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ANSER Board of Directors

At the Annual General Meeting on May 29, 2009, the first ANSER Board was created. In this newsletter, we will introduce you to some of the people who have volunteered to move ANSER forward.

The issue includes an introduction to the President of ANSER, Jack Quarter, and brief bios of some board members. In future

newsletters we will continue to introduce you to the executive and to other board members and will keep you informed of the work that the board does between annual meetings.

À l'assemblée générale annuelle le 29 mai 2009, les membres du premier Conseil d'administration

d'ARES ont été nommés. Le bulletin présente le président de notre association et une courte bio sur deux autres membres du CA. Dans les prochains bulletins nous continuerons ce travail de présentation. Pour cette édition, nous avons choisi de présenter le tout en anglais.

Meet the President



Jack Quarter is a professor at OISE, University of Toronto, and the co-director of the Social Economy Centre. His recent books include *Understanding the Social*

Economy: A Canadian Perspective (University of Toronto Press, 2009), written together with Laurie Mook and Ann Armstrong; *What Counts: Social Accounting for Nonprofits and Co-operatives*, 2nd Edition (Sigel Press, 2007), with Laurie Mook and BJ Richmond, and *Researching the Social Economy* (University of Toronto Press, forthcoming), edited together with Laurie Mook and Sherida

Ryan. He is the applicant for several SSHRC research grants including a newly funded CURA on Social Business and Marginalized Social Groups and also the Southern Ontario Node of the Social Economy Suite. In addition to the social economy, his research focuses upon nonprofits, co-operatives and volunteering, and he teaches in the field of community development.

SR: What originally drew your interest to the field of nonprofits, and social economy organizations?

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Meet the President (cont'd)



"I realized that I had gone through the entire Canadian school system without learning anything about co-operatives."

JQ: My interests started with co-operatives in the early 1980s and then branched out from there. I was living with my family on a kibbutz in Israel in 1980-81 and became fascinated with co-operatives. I realized that I had gone through the entire Canadian school system without learning anything about co-operatives. When we returned to Canada, I became involved with worker co-operatives, founding and editing a magazine, and then helping to form a national federation in 1990, and became involved with an education project on co-operatives, together with the Co-operative College of Canada. In 1992, my book, *Canada's Social Economy*, was published, and subsequently I became involved in research on measuring the value of volunteering with Laurie Mook and

Betty Jane Richmond. If you don't mind, I will put in a plug for our new book (with Laurie Mook and Ann Armstrong), *Understanding the Social Economy: A Canadian Perspective* (University of Toronto Press, November 2009).

SR: Professionally speaking, what are you excited about now? What drives you?

JQ: I was once in psychoanalysis trying to figure out what drives me, but I never arrived at a good answer. I enjoy my work and take meaning in it. Part of the satisfaction is the people I work with -- bright, energetic graduate students and colleagues in Canada and internationally with whom I share mutual interests.

SR: Why have you gotten involved with ANSER?

JQ: In 2007 following the Congress at the University of Saskatchewan, a group of us decided to form an association that would be a place for researchers of nonprofits and the social economy in Canada to meet and share their work. At first, some of us attempted to broaden a related organization, CASC, which specializes in research on co-operatives.

However, the CASC membership resisted, so we moved ahead on our own. There were six of us: Vic Murray, Peter Elson, Laurie Mook, Michael Hall, Keith Seel and myself. We met once a month and each of us took on tasks between meetings, but we never dreamed that we would receive such a positive response with more than a 100 paid registrants at the first conference at UBC. There were more than 160 at the

Meet the President (cont'd)

SR: What role do you see ANSER playing in the future?

JQ: I hope that ANSER can continue to grow. We have started a publication, the Canadian Journal of Nonprofit and Social Economy Research, a newsletter, student research awards with the generous support of the Institute for Nonprofit Research at Mount Royal University. There is lot of positive energy and who knows what will happen next.

SR: On a more personal note, what do you do in your spare time?

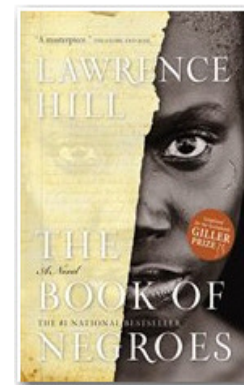
JQ: Walking the dog, burning rubber on the Galloping Goose Trail in Victoria, reading either novels, biographies or history, playing bridge. I used to be a hockey fan, but it is difficult when you live in Toronto. I gave up after my son, David, stopped

playing organized hockey. The joke I enjoy is: What do the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Titanic have in common: they don't do well when they hit the ice.

