sustainability conditions, our observation is that direct initiation or development of social services in the existing social enterprise and co-operative structure has been lacking. Co-operative and social enterprise development in Manitoba over recent years has focused on economic factors, interpreting social factors in the triple bottom line as merely an individual's barrier to employment or membership. Regulation and the major part of funding for social service entities are under the authority and control of the public sector. We propose a shift, a different conversation, and an alternate structure modeling the administration of traditional, hierarchical public funded social services on a social co-operative structure.

Our work demonstrates that in Manitoba there is a fundamental and natural alignment of international co-operative values and

## CO-OP AND TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS PRINCIPLES: SIMILAR IDEAS - DIFFERENT LANGUAGES



social work ethics and best practices with medicine wheel values and teachings. The figure below, based on discussions with Larry Morrisette (Executive Director of Ogijita Pimatiswin Kinamatwin) is our current illustration of a pairing of co-operative principles with Indigenous principles. The co-operative corporate structure has the ability to address key issues of accessibility and sustainability and might build bridges in notoriously "silo-styled" systems by way of its legal constructs and community ownership and governance.



In considering strategies for addressing key recommendations proposed by the Phoenix Sinclair Inquiry and options for reducing recidivism rates in Canadian Corrections, we believe that it is worthwhile to consider an alternative social service economy. The co-operative structure does not need additional funding but instead involves a reallocation of current resources. The co-operative structure introduces the notion of economic sustainability through community

contributions and democratic governance to the “social service industry” and thus moves it towards a community outcome model of care. We suggest that social service co-operatives in Italy and other locations might offer promising alternatives for the organization of social services for urban and rural Indigenous communities in Manitoba to meet the sustainability question and that such a model offers a progressive strategy for policy providing individual access and more effective delivery of services.

## News from the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives

*Audra Krueger*



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The Centre is now accepting applications for our new Graduate Certificate in the Social Economy and Co-operatives, offered for the first time in a blended format. The blended-learning option, designed for working professionals, offers a combination of online courses and two short residency periods—one in early September and one in late April. The program includes both theoretical and practical, hands-on, experiential learning. It's a great option for professionals looking for a deeper understanding of co-operatives or to upgrade their skills. This new option can be completed in nine months of part-time study. Students from across Canada and around the world are welcome to apply.

The certificate is a joint offering of the Centre and the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Saskatchewan.

If you have questions, contact Audra at [audra.krueger@usask.ca](mailto:audra.krueger@usask.ca)

Read more about the blended-learning model [here](#). To support co-op teaching the Centre has created an online repository of teaching resources, you can access it [here](#). The Centre plans on adding more resources to the site so please contact us if you have any requests for content.



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We look forward to your presentations and submissions!

J.J. McMurtry and Denyse Côté

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Bonjour chers membres de ANSER- ARES! La conférence annuelle de Calgary approche à grands pas et nous vous écrivons en temps qu'éditrice et éditeur de la Revue canadienne de recherche sur les OSBL et l'économie sociale (ANSERJ) pour vous demander de considérer soumettre votre communication pour notre prochain numéro de l'hiver 2016. Notre revue est une publication bilingue (anglais et français) avec comité de lecture, offerte en ligne et à libre-accès. ANSERJ s'emploie à fournir une tribune stimulante pour la diffusion publique de recherches de haute qualité. Pour plus de renseignements, n'hésitez pas à contacter Denyse Cote ([denyseecote1@gmail.com](mailto:denyseecote1@gmail.com)) ou J.J. McMurtry ([jmcmurtr@yorku.ca](mailto:jmcmurtr@yorku.ca)). Vous pouvez soumettre vos articles directement à ANSERJ via notre site web: [anserj.ca](http://anserj.ca).

