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ABOUT US

MISSION STATEMENT

Promoting collaborative, ethical, innovative, proactive & sustainable best-practices for labour and management to work better together in a way that results in greater productivity and profitability for businesses, improved job & income security for workers, & decreased inequality & injustice for all of society.

PROGRAM & RESEARCH THEMES

1. Exploring innovative models that arrange, design, distribute, and manage employment arrangements and work environments;

2. Developing strategies and processes for labour and management to create positive / productive relationships, reduce conflicts, and build trust;

3. Examining the past, present and future of macro-factors affecting employment / labour / work (e.g., demographic, economic, ethical, geographical, legal, political, regulatory, social, and technological);

4. Understanding the experiences of economically, historically, and socially disadvantaged groups and eliminating barriers for them to thrive in the labour market and

5. Leading dialogues around provincial and national working life issues:

Relevant priorities outlined in Premier’s 2014 Mandate Letters to Ministries

- Building retirement security
- Collaborating on Collective Bargaining
- Developing a health and wellness strategy
- Developing a wage gap strategy
- Leading a poverty reduction strategy
- Reflecting the changing workplace
- Supporting a dynamic business climate
- Transforming social assistance and developmental services
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Labour
- Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
- Ministry of Labour
- Treasury Board Secretariat
- Ministry of Labour
- Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and infrastructure
- Ministry of Community and Social Services
OVERALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

RESEARCH PROJECTS

30 ARE OF PROVINCIAL SCOPE
14 ARE OF NATIONAL SCOPE
6 ARE OF GLOBAL SCOPE

4 ARE ABOUT CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY & ETHICAL LABOUR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
14 ARE ABOUT LABOUR MARKET ECONOMICS & POLICY
2 ARE ABOUT STRATEGIC HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
15 ARE ABOUT SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED GROUPS
5 ARE ABOUT LABOUR IN HISTORICAL CONTEXTS
2 ARE ABOUT COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, INCENTIVES & PENSIONS MANAGEMENT
6 ARE ABOUT DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION IN THE WORKPLACE

4 HAVE GONE ON TO RECEIVE INDUSTRY GRANTS TOTALING AN ESTIMATED $400,000

KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION

HAVING RESEARCHERS FEATURED IN OVER 600 MEDIA PIECES, INCLUDING TELEVISION APPEARANCES, RADIO INTERVIEWS, & ONLINE / PRINT PUBLICATIONS

HOSTING 60 EVENTS, INCLUDING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, & SYMPOSIMS

PRESENTING & PUBLISHING RESEARCH FINDINGS ACROSS 70 SOURCES, INCLUDING CONFERENCES, JOURNALS, & REPORTS

HIGHLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL

ENGAGING 48 STUDENTS, IN RESEARCH & PRACTICAL INTERNSHIPS

AFFECTING THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT OF 1748 STUDENTS, WHO GRADUATED WITH A MAJOR OR MINOR IN HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT/ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOUR, ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP OR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS
Since September 2010, the progress made by the Ted Rogers School of Management’s Centre for Labour Management Relations (CLMR) at Ryerson University has been extraordinary.

The need for the CLMR is more crucial now than when we first began. Emerging economic, political, regulatory, social and technological factors are beginning to affect all aspects of employment, labour, & work across local and global marketplaces. This is an exciting time for labour and management to learn how to work better together to resolve emerging government priorities and market trends.

The CLMR is uniquely situated within the sphere of labour centres and management think tanks across North America. Our efforts bring key labour and management stakeholders together, to produce better, more productive, profitable, and equitable solutions for the critical labour and management issues we face today.

The CLMR has reached an exciting precipice, where growth and expansion is underway. Our research and knowledge mobilization capacity, strategic partnerships, and network of highly qualified personnel continues to grow, and our Centre remains ever focused on our mandate and mission.

Over the coming year, we look forward to continuing our important work in these areas, while also expanding with some new initiatives. Two new projects that are underway include an expansion of the Centre’s research and publication database, equipping the Centre with tools to become a central hub for research in the field. We have also partnered with the Ryerson School of Journalism, engaging its faculty and students on key research projects, which among other goals, has facilitated and our knowledge dissemination strategies.

I look forward to continuing to work with the CLMR’s advisory board, community partners, and faculty affiliates as we continue to produce research and programs that result in greater productivity, quality and profitability for organizations, increased income and job security for workers, and decreased inequality and injustice for all of society.

Best,

Buzz Hargrove
Co-Director, Centre for Labour Management Relations
Ted Rogers School of Management at Ryerson University
THE TED ROGERS SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT (TRSM) PRIDES ITSELF ON FOSTERING A LEARNING AND RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT THAT FACILITATES INNOVATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING, CRITICAL THINKING AND THE COURAGE TO ACT CREATIVELY.

Our students, faculty, staff and partners continuously push expectations and defy the conventional to positively impact society and the business world.

Students graduate from TRSM poised for action, with the skills, confidence and energy to enter the workforce and face industry challenges.

One of the reasons we are able to maintain this forward momentum is because of our 15 innovative research centres, institutes and labs. The Centre for Labour Management Relations (CLMR) helps us provide our students with the latest industry information through knowledge mobilization events, paid internships, and research assignments; allowing them to learn about the latest professional practices from labour management experts.

