



May 6-7, 2026

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researcher-member symposium

# NETWORKS IN DIALOGUE

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symposium des chercheurs-membres

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## ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM


Since 2017, QUESCREN has built a vibrant network of **researcher-members** whose work touches on the many facets of Quebec's English-speaking communities. Today, our member list includes 85 researchers working across fields such as education, public policy, culture, health, and community life. This symposium is an opportunity for our network and the wider community to come together to explore, discuss, and advance research on English-speaking Quebec.

## ABOUT QUESCREN

Launched in 2009, the Quebec English-Speaking Communities Research Network (QUESCREN) is a collaborative network of researchers, community members and institutions. QUESCREN provides opportunities to promote the understanding and vitality of English-speaking Quebec through research, knowledge mobilization, networking, and outreach.

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# DAY 1

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

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9:00AM – 9:15AM	<b>OPENING REMARKS</b>	
	Welcoming Remarks	John McMahon (Secrétariat aux relations avec les Québécois d'expression anglaise) Lorraine O'Donnell (QUESCREN)
9:15AM – 9:30AM	<b>QUESCREN RESEARCH &amp; TOOLS</b>	Lorraine O'Donnell (QUESCREN)
9:30AM – 10:30AM	<b>PRESENTATION SESSION: Collaborative Initiatives</b>	Moderator: Anita Aloisio (QUESCREN)
	An Arts and Culture Research Network Related to English-Speaking Quebec: Goals and Choices	Erin Hurley (McGill University) Lorne Huston (Independent Resarcher)
	Why Has Social Change in Black Communities Been So Difficult? Addressing Systemic Discrimination in University/Community Collaborations	Leith Hamilton (Consultant) Elijah Olise (Holistic Afro Center)
10:30AM – 11:00AM	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00AM – 12:00PM	<b>PRESENTATION SESSION: Language Beliefs and Motivations</b>	Moderator: TBD
	Community and Family Environments Shaping Children's Bilingual Development of English and French in Quebec	Erin Quirk (Université de Sherbrooke)
	Tracking the Psychological Effects of Collective Autonomy Restriction Over Time: How Quebec's New Language Laws Are Impacting the Current Adjustment and Future Expectations of English-Speaking Quebecers	Richard Koestner (McGill University)
12:00PM – 1:15PM	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:15AM – 2:15PM	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION: Governing Community Vitality: English-Speaking Quebec, Civil Society, and the State</b>	Moderator: Celine Cooper (Consortium of English-language CEGEPS, Colleges and Universities of Quebec)
		Stephen Thompson (Consultant) Chedly Belkhadja (Concordia University) Nicholas Salter (Provincial Employment Roundtable - PERT) Brigitte Wellens (Voice of English-speaking Québec)
2:15PM – 2:45PM	<b>Coffee break</b>	
2:45PM – 4:00PM	<b>SHOWCASE: Research &amp; English-Speaking Community Organizations</b>	<i>Speakers TBD</i>
4:00PM – 4:15PM	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	
4:15PM – 5:15PM	<b>Symposium Cocktail</b>	<i>Generously supported by TALQ</i>

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# DAY 2

## THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

9:00AM – 9:15AM **OPENING REMARKS**

9:15AM – 10:15AM

**PRESENTATION SESSION:  
Place, Policy, and the Teacher Pathway**

Moderator:  
Lina Shoumarova (QUESCREN)

Québec's Strategy to Monetize Mentorship  
in the Teaching Practicum: A Policy Analysis  
Across Nine English School Boards

Joanne Pattison-Meek (Bishop's University)

Language, Identity, and Retention: Why  
Pre-Service ESL Teachers in Quebec  
Consider Leaving the Profession

Samantha Traves (McGill University)

10:15AM – 10:35AM **Coffee break**

10:35AM – 11:35PM

**PRESENTATION SESSION:  
Community History**

Moderator:  
Simon-Pierre Lacasse (QUESCREN)

People's History of English-Speaking Quebec  
and the Case of the Black Rock Group

Lorraine O'Donnell (Concordia University)

Archiving Legacy: Black History,  
Education, and Mentorship

Dorothy Williams (Concordia University)

11:35AM – 12:00PM

**PRESENTATION:  
Exploring Aging "chez soi" and "bienveillance"  
for Older English Speakers in Québec**

Moderator:  
Anna Hunt (QUESCREN)

Sandra Smele (Centre de recherche et d'expertise  
en gérontologie sociale - CREGÉS)

12:00PM – 1:15PM

**Lunch**

1:15PM – 2:15PM

**ROUNDTABLE PRESENTATION:  
A Collection of Essays on Steve Galluccio's Work**

Moderator:  
Licia Canton (Accenti Magazine)

Beyond the Silence: Steve Galluccio's  
Contribution to Italo-Québécois Literature

Domenico Beneventi (Université de Sherbrooke)

Queering the Gino: Fashion, Masculinity, and  
Redressing Cliché in *Mambo Italiano*

Elio Iannacci (York University)

A Classroom's Response to Galluccio's Plays

Anna Maiolo (Lasalle College)

2:15PM – 2:45PM

**Coffee break**

2:45PM – 3:45PM

**ROUNDTABLE PRESENTATION:  
Before Bill 101: Immigrant Exclusion from  
French-Language Schools in Quebec**

Moderator:  
Ralph Mastromonaco (Mastromonaco Law Firm)

Push or Pull? Immigrant Schooling in  
Quebec's French School System before  
Bill 101—A Literature Review

Simon-Pierre Lacasse (QUESCREN)

Memories of the Students and Educators

Guy Rodgers (Filmmaker)

3:45PM – 4:00PM

**CLOSING REMARKS**