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Introduction

Since its inception in 2011, the Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement (RCIS) has matured into a successful research institution, meeting its goal to advance policy-related research and scholarship in the areas of immigration and settlement, both nationally and internationally.

RCIS continues to draw on a strong research and teaching presence related to immigration and settlement studies at Ryerson, including the interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Immigration and Settlement Studies (ISS), and the interdisciplinary PhD Program in Policy Studies with a field of specialization in Immigration, Settlement and Diaspora Policies in. RCIS's research focus thus complements graduate education in the field of immigration and settlement.

This report summarizes RCIS's activities and achievements in 2016-2017.

Governance & Affiliates

RCIS's governance and administrative structure has evolved to include substantial community representation. One-third of the 2016-2017 **RCIS Advisory Committee** now represents community and government stakeholders. The remaining members of the Advisory Committee are representatives of the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Community Services, and the Academic Director (Appendix A).

RCIS has established itself as a campus-wide community of immigration and settlement researchers. Fifty-one Ryerson faculty members are **RCIS Affiliates** (Appendix B), representing the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Community Services, the Faculty of Communication & Design, and the Ted Rogers School of Management.

Research

RCIS is conducting several ongoing research projects. In addition, RCIS is contributing to establishing a strong **research culture** at Ryerson, as evidenced by the growing number of publications by its affiliates (Appendix C).

Research Projects and External Funding

- SSHRC Partnership Development Grant (2013-2016), *Integration Trajectories of Immigrant Families*. Several literature reviews have been published as *RCIS Working Papers* (see below); empirical research is ongoing.

- *RBC Immigrant, Diversity and Inclusion Project (2014-2021)*; RCIS in partnership with the Diversity Institute is administering research grants and internships. The following research grants up to \$18,000 have been awarded in 2016-2017.

| <i>Principal Investigator</i> | <i>Project Title</i> |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Mehrunnisa Ali | Cycling to Social Inclusion: the Bike Host program in Toronto |
| Tom Griffin | Immigrants' hosting behaviour and impacts |
| Lu Zhen | Hospitality as a Career Choice for New Canadians: An Exploration into Hospitality Students' Motivations and Expectations |
| Sedef Arat-Koc | Precarious work, precarious lives: Social determinants of racialized immigrant men's mental health |
| Laleh Samarbakhsh | Why does board international diversity matter? Evidence from Director Network |
| Sara Edge | Assessing the Impacts of Investment & Disinvestment in High-rise Residential Towers in Toronto on the Quality of Life of Immigrant Families: Towards Socially Just & Inclusive City Building |
| Mandana Vahabi | Segmentation of women eligible for cervical cancer screening in Ontario: Towards more effective communication and outreach strategies |
| Danielle Lamb | The employment vulnerability of recent Canadian immigrants |
| Pamela Robinson | Cycling to Social inclusion: the Bike Host program in Toronto |
| Lili Ma | The role of minority/majority status in Chinese Canadian children's social learning and social preferences |
| Alexandra Fiocco | Expected and perceived filial piety and general wellbeing among Chinese older adults |

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| Amina Jamal | Islam and audience: Mapping the young Muslim consumer in graphic novel production |
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Partnerships

RCIS has nurtured existing partnerships and continues to develop new partnerships for the purpose of building an infrastructure for research, outreach, seeking research funding, and knowledge mobilization (see below). An important catalyst for developing partnerships is the project “Integration Trajectories and Immigrant Families”.

Partners

- Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS): RCIS has co-hosted (with the Dept. of Criminology) the 2015 Annual CARFMS conference, attracting more than 250 international scholars to Ryerson.
- Diversity Institute (DI): RCIS and DI are jointly administering the RBC Immigrant, Diversity and Exclusion Project.
- Migration Policy Group: RCIS is the Canadian scientific partner updating the Migrant Policy Index (MIPEX), comparing immigration and integration policies internationally.
- Global Diversity Exchange (GDX): Since the inception of GDX in 2014, RCIS and GDX have collaborated on numerous projects and events, including the launch of the 2015 MIPEX scores for Canada.

