

## EXPERT ALERT

### **Why do we still need a census?**

Western University expert in Population Studies/Sociology available for comment at Congress 2012 in Waterloo

**May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Waterloo, ON** – As Statistics Canada prepares to release their Census report today—nearly two years after the federal government axed the “long-form census”—a provocative, multi-disciplinary panel will tackle the question “Why do we still need a census?”

Dr. Rod Beaujot, Professor of Sociology at Western University and committee member with the Institut de Statistiques du Québec, will participate in the panel, which will examine recent changes in Canadian and US census data collection, and explore how this will affect research and policy development.

Dr. Beaujot is a highly-acclaimed researcher whose work involves evolving demographics and implications for social policy in areas such as health, family, labour force, language, multi-culturalism, equal opportunity, pensions, education, and social security. He was Past President of the Canadian Population Society and the Federation of Canadian Demographers, and was a Founding Board member of Action Canada for Population and Development (1997-2002).

**Professor Rod Beaujot, part of the panel, is available for comment**

**When:** May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
3:30 – 5:00 pm

**What:** Panel: “Why do we still need a census?”  
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**Where:** Arts Building, Wilfred Laurier University

**Who:** Professor Rod Beaujot, Department of Sociology, Western University

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