



**MAP** Multi-Agency  
Partnership BC  
*Working Together for Refugee Claimants*

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 128

May 18, 2022

**Dear MAP members,**

*How are you doing?* Three years into the pandemic this question is even more important and one that MAP will focus on during the pandemic and the unrest caused by overt and covert racism - providing support through online MAP meetings. We will keep you up to date with any changes to refugee claimant services as they happen - and if you have information that you would like to share with MAP please email [info@mapbc.org](mailto:info@mapbc.org).

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**REMINDER: MAP STRATEGY MEETING TOMORROW!!!!**

**CREATE A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR THE CO-CHAIR POSITIONS**

As a MAP member have your say in the future structure of MAP! We need your participation!

**Thursday May 19 at 3pm – 4:30pm at Journey Home Community: 7175 Royal Oak Avenue, Burnaby** (entrance on south-west corner of the building) Email Jenny at [info@mapbc.org](mailto:info@mapbc.org) to register and have your say!

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**MAP MEETING MAY 26 at 9:30 AM**

Presentation: **The mental health well-being of refugees: areas of opportunity** wth Mona Hassania and Bahar Taheri

DECISIONS: on the recommendations regarding future MAP structure

Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpcuqurT4pE9xCsGLwhLxuuealg4aOjAVs>

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**WORLD REFUGEE DAY**

See the fuller agenda inside and Poster for June 15 Event: Vancouver Public Library 7pm – A New Belonging with The Shoe Project accompanied on the santoor by Saeid Kooshki.

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**Thank you** for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants  
Jenny Lam, Thanh Lam - and the other Jenny!

## COVID-19 Vaccination Program

B.C. now has COVID-19 web content available in [Ukrainian](#) and [Russian](#).

The content reflects themes that have been coming up in calls to Service BC and the relatively low vaccination rates in Ukraine:

- How to get vaccinated ([UKR](#) / [RU](#))
- Vaccines for children 5 to 11 ([UKR](#) / [RU](#))
- Rapid testing kits ([UKR](#) / [RU](#))

This has also resulted in a refresh of [the main COVID-19 landing page](#), updating all of the graphics/visual presentation.

Kind regards,

Lizette

**Lizette M. Parsons Bell, ABC\***

ImmunizeBC Project Team

[How to get vaccinated for COVID-19 - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

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Please see a list of interesting articles gathered by MAP from across Canada and globally ([PDF attached](#))

*Thanks to Journey Home's **Barry Growe** for his research and compilation:*

[Canada's use of criminal jails for immigrant detainees violates the charter, lawsuit says](#)

Toronto Star

May 17

[Immigration minister says getting refugees out of Afghanistan a major challenge](#)

National Post

May 12

[Settlement services need to improve their online offerings to tech-savvy newcomers](#)

National Post

May 13

[Weather, eased Covid restrictions fuel spike in irregular US-Canada migration](#)

CTV

May 9

[Organizations driving mental health initiatives for Ukrainian newcomers, families](#)

MSN

May 13

# News highlights: Refugee claimant- related articles from Canada and around the world

## May 18, 2022



# a new belonging

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2022

## A New Belonging – Together

### WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2022 UPDATES:

- The Shoe Project at Vancouver Library  
5 amazing stories from around the world accompanied by santoor.  
- Wednesday June 15, 7pm FREE
- June 20: Speakers' forum, food, art and music in Surrey (partner: Surrey LIP)
- June 20: Vancouver City Proclamation at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House  
12pm – 2pm. Music, food, friends and special speakers. (Partners: COV & Vancouver LIP)



# a new belonging

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2022

Join us to celebrate the strength and resilience, talents and contributions of 5 refugee women who have made our communities their home.

- Waad Shurbaji from Syria
- Ranim Faham from Syria-Aleppo
- Bisrat Gebreyasus from Eritrea
- Touran Nazargahi from Kurdistan-Iran
- Malena Mokhovichova from Russia

**Date:** Wednesday, June 15th, 2022

**Time:** 6:30 pm (Reception) - Event Starts at 7:00 pm

**Location:** Vancouver Public Library, 350 W Georgia St, Vancouver BC.



WelcomeBC



*Presented by The Shoe Project in partnership with MAP BC and Vancouver Public Library*

Poster is attached – please display in your office and share with colleagues and friends

World Refugee Day – together in person again!