Project Partners (Project: “Integration Trajectories of Immigrant Families”)

- COSTI Immigrant Services
- Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children (METRAC)
- Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI)
- Scarborough Housing Help Centre
- Toronto Workforce Innovation Group
- Wellesley Institute
- WoodGreen Community Services

Event Partners

Knowledge Mobilization

RCIS has produced numerous **scholarly publications** and organized and participated in a range of events that facilitate capacity building, partnership development, outreach to the immigration and settlement community, and enhance RCIS's and Ryerson University's reputation. In addition, the research and events conducted by RCIS have received significant **media attention** and have thus contributed to enhancing Ryerson's reputation (Appendix D).

RCIS Working Papers

2017/3: Tyyskä, Vappu; Blower, Jenna; DeBoer, Samantha; Kawai, Shunya & Walcott, Ashley. The Syrian Refugee Crisis in Canadian Media.

2017/2: Tyyskä, Vappu; Blower, Jenna; DeBoer, Samantha; Kawai, Shunya & Walcott, Ashley. The Syrian Refugee Crisis: A Short Orientation.

2017/01: Hudson, Graham; Atak, Idil; Manocchi, Michele & Hannan, Charity-Ann. (No) Access T.O.: A Pilot Study on Sanctuary City Policy in Toronto, Canada.

2016/3: Tabasinejad, Pouyan. The Immigrant's Journey: Race and Trauma in The Sopranos.

Conference

- Metropolis Conference; March 2017

Public Discussions and Symposia

Presentation: Ireland, austerity and the crisis of migration – Dr. Mary Gilmartin, Visiting Scholar from the National University of Ireland Maynooth: October 5, 2016

Workshops and Lunch & Learns

Workshop: Immigration is a Family Affair: Presentation of results of the collaborative research project "Integration Trajectories of Immigrant Families": February 4, 2017.

Training & Student Engagement

RCIS is highly committed to training graduate and advanced undergraduate students.

Staff

- RCIS Coordinator: Susan Barrass, PhD Candidate, Policy Studies, Ryerson University
- Project Coordinator (June – September): Maria Gintova, PhD Student, Policy Studies, Ryerson University

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- Project Coordinator (September – May): Assel Baitubayeva

Researchers and Research Assistants

- Marc Valade, PhD Candidate, Policy Studies, Ryerson University

Student Placements

- Melissa Feldman, MA Candidate, Immigration and Settlement Studies, Ryerson University

Appendix A: RCIS Advisory Committee (2016-2017)

Chair: Shuguang Wang (2016)

Faculty Members:

- Idil Atak (2014-2016)
- Manavi Handa (2013-2015)
- Mustafa Koç (2014-2016)
- Dawn Onishenko (2014-2016)
- Vappu Tyyskä (2014-2017)

Community Stakeholders:

- Ratna Omidvar (Director, Global Diversity Exchange, 2014-2016)
- Jamie Pitts (Senior Economic Policy Advisor, Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade, 2014-2016)
- Reena Tandon (Developing Community Engaged Learning and Teaching Initiative, Faculty of Arts, Ryerson University, 2014-2016)

Appendix B: Affiliated Faculty

Mehrunnisa Ahmad Ali: Professor in the School of Early Childhood Education and the Ryerson Director of the Centre of Excellence in Immigration and Settlement, the Ontario Metropolis Centre (CERIS). Research expertise: newcomer children, youth, and families; parent–teacher relations; preparation of teachers to work with diverse populations.

Tariq Amin-Khan: Associate Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration. Research expertise: the security state and securitization; the post-colonial state; capitalist globalism and international development; political and militant Islam; comparative study of multiculturalism, nationalism, and issues of South Asian state and society.

Joan Andrew: Public Servant in Residence in the Department of Politics and Public Administration, and former Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration in Ontario (2005 to 2009). She has worked within government on immigration policy, employment equity, women’s issues and labour market policy.

