

Biographies for participants in “Research in the RDCs: How to access Statistics Canada’s confidential data sets and the experience of working at Research Data Centres”

Panelists:

Martin Cooke

Martin Cooke is Associate Professor at the University of Waterloo, with academic appointments in the School of Public Health and Health Systems, the Department of Sociology and Legal Studies, and the School of Pharmacy, and he is an Affiliated Scientist at the Propel Centre for Population Health Impact. His recent research has been about the health and well-being of Indigenous populations across the lifecourse, using Statistics Canada surveys as well as qualitative data. Since 2013 he has been co-Director of the Waterloo Survey Research Centre, and is incoming PI of the Canadian Student Tobacco Alcohol and Drugs Survey, Health Canada’s source of substance use surveillance data on school-aged children. Dr. Cooke teaches courses in social, behavioural and cultural aspects of public health, as well as demographic change in Canada.

Michael Haan

Dr. Michael Haan (PhD, University of Toronto, 2006) is an Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair in Migration and Ethnic Relations at the University of Western Ontario. He is also academic co-director of the Western University Research Data Centre. His research interests intersect the areas of demography, immigrant settlement, labour market integration, and data development. Dr. Haan is widely consulted by provincial and federal governments for policy advice in the areas of immigration, settlement services, the Canadian labour market, and population aging. Dr. Haan is currently investigator or co-investigator on over six million dollars of research focused on immigrant settlement, developing welcoming communities, and identifying the factors that predict successful retention of newcomers. Since receiving his PhD in 2006, he has already published over 50 articles and reports on these topics.

Heather Rollwagen

Heather Rollwagen received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Calgary in 2011, and joined the Sociology Department at Ryerson University that same year. Her research interests include housing, urban sociology, fear of crime, youth crime, and research methods. Heather's quantitative research projects have used data from the General Social Survey (Victimization) and the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey. In addition, she works with several interdisciplinary research teams, offering expertise in quantitative methods and analysis. Her teaching interests include undergraduate and graduate courses in statistics, research methods, urban sociology and introductory sociology. As a graduate student, she was the Statistical Assistant at the Prairie Regional Research Data Centre (University of Calgary).

Brittany Etmanski

Brittany Etmanski is pursuing her Ph.D. at the University of Waterloo in the department of Sociology & Legal Studies. She was employed as a statistical assistant and conducted her research at the South-Western Ontario Research Data Centre (SWORDC) from 2013-2016. She received her M.A. from the University of Guelph, and her Honours B.A with distinction from Nipissing University. Her research focuses in the areas of the sociology of (higher) education, school-to-work transitions, social & public policy, and social stratification & inequality.

Brad Seward

Brad Seward is a PhD candidate in Sociology at the University of Guelph. Since 2013 he has held the position of Statistical Assistant at Statistics Canada's Research Data Center, Guelph Branch. In his recent research affiliations he has worked with the National Graduate Surveys, the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics, and the Public Service Employee Survey. His doctoral focus is on the relationship between higher education and employment outcomes, with a particular interest in the experiences of traditionally disadvantaged groups.

Moderator:**Martin Taylor**

In April 2016, Martin Taylor began a five year term as Executive Director of the Canadian Research Data Centre Network based at McMaster University. He is Professor Emeritus of Geography at the University of Victoria, adjunct professor in the School of Geography and Earth Sciences at McMaster University, and adjunct professor in the School of Public Health and Health Systems at the University of Waterloo. He has extensive governance experience and currently chairs the boards of Community Based Research Canada and the Propel Centre for Population Health Impact at the University of Waterloo. He is also a member of the board of the Homewood Research Institute and serves on the research management committee of MEOPAR. He holds a BA (Hons Geography) from Bristol University and an MA and PhD in Geography from UBC. A Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, he is the author of two books and over 100 peer-reviewed publications in the field of environmental and community health.