QUESCREN celebrated its tenth anniversary on April 17, 2019! The network was officially launched on that date in 2009 in the presence of Canada’s Commissioner of Official Languages, Graham Fraser. The timeline below highlights a few of our milestones and key accomplishments over the years.

2009 BEGINNINGS
QUESCREN launched as a joint initiative of Concordia University and Canadian Institute for Research on Linguistic Minorities (Université de Moncton)
DIRECTORS
Dean Noel Burke & Dr. Eric Shragge
COORDINATOR-RESEARCHER
Dr. Lorraine O’Donnell
Our online bibliography on English-speaking Quebec launched with a few hundred titles.
Newsletter subscribers: a few dozen

2010 FIRST ACFAS CONGRESS
First conference on English-Speaking Quebec at Acfas congress, organized by QUÉSCREN and Eastern Townships Resource Centre
CONFERENCE TITLE
“Quebec’s English-speaking communities: current issues and future trends”

2011 WAYS OF MEMORY: THE MONTREAL EXPERIENCE
Conference at Concordia University on the heritage of Montreal’s English-speaking communities, organized by QUÉSCREN and Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network
NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS: over 500

2012 RESEARCH & POLICY
QUESCREN partners with Quebec Community Groups Network on three-year community-based research project on English-speaking seniors
ADVANCING POLICY
Brief presented to House of Commons Standing Committee on Official Languages
PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY
QUESCREN joins new Canada-wide research project on newcomer integration and attraction

2013 AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES & CREATIVITY
QUESCREN paper on English-speaking seniors presented at international conference on age-friendly cities in Quebec City
CREATIVE ECONOMY
QUESCREN report on creative economy, for Industry Canada, published online
QUESCREN TEAM: Dean Brian Lewis replaces Dean Noel Burke as the new Co-director of QUESCREN.
Prior to 2019, QUESCREN was a project of the Canadian Institute for Research on Linguistic Minorities (CIRLM) based at the Université de Moncton. We continue to collaborate closely with our colleagues in Moncton, and have developed a new partnership agreement with them, but we are now firmly rooted at Concordia University. Given that our annual activities were previously listed in CIRLM’s annual reports, we are pleased to present QUESCREN’s first annual report.

2014

QUESCREN TEAM

Dr. Chedly Belkhodja of Concordia’s School of Community and Public Affairs replaces Dr. Eric Shragge as the new co-director of QUESCREN

2015

PUBLICATIONS

BIBLIOGRAPHY
Brendan O’Donnell enters 10000th title in QUESCREN’s online bibliography on English-speaking Quebec

COMMUNITY PORTRAIT
Canadian Encyclopedia publishes the article “English-speaking Quebecers” written by QUESCREN project worker Patrick Donovan.

STRUCTURAL CHANGE
QUESCREN moves within Concordia from School of Extended Learning to School of Community and Public Affairs

2016

CONNECT & DISCONNECT

QUESCREN Conference on Quebec’s English-language creative economy with a field session in Mile End

2017

ILET & BILL 101 EVENT

BILL 101 AT 40
QUESCREN’s conference on Bill 101 attracts attention from Le Devoir, La Presse and The Gazette

NETWORKING IN EDUCATION
QUESCREN creates Inter-Level Educational Table (ILET), bringing together English-language education stakeholders

QUESCREN TEAM
Patrick Donovan promoted to Associate Coordinator

2018

FORUM: COMMUNITY VITALITY THROUGH EDUCATION

QUESCREN-ILET Forum features over 30 workshops, keynotes, panels, and town halls. It welcomes more than 375 attendees over 3 days.

QUESCREN TEAM
Ana Gomez joins QUESCREN as Office Coordinator

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS: over 800

2019

CONTINUED GROWTH

NEW TEAM MEMBERS:
Anna Hunt, Knowledge Mobilization Officer
John Dickson, Financial Officer

QUESCREN moves to new offices at Concordia’s beautiful Loyola campus
OUR MISSION

The Quebec English-Speaking Communities Research Network (QUESCREN) provides opportunities to promote the understanding and vitality of Quebec’s English-language minority communities through research, training, knowledge mobilization, networking, and outreach.