## The Vancouver Half Marathon is back in town!

Every year, participants support our community of immigrant and refugee women and children by putting their running and walking shoes on. As the weather gets warmer, we're hoping you'll join us too!

**This year, PIRS is raising money for our Crisis Fund, in response to the emerging global crises, like those in Ukraine and Afghanistan.** The Vancouver Half Marathon and 5K will take place on Sunday June 24th, 2022. Virtual options and Kids Race are available. For more information, visit [the VHM website](#).



**Register by Thursday, May 26th for early bird ticket prices!** Visit our website to learn how to register:

[\*\*REGISTER TODAY!\*\*](#)

**We can't wait to cheer you on, as you pass the finish line!** If running or walking isn't your thing, pass our invitation along to your friends and family and join us still for an action-packed afternoon!

We hope to see you again,  
Mariam Bouchoutrouch  
Executive Director, Pacific Immigrant Resources Society

**Three job opportunities!!!**

All the job postings can be found [here](#), or click each below, or attached as PDF's

[Ride For Refuge  
Coordinator](#)

[Housing Worker](#)

[Employment Worker](#)







# Frog Hollow

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE  
*Creating Our Community Together*

## •We are hiring!

Be a part of the Frog Hollow community

**Current openings:** Community Programmer  
(funded by Canada Summer Jobs Program)

- Early Childhood Educator and Infant/Toddler Educator
- School Age Support Worker
- Nootka School Age Care Supervisor
- Chef Instructor - "YES CHEF!" Program
- Youth Job Developer

[Apply Today!](#)

See Frog Hollow's newsletter packed with ideas and activities [here](#)



**VOLUNTEER  
INFORMATION &  
ORIENTATION**

**FRIDAYS, 1 PM - 2 PM,  
ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

**EVERY 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
STARTING MAY 6, 2022**

Scan QR code to know more or visit us at:  
[www.froghollow.bc.ca/get-involved/volunteer/](http://www.froghollow.bc.ca/get-involved/volunteer/)

**SIGN UP TODAY**      **VOLUNTEER@FROGHOLLOW.BC.CA**

We are pleased to announce that our Veterinary Assistant Diploma Training Program (PBLMT) is starting to recruit interested and eligible clients. If you have a client who fulfills the PBLMT requirements, PLEASE refer them using our website REGISTRATION.

### [Veterinary Assistant Diploma Training Program \(PBLMT\)](#)

**We are currently recruiting!** Veterinary Assistant Diploma Training Program starting **JUNE 20th, 2022**. It is a 22 weeks program until **November 18th, 2022**.

### **Training information:**

Veterinary Assistant Diploma Training Program is a 100% government-funded free, group-based full-time program consisting of:

- 1 week of orientation
- 1 week of certification training
- 15 weeks of virtual and in-person academic training
- 4 weeks of work experience with local employers
- 1 week of job support

**POSTER + FORM ATTACHED**

This will prepare participants to work as a Veterinary Assistant.

### **Certificates provided by the PH:**

Veterinarian Assistant Diploma, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Pandemic Awareness, Occupational First Aid Level 1, Privacy and Information Sharir Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS); Idexx VetLab, Hills VNA Small Animal Nutrition, Royal Canin, Radiology American Red Cross Pet First Aid

Please feel free to contact **604 324 7733 | Ext: 612** or email [razib.boby@pics.bc.ca](mailto:razib.boby@pics.bc.ca)

**You can also visit our PICS website or Register Now at:**

[Veterinary Assistant Diploma \(freetrainings.ca\)](http://freetrainings.ca)

**INSIGNIA COLLEGE**

**VETERINARY ASSISTANT DIPLOMA TRAINING PROGRAM (PBLMT)**

The Veterinary Assistant Diploma Training Program is an 18-week practical Project Based Labour Market Training. Participants will learn veterinary assistant occupational skills, essential and employability skills and work experience. This course is designed to prepare you to be employment ready as a Veterinary Assistant in the rapidly growing BC Veterinary Industry.

**WHAT'S COVERED**

- **\$300 weekly allowance to qualified applicants**
- **Workplace Safety Certifications**

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- **Must have established a claim for Employment Insurance (EI benefits), or**
  - Must have had an EI benefit period that ended within the previous 60 months, or
  - Must have earned more than \$2,000 in insurable earnings and paid employee EI premiums on those earnings in at least 5 of the last 10 years (Note: the 5 years do not have to be consecutive years), and
  - Must have an Action Plan (AP) that identifies PBLMT as a reasonable goal to support their occupational goal.

