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#### **ABSTRACT**

This is a study that in a preliminary way explores the boundaries of immigration as a field of study. It does so at two scales – the national and the local – by examining a sample of articles published in the *Journal of International Migration and Integration* and Michael Doucet's *Bibliography on Immigration and Settlement in the Toronto Area, Third Edition*. The implications of findings are then discussed in the light of concepts such as multidisciplinarity, authorship, and knowledge production.

Key words: immigration research; discipline; multidisciplinary; authorship

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Recent years have seen a m assive growth in writing about imm igration and settlement. This is symptom atic of a trem endous upsurge in acad emic writing about immigration. W hile imm igration studies does not exist as an acad emic discipline in Canadian universities, it is most certainly a distinct field of study, as evidenced by the existence of scholarly publications, university programs, and conferences dedicated to he study of immigration. In addition to being a newly expanded field of study, the literature on immigration is both multidis ciplinary and multisectoral in nature. People write about immigration from different organizational platforms, including universities, government, and the non-profit sector. Within each organizational platform further subdivisions occur. Scholars and resear chers af filiated with unive rsities con tribute from a multitude of academic disciplines; governm ent contribution s range from m unicipal Task Forces to intergovernmental organizations; the non-profit sector ranges in focus from research to service to advocacy. This m ultidisciplinary and multisectoral nature of immigration research raises some interesting questions hitherto unexplored. For example, what are the boundaries of immigration as a field of study? Who is contributing to this field? D oes one's disciplinary or organizational setting infl uence research and/or topics of research? In what way can this occur? What implications does this have for immigration research?

Multidisciplinary programs emerged in response to the dem ands arising from the larger political clim ate of anti-imperia lism, civil rights, anti-racism , and women's movements that saw previously marginalized groups gain access to university campuses. These racialized, gendered, and classed groups demanded changes to the curriculum that

reflected their presence in the academ y and explored and celebrated their diverse histories, which were not plausible in the confines of the traditional disciplines. The emergence of multidisciplinary programs as a result expanded the field of inquiry and reconfigured the contours of knowledge and methods of knowledge production (Katz, 2001)

As multidisciplinary programs gained a de gree of relative institutional comfort, they began to establish their own boundaries and define them selves m ore clearly. multidisciplinary fields of study have grown Complicating the picture is the fact that while the disciplines themselves have not, resulting at the same time in the blurring and the expansion of boundaries (Katz, 2001) . The definition of these boundaries is becoming more im portant in the present ac ademic clim ate of budgetary r estraints, cutbacks, and shrinkages that see the e mergence of a c onsumerist model of higher education that emphasizes the marketing of graduates and knowle dge production (Katz, 2001; Archer, 2008). According to Katz (2001), hi s has led to a stricter policing of the borders between disciplines both on the scholarly and the administrative side. Considering that m ost multidisciplinary programs are run by f aculty who have prim ary appointments in particular disciplines and that at most departments prefer to hire people trained specifically in the eir disciplines (Katz, 2001), this newfound redefinition of disciplinary boundaries can carry interesting implications for multidisciplinary programs.

Immigration is a particularly interesting case because, by virtue of being a *new* field of study in addition to being a multidisciplinary one, its boundaries have not yet been established. In order to gain institutional stability, the field needs to be more clearly defined. What disciplines does it draw on? What binds these disciplines together? Are

there any differences a mong the m ember di sciplines with respect to theoretical frameworks and philosophical a pproaches? How does authorship affect research? Is it a multidisciplinary field that borrows from other disciplines or an interdisciplinary one that truly integrates existing disciplines to define appropriate objects of inquiry, methodologies, interpretation and analysis?

In order to answer the questions surr ounding the evolution of i mmigration as a field of study, we must first de fine it. This is a study that in a prelim inary way explores the boundaries of imm igration as a field of study. Specifically, I seek to answer the following four questions:

- (1) In the m ultidisciplinary field that is im migration studies, which disciplines are contributing?
- (2) What topics are getting the most attention?
- (3) Is there a link between an author's discipline and research focus?
- (4) Is immigration a multidisciplinary field or an interdisciplinary one?