Nous serions également heureux de vous rencontrer pour discuter de la revue à Calgary.  
Salutations amicales,

Denyse Côté et J.J. McMurtry

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## IWFSAS 2016 INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON FINANCIAL SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE & STABILITY

### CALL FOR PAPERS

**"The Role of Cooperative Banks in Promoting Financial Stability and Sustainable Economic Development"**

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Professor of Banking and Finance, Cass Business School, City University London  
Research Fellow, CEPR; (Co-) Managing Editor *Economic Policy*; Co-editor *Review of Finance*  
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The International Workshop on Financial System Architecture and Stability (IWFSAS) aims at providing a forum for academic researchers and policy makers to discuss issues related to the structure and design of financial systems and their impact on growth and financial stability. While the specific theme may vary from year to year, the overall objective of this annual workshop is to facilitate discussions of high quality policy relevant research papers that inform our understanding of how various financial sector policies can affect the stability of the financial system and the overall economy, both nationally and globally.

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Those wishing to present a paper at this conference are invited to submit their full manuscript in PDF format by April 30, 2016, via email to: [IWFSAS2016@uvic.ca](mailto:IWFSAS2016@uvic.ca).

Deadline for Submission:	April 30, 2016
Notification of Acceptance:	May 27, 2016
Conference Registration Deadline:	June 30, 2016
Conference dates:	August 26-27, 2016



# Upcoming Conferences

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## ECONOUS2016

Le Congrès pancanadien de développement économique communautaire  
The National Community Economic Development Conference

Co-hosts the Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNet), and the Community Economic Development and Employability Corporation (CEDEC), invite you to attend Canada's leading national community economic development conference. **ECONOUS2016** will bring together a diverse range of representatives from the community, business, education, charitable, and government sectors to discuss new ideas, resources and strategies to strengthen community economic development (CED) and small business growth across Canada.

The National Conference will be hosted in Montréal at Hotel Bonaventure, May 18 to May 20.

### WHY ATTEND?

- ✶ Connect with hundreds of people across Canada who share a passion for building strong, inclusive community economies.
- ✶ Learn from others about strategies that are working to generate positive local economic, social and environmental impacts in communities across Canada and elsewhere.
- ✶ Share what your priorities are, from addressing workforce development needs to revitalizing your community and more.
- ✶ Leave empowered to make a difference in your community and in your workplace through the relationships you've developed with other participants and the new knowledge you'll have gained.

### WHAT IS CED?

- ✶ Community Economic Development (CED) is action by people locally to create economic opportunities that improve social conditions, particularly for those who are most disadvantaged.
- ✶ CED is an approach that recognizes that economic, environmental and social challenges are interdependent, complex and ever-changing.
- ✶ To be effective, solutions must be rooted in local knowledge and led by community members. CED promotes holistic approaches, addressing individual, community and regional levels, recognizing that these levels are interconnected.



**We would like to cordially invite you to participate in the Management International Conference (MIC) 2016 to be held in the Hotel Park Plaza Histria, Pula, Croatia, 1 - 4 June 2016.**

The traditional conference MIC will be organized as a Joint International Conference in co operation with five partner institutions: The University of Primorska, Faculty of Management, (Slovenia), the Juraj Dobrila University of Pula, Faculty of Economics and Tourism "Dr. Mijo Mirković" (Croatia), the Moscow School of Economics, Moscow State University (Russian Federation), the Association for the Study of East European Economies and Cultures (USA) and the Society for the Study of Emerging Markets (USA).

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The paper submission process is organized in two steps:

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The abstract (paper) should be prepared using the template available here:

<http://www.mic16.fm-kp.si/Media/MIC2016/templates/abstract-template.doc>

### Publication possibilities:

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- **Review of Innovation and Competitiveness:** <http://oet.unipu.hr/index.php?id=1582>

Some of the above journals will also prepare special issues devoted to the MIC 2016 conference. These issues will carry revised and substantially extended versions of selected papers presented at the MIC 2016. Full list of special issues is available here:

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### Important Dates

Abstract submission: 1 March 2016

Notification of acceptance: 15 March 2016

Registration and Payment Deadline: 30 April 2016

Conference: 1 - 4 June 2016

Full Paper submission for Journals' Special Issues: 30 June 2016

Full Paper submission for Conference Proceedings: 1 September 2016

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MIC Team 2016



The Co-operative Congress will take place in downtown Winnipeg at the [Fairmont](#) Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

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For more information or to receive email updates about the 2016 Co-operative Congress, please contact [Ashley Denny](#), member relations at 613-239-6712, extension 255.

