



THE RELIGION AND DIVERSITY PROJECT/RELIGION ET DIVERSITÉ

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University of Ottawa

List of Participants

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Knowledge Transfer

The emphasis in this workshop was on deploying the knowledge gained while preparing a doctorate. Several factors needed to be born in mind in this respect: most obviously the body of knowledge in question, but also the widely differing contexts in which participants might be working and their own preferences, aptitudes and skills. A strong stress was placed on thinking creatively – i.e. on using material and gifts imaginatively in order to maximize the impact of each encounter.

The workshop was led by Grace Davie (University of Exeter, UK) who was at the University of Ottawa as a Distinguished Visiting Researcher.

During lunch, the students were able to meet with other local team members as well as Religion and Diversity Project postdoctoral fellows and local research assistants. The students were able to further develop their networks as a result and also used their shared meals to further enhance their own group interactions.

Many of the student participants attended a public lecture given by Lori Beaman on May 8, 2014; the project Information Officer, Tess Campeau, sat in on one of the workshop sessions about the use of social media (such as Twitter).

A questionnaire was circulated in the workshop information package, which asked each student to provide feedback on logistical organization (i.e. communication in preparation to the event) as well as event organization (i.e. agenda, session structure).

Students were asked to provide suggestions for the next workshop, which are synthesized here: would enjoy if the meeting could take place at the University of Montreal to connect with the research node there; career development component in next session, transferring PhD's outside academic trajectories; finding innovative ways to craft unique research and research questions; building a teaching portfolio without neglecting dissertation research; grant writing.