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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

9:00AM – 9:15AM	**OPENING REMARKS**	
	Welcoming Remarks	John McMahon (SRQEA) Lorraine O'Donnell (QUESCREN)
9:15AM – 9:30AM	**QUESCREN RESEARCH & TOOLS**	Lorraine O'Donnell (QUESCREN)
9:30AM – 10:30AM	**PRESENTATION SESSION: Collaborative Initiatives**	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 Researcher)
	Why Has Social Change in Black Communities Been So Difficult? Addressing Systemic Discrimination in University/Community Collaborations	Leith Hamilton (Consultant) Elijah Olise (Holistic Afro Youth Center)
10:30AM – 11:00AM	**Coffee break**	
11:00AM – 12:00PM	**PRESENTATION SESSION: Language Beliefs and Motivations**	Moderator: Lina Shoumarova (QUESCREN)
	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	**Lunch**	
1:15PM – 2:15PM	**PANEL DISCUSSION: Governing Community Vitality: English-Speaking Quebec, Civil Society, and the State**	Moderator: Celine Cooper (Consortium of English-language CEGEPS, Colleges and Universities of Quebec) Stephen Thompson (Consultant) Chedly Belkhodja (Concordia University) Nicholas Salter (PERT) Brigitte Wellens (VEQ)
2:15PM – 2:45PM	**Coffee break**	
2:45PM – 4:00PM	**SHOWCASE: Research & English-Speaking Community Organizations**	Moderator: Anna Hunt, QUESCREN Sarah Mohamed (BCRC) Miranda Castravelli (ELAN) Christine Truesdale (LEARN) Sarahi Nava Marquina (PERT) Glenn Patterson (QAHN) Elena Friederike Kennedy (TALQ) Alex Pettem (Y4Y)
4:00PM – 4:15PM	**CLOSING REMARKS**	
4:15PM – 5:15PM	**Symposium Cocktail**	*Generously supported by TALQ*

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 – 11:35AM	**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 "bientraitance" for Older English Speakers in Québec**	Moderator: Anna Hunt (QUESCREN) Sandra Smele (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? Exclusion of Ethnocultural Minorities in Montreal'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**	