OUR TEAM

Co-directors

Chedly Belkhodja, PhD
Professor and Principal,
School of Community and Public Affairs

Brian Lewis, PhD
Professor,
Department of Communications Studies

Staff

Lorraine O’Donnell, PhD
Coordinator-Researcher,
and Affiliate Assistant Professor,
School of Community and Public Affairs

Patrick Donovan, PhD
Associate Coordinator

Anna Hunt, MA
Knowledge Mobilization Officer

Ana Gomez, MPPA
Office Coordinator

John Dickson
Financial Officer

In 2019-20, QUESCREN hired six Concordia students and five consultants.
OUR MEMBERS

Researcher-members

QUESCREN’s 56 researcher-members specialize in many fields related to English-speaking Quebec. They work in different institutions in Quebec, Canada, and abroad. Consult our researcher-member directory and see their latest publications below.

Open members

QUESCREN’s 774 open members subscribe to our newsletter and follow our activities. Become an open member today.

OUR WORKING GROUPS

Advisory Board

The Advisory Board provides advice to support QUescREN’s strategic directions and securing of resources. Consult our advisory board member list.

Inter-Level Educational Table (ILET)

ILET brings together representatives from the continuum of Quebec’s English-language educational institutions and associations, along with community groups and the public sector. QUESCREN supports the Table through research, knowledge mobilization, and promoting collaboration. Consult our list of ILET members.

Official Languages Minority Communities (OLMC) Research Stakeholders Group

QUESCREN convenes and chairs meetings of Canadian OLMC research bodies. We collaborate on OLMC knowledge production and dissemination with the goals of enhanced efficiency and impact. Members: Canadian Institute for Research on Linguistic Minorities; Association des collèges et universités de la francophonie canadienne; the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages; and QUESCREN.
Since 2009, our quarterly e-newsletter provides information on projects underway, new publications and grants, and events related to research on Quebec's English-speaking communities. Read past newsletters here and subscribe today.

Our first working paper in a series was published in October 2019. It highlights longstanding underrepresentation of English speakers in Quebec’s public service, and provides recommendations to address this issue. Celine Cooper, Patrick Donovan, and Lorraine O'Donnell wrote it. The report received significant media attention and a positive response from Christopher Skeete, Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier for Relations with English-Speaking Quebecers. Read the report here.

Held in October 2018, the Minority Community Vitality Through Education Forum brought together researchers, practitioners, community stakeholders and policymakers to discuss how to develop and support the development of a healthy and sustainable English-language educational offer in Quebec. This report, released in 2019, compiles best practices and takeaway messages gathered during the event. Read the report here.
In Progress

Working Papers

In January 2020, QUESCREN commissioned three working papers from researcher-members PhD candidate Pierre-Olivier Bonin, Dr. Dorothy Williams, and Dr. Patricia Lamarre that will be released in 2020.

The Charter: Bill 101 and the Evolution of Quebec’s English-Speaking Communities

This 400+ page bilingual publication presents proceedings from QUESCREN’s 2017 conference on Bill 101 at 40 and invited articles. The manuscript is being peer reviewed. Presses de l’Université Laval will publish it in 2020-21.

Official Languages Act journal issue

We are co-editing a thematic issue of the scholarly journal Linguistic Minorities and Society. It will present proceedings from our 2019 conference on The 50 years of the Official Languages Act.

Educational Research Briefs and Bibliographies

Concordia students Nadine Ciamarra and Maria Angelica Restrepo consulted ILET members to identify priorities and preferred presentation formats for educational research. We are now working with specialist Dr. Patricia Lamarre to finalize a series of research briefs and bibliographical reference tools on topics ranging from enrolment decline to teacher support needs.
Publications by Researcher-Members

QUESCREN researcher-members published the following research relating to English-speaking Quebec over the last fiscal year:


Bourhis, Richard Y. “A Journey Researching Prejudice and Discrimination.” Canadian Psychologist/Psychologie canadienne Vol. 61 no. 2 (May 2020), 95–100. Link


Williams, Dorothy. “One for All and All for One.” *GeoScope* [periodical of the Quebec Association of Geography Teachers and Global Educators] (Fall 2019).

Williams, Dorothy. “Soirées Éthiopiennes: Blackface Culture in Quebec / Soirées Éthiopiennes: La Culture Blackface au Québec.” *Canadian Diversity* 16 no. 3 (2019), 26-31. [Link](#)


EVENTS

May 29-30, 2019

50 Years of Implementing the Official Languages Act: Review and Prospects

This two-day conference at the 87th Acfas Congress in Gatineau brought Francophones outside Quebec and English speakers from Quebec together to discuss the legacy of the Official Languages Act and how it can be modernized. The Canadian Institute for Research on Linguistic Minorities and the International Observatory on Language Rights co-organized it with QUESCREN. See press coverage of the event and about one of the speakers.

