

# *Invitation*

## **Urban Research Program Lunch Time Seminar:**

**How does trust work in relation to social capital and  
community resiliency?**

**Professor Ralph Matthews**

**Sir Allan Sewell Visiting Fellow, Griffith University**

**Professor of Sociology, The University of British Columbia  
Professor Emeritus, McMaster University, Ontario**

*This presentation will describe a major project that examined social capital and community resilience and will present data from a survey of over 4300 households (60 percent response rate). In particular it will focus on how social capital, trust, and community resiliency were conceptualized and then measured, and will present data from the study that examine statistical the relationship between social capital, trust and community resiliency.*

Professor Matthews' primary research interests have revolved around understanding the relationship between social change and economic development at a community and regional level, and in assessing the ways in which public policy influences that relationship. His books include, *Communities in Decline; There's No Better Place Than Here; The Creation of Regional Dependency; and Controlling Common Property*. He has also published over 60 research papers.

Professor Matthews' current research focuses primarily around issues of community resilience, sustainable resource development and social capital. Social capital is short hand for all manner of social relationships, contacts and networks both within and between communities of people. Social capital is increasingly recognized as a vital component of healthy and resilient communities.

Professor Matthews' is the Principal Investigator, *Resilient Communities Project*, [www.resilientcommunitiesproject.com](http://www.resilientcommunitiesproject.com). In addition he is the Principal Investigator and a co-director of the Coastal Communities Project, [www.coastalcommunitiesproject.com](http://www.coastalcommunitiesproject.com). Both of these projects are funded under different programmes administered by the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council.

**12.00 – 2.00pm  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
Nathan Campus, Building N55, Room 0.06**

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