SR: What is your favourite book and why?

JQ: I read a lot, so that is a difficult question for me. I gave the nominating presentation for an honorary doctorate at the University of Toronto for the novelist/short story writer, MG Vassanji; his book, the *In Between World of Vikram Lall*, is extremely powerful. I put forth Lawrence Hill for an honorary doctorate this coming year, but haven't heard as yet whether he will get it. His signature work, the novel, *Book of Negroes*, should be compulsory reading in our schools. I was heartened to see that it still is on the best

seller list after 75 weeks. One of my all-time favourites is the *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver, and I found the two novels by Khaled Hosseini, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* and *The Kite Runner*, extraordinarily powerful. I enjoy John Steinbeck novels (*Grapes of Wrath*, *The Pearl*, *Of Mice and Men*), Rohinton Mistry's, *A Fine Balance* and Aravind Adiga's, *The White Tiger*. The last biography I read was *The Forger's Spell*, the story of the art forger, Han van Meegeran; others that are memorable were *An Unassuming Genius* (Alexander Graham Bell); and *The Scott Expedition*. I have read several of Ken McGoogan's books on the Northwest Passage. I also read a lot on the history Middle East, and hope to see the day when the tragic conflict between Israel and Palestine is resolved.



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In our next issue we will interview Luc Theriault, Vice President of ANSER/ARES

Board Member Profiles: Peter Elson

*ANSER/ARES
Journal to be
published in 2010.*

Following fifteen year as an Executive Director, Peter made the transition to academic life, first by completing an MSc in Voluntary Sector Organization at the London School of Economics and Political Science and later by completing his PhD in Adult Education and Community Development at the University of Toronto. He is currently Senior Research Associate at Mount Royal

University. He has served on the ANSER steering committee since its inception and is currently serving a three-year term on the board. He has served as chair of the Administration committee and was recently appointed English Language Editor of ANSER's new journal, the *Canadian Journal of Nonprofit and Social*

Economy/Research/Journal canadien de recherche en économie sociale. A book based on his PhD thesis has been accepted for publication by the University of Toronto Press and will be published in July, 2010.

Board Member Profiles: Lucie Dumais

Lucie Dumais is a Professor of Social Policy at the School of Social Work at the Université du Québec à Montréal. A sociologist and political scientist, she has worked in academia (in Québec and Ontario) for 20 years. Lucie Dumais is the Director of Laboratoire de Recherche sur les Pratiques et les Politiques Sociales (LAREPPS) with Dr. Christian Jetté and Chair of the Knowledge Transfer Committee at l'Alliance de Recherche Universités-

Communautés en Economie Sociale (ARUC-ÉS). She has research experience in occupational health, work organizations and social policy and has worked in interdisciplinary settings, such as university-community partnerships (with unions and community groups). Recent research includes evaluative studies in areas of disability, immigration

(in Quebec and in Canada) with special attention to employment supports and community group supports, as well as comparative studies of policies and programs. Other research addresses issues related to nonprofit organizations in the sector of social housing, as well as urban local development officers challenges.



<http://www.larepps.uqam.ca/>

ANNOUNCEMENT: 2010 ANSER Graduate Student Award

The Board of Directors of ANSER would like to announce and congratulate the two winners of the 2010 ANSER Graduate Student Award. The winners will each receive \$2,500 and support to attend the ANSER Conference in Montreal.

Le conseil d'administration de l'ARES tiens à annoncer et à féliciter les deux gagnants de 2010 ANSER Graduate Student Award. Les lauréats recevront chacun 2500 \$ et de soutien pour assister à la Conférence de l'ARES, à Montréal.

Paulo Roberto Filho
Doctorant / Doctoral Candidate

UQAM (2008 – 2012)
Supervisor: Marie Bouchard

Theory and strategic behaviour in social economy enterprises. This research explores the specificities of strategic management in social economy enterprises.

Théorie et pratique de la stratégie dans les entreprises d'économie sociale / Cette recherche explore qu'est-ce qui caractérise la gestion stratégique des entreprises d'économie sociale / and

Normand Landry
Doctorant / Doctoral Candidate
McGill University

(2006 – 2010)
Supervisor : Marc Raboy

L'activisme citoyen à la croisée des chemins / Cette recherche examine les enjeux sociaux, politiques et juridiques associés aux poursuites stratégiques contre la mobilisation publique /

This research examines the social, political and legal issues associated with strategic lawsuits against public mobilization. Citizen activism at the crossroads.

