Work and Family

Chairperson: Yuen Pau Woo

Yuen Pau Woo is Vice President, Research and Chief Economist for the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. He is also Canada's representative on the Standing Committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) and Director of the APEC Study Centre in Canada.

Mr. Woo was born in Malaysia and grew up in Singapore. He was educated at Lester B. Pearson College, Wheaton College, the University of Cambridge, and the University of London. He came to Canada in 1988 and has been with the Foundation since 1996. Mr. Woo previously worked as a consultant on international marine issues and as an economist for the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation, and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.

Lead Presenter: Nobuko Nagase

Nobuko Nagase, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Graduate School of Humanities and Sciences at Ochanomizu University. She teaches and researches in the areas of labor and social policy. Much of her work focuses on the analysis of patterns of labor supply behavior of Japanese women, child-care support programs and social policy. She received her doctorate in labor economics from Tokyo University in 1995. Dr. Nagase's recent and forthcoming publications include papers on women and the pension system, analysis of supply of child-care facilities, and the estimation of child cost. She is a member on the Specialist Sub-Committee under the Council for Gender Equality in the Cabinet Office.

Lead Presenter: Linda Duxbury

Linda Duxbury is a Professor at the School of Business, Carleton University. She received a B.A.Sc. and M.A.Sc. in Chemical Engineering and a Ph.D. in Management Sciences from the University of Waterloo. Within the past decade she has completed majors study on (1) Balancing Work and Family in the Public and Private Sectors, (2) HR and Work-family Issues in the Small Business Sector (3) Balancing Work and Family in Saskatchewan, (4) Management Support - What is it and Why does it Matter? (5) Career Development in the Public Sector and (6) Career Development in the High Tech Sector. Dr. Duxbury has also (and is currently) conducted research which evaluates the organizational and individual impacts of E-mail, portable offices, cellular telephones, telework, compressed work week, flextime, shiftwork, regular part-time work and on-site day care programs, change management and studying what makes a "supportive" manager.

Dr. Duxbury has published widely in both the academic and practitioner literatures in the area of work-family conflict, supportive work environments, stress, telework, and supportive management. She has also given over 150 plenary talks on these issues to both public and private sector audiences.

Within the business school at Carleton, Dr. Duxbury teaches the third and fourth year courses in Systems Analysis as well as the masters course in Management of Technology and the Ph.D course in Managing Change.