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Victor Satzewich, PhD, Professor of Sociology at McMaster University. He was a United Kingdom Commonwealth Scholar and earned his PhD at the University of Glasgow in 1988. He has published eight books and over fifty journals articles on various aspects of immigration, racism, and social inequality in Canada.

His most recent publications include:

V.Satzewich, 2011. *Racism in Canada*. Oxford University Press.

V. Satzewich and N. Liodakis. 2010. *'Race' and Ethnicity in Canada: A Critical Introduction (2nd Edition)*. Toronto: Oxford University Press.

Discretion and Immigrant Selection in Overseas Visa Offices: Preliminary Findings

This talk is based on the results of my SSHRC funded study of discretion in decision making by overseas visa officers. Based on over 80 interviews and 240 hours of observations in eleven Canadian overseas visa offices around the world, this talk will be a discussion of my first thoughts about the process of overseas immigrant and visitor selection. Conceptually, I am interested in how discretion is understood, and applied, by overseas visa officers when they make decisions to accept or reject applications for visiting, temporary work or permanent residency in Canada.

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4:00pm – SSC 5220

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