



# Western

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Brian Ray is an associate professor in the Department of Geography, Environment, and Geomatics at the University of Ottawa and currently serves as the Vice Dean of Research in the Faculty of Arts. He completed his PhD in 1992 in geography from Queen's University.

Dr. Ray's research generally revolves around the ways in which people organize their everyday lives in multi-ethnic cities. Dr. Ray's research interests are numerous and include discrimination, racism and anti-racism in Canada, evolving linguistic landscapes in Ottawa-Gatineau, housing affordability and homeownership among refugees and immigrants, homelessness, gender inequality, social networks, and the geographic dimensions of employment in large metropolitan areas. His most recently funded research projects includes The Toronto Second Generation Project, a study examining the social mobility of the Canadian-born children of immigrants (i.e., the second generation) who live in Toronto.

### **“The Second Generation in Toronto: Exploring the Complexities of a “Triumphant Transitions” Narrative”**

The interpretation of second generation mobility success, sometimes referred to as “triumphant transitions”, has been quite powerful in terms of the interpretation of newcomer integration over time, and across generations, in Canada. The issue explored here, however, is a somewhat different in that the spotlight is focused not on inter-generational change but on variation in achievement between second-generation women and men from different ethno-racial backgrounds within one metropolitan area. This research is part of the Toronto Second Generation Project and deliberately examines second generation social status in an urban context of significant socio-cultural diversity and a broad range of employment opportunities. The analysis is based on a comparison of occupational attainment and earned income for women and men from five ethno-racial groups: Chinese, South Asian, black, white Southern European, and white North/Western European.

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**4:00 pm, SSC 5220**

**Refreshments at 3:30pm in SSC 5220**

**All Welcome!**

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