



MEMORIAL
PRESENTS:

ON THE MOVE

LONG-DISTANCE COMMUTING
AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

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on the move partnership

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PROJECT DIRECTOR



Barbara Neis is a University Research Professor in the Department of Sociology and Co-Director of the SafetyNet Centre for Occupational Health and Safety Research at Memorial University. Professor Neis is also the new President of the Canadian Association for Research on Work and Health, a member of the Core Group on Ocean Science in Canada for the Council of Canadian Academies Ocean Science

Project, and the founder of the Fishing for the Future Film Festival. She was a Trudeau Foundation Fellow between 2006 and 2009 and is currently Vice-President (Fellow) of the Trudeau Foundation Society. She received the President's Award for Outstanding Research at Memorial University and is a former member of SSHRC Council. Professor Neis received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Toronto in 1988. Her research focuses broadly on interactions between work, environment, health and communities in rural and remote contexts. She has researched many aspects of the Newfoundland and Labrador fisheries including gender and fisheries, occupational asthma to snow crab and fishing vessel safety; the environmental, social and human health impacts of restructuring in the Newfoundland and Labrador fisheries; and local ecological knowledge and science. Her current research responsibilities include acting as Project Director for On the Move: Employment-Related Geographical Mobility in the Canadian Context, and Principal Investigator of the 5-year, SSHRC-funded Community-University Research for Recovery Alliance (CURRA). The CURRA has involved working with researchers from the natural and social sciences and fine arts and with community groups to look for ways to promote recovery of fisheries and fishery communities in western Newfoundland. Professor Neis is also a co-applicant and theme co-lead on the Marine, Environmental, Observation, Prediction and Response Network of Centres of Excellence and a member of the NSERC-funded Canadian Capture Fisheries Research Network

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Sara Dorow is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Alberta, where she teaches and researches in the areas of globalization, race and culture, gender and family, qualitative methods, and community. She is currently writing an ethnographic account of Fort McMurray, "urban service area" to the oil sands, and is heading the Alberta team for the national research project *On the Move: Employment-Related Geographical Mobility in the Canadian Context*. These projects follow a decade of research on Chinese-North American adoption. She is the author of *Transnational Adoption: A Cultural Economy of Race, Gender, and Kinship*.



Pauline Gardiner Barber is Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at Dalhousie University. She has done research in two different regions asking similar questions about gender, class, and social change. Her PhD research was based in Cape Breton in the 1990s where she studied workplace politics and livelihood concerns of fish processing workers. Recently, she has been working in the Philippines where she researches how migration is changing lives and livelihoods. Recent co-edited volumes include *Class, Contention, and a World in Motion*, *21st Century Migration: Political Economy and Ethnography*, and *Confronting Capital*.



Michael Haan is Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair of Population and Social Policy at the University of New Brunswick, and leader of the Statistics Component of *On the Move*. His research interests include demography, immigrant settlement, labour market integration, and residential segregation. Previously he was Winspear-Archer Research Fellow in Immigration and Social Policy at the University of Alberta, where he is an adjunct faculty member and research associate at the Population Research Laboratory. He has also worked in Statistics Canada's Business and Labour Market Analysis Division. He is a research associate at the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Labour at the University of Lethbridge, and the McGill Centre for Population Dynamics.



Greg Halseth is a Professor of Geography at the University of Northern British Columbia, where he is also the Canada Research Chair in Rural and Small Town Studies and Director of UNBC's Community Development Institute. He researches rural and small town community development, and community strategies for coping with social and economic change, all with a focus on northern B.C.'s resource-based towns. He has written *Building Community in an Instant Town* and *Building for Success*, and edited *Next Rural Economies*. His most recent book is *Investing in Place: Economic Renewal in Northern British Columbia*.

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Martha MacDonald is Professor and past chair of Economics at Saint Mary's University, where she has also been active in the Atlantic Canada Studies and Women Studies programs. Her research has focused on labour market restructuring, gender and economics, household livelihood strategies and income security policy. She has published recently on gender and precarious employment, Employment Insurance, restructuring in rural resource-based communities, and mobility in rural Newfoundland. She was a co-investigator with Coasts Under Stress and the Community University Research for Recovery Alliance. She has served on the Executive Council of the Canadian Economics Association and is a past president of the International Association for Feminist Economics.



Nora Spinks is CEO of The Vanier Institute of the Family. For more than 25 years, she has worked with progressive organizations, helping business, labour, government and community leaders to create effective, productive and supportive work environments; strengthen families; and build healthy communities. A renowned speaker, author and recognized thought leader, she has provided strong leadership in the work-life field across Canada and around the world. Building on her experience, while staying abreast of the trends and providing critical analysis and strategic thinking, Nora has added tremendous value to work-life and wellness committees, executive teams, human resource professionals and practitioners, board of directors and research organizations.



David Walters is Professor of Work Environment and Director of the Cardiff Work Environment Research Centre, Cardiff University. His research and writing is on employee representation and consultation on health and safety, the politics of health and safety at work, regulating and inspecting health and safety management, chemical risk management at work, and health and safety in small firms. He has frequently advised various official inquiries, national and international organizations and professional bodies in the UK and elsewhere. He is editor of the journal *Policy and Practice in Health and Safety* and a member of the editorial board of *Safety Science*. He is the author or contributor to a number of recent books. David is also Associate Director of the Seafarers' International Research Centre at Cardiff University.



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