

Recent Publications & Presentations

Dr. Dianne Looker

Refereed Publications

- 2011 “Factors that influence students' plans to take computing and information technology subjects in senior secondary school.” (with T. Downes). *Computer Science Education*, Volume 21 Issue 2, 175
- 2010 [E. Dianne Looker and Ted D. Naylor \(Eds.\) Digital Diversity: Youth, Equity, and Information Technology. Waterloo: Wilfred Laurier Press.](#)
- 2010 “Can we get there from here? Regional differences in Canadian rural-urban participation rates in postsecondary education.” MESA. Queens University Press, ON.
- 2010 Economic and Social Dimensions of Participation in Post-Secondary Education: New Evidence for Canadian Policy, in Ross Finnie, Marc Frenette, Richard E. Mueller, and Arthur Sweetman (eds.). Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press and School of Policy Studies, Queen's University.
- 2009 Regional differences in Canadian rural-urban participation rates in postsecondary education. A paper presented to the MESA. Queens University, ON.

- 2008 “Understanding the Use of the Second Chance System by Young Canadians: An Analysis of three cycles of the Youth in Transition Survey” (with V. Thiessen). Learning Policy Directorate, Human Resources and Social Development Canada. http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/publications_resources/learning_policy/sp-836-04-08e/sp_836_04_08e.pdf
- 2008 “Cultural centrality and the transformative potential of information and communication technology for Canadian youth” (with Victor Thiessen). Canadian Journal of Sociology. Vol. 33(2). Pp. 311-336.
- 2007 “Cultural Differences in Information and Communication Technology Access Use, and Skill Development among High School Students” (with Victor Thiessen), in A. Pandian and M. Kell (Eds.). Literacy: Diverse Perspectives and Pointers for Practice. Universiti Putra Malaysia Press.
- 2007 “Digital Divides and Capital Conversion” (with Victor Thiessen), Information, Communication and Society. Vol. 10 No. 2, P. 159-180.

Invited Publications

- 2008 “Maritime Provinces Higher Education – Maritime Universities Accessible to Region’s Rural Residents.” Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. Fredericton, NB.
- 2008 “Gender and Information and Communication Technology (IT)”, in J. Voogt and G. Knezek (Eds.) International Handbook of Information Technology in Primary and Secondary Education, Springer Publishers. New York. Pp. 763-772.
- 2006 “Parental Educational Aspirations and Expectations for their Child: Evidence from the Survey of Approaches to Educational Planning, 2002” (with Victor Thiessen), Human Resources Development Canada, July.

Invited Paper Presentations

- 2008 "A revised look at regional differences in Canadian rural-urban participation rates in post-secondary education," Measuring Effectiveness of Student Aid (MESA). MESA Research Meeting, Montreal. Oct. 25
- 2007 "Rural-urban and regional differences in post-secondary participation and persistence," ARDC conference: Life course transitions of children and youth. Halifax. Oct 12-13.
- 2006 "Parental Educational Aspirations and Expectations for their Child: Evidence from the Survey of Approaches to Educational Planning, 2002" (with Victor Thiessen), Human Resources Development Canada, July.

Other Presentations

- 2011 Presenter/Invited Panel Member, "The Gender Gap in Education" hosted by the Robert Bosch Foundation in Berlin, January 28 - 29, 2011, Berlin, Germany.
- 2010 "Understanding SSHRC Funding and Grant Writing," Graduate Seminar, Political Science (Social and Political Thought), Acadia University. November 24.
- 2010 "Digital diversity: Complexities of youth use of information technology," Brown Bag Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Acadia University, November 22.
- 2010 "Rural successes and rural challenges," On the Bright Side: Rural Canada Works Conference, Rural Development Institute, Brandon, MA. October 15.
- 2010 "Planning Quantitative Research," Mount Saint Vincent University, Guest Lecture, GAHN 6608, September 18.