

## **Innovation Funding Project Report and Student Stipend Report**

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**Project Title: *Religion, Gender and Sexuality among Youth in Canada: Preparing for and Conducting Interviews***

### **1. Project Goals**

The Religion, Gender and Sexuality among Youth in Canada project has four primary aims:

- To explore the constructions and management strategies undertaken by young adults (aged 18-25) concerning their religious and sexual identities, values, and choices;
- To examine the significant social, cultural, and political factors that inform the above-mentioned processes;
- To study how these young adults manage their religious, sexual, and gender identities;
- To generate rich qualitative and quantitative data that will contribute new knowledge to academic and policy debates on religion, youth, sexuality, and gender.

### **2. Researchers and Students Involved**

- Pamela Dickey Young (PI)
- Heather Shipley (Collaborator)
- Ian Cuthbertson (RA, Queen's)

### **3. Summary of Activities**

2012-2013

- Survey went live in English and French on July 4, 2012 (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGSYEnglish>; <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RGSJFrancais> ).
- Recruitment of participants through: individual contacts, university chaplaincies, youth groups, youth wings of religious organizations, etc.
- Over 600 responses received
- Survey was closed July 1, 2013.

- Heather Shipley and Pamela Dickey Young presented an introduction to their study and preliminary results at the University of Nottingham on September 3, 2013 (funded by University of Nottingham)
- Heather Shipley presented “The Policy of Identity: Regulating Religion, Youth and Sexuality in Education in Canada,” panel: Sexuality, Spirituality and the Educational Experience, *Gender and Education Association: Compelling Diversities, Educational Intersections*, London South Bank University, London, UK, 23-26 April.
- Maintained web site:  
<http://www.queensu.ca/religion/Faculty/research/dickeyyoung.html>
- Maintained Facebook page
- Data analysis begun
- 2 presentations for *Whose Religion?: Education about Religion in Public Schools* in process
- Three chapters now complete or in process: 2014. “A Protestant with a seatbelt, I guess’: Christianity, Gender and Identity,” *The Brill Handbook of Global Christianity*, S. Hunt, ed, Brill Academic Press, forthcoming; 2014. “Belief, not religion: Youth Negotiations of Religious Identity in Canada,” *Handbook on Child and Youth Studies*, J. Wyn and H. Cahill, eds, Springer, forthcoming; 2014. “Values and Attitudes: How are Youth Integrating Religion and Sexuality in their Daily Lives?” *Globalized Religion and Sexuality: Policies, Voices, Contexts*, H. Shipley, ed, “International Studies in Religion and Society,” Brill Academic Press, forthcoming.
- Ethics approval for the Interview and video diary phases of the project are now in process
- Due to an illness in the PI’s family, interviewing did not begin in 2012-13, but it will begin in the very near future
- Due to an illness in the PI’s family the Advisory Committee did not meet in 2012-13, but the funding is available from the grant to do that in the near future.

#### Next stages:

- Developing questions for interview ( in process)
- Developing guidelines for video diaries (in process)
- Ethics approval for interviews and video diaries (in process)
- Contacting those who agree to an interview and setting up interview schedule
- Further data analysis
- Further presentation of results

**4. Finances**

**Project: Preparing for and conducting interviews**

Budget:

Research Assistant\* \$ 6000 (this employs an RA at Queen’s for 1 term)

Travel for Interviews\*\*

(each trip will involve 1 researcher for 3 days)

Toronto \$ 870

Montreal \$ 760

Vancouver \$ 2028

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Total \$ 9658

\*Research Assistant was responsible for upkeep of web site, Facebook page, interface between SurveyMonkey and SPSS, tracking participant numbers, compiling data as requested, etc. Note \$6000 is the cost of a Research Assistant at Queen’s for one term, so this funding paid for one term of Mr. Cuthbertson’s RAship.

\*\*This sum was not spent in 2012-13, but will be used in 2013-14.

<b>Breakdown of Expenses</b>				
<b>Student Funding*</b>				
	Amount	Name	Dates	Project
Student Stipends				
Student Assistantship	\$6000	Ian Cuthbertson	September 2012- August	



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<b>Research Funding</b>				
	Amount	Project	Dates	Specifics**
Funding for Research Costs				
Funding for Research Travel				
Funding for Administrative/Supply Costs Related to Research				