

Comparative and International Education Society of Canada (CIESC)

President's Report 2008

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In Memoriam

- Douglas Ray, long-time Professor of Education at the University of Western Ontario passed away earlier this year. CIESC Program Chair, Lynette Shultz attended Dr. Ray's funeral in Edmonton on behalf of CIESC. Professor Suzanne Majhanovich, who was Dr. Ray's colleague at UWO, and Professor Ratna Ghosh (McGill University) who collaborated with him on some seminal publications, spoke about Dr. Ray's intellectual life, personhood and contributions to international education and to the overall academic community. As a sign of Dr. Ray's excellent contributions to the field, one of CIESC's yearly awards, *The Douglas Ray Award* for the best student paper presented at the association's annual conference is named after him.
- Pat Putedal, who worked at UBC and participated in CIESC conferences passed away in 2007. Edward Howe of UBC spoke her work and contributions.

Well-wishes: Professor Romulo Magsino (University of Manitoba) was seriously sick and in hospital in Winnipeg. CIESC wished him well and a card was sent to him through Professor Deo Poonwassie.

General Information

CIESC continues to work on increasing its membership and raising its profile both nationally and internationally. With the number of Canadian students interested in international increasing and with more international students coming to Canada, it is necessary to highlight the role as well as the importance of international educational research as it affects the lives of countries, communities and organizations. CIESC intends to achieve this by elevating its activities in CSSE yearly conferences, by increasing the involvement of graduate students in these conferences, and by exploring new possibilities of connecting, where appropriate, with international scholars and international education associations. Among the activities undertaken this year include the full revival of the awards program, and the re-establishment of the keynote address, which should take place every other year. The keynote address will rotate with the presidential address which also happens every other year.

CIESC Awards

CIESC gives such yearly awards as the Michel Laferriere best doctoral and Master's theses awards and the Douglas Ray best graduate student paper award to graduate students from Canadian universities. These awards are important recognitions for the outstanding work in international education many students are engaged in. Unlike last year when only the Douglas Ray Award was given, the full activation of this program has been undertaken this year, but because there were no submissions for the Laferriere awards last year, two awards in each category are being given this year.

The 2006-2007 CIESC award winners

Michel Laferriere Doctoral awards:

John Whitman, OISE/ University of Toronto

Thesis title: *Evaluating philanthropic foundations: A comparative social values Approach*

Supervisor: Jack Quarter

Teresa Van Deven, University of Western Ontario

Thesis title: *The native English teaching program in Hong Kong, China: A critical ethnography*

Supervisor: Suzanne Majhanovich

Michel Laferriere Master's awards

Jie Chen, University of Western Ontario

Thesis title: *Case study of the TOEFL iBt Preparation course*

Supervisor: Suzanne Majhanovich

Anna-Marija Petrunic, University of Calgary

Thesis title: *Multiple acts of identification among educators in a post-conflict situation: Evidence from Kosovo*

Supervisor: Yvonne Hebert

Douglas Ray Best Graduate Student Paper award in 2007

Tara Gibb, Evelyn Hamdon and Zenobia Jamal, University of Alberta

Paper: *Re/claiming agency: Learning, liminality and Immigrant Service Organizations*

CIESC Pre-conference program, 2008

The CIESC pre-conference program on the ‘Intensification of International Education’ will be held at UBC on May 30th, 2008. Thanks to the efforts of the lead organizer, Yvonne Hebert (University of Calgary), about 70 participants have registered for the program and we expect it to yield good results. The keynote speakers are John Willinsky (Stanford University) and Tim Goddard (University of Calgary/UPEI).

This year’s program

Thanks to the excellent work by our Program Chair, Professor Lynette Shultz (University of Alberta), this year’s program is very promising. The numbers, in terms of membership and submissions are up with a current membership of 131. The majority of the new members should be graduate students, and that is very good for the future of the society. CIESC also thanks Marianne Larson (University of Western Ontario) for her excellent work as Program Chair in the past three years.

CIESC 2008 Keynote

The keynote speaker for this year’s conference is Professor Handel Wright (UBC).

Presentation title: *Africa(n)s and African studies in Canadian international education.*

CIESC Journal

The association journal, *Canadian and International Education*, under the editorship of Professor Suzanne Majhanovich of the University of Western Ontario, continues to be very successful. We thank Suzanne and her editorial assistant Dien Tran for their excellent work in this regard. We also would like to thank the Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario for the funding support it provides to the Journal.

Ali A. Abdi, President