Sedef Arat-Koc: Associate Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration. Research Expertise: Canadian immigration policy, specifically policies affecting immigrant women; multiculturalism and racism; imperialism; Turkish state and society in the context of neoliberalism and post-Cold War geopolitics.

Cynthia Ashperger: Associate Professor and Director of the Acting Program at Ryerson Theatre School. Research expertise: acting training, theatre and exile. She is working with issues of the audible minority as they relate to representation in theatre, film and radio and TV.

Idil Atak: Assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. Research expertise: irregular migration and human rights, refugee protection in Canada and in Europe, securitization, international and European immigration and human rights law.

Rupa Banerjee: Assistant Professor of Human Resources and Organizational Behaviour at Ted Rogers School of Management. Research expertise: employment integration of new immigrants to Canada; Institutional barriers facing new immigrants in the Canadian labour market; workplace diversity and ethno-racial discrimination, particularly as it applies to second-generation immigrants.

Harald Bauder: Professor in the Graduate Program in Immigration and Settlement Studies (ISS) and the Department of Geography. Research expertise: political economy of immigration and

settlement; labour market experiences of immigrants; open border, no border and sanctuary city; immigration discourses in Canada and Germany.

Morton Beiser: Professor of Distinction in the Department of Psychology, Founding Director and Senior Scientist, Ontario Metropolis Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Settlement (CERIS). Research expertise: resettlement and health; international health; immigrant and refugee families and children; identity, discrimination and health; immigrants and the health care system.

Judith Bernhard: Professor of Early Childhood Education. Research expertise: children and families in early childhood education and care settings, particularly in response to issues of diversity and inclusion.

Jenny Carson: Assistant Professor, Department of History. Research expertise: African-American women workers, women's labour organizing, precarious workers.

Roma Chumak-Horbatsch: Associate Professor in the School of Early Childhood Studies. Research expertise: language and literacy learning of young immigrant children, immigrant language parenting, home language maintenance and loss, classroom practices that promote multilingualism and multi-literacies.

Sara Edge: Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies. Research expertise: urban sustainability, environmental justice, environment and health equity, health & resilience of immigrant and refugee populations.

Marco Fiola: Associate Professor in and Chair of the Department of French and Spanish. Research expertise: language policies and language barriers in the public sector.

Grace-Edward Galabuzi: Associate Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration and a research associate at the Centre for Social Justice. Research expertise: local community responses to global economic restructuring in the global North and South; the racialization of the Canadian labour market; social exclusion and the social economic status of racialized groups in Canada.

Usha George: Professor in the Faculty of Community Services. Research expertise: social work with diverse communities, focusing on three areas: social development; newcomer settlement and integration; and diversity and organizational change

Sutama Ghosh: Associate Professor in the Department of Geography. Research expertise: migration and settlement geographies; transnationalism; urban social geography; critical “race” theories; postcolonial theories; theories of space.

Enza Gucciardi: Assistant Professor in the School of Nutrition. Research expertise: diabetes; diabetes prevention; diabetes self-management practices; and diabetes self-management interventions and supports.

Manavi Handa: Assistant Professor, Midwifery Education Program in the Faculty of Community Services. Research expertise: care for immigrant and refugee women, access to care for uninsured pregnant women, care for marginalized populations including language barriers and cultural appropriate care.

Francis Hare: Professor in (and former director of) the School of Child and Youth Care. Research expertise: youth in transition from care; the evaluation of services for children and youth; the experience of separated immigrant and refugee youth in care.

Tony Hernandez: Professor in Geography, Director of the Centre for the Study of Commercial Activity (CSCA). Research expertise: ethnic retailing, retail development, geo-visualization and business geomatics.

Graham Hudson: Associate Professor and the Undergraduate Program Director for the Department of Criminology at Ryerson University. Research expertise: national security, human rights, criminal law and procedure, constitutional law and legal theory.

Kenise Murphy Kilbride: Professor Emerita; Senior Scholar at CERIS: The Ontario Metropolis Centre. Research expertise: settlement and integration of immigrant children, youth, families, and seniors; challenges in the acquisition of proficiency in English as an additional language.

Melanie Knight: Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology. Research expertise: racialized women entrepreneurs; Black diaspora; neoliberalism and entrepreneurship; precarious employment

Mustafa Koc: Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology. Research expertise: food studies, security, and policy; globalization; sociology of migration.

Gil Lan: Assistant Professor in the Law and Business Department at the Ted Rogers School of Management. Research expertise: comparative legal studies.

Anne-Marie Lee-Loy: Associate Professor in the Department of English. Research expertise: theories and representations of cultural and national identities; the relationship between literature and the production of knowledge, with an emphasis on Asian experiences in the America; Chinese Caribbean fiction.

Howard X. Lin: Professor of International Business & Entrepreneurship, Director of International Research Institute, and Co-Director of Canada-China Institute at Ted Rogers School of Management. Research expertise: immigrant and transnational entrepreneurship.

April Lindgren: Assistant professor of journalism in School of Journalism and director of the Ryerson Journalism Research Centre. Research expertise: local news; journalism and urban affairs; the role of ethnocultural media in shaping newcomers' sense of place and attitudes toward diversity; ethnocultural media and election coverage.

Kelly McShane: Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at Ryerson University. Research expertise: community-engaged research in mental health and addictions; implementation and evaluation of clinical interventions; qualitative methods; immigrant and refugee children, youth and families; knowledge translation.

Raktim Mitra: Assistant Professor in the School of Urban and Regional Planning. Research expertise: travel behaviour in the GTA, mobility of the vulnerable population groups, the neighbourhood environment-health interaction.

Nalini Mohabir: Lecturer in the Master's of Immigration and Settlement Studies. Research expertise: diaspora, Caribbean, postcolonialism, indentureship.

Dawn Onishenko: Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work. Research expertise: LGBTQ rights, identity and liberation; jurisgenerative politics/praxis and social change; anti-oppressive social work practice; equal rights discourse and the shifting terrain for sexual minority refugee/asylum claimants.

Henry Parada: Associate Professor in the School of Social Work. Research expertise: analysis of institutional practices; social work epistemology; institutional ethnography methodology; Latin America social work; community development; anti-oppression; child welfare.

Osmud Rahman: Associate Professor of School of Fashion. Research expertise: consumer behavior, design and culture, aging populations, fashion subculture and social identities.

Tracey Raney: Associate Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration. Research and expertise: political representation of women and ethnic minorities; political participation; national identity; social identities; Canadian social policy.

Arthur Ross: Professor in the Department of Politics and School of Public Administration. Research expertise: immigration policy and the history of the role of communal solidarity in establishing immigrant self-help organizations.

John Mackie Shields: Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration. Research expertise: immigration policy; multiculturalism; social integration.

Myer Siemiatycki: Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration and the first director of the MA Program in Immigration and Settlement Studies. Research expertise: civic participation of immigrants in Toronto.

Reena Tandon: Developing Community Engaged Learning and Teaching Initiative in the Faculty of Arts. Research interests: globalization, gender and labor, informal sector, precarious work, workers' organizations/organizing, health inequities; health and work/workers.

Cheryl Teelucksingh: Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology. Research expertise: environmental justice and social inequality within the urban context; racialization; community-based research.

Vappu Tyyskä: Professor in the Department of Sociology and former Director of the MA Program in Immigration and Settlement Studies. Research expertise: immigrant families and youth.

Mandana Vahabi: Associate Professor in the Daphne Cockwell school of Nursing and Co-Director of Centre for Global Health and Health Equity. Research expertise: immigrant health, particularly women's health, socio-cultural determinants of health, health literacy and access to primary and secondary health care services.