The research undertaken by the CLMR helps to enhance TRSM’s commitment to fostering relevant, multi-disciplinary education, with research findings being integrated directly into TRSM course curriculum.

I would like to thank the Centre for Labour Management Relations and its generous sponsors for their significant contributions to TRSM as an innovative, problem-solving research centre, and its many impacts on our students’ development as future leaders in the fields of human resources and labour relations.

Sincerely,

STEVEN MURPHY
Dean, Ted Rogers School of Management
Ryerson University
That is why the Centre for Labour and Management Relations at the Ted Rogers School of Management is a vital part of our university, bringing a depth of real life experience to considering complex issues and resolving them for the advancement of our communities. Ryerson takes seriously its responsibility to connect with the society we serve, and the Centre offers a dynamic and inclusive focus on an extraordinary local and global profile.

Culturally diverse and inclusive, Ryerson is home to 43,000 students, including 2,400 master’s and PhD students, 2,700 faculty and staff, and more than 170,000 alumni worldwide. The university offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs, and The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education is Canada’s leading provider of university-based adult education. Research is on a trajectory of growth and success, with externally funded research more than doubled in the past four years. We are known internationally for pioneering an entrepreneurial model of education represented by the Digital Media Zone and ten zones of innovation – and for our declared commitment to be a city-builder. Recent developments include the Mattamy Athletic Centre at the Gardens, the Ryerson Image Centre on campus, and the award-winning Student Learning Centre on Yonge Street as the new gateway to the university.

The role of the university is to advance knowledge and understanding in a sustainable and meaningful way, and strong relationships are at the heart of progress. With its research projects, events, publications and networks the CLMR is at the forefront of advancing this goal.

Most of all, in providing exceptional opportunities for students, the Centre is developing the next generation of professionals in human resources and labour relations, an essential part of our shared future and a benefit to us all.

Sincerely,

MOHAMMED LACHEMI
President & Vice-Chancellor,
Ryerson University
RESEARCH PROJECTS

The CLMR believes in funding multi-disciplinary research projects that contribute to the development of innovative research and academic programs. In 2015, the CLMR funded three new research projects:

Improving Labour Policy for Highly Flexible Workforces:
Charles Davis
Professor of Media in the Faculty of Communication and Design at Ryerson University

This project will identify leading policy, regulatory, and legislative frameworks for flexible, precarious and highly skilled labour forces, assess alternatives from the perspective of workers, unions, guilds, and policymakers, and then recommend a policy framework for the Canadian screen sector of media workers.

John Shields
Professor of Politics and Public Administration in the Faculty of Arts at Ryerson University

This project will explore the impact of current austerity-driven policy and regulatory measures on the capacity of government agencies, non-profits and some private sector providers to deliver high quality human services and the ability of workers to effectively do their jobs and serve their clients.

The Nature of Work in the Sharing Economy
Myer Siemiatycki
Professor of Politics and Public Administration in the Faculty of Arts at Ryerson University

This project will explore whether work in the sharing economy resembles the autonomy, creativity and fulfillment associated with being a freelancer, or rather, undermines workers’ stable employment, labour rights and protections.
KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION

The CLMR believes in moving research findings into broader communities and society so as to increase their intellectual, economic, social, and cultural impact. In 2015, the CLMR hosted 16 conferences, discussions, and workshops including:

Labour Law Reform Panel
On June 10, 2015 the CLMR hosted a panel discussion that explained and clarified the consultation process for stakeholders interested in preparing a submission for the Ministry of Labour’s Changing Workplaces Review. Speakers and collaborators included:

Deena Lad; Workers’ Action Centre
John Cartwright; Toronto & York Region Labour Council
Lewis Gotthel; Unifor
Sheila Block; Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives – Ontario Office

The Case for Pay Equity
On September 28, 2015, in partnership with the Ontario Pay Equity Commission, the CLMR hosted a one-day conference to support attendees in building a business case for pay equity within the organizations that would reflect an accountable and transparent pay model. Speakers and collaborators included:

Emanuela Heyninck; Ontario Pay Equity Commission
Minister Kevin Flynn; Ontario Ministry of Labour
Mary Cornish; Equal Pay Coalition
Louise McSorley; Australian Workplace Gender Equality Agency

Envisioning the Future of Pensions
On November 20, 2015, in partnership with the National Institute on Ageing (formerly the Pension Innovation and Research Centre), the CLMR hosted a one-day conference to capture young workers perspectives on retirement income and determine how prepared Canada is to meet the needs of its aging population. Speakers and collaborators included:

Diane Francis; National Post
Mahmood Nanji; Ontario Retirement Pension Plan Secretariat
Mitch Frazer; Torys LLP
Samir Sinh; Mount Sinai Hospital
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All employers of choice and award-receiving labour unions are encouraged to demonstrate their commitment to avoiding conflicts, building relationships, and creating trust in a way that results in greater productivity and profitability for businesses, improved job and income security for workers, and decreased inequality and injustice for all of society by supporting the CLMR.

To inquire about sponsorship opportunities please contact Buzz Hargrove at clmr@ryerson.ca or 416.979.5000 ext. 2379 / 2495
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