



Karen Duncan, Ph.D.

Candidate for Board Member, three-year term

Current Position

Associate Professor, Department of Family Social Sciences, Faculty of Human Ecology, University of Manitoba

Statement of Goals for Office

Service on the Board of Directors presents a wonderful opportunity to support the work of ACCI and its members. My goals, if elected to serve, are to use my skills to (a) contribute to the strong foundation built by the Board over these last years, and (b) foster membership growth. I believe many of us have colleagues in different departments of our various academic, governmental, and professional institutions who are engaged in research and education in the consumer interest, but who may not realize that their work is in the consumer interest. I would like to continue the efforts to introduce—and reintroduce—ACCI to our colleagues as the key organization aiming “to enhance consumer and family economic well-being by promoting excellence in research and educational programs” (ACCI Mission Statement).

Academic Background

1984 B.Sc.H.Ec. University of Saskatchewan
1988 M.S. The Ohio State University
1993 Ph.D. The Ohio State University

ACCI Activities

Annual Conference Program Chair, 2015
Editor, Consumer Interests Annual, 2014
Friend of Consumers Award Committee, 2006-2010
Board of Directors, 1997-2000
Co-coordinator, Marketing Committee, 1998-2000
Membership Committee, 1995-1997

Other Professional Activities and Honors (recent)

- Head, Department of Family Social Sciences, University of Manitoba
- Reviewer, International Journal of Consumer Studies; Community, Work & Family

- Invited participant, consultations on families and family policy in Canada, Vanier Institute of the Family
- Invited participant, Financial Consumer Agency of Canada's consultations on the Seniors' Financial Literacy Strategy
- Board of Directors, Community Financial Counselling Services and Member, Strategic Planning Committee
- Co-chair, Financial Forum 4, a national conference for academics and practitioners in family finance

Memberships

Canadian Partnership for Public Policy-Oriented Consumer Interest Research and the Consumer Interest Research Expert Group
 Population Change and Life Course Research Cluster
 Work and Family Researchers Network
 International Federation of Home Economists
 American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
 Manitoba Association of Home Economists
 Financial Literacy Forum, Manitoba

Awards (optional)

Teaching Excellence Award, University of Manitoba Students' Union and University Teaching Services
 MAHE Excellence in Teaching Award
 Founders' Award for Excellence in Research Methodology, Canadian Association for Research in Home Economics

Research Interests (optional)

My current research projects are in the areas of:

- Economic costs of family/friend caregiving
- Consumer insolvency
- Income inequality in mid-life
- Work-family interrelationships

Teaching Interests (optional)

Family management principles
 Family financial health
 Consumer issues
 Work and family interrelationships
 Families and caregiving across the life course