Editorial

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This issue of *Canadian Studies in Population* marks the beginning of my three-year term as Editor-in-Chief. It is an honor and a privilege to take over the helm of the journal from Professor Frank Trovato, who has occupied this position for the past 11 years. As Frank revisited in his editorial from last December, he guided *Canadian Studies in Population* through a number of important developments, notably its acceptance into the Web of Science citation indexing service, which has enhanced the journal's international visibility and reputation. On behalf of the journal, I could not be more grateful to Frank for his hard work and achievements, and I look forward to his continued support to *Canadian Studies in Population*.

Canadian Studies in Population has been the flagship journal of the Canadian Population Society and the leading journal on population studies in Canada for almost half a century. The inaugural issue of the journal, published in 1974, contained papers written by Kingsley Davis, Nathan Keyfitz, and Roland Pressat. Since then, several Canadian demographers who have made an important contribution to demographic research in the 20th century, both in Canada and internationally—including Nathan Keyfitz, T.R. Balakrishnan, Jacques Henripin, Warren Kalbach, Anatole Romaniuk, and Leroy Stone—have served on the journal editorial board. Today, *Canadian Studies in Population* remains the main platform to facilitate the diffusion and exchange of ideas within the community of Canadian population researchers, and with policymakers and researchers from other disciplines in Canada and abroad. Nonetheless, its impact factor has room to grow, which would make it a more attractive outlet to international scholars who want to reach a wide audience.

As I take on the role of Editor-in-Chief, *Canadian Studies in Population* is entering a new era. After having been hosted by the Department of Sociology of the University of Alberta since its inception, *Canadian Studies in Population* will now be published by Springer, joining several other top-rank journals in population studies such as *Demography*, the *European Journal of Population*, *Genus*, the *Journal of Population*

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Research, and *Population Research and Policy Review*. This is the issue that marks this important change for the journal.

I believe that the transition to Springer is a unique opportunity for *Canadian Studies in Population* to grow its audience and increase its impact factor, for at least a few reasons. First, it will ensure the journal a subscription base, and it will expand its distribution networks. Second, the delay from acceptance to publication will be shorter, because articles that have been proofread will be published online first. Finally, the number of published papers will increase because, during the next three years, the number of journal issues will gradually increase from two to four per year.

My goal as Editor-in-Chief is to take advantage of the opportunities opened by the transition of *Canadian Studies in Population* to Springer during my mandate. To do so, my main objective is to minimize delays in giving feedback to authors and to increase the number of articles submitted to *Canadian Studies in Population* by diversifying its portfolio. Specifically, *Canadian Studies in Population* will now accept “Research Notes” and “Research Synthesis” that will be published alongside standard “Research Articles.” The Research Notes, of maximum 3000 words, will allow researchers to share new data sources or initial research findings, whereas the Research Synthesis, of maximum 5000 words, will be an outlet to synthesize the literature on specific topics. Both types of articles will be reviewed exclusively by the editorial board, and will thus guarantee the authors a quick turnaround. *Canadian Studies in Population* will also accept “Policy perspectives” (up to 2000 words), and letters to the editor submitted in response to published articles if they solicit a salient reply from the author. Finally, I will continue in Frank Trovato’s steps to promote the journal internationalization by diversifying the geographical scope of the published research, and by soliciting invited papers not only from top Canadian but also international scholars.

Let me conclude by thanking our authors and readers for their consistent endorsement of the journal over the years. I look forward to working with all of you to take *Canadian Studies in Population* to a new level of success.