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### **The International Summit of Cooperatives 2016: Three Days of Unmissable Meetings for Business Leaders**

**Québec, 16 March 2016** – The proceedings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Summit of Cooperatives, an initiative of Desjardins Group and International Co-operative Alliance, will be held at Québec, Canada under the theme *Cooperatives: Power to Act*. From 11 to 13 October 2016, over 150 leading international experts will share with participants their views on global affairs and solutions for sustainable economic prosperity.

Over a three-day period, the Summit will give executives, decision-makers, managers and leaders, some of them affiliated with cooperatives and others not, the opportunity to think about the new socio-economic and geopolitical realities in the company of some of the world's best in their fields. They will then get to review the challenges that await cooperatives and mutuals, as well as the most promising options for tackling those challenges. Finally, they will be able to take part in workshops where they will identify concrete actions to resolve the key issues around the world.

"The Summit will address the essential role of cooperatives and mutuals in implementing sustainable economic development strategies. In an uncertain world beset by crises, the cooperative model is a solution for the future because of its stability and tremendous power to act throughout the world. Already, its influence in the local, regional and global economy demonstrates that it is part of the solution to planetary issues. We will look at ways to take it even farther," indicated International Co-operative Alliance President Monique F. Leroux, Chair of the Board, President and CEO of Desjardins Group and co-host of the International Summit of Cooperatives.

#### **Day 1. Understanding the social, economic and geopolitical challenges around the world**

Growing inequalities, weakening real economies, employment crises, the impact of the digital world, the role of women, renewable energy development, innovation, emergence of the collaborative economy, and access to health care are but some of the issues that will be addressed by world renowned speakers, who will provide a composite sketch of the current social, economic and geopolitical situation in the world, the major economic and financial trends, and the outlook for the future. From these discussions will emerge the defining role of cooperatives and mutuals which, over the years, have managed to stand out for their resilience and contribution to economic, social and environmental sustainability.

#### **Day 2. Increasing the capacity to act and expanding economic power**

##### **Adapting to the new business reality**

Like all businesses, cooperatives and mutuals have to introduce the most efficient tools and the most effective strategies to ensure their development. A series of forums will address ways of mastering the engines of growth by tapping into new business realities such as the innovation culture, work in the digital era, the use of Big Data, access to capital, talent management, and commitment to the community. A forum will also cover the growth of start-up and developing cooperatives.

##### **Sectoral challenges and business opportunities**

Participants will be grouped into activity sectors, and invited to share experiences, business opportunities and challenges specific to the following sectors: agriculture and agri-food industries, insurance, banking and financial services, health and social care, wholesale and retail trade, industry, services and energy, and forestry.

Each group will review ways to adapt to the new competition and the need for cooperatives and mutuals to be competitive. These exchanges will also foster the sharing of strategies that can lead to business partnerships.

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**Day 3. Resolving global issues**

By their nature and mission, cooperatives and mutuals are well positioned to contribute to the well-being of communities and to address the issues that threaten them. For this reason, the third day of the Summit will focus on providing concrete solutions to the key issues identified by the UN, which are food security, the employment crisis, access to health care and social services, poverty and financial inclusion, climate change and sustainable development. Cooperatives and mutuals clearly have a decisive role to play in bringing about change. Experts will take part in a round table to present their points of view on this subject, and participants will gather in workshops to propose ways of addressing specific challenges.

**Targeted activities for the cooperative and mutual sector, scientists and young leaders**

Alongside the regular program, the Summit will host some twenty events organized by cooperatives, mutuals, cooperative associations, and local organizations. The Rendez-vous will give the members of these organizations the opportunity to get together for work, information and training sessions.