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The ANSER Graduate Student Award is generously supported by the Institute for Nonprofit Studies, Mount Royal University.

L'ARES Graduate Student Award est généreusement soutenu par l'Institut d'études sans but lucratif, Mont-Royal University.

Call for papers/ Demande De Communications

Exploring the role of the Social Economy in a changing world, June 1st 2010

In Association with The Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC), The Association for Non-Profit and Social Economy Research (ANSER) and The Congress of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences 2010

Research and shared perspectives on the Social Economy play an important role in informing the way we imagine social life in Canada as well as shaping the way in which the economy, individuals, and the environment will co-exist in the future. Since it is recognized that each individual embodies a unique perspective on the Social Economy and that it is a community of these diverse perspectives which dictates the manner in which Social Economy movement will move forward - we are pleased to create a space where students and those with interest in the Social Economy may share their perspectives.

This one-day Social Economy Student Network conference will be held at Concordia University in Montréal June 1st, 2010 (with a social event for presenters organizers and attendees to follow). The **Deadline for abstract submissions is March 1st, 2010.**

Questions about submissions and the one day event:

email neilnunn@uvic.ca

Colloque étudiant en économie sociale : Le rôle de l'économie sociale dans un monde en transformation, 1^{er} juin 2010

Le Centre canadien de recherche partenariale en économie sociale (CCRPES) et le Centre canadien d'économie sociale (CCES) organisent un colloque international d'une journée pour les étudiants actifs en économie sociale.

Étudiants et étudiantes, vous êtes invitées à soumettre une proposition de communication dans le cadre de ce colloque.

Les propositions dans l'une ou l'autre langue officielle devraient être envoyées à neilnunn@uvic.ca au plus tard le 1er mars 2010.

:CONNECTIONS:

A selection of web links, including articles, websites, blogs and videos, of particular interest to ANSER members. If you have any interesting online resources to suggest, please send them to Sherida Ryan at sherida@openflows.net

1. <http://www.academia.edu/>

We want to tell you about an academic social networking site, Academia.edu. Academia.edu launched 12 months ago and now helps 300,000 academics a month answer the question 'who's researching what?'

Visit the link above, sign up with Academia.edu, and share your research interests with fellow members of ANSER-ARES.

We have built a dedicated page on Academia.edu for the mailing list ANSER-ARES:

<http://lists.academia.edu/anser-ares>

This page will show you fellow members of ANSER-ARES already on Academia.edu. You can see their papers, research interests, and other information.

2. <http://www.universitasforum.org/index.php/ojs/index>

Universitas Forum: *International Journal on Human Development and International Cooperation*

An international electronic journal that offers critical analysis of current approaches to international development cooperation and practice-based research concerning global and local human development and the role that international cooperation can play in fostering such processes. An open access journal licensed under Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 License

3. <http://www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca/sepurchasing/>

Social Enterprise Purchasing Toolkit

Enterprising Non-Profits hopes that the Social Enterprise Purchasing Toolkit helps increase the integration of social values into purchasing decisions, resulting in healthier communities and a stronger market for social enterprises. The Toolkit is an evolving work in progress, and they look forward to hearing from you with ideas, suggestions, experiences and stories.

Events/Événements

May 4-6: [National Co-operative Business Association Annual Conference](#), Washington, D.C.

May 16-19: [The 28th International CIRIEC Congress](#) Berlin, Germany

May 30-June 1: [National Summit on a People-Centred Economy](#), organized by CCEDNet, CCA, le Chantier de l'économie sociale and other organizations, Ottawa, ON.

June 1-4: [Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation Annual Conference](#)

June 2-4: [Association for Non-profit and Social Economy Research \(ANSER\) Annual Conference](#), Concordia University, Montreal, QC

June 14-16: [Co-operation and sustainability: the way forward - Canadian Co-operative Association National Congress](#), Westin Bayshore, Vancouver, BC

June 28- July 1: [Thirteenth World Congress of Social Economics](#), Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy Concordia University Montreal, Quebec

July 27-30: [Association of Cooperative Educators Institute](#), Cleveland, OH

Send any nonprofit or social economy research announcement you would like to send to all ANSER/ARES members

ANSER moderated email list

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Subject: ANSER Member List

Vous pouvez nous faire parvenir pour diffusion aux membres toute annonce de recherche portant sur l'économie sociale ou le secteur à but non lucratif.

Une liste d'envoi pour les membres d'ARES