December 5, 2019

QUESCREN Education Workshop and Book Launch

The event brought together seven education researchers and practitioners to share with a large audience their latest research and projects on English-speaking Quebec. This was followed by the launch of Le rapport à l’identité des jeunes des écoles de langue anglaise au Québec by QUESCREN researcher-member Dr. Diane Gérin-Lajoie. Organized with the Canadian Institute for Research on Linguistic Minorities.

January 31, 2020

Workshop on Health and Social Services in English-speaking Quebec

Recent studies on health and social services in Quebec’s English-speaking community were featured at this event. The Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN) presented its latest Baseline Data Reports. The Institut de la statistique de Québec presented the Enquête Québécoise sur le développement des enfants à la maternelle.
We increased our online presence in the past year to better engage with and share knowledge about communities. This is particularly relevant to Quebec’s English-speaking communities, the members of which are spread across the province and not always able to attend our events.

**Social media**

**Facebook**
We created a bilingual Facebook page in November 2019 to share and promote news of research, researchers, educational initiatives, and multidisciplinary exchanges. Number of posts: 65, averaging 2-3 per week.

**YouTube**
We added 36 videos from past events to our YouTube page, ensuring access to conference presentations for people who could not attend our May 2018 Acfas conference and October 2018 education forum.

**Website**

**Notice Feed**
We set up a notice feed on our website’s homepage to share news and updates related to research on English-speaking Quebec.

**Research capsules - Researcher Portraits**
In November 2019, we created a Researcher Portraits page to showcase our researcher-members. In the eight portraits produced this year, researchers discuss their current activities, experiences and insights about their field of study. See all our portraits here.

**Online databases**

**Bibliography on English-speaking Quebec**
Volunteer bibliographer Brendan O’Donnell added nearly 800 new references to this state-of-the-art resource on Quebec’s English-speaking community. Total number of titles in April 2020: 12,799.

**Community Knowledge Database**
We are creating an important new online open-access library of material produced by English-speaking community organizations over the years. Consultants Dr. Dorothy Williams and Aurelia Roman, MA, have provided expertise. An initial survey sent out to community organizations yielded 28 positive responses to our request to contribute resources. A beta version will be posted online in 2021.
ENTRY ISLAND ORAL HISTORY / SOCIAL ECONOMY PROJECT

In June, we conducted an oral history project on the Magdalen Islands, filming the stories of seven people from the English-speaking community of Entry Island. QUESCREN’s research was done in collaboration with the Council for Anglophone Magdalen Islanders (CAMI) as part of CAMI’s social economy project to convert the former school building into a culture and heritage tourism hub. Filmmaker and QUESCREN co-director Dr. Brian Lewis is using the footage to create a series of films, to be released in 2020-21.

QUESCREN AND COVID-19

When COVID-19 was declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020, wide-reaching confinement measures led to these QUESCREN responses:

• Postponing our conference entitled From Vulnerability to Vitality: Building Sustainable English-Speaking Black and African Visible Minority Communities in Quebec co-organized with the Black Community Resource Centre and Institute for Community Entrepreneurship and Development and originally scheduled for March, 2020

• Releasing a statement on our adaptations to the pandemic

• To support educational stakeholders, producing a GUIDE: Resources for Organizing Educational Services Under Shutdowns Including COVID (released publicly in May 2020)
PRESENTATIONS, REPRESENTATIONS, NETWORKING

Our directors and staff participate in meetings and events to present and mobilize research and build networks related to Canadian official language minority communities.

