



Karen Duncan

Candidate for President-elect

Current Position

Associate Professor
Department of Community Health Sciences
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Academic Background

Ph.D. 1993 Family Resource Management, The Ohio State University
M.S. 1988 Family Resource Management, The Ohio State University
B.S.H.Ec. 1984 Family and Consumer Studies (with distinction), University of Saskatchewan

ACCI Activities

Board of Directors (1997-2000; 2015-18).
Conference Chair (2014-15); Conference Committee (2014-2017).
Editor, Consumer Interests Annual (Proceedings of the 2014 Conference).
Friend of the Consumer Award Committee (2006-2010).
Co-coordinator, Marketing Committee (1998-2000).
Membership Committee (1995-97).

Other Professional Activities and Honors

Research Sub-Committee on Financial Literacy, National Steering Committee on Financial Literacy (advisory to the Financial Literacy Leader), Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (2016-present).
Board of Directors, Community Financial Counselling Services (1995-2003, 2006-present).
Invited participant, federal Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour's roundtables on flexible work arrangements (June, 2016).
Invited participant, Seniors' Financial Literacy Strategy, Financial Consumer Agency of Canada, Victoria, June 26, 2014.

Invited participant, Vanier Institute of the Family virtual roundtable discussion on families and family policy in Canada, December 3, 2013.

Financial Forum 4, Co-Chair (2012).

Advisory Committee, Creating Community Options for Financial Services Conference, Winnipeg, MB (2011-12).

Invited participant, Policy Research Integration Workshop, University of Alberta Research Data Centre, Edmonton, AB, September 15, 2010.

Consultation with Statistics Canada on the 2010 General Social Survey, Cycle 24 on Time Use, September, 2008.

Consultation with Social Development Canada at the Expert Roundtable on Challenges for Canadian Families, Aylmer, PQ, December 1-2, 2005.

Invited participant, National Conference on Caregiving, Social Development Canada, Ottawa, ON, October 17-18, 2005.

Invited participant, Symposium on Consumer Trends and Research, Industry Canada, Ottawa, ON, June 3, 2004.

Consultation with Statistics Canada on the 1998 General Social Survey, Workshop on Time Use, Ottawa, ON, June 11-12, 1996.

Teaching Excellence Award, University of Manitoba Students' Union and University Teaching Services (2005).

MAHE Excellence in Teaching Award (1997, 2000, 2004).

Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors 2001 Award for Excellence (presented to members of the research team of "Family Businesses: Interaction in Work and Family Spheres") in recognition of outstanding contributions to Northeastern multistate research.

Founders' Award for Excellence in Research Methodology (2000), Canadian Association for Research in Home Economics.

Memberships

American Council on Consumer Interests

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

International Federation of Home Economists

Manitoba Association of Home Economists

Work and Family Researchers Network

Research Interests

Economic and financial security of families

Teaching Interests

Family finance, consumer studies, work-family interrelationships, caregiving

Statement of Goals for Office

ACCI serves a vital role in supporting the research and education endeavors of academics and professionals committed to work that promotes consumer and family economic well-being. As a current member of the Board, my goal is to provide continuity in leadership as ACCI continues to strive to support the work of its members through the annual conference, the Journal of Consumer Affairs and other publications, and its outreach to potential members who may not have heard of ACCI or realize that ACCI would be a good home for them. I think leadership is a collaborative process, and my goal would be to work in concert with the Board, the Executive Director, and the Membership to advance policy-relevant research and education on consumer and family economic well-being.