This study takes place in a Canadian c ontext and it does so on two scales: the national and the local. First of all, I a minterested in Canada because immigration is a national project. Second, I am interested in To ronto because most immigrants settle in cities and Toronto is by far the largest recipient of newcomers. As a proxy of immigration research, I have taken two publications to capture the two scales of my exploration: the *Journal of International Migration and Integration* (JIMI) to represent national research

and Michael Doucet's latest *Bibliography on Immigration and Settlement in the Toronto Area, Third Edition* (henceforth *Bibliography*).

JIMI is a product of the International Metropolis Project and provides a "new multidisciplinary forum for the study of human migration and integration". It emphasizes multidisciplinary, inte rdisciplinary, com parative, and policy-relevant r esearch. At the same time, it is an independent, peer-revie wed and "auton omous academic journal that advocates scholarship independent of the political or policy views of its in stitutional sponsors." It covers a wide range of topics concerning both immigration and integration, as well as pertaining to ethnocultural diversity (Abu-Laban and Vermeulen, 2000). While JIMI in international in scope, it is first and foremost a Canadian publication and is cosponsored by the Metropolis Peroject, Citi zenship and Immigration Canada, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the University of Alberta, the University of Saskatchewan, the Atlantic (Alma), Mont real (IM), Vancouver (RIIM), Toronto (CERIS) and Edmonton (PCERII) Metropolis Centres, the Gouvernement du Québec, Ministère des Relations avec les citoyens et de l'Immigration, and a consortium of Canadian federal government departments.

Michael Do ucet has been compiling sources of immigration research concerning Toronto since 1999, each updated edition reflecating the enormous growth in literature. The original 1999 version contained 554 entrieas, which grew to 946 in the Second Edition. His latest *Bibliography* contains 3,428 entries and provides a listing of books, monographs, research reports, graduate thesaes, book chapters, and journal articles that deal with immigration and settlement in the Toronto area.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

The two publications chosen for analysis, JIMI and *Bibliography*, were treated as sources of data. Select articles from each one were profiled as data units. The authors of each work were identified and classified with respect to their organization platform. The three identified platforms were academic, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and government. Each of the three platform is was then further subdivided into disciplinary and sec toral affiliations. Academic sources were tabuilated according to the authors' affiliations as indicated in each respective publication, NGO sources with respect to mandate (research, advocacy, or service based), and government sources with respect to departments. In the case of joint publications, each author was assigned equal weight, resulting in more authors than articles in the analysis. Cross-organizational collaborations were considered. Finally, research topics were analyzed to determine if there existed a link between authors' affiliation and the topics being researched.

The first issue of JIMI appeared in winter of 2000. Currently, nine volumes have been published. However, since the year 2008 is not yet complete, Volume No. 9 is not included in this an alysis to avoid compromising the results with an incomplete sample. All the articles were compiled into a table—in the order that they appeared in the publication's table of contents, beginning—with the first issue and continuing chronologically until the last—issue of Volume No. 8. This list yielded 182 articles covering the period from 2000-2007. Due to the operational constraints of this study, this number was cut in half by random ly selecting every other article beginning with the first article on the list. It should be noted the JIMI did not specify its editorial policy about the

ordering of articles on the li st. As such, it was presum ed that this ordering was random and will not affect the s election process of articles for the present study. The resulting 91 articles were then profiled with resp ect to authorship. Each author's organizational and disciplinary affiliation was noted and tabulated. This information was derived f rom the Contributor's Notes section of each issue. Where insufficient information was provided, an additional search was perform ed on the internet using university and organization websites to determine author credentials. Where both approaches failed to produce sufficient information, the author was classified as unidentified.