Screening and Intake Ongoing!  
Cohort to start on **June 20, 2022**

**FOR SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION**

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Razi Bobby  
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604-324-7733 (ext. 612)

Interested candidates please contact their local WorkBC Centre:  
604-273-7179 (Vancouver) or 250-253-7179 (Victoria)

**FULLY FUNDED**

**PICS**  
www.pics.bc.ca

Canada  
Housing and Social Development  
1-877-975-3742



# Become an EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

In 43 weeks

**FREE TRAINING** In-class instruction at Surrey campus **Start Date: July 18, 2022**

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Unemployed, employed (part-time, seasonal, or casual), or precariously employed and Seeking training to find a new job
- Participants currently receiving regular Employment Insurance (EI) benefits, and those on Income Assistance (IA), are also eligible to Participate in a CWRG-funded training project
- Participants must reside in BC and be Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or protected persons approved by court decisions.
- Participants must have a Social Insurance Number (SIN), clean criminal records, and immunization records
- 19 years of age or older or completion of grade 12
- Complete entrance examination with 70% or higher OR evidence of Grade 12 English
- Successful completion of a short written essay

#### • Complete entrance interview

- Verbal test of English (if ESL)
- Acceptable criminal record search under the criminal record review act
- Acceptable medical examination form completed by a physician

#### Coursework includes:

Orientation and Student Success Skills • ECE Foundations • Child Growth and Development I • Child Growth and Development II • Emerging Curriculum • Observation and Recording • Health, Safety and Nutrition • Guidance and Caring • Language and Literature • Music and Movement • Science, Socials and Math • Creative Art • Family, Teacher Relations • Practicum Seminars • Career Search Strategies • Program Related Additional Certifications • Practicum (full days)

For more details contact: [razib.boby@pics.bc.ca](mailto:razib.boby@pics.bc.ca) 604-324-7733 ext 612



PICS is pleased to announce that our EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR (ECE), CWRG program is starting to recruit interested and eligible clients. If you have a client who is interested in this program, PLEASE refer them to PICS using our website REGISTRATION.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR (ECE) – CWRG PROGRAM

**We are currently recruiting!** Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Program starting **JULY 18th, 2022**. It is a 43 weeks program until **MAY 19th, 2023**.

**\*\*Onsite Training at Stenberg College Surrey Campus Monday to Friday, 9am-2pm\*\***

Please feel free to contact **604 324 7733 | Ext: 612** or email at [razib.boby@pics.bc.ca](mailto:razib.boby@pics.bc.ca) for more details. **POSTER ATTACHED**

**You can also visit our website or Register Now at:**

[Early Childhood Educator \(ECE\) CWRG Program by PICS Surrey \(freetrainings.ca\)](http://freetrainings.ca)

### Training information:

Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Program is a 100% free government-funded, group-based full-time program.

### Certificates provided by the PH:

Orientation and Student Success Skills, ECE Foundations, Child Growth and Development I, Child Growth and Development II, Emerging Curriculum, Observation and Recording, Health, Safety and Nutrition, Guidance and Caring, Language and Literature, Music and Movement, Science, Socials and Math, Creative Art, Family / Teacher Relations, Practicum Seminars, Career Search Strategies, Program Related Additional Certifications, Practicum (full days)

BC Family Doctor Day is our annual opportunity to recognize the work of more than 6,000 Family Physicians who practice in communities across our province.

**This year the Burnaby Division of Family Practice community event on May 19th – you are invited!**

This event is an opportunity for us to learn more about Primary Care in Burnaby. In Burnaby, our Family Physicians work in a variety of places in our community; such as Community longitudinal family practices and clinics, Walk-in Clinics, Long-term Care settings, in hospital, and at the Urgent and Primary Care Clinic in Edmonds.

**When:** May 19, 2022 6pm-7:30pm

**Where:** Neighbourhood Church parking lot (formerly Southside Community Church)  
7135 Walker Ave, across from Tommy Douglas Library Branch

**Meet Burnaby Family Physicians, grab dinner from a choice of two food trucks (on us!), and learn about how the Divisions of Family Practice are working to improve health services for the Burnaby community.**

Don't have a doctor? We will be hosting a registration table so you can sign up to be matched with a Burnaby Family Physician.

Want to learn more about how Family Physicians in Burnaby are providing virtual care? Hear about all this and more on May 19! .

