

Ticket of Nomination

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2024-2026

Canadian Association on Gerontology

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<i>Proposed Slate of Directors</i>		
President	MEISNER, Brad	Ontario
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Division Chair: Educational Gerontology	PIANOSI, Birgit	Ontario
Division Chair: Psychology	FIOCCO, Alexandra	Ontario
Division Chair: Social Policy and Practice	MARIER, Patrik	Québec
Division Chair: Social Sciences	CASEY, Rebecca	Nova Scotia

Please see candidate biographies on the following pages.

Proposed Slate of Directors, 2022-2024

President

MEISNER, Brad

Dr. Brad Meisner (he/him/his) has been a CAG member since 2006 and was a CAG Board Director and Chair of the Educational Gerontology Division from 2014 to 2020. During that time, he also served as Chair of the CAG Awards and Scholarships Committee. In 2021, he was Conference Chair of CAG's Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting. He is a current member of the Canadian Journal on Aging editorial board as Book Reviews Editor. Brad is an Associate Professor in the School of Kinesiology and Health Science at York University and is a member of the Executive Committee of York University's Centre for Aging Research and Education (YU-CARE). His research focuses on the experiences and impacts of age discrimination.

Vice President

KEEFE, Janice

Janice M. Keefe, PhD, has worked in the field of gerontology for more than 30 years as an educator and researcher with colleagues throughout Canada and internationally and is well recognized for her contributions.

Dr. Keefe is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Family Studies and Gerontology at Mount Saint Vincent University. She holds the Lena Isabel Jodrey Chair in Gerontology and is Director of the Nova Scotia Centre on Aging. She is an Adjunct Professor with Dalhousie's Faculty of Medicine, an Affiliate Scientist with Nova Scotia Health, and an Associate Scientist, Maritime SPOR SUPPORT Unit. Dr. Keefe is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and was most recently named a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America.

Dr. Keefe's research expertise centers on family/friend caregivers, continuing care policies, dementia care, rural aging, and continuing care human resources. She has led several multidisciplinary, Tri-Council funded projects, and is currently the Nominated PI on a 4-year CIHR Project Grant that aims to build a research collaboration in Atlantic Canada for research on long-term care. She is an active investigator on other research with colleagues in Canada. Dr. Keefe is regularly invited as a key note speaker at local, regional and national events.

Dr. Keefe regularly contributes at the policy level as an invited expert or advisor on numerous initiatives such as Statistics Canada's Demography Committee, the Canadian Health Standards Organization Long-Term Care Services Technical Committee, and several advisory panels of the Canadian Institute of Health Information. She was part of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences Dementia Assessment Expert Panel which helped to inform Canada's National Dementia Strategy and serves on the provincial research committee of the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia. In the past 5 years, she has chaired or been an active member of three provincial reviews of long-term Care in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador, Prince Edward Island. She also contributed to the Royal Society of Canada's report on COVID-19 and Long-Term Care. Internationally, Dr. Keefe currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the European-Canada Scientific Advisory Committee of the Joint Programme Initiative "More Years Better Lives".

Dr. Keefe as Chair of Family Studies and Gerontology at MSVU she is involved in curriculum enhancements and developing cross-department learning opportunities. She teaches courses in social policy and aging in the graduate program, and provides mentorship and supervision to a number of graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. Although she is at a small University without a PhD program, she has supervised more than 25 Master's students and she is sought out as an external reviewer for doctoral candidates. Dr. Keefe has been the Lead for the CIHR Institute of Aging's Summer Program in Aging twice in 2009 & 2023. Additionally, Dr. Keefe is a co-investigator on the SSHRC funded Partnership Grant: Consortium on Analytics for Data- Driven Decision-Making (CANd3):

Developing Talent for Population Analytics in Aging Societies, an innovative training program that enhances trainees' capacity to link analysis of aging population to the needs of decision makers.

Throughout her career, Dr. Keefe has been a member and supportive of the CAG and its initiatives. She has served as reviewer for the Canadian Journal on Aging and has 10 publications in the journal. She regularly attends and contributes to the Association's annual scientific and education meetings, as well as supporting trainees to participate and attend the meetings. Over the last decade, she has been an author on over 50 oral and poster presentations at CAG annual meetings, of which 30 were co-authored with trainees. Additionally, she had coled or participated in symposiums and workshops held at the CAG annual meetings. In 2017, she was the recipient of the Association's Distinguished Member Award – which is CAG's highest honour.