Presentations and representations

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<td>Presentation, Standing Committee on Official Languages, House of Commons</td>
<td>Lorraine O'Donnell</td>
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<td>April 26</td>
<td>Roundtable, Modernization of Official Languages Act, Canadian Heritage, Laval</td>
<td>Patrick Donovan</td>
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<td>June 12</td>
<td>Meeting, <em>Vivre ensemble</em> project for cooperation between Quebec’s Francophone and Anglophone youth, Canadian Heritage</td>
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<td>July 3</td>
<td>Feedback session, <em>Quebec Community Groups Network priority setting process</em>, Montreal</td>
<td>Lorraine O'Donnell</td>
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<td>October 17-19</td>
<td>Presentation of our Entry Island project, <em>National Trust of Canada Conference</em>, Winnipeg</td>
<td>Patrick Donovan, Brian Lewis, Lorraine O'Donnell</td>
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<td>November 15</td>
<td>Consultation, English-speaking community groups, Secrétariat aux relations avec les Québécois d'expression anglaise, Quebec</td>
<td>Lorraine O'Donnell</td>
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<td>November 22</td>
<td>Panelist, <em>Closing the 12k Gap: Improving Employment for Quebec's English-speaking Community</em> conference, Provincial Employment Roundtable, Montreal</td>
<td>Lorraine O'Donnell</td>
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<td>February 20</td>
<td>Meeting of community groups with Committee of Assistant Deputy Ministers on Official Languages, Ottawa</td>
<td>Lorraine O'Donnell</td>
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<td>March 11</td>
<td>Moderator, <em>Understanding and Appreciating the Official Languages Act</em> conference, Quebec Community Groups Network, Gatineau</td>
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## Committee Work

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<td>Researchers studying official language minority communities, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages</td>
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<td>Comité consultatif du Centre d’expertise sur l’adaptation aux communautés d’expression anglaise en santé et en services sociaux, Jeffery Hale – Saint Brigid’s</td>
<td>Lorraine O’Donnell</td>
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<td>Planning committee for the Quebec Community Groups Network conference Understanding and Appreciating the Official Languages Act</td>
<td>Patrick Donovan, Lorraine O’Donnell</td>
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<td>Brian Lewis</td>
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<td>Advisory Committee, English Language Arts Network Arts Culture and Education (ACE) Initiative</td>
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<td>QUESCREN-Secrétariat aux relations avec les Québécois d’expression anglaise (SRQEA) Governance Committee to oversee SRQEA funding for QUESCREN</td>
<td>Chedly Belkjodja, Patrick Donovan, Brian Lewis, Lorraine O’Donnell</td>
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## Research Team Membership

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<td>Member, <strong>engAGE</strong>: Concordia’s Centre for Research on Aging</td>
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<td>Member, Canadian Advisory Committee, Memory of the World program, Canadian Commission for UNESCO</td>
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<td>Collaborator, Équipe de recherche en partenariat sur la diversité culturelle et l’immigration dans la région de Québec</td>
<td>Patrick Donovan</td>
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<td>Member, PhD committee for Concordia University doctoral candidate and QUESCREN researcher-member <strong>Aurelia Roman</strong></td>
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### Attending Events

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<td>Launch of Program B/OLD: Aging in our city, Concordia University, Montreal</td>
<td>Lorraine O’Donnell</td>
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<td>English Speaking Catholic Council Annual General Meeting, Montreal</td>
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<td>August 16</td>
<td>Launch, Living History: 100 Years of Black History, Culture and Heritage project, Black Community Resource Centre, Montreal</td>
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<td>October 22</td>
<td>Symposium: 40 Years of Bill 101 in Québec - Five Experts’ Views, Centre interuniversitaire de recherche en analyse des organisations, Montreal</td>
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<td>November 21-23</td>
<td>Officially 50, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages, the Association for Canadian Studies, and Canadian Parents for French, Gatineau</td>
<td>Patrick Donovan</td>
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<td>November 29</td>
<td>Launch, Quebec Survey of Child Development in Kindergarten, organized by Community Health and Social Services Network, Montreal</td>
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<td>December 16</td>
<td>2019 Black Community Forum, Black Community Resource Centre, Montreal</td>
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<td>February 6</td>
<td>Living History: 100 Years of Black History, Culture and Heritage exhibition of the Black Community Resource Centre, Montreal</td>
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<td>March 10</td>
<td>Networking event on Parliament Hill, Quebec Community Groups Network, Ottawa</td>
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<td>Concordia University, Faculty of Arts and Science</td>
<td>Seed Funding for Community Forum, Digital Strategy, and Research Grant Application Development</td>
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<td>Développer et diffuser des connaissances en soutien à la vitalité des communautés d'expression Anglais et renforcer le lien entre les acteurs éducatifs et les acteurs culturels</td>
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<td>Secrétariat aux relations avec les Québécois d’expression anglaise (SRQEA), Government of Quebec</td>
<td>Soutien au fonctionnement et activités de mobilisation du réseau de recherche « QUESCREN » pour favoriser une meilleure connaissance des Québécois d’expression anglaise</td>
<td>$361,766</td>
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<td>Department of Canadian Heritage, Government of Canada</td>
<td>MEDIATE: Methods, Dissemination and Tools for Education</td>
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