A scientific symposium will bring together researchers, practitioners, players and stakeholders from different backgrounds to discuss the power to act and the impact of cooperatives and mutuals. Scientific activity projects can be submitted until March 31, 2016 by anyone wishing to take part in these scientific and professional sessions.

The Summit will also look at the issue of succession. Young people involved in cooperatives around the world, between the ages of 20 and 35, are invited to meet current cooperative leaders and representatives of major international organizations such as the UN and WHO for an introduction to best practices in cooperatives and mutuals. This is also an exceptional opportunity for them to network with their peers.

For additional information about activities at the Summit and to register: [www.intlsummit.coop](http://www.intlsummit.coop)

**About the International Summit of Cooperatives**

The International Summit of Cooperatives is the world's leading event for business development in the cooperative and mutual community. It offers managers, decision-makers and leaders of cooperative and mutual enterprises of all sizes and in all sectors, as well as anyone in the world of business, a unique venue for reflection, discussion, cooperation and training on major trends, as well as on current and future economic and financial issues. By demonstrating that cooperatives are one answer to the major socioeconomic issues of our times, the Summit aims to promote and foster the development of cooperative enterprises in all countries. The event attracts more than 3,000 participants from 93 countries.

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# Worth Reading this Summer

## Some of the latest books about co-operatives



When citizens take collaborative action to meet the needs of their community, they are participating in the social economy. Co-operatives, community-based social services, local non-profit organizations, and charitable foundations are all examples of social economies that emphasize mutual benefit rather than the accumulation of profit. While such groups often participate in market-based activities to achieve their goals, they also pose an alternative to the capitalist market economy. Contributors to *Scaling Up* investigated innovative social economies in British Columbia and Alberta and discovered that achieving a social good through collective, grassroots enterprise resulted in a sustainable way of satisfying human needs that was also, by extension, environmentally responsible. As these case studies illustrate, organizations that are capable of harnessing the power of a social economy generally demonstrate a commitment to three outcomes: greater social justice, financial self-sufficiency, and environmental sustainability. Within the matrix of these three allied principles lie new strategic directions for the politics of sustainability.

Whether they were examining attainable and affordable housing initiatives, co-operative approaches to the provision of social services, local credit unions, farmers' markets, or community-owned power companies, the contributors found social economies providing solutions based on reciprocity and an understanding of how parts function within the whole—an understanding that is essential to sustainability. In these locally defined and controlled, democratically operated organizations we see possibilities for a more human economy that is capable of transforming the very social and technical systems that make our current way of life unsustainable.



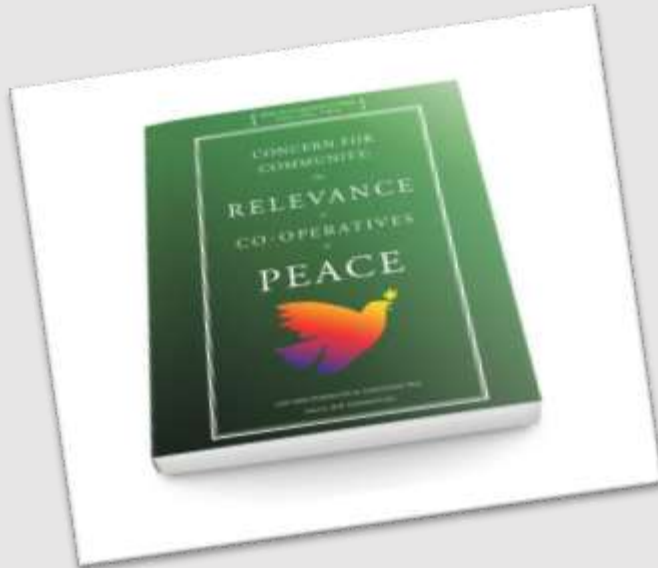
The [Measuring the Co-operative Difference Research Network](#) and the [Centre of Excellence in Accounting and Reporting for Co-operatives](#) joined forces to organize an international conference, focused on how and why co-operatives assess their performance and their impacts on society.