Division Chair: Educational Gerontology

PIANOSI, Birgit

Dr. Pianosi holds a Ph.D. in Psycho-Gerontology from Germany and has completed two M.A. programs (in Human Development and in Psycho-Gerontology). She is a Credentialed Professional Gerontologist (CPG) with the National Association for Professional Gerontologists. Birgit has been a member of CAG since 1998 and has previously served on the Board of Directors (2006-2008).

Birgit is a full-time faculty member at Laurentian University, teaching Gerontology. Previously, she was a tenured Associate Professor in the Gerontology Department at Huntington University in Sudbury, Canada (2001 to 2021). She also teaches part-time at Cambrian College and owns the consulting firm "Lively-Aging".

Dr. Pianosi has spent most of her career in the intersection of gerontology and education. She has created and revised ten online gerontology university courses and created four online courses for micro-credentials for Urban Aging and Inclusive Design Practitioners. Furthermore, she was a content developer and simulationist on the Learning Inter-Professionally Healthcare Accelerator (LIPHA) with the Baycrest Centre for Learning and Innovation (CLRI, <https://clri-ltc.ca/resource/lipha/>). Birgit is currently co-leading the development of an evidence-informed, values-based, open-access online modular education program on Dementia and Sexuality (<https://geriatricessentialslearning.ca/>) with Behavioral Supports Ontario.

Throughout her career, she has been interested in aligning gerontology education with practice needs, leading to her involvement in the creation of gerontology competencies with the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.

Connecting research and practice is Birgit's priority. She has been a very successful academic, finding support outside of her own workplace, which led her to become an excellent networker and community partner. After all, advocating for older adults and positive aging, as well as supporting her community at large, provides her with the motivation to continue her work.

Birgit was born and raised in East Germany and has been living in Canada since 1996. She is married, has two adult sons, and a horse named "Fanny".

Division Chair: Psychology

FIOCCO, Alexandra

Dr. Alexandra J. Fiocco is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Toronto Metropolitan University and is director of the Stress and Healthy Aging Research (StAR) Laboratory. Her research is two pronged: the first examines biopsychosocial correlates of cognitive health and wellbeing in late life; the second examines intervention programs that may enhance cognitive health and emotional wellbeing among community-dwelling older adults and older adults living in collective dwellings. Dr. Fiocco is also a member and epidemiological co-lead of the Nutrition, Exercise, and Lifestyle Team (currently Team 5) of the Canadian

Consortium in Neurodegeneration in Aging (CCNA). Dr. Fiocco has been a CAG member since 2011 and has served the CAG as an abstract reviewer, poster judge, and as a member of the Educational Gerontology Awards Committee (2014-2020). She has served as a section editor for the Canadian Journal of Aging since 2020 and has had the pleasure of serving as the Psychology Division Representative (2020 – 2022) and hopes to continue serving the CAG in this capacity.

Division Chair: Social Policy & Practice

MARIER, Patrik

Patrik Marier is a full professor in the Department of Political Science at Concordia University. Since 2013, he has also been the scientific director of the Centre for Research and Expertise in Social Gerontology (CREGÉS) of the CIUSSS West-Central Montreal, which recognizes and values the importance of research activities and the integration of best practices in clinical settings with a view to innovation, continuous improvement of our services and the well-being of our populations. It is also designated an Affiliated University Centre in Social Gerontology. The Centre for Research and Expertise in Social Gerontology (CREGÉS) carries out this university mission.

His research interests focus on public policy and administration, social policies and services for older adults, the impact of demographic aging and pension reforms. Professor Marier has produced several research contributions, including his most recent book, *The Four Lenses of Population Aging* (2021), which brings together this multidisciplinary expertise and examines how Canada's ten provinces are preparing for an ageing society. His article *The Biomedicalisation of Expertise in Public Administrations and in the Policy-Making Process: A Comparative Analysis of Canada, Sweden, and the United States* (Marier and Revelli, 2024) examines how the biomedicalization of aging is permeating the fields of public administration and public policy.

In addition to his contributions to leading journals in the fields of political science, public administration and public policy, Patrik Marier has frequently collaborated with researchers from other disciplines. In addition to his well-established networks of collaborators and partners in Quebec, Professor Marier also has an international network in countries such as Scandinavia, France, South Korea and the United States.

Division Chair: Social Sciences

CASEY, Rebecca

Rebecca (Becky) Casey (she/her) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at Acadia University and a research associate with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives – Nova Scotia. Becky is a mixed methods researcher who focuses on the experiences of people aging with a disability, older workers' employment and retirement experiences, precarious employment, employment standards, and age-friendly communities. Becky has been a member of the CAG since 2010 when she joined the CAG Student Connection and attended the 40th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting.