

## CFPR SEMINAR SERIES (AUG – NOV 2024)

# RURAL FAMILIES DURING THE SECOND DEMOGRAPHIC TRANSITION: EVIDENCE FROM CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES



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**Session chaired by:**  
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Families in nearly all high-income countries have experienced profound changes over the past 30 years including low and declining fertility and greater family diversity. Many scholars associate these changes with the Second Demographic Transition, but they disagree on what is causing these changes and who is experiencing them. This talk will examine recent family change in Canada and the United States through a rural-urban lens to fill important empirical gaps and gain novel insights into the underlying causes of these changes. It will address 1) how rural and urban families have changed over the last 30 years, 2) what is driving rural-urban differences in family behaviors, and 3) the implications of family change for rural children's living arrangements and well-being.

## OUR SPEAKER



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Shelley Clark is a James McGill Professor of Sociology at McGill University. Clark's work examines family change, health and wellbeing, and life course transitions in North America and sub-Saharan Africa. Her current recent agenda focuses on the wellbeing of children, youth, and families in rural Canada and the U.S.