



RWL4 Symposium Proposal

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2.	Symposium title "The Work and Lifelong Learning (WALL) Network Research: Research and Partnerships across multiple sectors in Canada"	
3.	Symposium abstract (max 300 words): The Work and Lifelong Learning (WALL) network is currently the largest research group of its kind in Canada. Composed of a large national survey (n=9,500) on work and learning practice in the new economy and twelve, integrated and innovative case studies which accentuate vis-à-vis focused qualitative/quantitative analysis key sectoral elements - this symposium discussion presents original research findings from the national survey complemented by findings from three case studies with nursing home workers, public sector welfare workers and women entrepreneurs in the competitive IT sector. Several community and work-based research partners in these projects will be on hand to further contextualize findings and the overall significance of the research. Collectively, the research answers three key questions: 1) <i>What are the current forms, contents and outcomes of the full array of learning activities of Canadian adults?</i> (2) <i>How have changes in the nature of paid and/or unpaid work and other general social conditions in the past five years been associated with adult learning practices?</i> (3) <i>What differences are there in these learning and work relations between social groups and especially between socially disadvantaged groups and others?</i>	
4.	Goal or purpose of the symposium Present new, original research and show the inter-linkages across several separate WALL research networks endeavours. The symposium will contribute to a definitive outline of work and learning in the new economy in Canada with openings from dialogues on the similarities and differences in other parts of the world.	
5.	A preliminary list of speakers indicating whether they have already committed to give a talk, or just expressed interest in participating of the symposium. (confirmed) Prof Peter H. Sawchuk, Education, University of Toronto (confirmed) Bev Patchell, Canadian Union of Public Employees (confirmed) Prof David W. Livingstone, Education, University of Toronto (to be confirmed) Prof Shauna Butterwick, Education, University of British Columbia (to be confirmed) Jen Liptrot, Director, Advocates for Community Training and Education for Women, Toronto (confirmed) Sara Mann, Researcher, University of Toronto (confirmed) Prof Anil Verma, Centre for Industrial Relations, University of Toronto	