Academics and practitioners gathered to share their research and experiences with a variety of accounting and reporting tools and practices. The event offered an unprecedented opportunity to recognize and debate various reporting needs and practices, to hear from practitioners regarding the purpose and methods of reporting in their co-operatives, and to identify the building blocks for the establishment of key supports for co-operatives engaged in performance measuring and reporting.

Over a period of 3 days co-operative practitioners and researchers from Europe, North America and Latin America discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the various tools used by co-operatives, and considered how best to obtain and share reliable and accurate information on co-operative performance and impact. Participants agreed that in addition to being useful for co-operatives as part of their self-evaluation and strategic planning processes, the sharing of information resulting from



use of various tools and reporting practices can help co-operatives in the implementation of the strategy for sustainable growth of the co-operative movement, outlined in the [Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade](#).



E-book on the history, theory, and practice of co-operatives and peace by the late Dr Ian MacPherson and the late Dr Yehudah Paz.

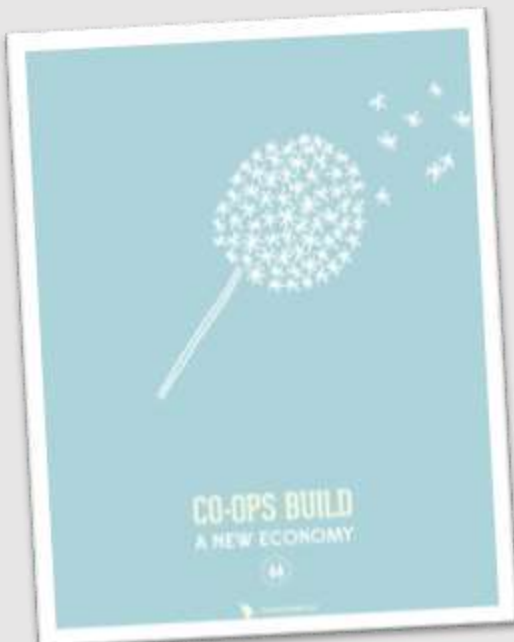
As part of several initiatives focused on co-operatives and peace, Ian and Yehudah were working on this publication at the time of their unfortunate passings in November 2013. Concern for Community: The Relevance of Co-operatives to Peace contains the distillation of the authors' convictions on how peacebuilding is core to the co-operative model of enterprise.

Drawing on their many years of direct experience in the co-operative sector and their contributions to the field of Co-operative Studies, the authors lay out their insights on the subject of co-operatives and peace. Looking at a review of the historical record, as well as the development of the Co-operative

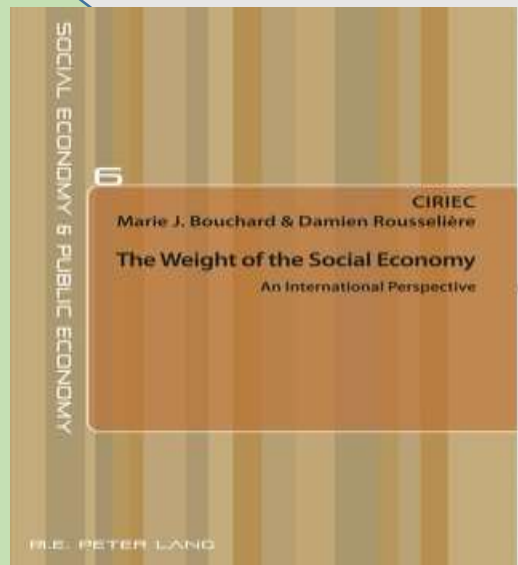
Identity Statement in 1995, the authors illustrate how peace has been a significant theme in the life of the international co-operative movement.

From an examination of how co-operatives empower their members to address inequalities and social tensions in local communities, to defining the role co-operatives can play in building cross-conflict relationships in war-torn regions, the book looks at how the co-operative movement has developed a set of values and practices that build on a concern for community and form a natural bridge to building a more just, peaceful world.

