



## The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Qualitative Analysis Conference: Social Pragmatism as a Conceptual Foundation

Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford Campus  
May 13 to 15, 2010



**Theme:** The 2010 Qualitatives is built on the theme of **social pragmatism** as a conceptual foundation for qualitative research, and related themes in the **interactionist/ethnographic research tradition**.

The Canadian Qualitative Analysis Conference has always had an affinity with classic Chicago-school sociology, the urban ethnographic tradition, and the broad philosophical and conceptual framework of American pragmatism. Since its early American origins, pragmatism has grown and evolved both here and abroad, thus intersecting with, accommodating, and adjusting to various strands of social theory. We ask scholars to report on the shape and impact of these advances, and evaluate their relevance for analysis within qualitative research. Can we draw together insights from contemporary pragmatist social theory to establish a consistent conceptual foundation for interpretive research into the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Could this theoretical vision both provide continuity with our roots in early Chicago-school ethnography and interactionist theory, yet also address new challenges in contemporary sociological theory and research? Further, how might recent qualitative research findings contribute to, or reshape, pragmatist conceptions about the self, knowledge, and social action? To this end, our conference welcomes theoretical, empirical, and methodological papers from both novice and veteran scholars as they address the following themes:

- *New Directions in Pragmatist Social Theory*
- *Doing, Writing, and Publishing Qualitative Research*
- *Crime, Deviance, and Social Control*
- *Knowledge, Science, and Technology*
- *Entertainment and Media*
- *Health and Illness*

If your paper does not fit into these categories, but is related to pragmatist scholarship, or qualitative research, *we still very much encourage you to send in an abstract*.

**Keynote and Featured Speakers:** We are proud to welcome **Neil Gross** (University of British Columbia), the incoming editor of *Sociological Theory*, to present the keynote address. We further welcome **Adele Clarke**, **Jeff Ferrell**, **William Shaffir**, and **Stefan Timmermans** as featured speakers.

The *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* is seeking submissions for a **special issue** dedicated to the “best of” the research from the 2010 Qualitatives. See conference website for requirements.

**Guest Journal Editors:** *The American Sociologist*; *Crime, Media, Culture*; *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*; *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*; *Qualitative Health Research*; *Qualitative Sociology Review*; and, *Sociological Theory*.

**Website:** [www.qualitatives.ca](http://www.qualitatives.ca) **Abstract Submissions:** [www.qualitatives.ca/submit-abstract](http://www.qualitatives.ca/submit-abstract)

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