Emily van der Meulen: Associate Professor in the Department of Criminology. Research expertise: criminalization of sex work, Canadian anti-trafficking policy, gendered experiences with surveillance and urban CCTV, and prison health and harm reduction

Lu Wang: Associate Professor in the Department of Geography. Research expertise: health, immigration, access to health care, retail geography, ethnic retail, GIS, mixed-method approaches.

Shuguang Wang: Professor in the Department of Geography. Research expertise: immigrants' settlement patterns; immigrants' economic performance; ethnic economy.

Karline Wilson-Mitchell: Assistant Professor, Midwifery Education Program in the Faculty of Community Services. Research expertise: perinatal outcomes of uninsured new immigrant and refugee mothers and newborns, mental health issues affecting new immigrant and refugee women.

Lixia Yang: Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology. Research expertise: aging, cognition, plasticity, memory, emotional processing, culture, immigration.

Margaret Yap: Associate Professor, Human Resources Management, Ted Rogers School of Management. Research interests: diversity and equity in organizations.

June Yee: Associate Professor in the School of Social Work. Research expertise: race and racism; access and equity issues for ethno-racial minority clientele in health, education, and social services.

Zhixi Cecilia Zhuang: Associate Professor in the School of Urban and Regional Planning. Research expertise: planning amidst diversity, place-making, ethnic retailing.

Appendix C: RCIS in the News

- RCIS Founding Director Harald Bauder launches most recent book "[Migration Borders Freedom](#)" on October 14, 2016
- RCIS Affiliates John Shields and Sutama Ghosh, Co-applicants and Harald Bauder, Collaborator on successful SSHRC Partnership Grant entitled "Migration and Resilience in Urban Canada: Discovering Strengths and Building Capacity"
- RCIS Interim Director John Shields in The Toronto Star, "[Gloomier future seen for Canadian immigration](#)" (June 2, 2016)



Appendix D: Financial Statements

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GRANTS / CONTRACTS IN AID OF RESEARCH

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Annual Statement
 Interim Statement
 Final Statement

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| Family Name, Given Name and Initial(s) of Grantee Wang, Shuguang | Date July 18, 2017 | For the Year Ending April 30, 2017 |
| Sponsor / Funding Agency Ryerson University | University Account No. 1 - 51 - 51769 | Contract / Grant Reference No. RCIS - Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement Studies |
| PROJECT FUNDS AVAILABLE | | |
| Balance of grant at close of previous year | | |
| Current Year Grant | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Total funds available | A \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 |
| EXPENDITURES INCURRED | | |
| 1) Salaries to students (including benefits) | Canadian and Permanent Resident | Foreign |
| a) Bachelor's | \$ | \$ |
| b) Master's | \$ | \$ |
| c) Doctorate | \$ 9,600.00 | \$ 9,600.00 |
| 2) Salaries to non-students (including benefits) | | |
| a) Postdoctoral | \$ | \$ 0.00 |
| b) Other | | \$ |
| 3) Professional and technical services/contracts | | \$ |
| 4) Equipment (including powered vehicles) | | \$ |
| 5) Materials, supplies and other expenditures | | \$ 150.00 |
| 6) Travel | | \$ |
| Total expenditures incurred | B \$ 9,750.00 | \$ 9,750.00 |
| Balance (A - B) | \$ 10,250.00 | 10,250.00 |
| UNSPENT BALANCE | | |
| Outstanding commitments at close of year | | \$ 0.00 |
| SIGNATURES | | |
| I hereby certify that the above statement is correct; that the expenditures conform to the general conditions and regulations governing grants as outlined in the Federal Granting Agency guide, and were for the purpose for which the grant was made. | | I hereby certify that the expenditures summarized above were incurred and paid wholly on behalf of the grantee, and that the vouchers are available for monitoring purposes. |
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| | Prepared by Client Services - Research Accounting | Director, Client Services - Financial Services |
| Grantee (or university official for GRF, SIG and ASU) | | 27/07/2017 |
| Date | | Date |

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