If you have any questions about the event, please reach out.

**Andrea Creamer** (she/her)

PCN Community Engagement Coordinator

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**BC FAMILY  
DOCTOR DAY**



**MAY 19**

Join us in saying thank  
you to Burnaby  
Family Physicians!



## Deeva South Asian Mental Health and Addictions

Do you work with South Asian clients who would benefit from a culturally safe, multidisciplinary approach to mental health and addictions? Deeva might be the right place for them.

Surrey-North Delta member Dr. Mandeep Minhas runs the clinic alongside a program manager and a registered social worker/clinical counsellor. Services are offered in English, Hindi and Punjabi and include:

- mental health, addictions and primary care
- social work
- family teaching and supports
- Narcan kit training and distribution
- and more!

The clinic also offers weekend and evening hours to support employment. For more information, including a more complete list of available services as well as referral information, view the flyer at the link below.

From SND Div Family Practice  
Flyer – thank you.

[View Clinic Flyer](#)





# Supporting the Mental Health of Refugees and Asylum Seekers:

A Toolkit for IGC States

For the Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees

Prepared by the Office of Health Equity, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

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September 2021

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Mental Health & Addiction

 **MAP** Multi-Agency Partnership BC  
Working Together for Refugee Wellbeing

Please see the **toolkit attached** with ideas from around the world

(Submitted by Joni & Alex (Ministry of Municipal Affairs))

As a [Windmill Microlending](#) partner, we wanted to let you know about an upcoming informational webinar you can share with your clients and stakeholders.



It's called **Achieve your career goals with Windmill Microlending**.

We intend to host webinars such as these monthly, moving forward.

[REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THIS WEBINAR](#)

**This event is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 11:00AM PST.**

In a time of rapid change, it can be challenging to restart and grow your career in a new country. Windmill Microlending can help you achieve your career goals by offering affordable loans of up to \$15,000. Please join us to learn how our loans can help cover costs such as:

*Course tuition / program fees, Licensing exams, Books and equipment, Language training, Living expenses: daycare, rent, etc.*

We'll also highlight our other client success supports to help you succeed in relaunching your career in Canada. Please direct questions about Windmill loans or the webinar [here](#).

**Did you know?**

Windmill clients see their incomes grow on average by **3.6x (times)** and unemployment falls from **42% to 8%**.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

*The Partnerships Team at Windmill*

# Is multiculturalism compatible with nationalism?

**Thurs. May 26, 2022, 12:30 AM - 6:30 PM PT**

Join co-hosts **Anna Triandafyllidou** (Toronto Metropolitan University) and **Tariq Modood** (University of Bristol) for a workshop exploring the potential for new forms of nationalism. We are witnessing today the emergence and growth of different forms of nationalism, conceptually and politically. While some espouse a closed society and nativism, others seek to embrace diversity. This workshop builds on the relevant literature by political theorists, political scientists and sociologists to discuss whether multiculturalism is compatible with nationalism and whether there are feasible forms of 'progressive patriotism' today, which would redefine liberal nationalism in more inclusive ways. The workshop engages with insights from Europe, North America and other world regions.

Participants:

- Yasmeeen Abu-Laban, University of Alberta
- Keith Banting, Queen's University
- Alain Gagnon, Université du Québec à Montréal
- Allison Harell, Université du Québec à Montréal
- Will Kymlicka, Queen's University
- Gurpreet Mahajan, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Yael (Yuli) Tamer, Oxford University



[REGISTER](#)



Refugee Research Network

**- RRN Research Digest -  
May 12, 2022**

**[Read Digest on the RRN Website](#)**

QUOTE:

The RRN digest is issued bi-weekly to highlight the latest academic and non-academic resources on Refugees and forced migrants. We encourage readers to [email us](#) any articles, reports, or research related to refugee/forced migration studies to be considered in the forthcoming editions. Open-access versions are always a preference

**Settlement & Integration Program**

Burnaby Neighbourhood House located on the traditional unceded territories of Coast Salish Nations



# Let's ZOOM

## Training Sessions for Adults

Join us to learn how to use Zoom efficiently & professionally

To register, please scan



Date: *Wednesday*

*June 8th, 15th & 22nd (online)*

*June 29th, in-person practice*

Time:

*1:00-2:30pm*

Location:

*4460 Beresford Street, Burnaby*

[www.burnabynh.ca](http://www.burnabynh.ca)

