



Atlantic Metropolis Centre E-Bulletin

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The Bulletin keeps you informed about events and opportunities in and around the AMC, its research domains and partners, and the Metropolis Secretariat. It contains information about upcoming events, including lectures and conferences, research resources and publications, calls for proposals, and much more.

The Bulletin can also be found on the web at www.atlantic.metropolis.net.

The deadline for submitting information for the next AMC Bulletin is October 1, 2009.

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1. News from the AMC

Staff Change

There was a change in staff at the Halifax office of the AMC in July. Robert Nathan, who has worked with the AMC for the past year as Coordinator and Communications Officer, has moved back to his home city of Victoria, BC. Gloria Brazeau-Schiebel has joined AMC in Robert's place and in so doing is coming home also. She has had a good deal of executive experience in the non-profit area especially in community development. She has a broad knowledge of immigration issues, having lived in Japan for eight years and then engaged in New Brunswick's efforts in immigration. She genuinely wants

to play her part in the AMC and is excited that the research engendered by AMC will lead to the development of policies that will build a better future for all Atlantic Canadians.

Domain Changes

Dr. Chris Murphy has moved on from his position as domain leader of Justice, Policing, and Security. The domain will now be co-led by Jean-François Thibault from the Université de Moncton and a representative of Dalhousie University who is yet to be determined.

Dr. Ibrahim Ouattara is no longer co-domain leader of the Citizenship and Social, Cultural and Civic integration domain. Dr. Pauline Gardiner Barber from Dalhousie is now the sole leader of this domain

Annual Report 2008-2009

The AMC annual report is now available on our web site under the documents section: http://www.atlantic.metropolis.net/forms_docs_e.html#pilots

Website Changes

Call for Proposals

The AMC is pleased to announce its 2009 Annual Grant Competition. To learn more, please consult our web site at: http://www.atlantic.metropolis.net/forms_docs_e.html#pilots

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Inventory of available free publications from the AMC will soon be available on our website.

Competition for best paper by a student - \$500 award – to be officially announced in September

2. AMC Events and Meetings

The economics domain plans to hold a research symposium on October 9-09. Highlights of the event include a keynote speech by Dr. Demetri Papademetriou (President Migration Policy Institute, Washington, title of speech: Attracting and retaining talent before and after the global recession) to be followed by domain research presentations. Stay tuned for details of the program.

3. Working Paper Series

The AMC's Working Papers Series is related to the broad mandate of the Metropolis Project. The Working Papers produced by the Atlantic Metropolis Centre are designed to: (1) speed up the dissemination of research results relevant to the interests and concerns of Metropolis researchers, policy-makers, NGOs; (2) allow for an avenue where Metropolis researchers in the Atlantic region can disseminate research and information specific to immigration, migration, integration and diversity in Atlantic Canada. Digital copies of AMC Working Papers can be accessed online at www.atlantic.metropolis.net.

New Working Papers

Effects of Immigration on Housing Prices in Canada (Akbari & Aydede, 2009)

4. Other Publications:

Integrating International Medical Graduates: Nova Scotia Resources & Gaps
By Suha Masalmeh, MD, MHA

International Medical Graduates [IMGs] comprise approximately 25% of the physician workforce in Canada. Despite the demand for physicians, IMGs face numerous challenges in accreditation and participation in the medical workforce in Canada. This paper aims to analyze and synthesize information on the resources and gaps in the IMG licensing process in Nova Scotia and provide recommendations to facilitate their integration into the medical system as licensed physicians. It is based on a critical analysis of information collected from literature, internet sources and key informant interviews.

Now available at <http://www.misa.ns.ca/resources.php> under Reports on the Resource page

5. Public Announcements (Conferences, etc.)

The Atlantic Metropolis Centre distributes information on behalf of other parties who operate in the language of their choice.