**It's free to download, but you are invited to send a donation to one of the legacy funds in Ian's and Yehudah's names. Find out more below. Click the button to download, or [click here](#).**



TESA Collective put together a study guide for the cooperative movement. This guide – while not a complete and total list – provides tools, activities, videos, readings, and more to help you brush up on your cooperative skills and knowledge. Some of these resources are free, some of them have a cost. But all of them will help you better understand what a cooperative is, how to practice cooperation, and the power of the cooperative movement. Check it out at <http://www.toolboxford.org/study-guide-to-the-cooperative-movement/>



What is the weight of the social economy? How should we measure it? Throughout the world, cooperatives, non-profit and mutual benefit organizations, foundations and other social enterprises play an important role in job creation, social cohesion, social innovation, regional development and environmental protection. Observations tend to confirm the ability of the social economy to contribute to balancing economies, mainly by serving as an anti-cyclical force in the face of economic crises. However, many countries and regions lack statistical information about its weight, size and scope on their territory.

This book fills a gap in the literature about the social economy. It seeks to explain why it is important to have statistics on it, to understand how they are produced, and to project how the social economy might be better understood in the future. The book offers researchers and decision-makers an overview of the current state of knowledge on these topics.

Co-edited by Marie Bouchard and Damien Rousselière, *The Weight of the Social Economy: An International Perspective*, Vol. 6 in the series *Économie sociale & Économie publique/ Social Economy and Public Economy* (Peter Lang, 2015, ISBN 978-2-87574-287-2 pb. softcover), is available in both English and French, and as pdf and e-book. General Editor: The International Centre of Research and Information on the Public, Social and Cooperative Economy (CIRIEC).



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Letters to the editor are welcome.

Please make all submissions by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to ensure publication. Submissions can be sent to: Dr. Isobel Findlay, [findlay@edwards.usask.ca](mailto:findlay@edwards.usask.ca)

## Research Bursary

Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan is pleased to announce

### The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Norm Bromberger Research Bursary

To be awarded in support of research relating to co-operatives and/or credit unions

This bursary has been established in recognition of the outstanding contributions made by Norm Bromberger to the development of credit unions and co-operatives in Saskatchewan and across Canada. Bromberger was research director and then chief executive officer of Credit Union Central, for a total of twenty-seven years of service with the credit union system of Saskatchewan. He also played a prominent role in developing Credit Union Central of Canada and establishing other co-operatively owned financial service organizations.

**The Norm Bromberger Research Bursary will provide \$2,000 each year to encourage research in the area of co-operatives and credit unions.**

The criteria for application are:

- involvement in co-operatives and/or credit unions as a volunteer or employee
- a supporting statement explaining how the proposed study will contribute to credit unions and/or co-operatives
- an understanding that a copy of the completed work will be submitted to Canadian credit union and co-op resource centres

Candidates who have been unable to secure sponsorship for their study from the co-operative or credit union with which they are associated are urged to apply. All applications will be considered, especially those where the financial support of the bursary is essential to undertaking the research project. Preference will be given, but not limited, to Saskatchewan candidates.

**Applications (attached) should be sent to:**

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**Deadline for applications is 30 June 2016**



**Deadline for submitting applications is 30 June 2016**

## Norm Bromberger Research Bursary Application Form

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Date of Entry into Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Background information

Please attach the following information on a separate sheet:

- previous degree(s)
- awards; distinctions; scholarships
- name and address of a reference (please ask this person to supply a reference by 30 June 2016 to the address below)
- statement of interest in co-operatives
- experience with co-operatives (as either volunteer or employee)

### Description of project

Please attach an outline of your project (two to three pages in length).

Following is a guideline of what to include:

- scope and objectives of the project
- conceptual significance and practical importance
- relationship to existing research and literature
- research methods
- schedule of work in progress and work to be done
- name of supervisor and/or instructor

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Membership rates for the 2015/16 CASC year are regular members \$175 and students, retired individuals, and the underwaged \$55. Benefits include the following:

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