**BMRC March 2018 Newsletter**

**Presentation of research assistants**

**Transversal project: “Analysis of policy discourses shaping migration and resilience at the three levels of Canadian government”**

**Samuel Proulx-Chénard (Montreal)**

Samuel Proulx-Chénard  is a MA student in political science at Concordia University with a focus on immigration policy. He majored in political science in an international program at the Université Laval twined with the Université Saint-Louis in Brussels, where he became interested in European institutions and in Belgian federalism. With a background in political sociology, his research interests reside in the immigration selection processes, economic and humanitarian immigration, as well as political culture and anthropology. In the BMRC project (Migration and Resilience in Urban Canada), his role as a research assistant consists of qualitative policy analysis, more specifically documenting the uses of the concept of resilience in policy documents produced by the provincial government of Québec.

**Gabriel Thériault (Montreal)**

Gabriel Thériault is a research assistant, documenting the uses of the notion resilience in policy documents produced by the City of Montreal. He holds a degree in philosophy, and is currently studying as a graduate student in Community Economic Development at Concordia University. Gabriel has a strong interest in applied ethics and in how to adapt institutions to the needs of local communities through co-production of knowledge and practices and tools for solidarity finance.

**Vivian W. Y. Leung (Toronto)**

Vivian W. Y. Leung is a second-year PhD student and Research Assistant at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto. She received her Honours Bachelor of Social Sciences (Psychology) from the University of Hong Kong and her Masters of Arts (Social Policy) from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Vivian’s research interests include family issues (e.g. parenting and family relations) among immigrant populations, immigration and settlement policies, and ethnic relations. She has experiences in both quantitative and qualitative methodologies, including survey research, critical discourse analysis and grounded theory. Her doctoral research will focus on the cultural socialization (enculturation) practices of Chinese immigrant parents in North America and the influence of various socio-cultural factors. In the context of the BMRC, Vivian assists with the qualitative policy discourse analysis of the concept resilience in policy documents for the province of Ontario and the City of Toronto.

**Daniel Boutin (Ottawa-Gatineau)**

Daniel Boutin is a Masters student at the School of Sociological and Antrhopological Studies at the University of Ottawa. He recently joined the “Analysis of policy discourses shaping migration and resilience” project, having been tasked to assist with the collection and analysis of policy data at the municipal level for the cities of Ottawa and Gatineau. Hailing from Nova-Scotia, Daniel has completed his Bachelor’s degree at uOttawa in Political Science and Francophone Studies, and is currently pursuing his studies with a focus on language, identity and youth.

**Ottawa-Gatineau city-network project on “Resilience and International Student Mobility”**

**Louise Cockram (Ottawa-Gatineau)**

Louise Cockram is a PhD candidate in the department of political science at Carleton University. Her thesis research explores how the orientation process that newly elected MPs go through in the UK and Canada shapes how they construct their role as legislators. Louise has experience conducting qualitative research, she was research lead for a project entitled On the Record, Off-Script, a major project on the quality of legislative representation in Nova Scotia. For the project, she conducted exit interviews with 35 members of the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly and analyzed their responses in NVIVO, qualitative analysis software. Louise is assisting the Ottawa-Gatineau team with an analysis of the governance structures of the federal government and an institutional scan and analysis of the Carleton U policies on international students.

**Jean Nephetaly Michel (Ottawa-Gatineau)**

Jean Nephetaly Michel holds a degree in Linguistics from the State University of Haiti (UEH) and a Bachelor of Social Work from the UEH that he completed through an exchange program at the University of Montreal. His papers in linguistics focused on the problematic of Creole in the Haitian voodoo, specifically on an analysis of ceremonial speeches in voodoo. Jean is currently a Master's student in Sociology at the University of Ottawa and works under the supervision of Marie Blanche Tahon (Sociology) and Luisa Veronis (Geography). His research interests include: family, gender, immigration and post-secondary and university studies. Jean is a Research Assistant on the Ottawa-Gatineau “Resilience and International Student Mobility” project. Working in collaboration with the research team, Jean’s tasks involve conducting an institutional scan and analysis of the uOttawa policies relating to international students.