14th International Metropolis Conference – Copenhagen, September 14-18
“Migration and Mobility: National Responses to Cultural Diversity”.
Please visit <http://www.metropolis2009.org/registration/index.html> to register or to find out more about this exciting conference – **see page 3&4 of this bulletin to learn about AMC's participation.**

Publication showcasing immigrant entrepreneurs on PEI launched – Charlottetown, July 15
<http://www.upei.ca/news/media/2009/07/15/publication-showcasing-immigrant-entrepreneurs-peி-officially-launched>

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Call for Submissions

12th National Metropolis Conference

Immigration and Diversity: Crossroads of Cultures, Engine of Economic Development
March 18-21, Le Centre Sheraton Montréal
1201, boulevard René-Lévesque Ouest,
Montréal

Quebec Metropolis Centre - Immigration
and Metropolis www.im.metropolis.net
514.499.4084

Call for Papers

Annual Conference of the Association for Canadian Studies

November 7, 2009

Ramada Plaza Crystal Palace Hotel
Moncton, New Brunswick

“Making Sense of Place: Geographies and Identity in Canada and Elsewhere”

[http://canada.metropolis.net/pdfs/cfp_acs_annua
lconf2009_e.pdf](http://canada.metropolis.net/pdfs/cfp_acs_annua
lconf2009_e.pdf)

Starlight World French Cinema

August 6-8 (from 7:30 pm on the 6th and 7th;
from 2:00 pm on the 8th for young viewers ages
6-12)

At the Park for the Arts of the Moncton Summit
(in front of the Aberdeen Cultural Centre)

In case of rain, activities will be held in the
Aberdeen Cultural Centre

FREE ADMISSION – CAIIMM (506)382-7494

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“Migration and Mobility: National Responses to
Cultural Diversity”.

AMC and Atlantic Canada participation

Implementing asylum-seeking minors’ human rights in diverse national contexts

Tuesday, September 15, 2:00-3:30 pm

Madine VanderPlaat, Saint Mary’s University /
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This workshop is about children’s rights in policy
and practice. We will have a critical discussion

about central concepts and methods regarding
the “Best Interests of the Child” and asylum
seeking minors. The aim of the session is
twofold: First, to identify challenges and
possibilities in research, policy making and
practice with asylum seeking minors. Second,
to identify ways in which an exchange between
research, policy development, practice and
service delivery could be mobilised.

Marketisation and migration: multiple implications for families, children and women

Tuesday, September 15, 2:00-5:30 pm

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In the current economic downturn, and over
recent decades, labour market realities have
become over-arching concerns for immigration
policy around the world. While acknowledging
that economic vitality and productivity are
crucial, this workshop evaluates what issues,
interests, and identities can become
marginalised when the market and economic
rationales are prioritised. Specifically, what are
the concrete effects of marketisation on families,
women, and children? And, what are the
gendered effects of marketisation for
immigration, and, ultimately, for citizenship?

Immigrants, international students and trans- national networks outside of large centres

Wednesday, September 16, 2:00-5:30 pm;

Thursday, September 17, 2:00-5:30 pm

Chedly Belkhdja, Université de Moncton
(Canada)

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This workshop examines the processes that
construct diversity outside of large urban centers
in several countries. Particular attention will be
paid to immigrants who settle in these regions,
international students who attend educational
institutions there and the trans-national networks
that are created. International comparisons will
be made between three countries and their
regions: Canada with Quebec and New
Brunswick, Switzerland with various counties,
and Spain with the Basque Country.

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Immigrant women's integration into the community

Thursday, September 17, 2:00-3:30 pm

Ljiljana Kalaba, Multicultural Association of Fredericton (Canada) Ljiljana@mcaf.nb.ca
Margaret Dykman, University of New Brunswick (Canada) margdyk@unb.ca

Cristin Muecke, New Brunswick Public Health Services (Canada) Cristin.muecke@gnb.ca

This workshop will discuss partnerships formed between the Federal Government, Status of Women Canada, an immigrant serving agency, the Multicultural Association of Fredericton Inc. with culturally diverse staffing, local organizations serving women and a local university, the University of New Brunswick.

Innovations in economic integration: using technology as a tool

Thursday, September 17, 2:00-3:30 pm

Jan Sheppard-Kutcher, Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Association (Canada)
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Gerry Mills, Halifax Immigrant Learning Centre (Canada) gmills@hilc.ns.ca

This workshop will examine how technology may be used as a tool to produce interactive, innovative programmes to expedite successful workplace integration. It will highlight a number of cutting-edge initiatives developed by government, the educational sector, employer groups and NGOs which use technology to provide educational and networking opportunities to facilitate the economic integration of skilled newcomers. The chair is Ileana de la Teja and the panelists are Gerry Mills, Juan Bosco Govantes Romero, Nava Israel (by technology) and Jan Sheppard-Kutcher

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