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (salilwataʔ), Kwikwetlem (kʷikwəʔləm), Squamish (Səwəwʔmish Uxwumixw) and Musqueam (mʷəməkwəyəm) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

## REPEATS

### Burnaby Neighbourhood House

For registration and more details, please contact Dali, Settlement Case Manager: [DaliQ@burnabynh.ca](mailto:DaliQ@burnabynh.ca)

**See PDF version attached**



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Burnaby, BC V5H 0B8  
(In front of Metrotown Skytrain)  
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**EXTENDED Employment Opportunity!**

Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House

## **Youth Programs Lead** – see full details in PDF attached.

This is a full-time position (35 hours a week) for a 6-month period with the possibility of an extension.

You are invited to celebrate **Asian Heritage Month** and the **BC Anti-Racism Week**.

This is a special session presenting:

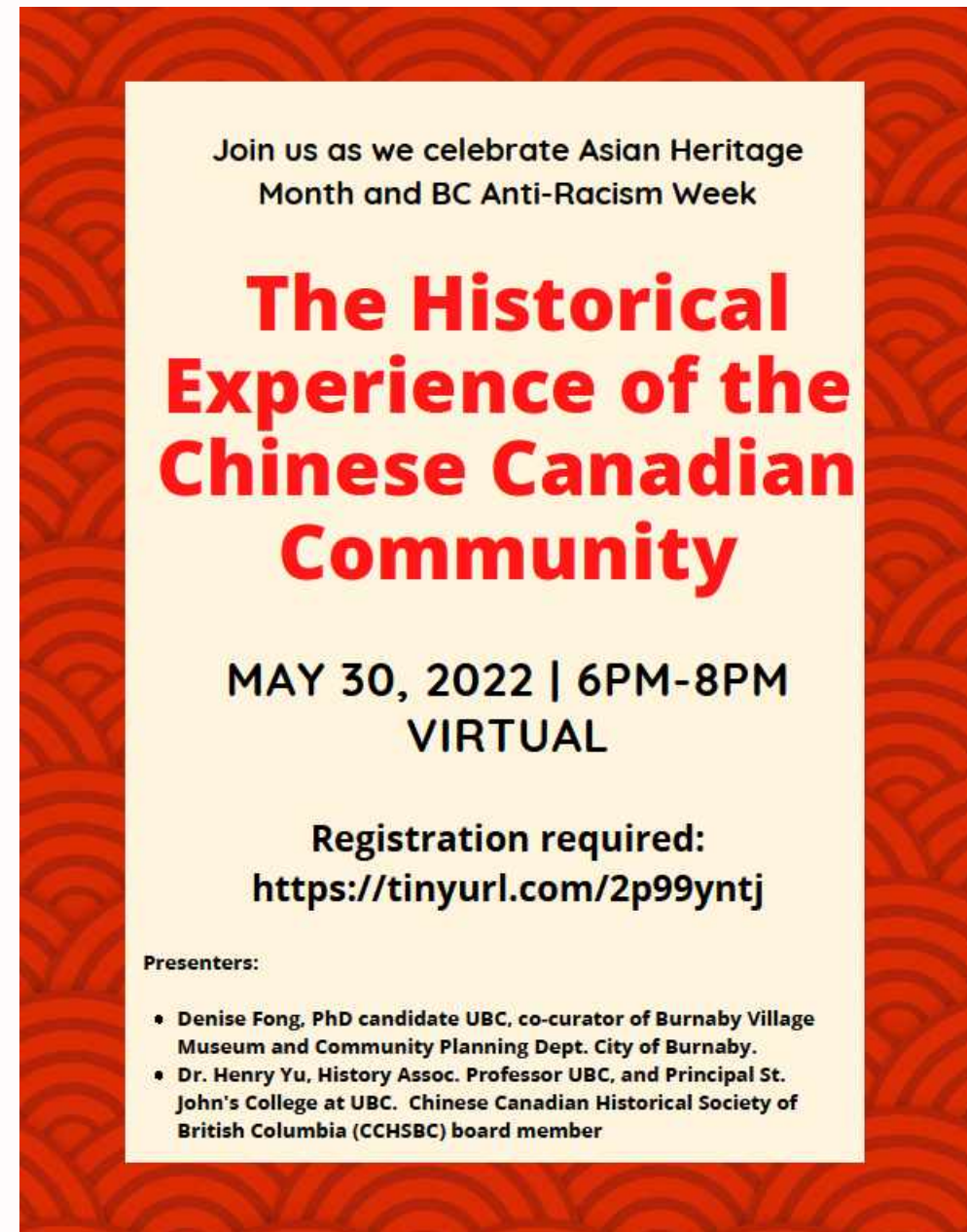
**Henry Yu**, History Associate Professor at UBC, principal of the St. John's College, UBC and Board member of the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC (CCHSBC) and

**Denise Fong**, PhD Candidate at UBC, Co-curator of Burnaby Village Museum and City of Burnaby Community Planning Department.

Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/2p99yntj>

**Poster also attached**

**Hosted by Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table /  
Burnaby Local Immigration Partnership**

The poster features a red background with a repeating circular pattern. A white rectangular box in the center contains the event details. The text is in black and red. The title is in large, bold red letters. The date and time are in black. The registration link is in black. The presenters are listed in black with bullet points.

Join us as we celebrate Asian Heritage Month and BC Anti-Racism Week

**The Historical Experience of the Chinese Canadian Community**

MAY 30, 2022 | 6PM-8PM  
VIRTUAL

Registration required:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2p99yntj>

Presenters:

- Denise Fong, PhD candidate UBC, co-curator of Burnaby Village Museum and Community Planning Dept. City of Burnaby.
- Dr. Henry Yu, History Assoc. Professor UBC, and Principal St. John's College at UBC. Chinese Canadian Historical Society of British Columbia (CCHSBC) board member

## CANADA'S SHIFTING DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE (2 pages)

Statistics Canada is proud to reveal the country's many rich stories and explore "Your census, your stories: Canada's portrait." The second release of findings from the 2021 Census is now available online at [www.statcan.gc.ca/census](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/census) and includes data on age, sex at birth and gender, and types of dwellings.

This release is vital to understanding Canada's shifting demographic profile. Canada is the first country to collect and disseminate data on gender diversity from a national census, filling important data gaps on cisgender, transgender and non-binary persons. The release includes highlights about age-related demographic shifts that can have a significant impact on the economy and society as a whole. Our population remains one of the youngest among G7 countries, despite a record number of people approaching retirement. It also provides insights on the types of dwellings, indicating the number of apartment units in high-rise buildings has risen quickly, and is expected to continue and accelerate. These data are available at the national, provincial, territorial and subprovincial levels.

Users can select Census on the main navigation menu of the [Statistics Canada website](http://www.statcan.gc.ca) and then select [Census of Population](#). From the Census of Population web module, users can access release-specific information through the '[Census news](#)' section or directly from the variety of [release-related and/or product-specific links](#).

For some regional highlights on British Columbia, please see the attached fact sheet:

### CENSUS PROFILE

[Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population](#)



This profile presents information from the 2021 Census of Population for various levels of geography, including provinces and territories, census metropolitan areas, communities and census tracts.

Using the search or browse options, users can search for an area of interest by typing its place name, postal code<sup>OM</sup> or geographic code or by browsing a list.

### **FOCUS ON GEOGRAPHY SERIES**

Focusing on a selected geographic area, this product presents data highlights for each of the major releases of the 2021 Census.

These data highlights are presented through text, tables and figures. A map image of the geographic area is also included in the product.

Click [Here](#) to access the product.

### **NEXT CENSUS RELEASE**

Next Census release on July 13, 2022

Portrait of Canada's families and households

Canadian Military Experience

Income profile of Canadians



For more information about other releases, please click the following link: [2021 Census Release Dates](#)

For videos related to 2021 Census, please click [Census learning centre](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 27, 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM (hybrid)**

[A Keynote with Kate Evans, author of \*Threads from the Refugee Crisis\*](#)

This public event is part of the (by invitation only) Graphic Narratives of Migration Workshop



**June 3, 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM (in-person)**

[Diversity Work as Organizational Learning](#)

Organized by CMS faculty affiliate Dr. Hongxia Shan

**June 9-10 (hybrid conference)**

[Measuring Migration: Why? When? How?](#)

Nuffield College, University of Oxford



### Decolonizing Initiatives Map

The UBC Centre for Migration Studies, Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House, AMSSA, and ISSofBC have produced a public inventory of decolonizing initiatives across Metro Vancouver.

The Decolonizing Initiatives map is a product of the SSHRC funded research project "[Belonging in Unceded Territory.](#)"