Michael Doucet's *Bibliography* consists of three parts: (A) studies on immigration and settlement in the Toronto area, (B) studi es of particular groups of communities, and (C) fictional accounts of the imm igrant experience in Toronto. In total, the *Bibliography* contains 3,428 entries, some of which are duplicated under different headings. Section A numbers 2,099 1 sources, section B has 1,169, and section C has 161. Given the great discrepancy in num bers from JIMI, the fo llowing approach was taken to obtain a comparable sample: First of all, Section C was not included in the an alysis because the focus of this study is immigration resear ch. Second, only the works published between the years of 2000 and 2007 were included in the analysis to align the Doucet analysis with the time period ex amined in JIMI. Th ird, since Section A contains approxim ately double the number of sources found in Section B, two works from Section A were taken for each work taken from Section B. Both section A and section B are divided into subsections, which contain unequal num bers of sources. To ensure an accurate representative sample, the number of articles taken from each section was proportional to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Michael Doucet identifies 2,098 entries in this section. However, two separate counts have been performed and the number 2,099 will be used for all further calculations.

the number of sources contained in each section. Finally, since some of the works were duplicated under different headings, this problem was addressed in the following manner: articles were selected random by from each section in the order in which subheadings appeared in the bibliog raphy, starting with the first article under each subheading and following the calculations detailed in Table 1. Where the article thus selected had already been chosen from a different subsection, the every next article on the list was chosen instead. It should be noted the at articles were sorted alphabetically by author, not chronologically, in order to avoid overrepresentation of the year 2000, which would occur in cases where only one article was chosen from a particular subsection. The chosen articles were then interfiled and profiled in the same way as described for JIMI.

The particular selection pro cess for articles from Section A was a little different from that for Section B. Section A contains 13<sup>2</sup> headings, numbering 899 eligible articles with a publication date between 2000 and 2007. In to tal, 60 articles were selected from this section using the calculations process detailed in Table 1 below.

**Table 1** – Doucet *Bibliography*, Section A, Article Selection

Section A subheading	# of eligible	# of articles chosen	Order of selection
	articles		
General Works, Pan-	17	1	First articles on the list
Canadian Studies, and			
Collections			
Guidebooks,	3	1	First article on the list
Bibliographies, and			
Directories			
Ethnic Neighbourhoods	64 4		Every 18 <sup>th</sup> article
and Residential			(##1, 19, 37, 55)
Segregation Studies			
Housing Experiences and	41 3		Every 18 <sup>th</sup> article
Issues for Immigrants and			(##1, 19, 37)
Refugees			
Labour Market,	103 7		Every 17 <sup>th</sup> one
Entrepreneurship,			(##1, 18, 35, 52, 69, 86,
Economic Impacts, and			103)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Michael Doucet identifies 12 headings in the table of contents. However, the bibliography itself contains one more section entitled "Demographic Profiles."

Socioeconomic Patterns			
Racism, Discrimination,	50 3		Every 22 <sup>nd</sup> article
Race Relations, Police-			(## 1, 23, 45)
Community Relations,			
and Related Studies			
Services and Agencies for	71 5		Every 17 <sup>th</sup> article
Immigrants and Refugees			(## 1, 18, 35, 52, 69)
Education, Childhood,	120 8		Every 17 <sup>th</sup> article
Youth, Parenting, and			(## 1, 18, 35, 52, 69, 86,
Related Works			103, 120)
Socialization, Civic	277 1	8	Every 16 <sup>th</sup> article
Participation, Adaptation,			(## 1, 17, 33, 49, 65, 81,
Identity, and Related			97, 113, 129, 145, 161,
Works			177, 193, 209, 225, 241,
			257, 273)
Immigrant and Refugee	62 4		Every 13 <sup>th</sup> article
Health			(## 1, 14, 27, 40)
Immigration Policy	56	4	Every 17 <sup>th</sup> article
			(## 1, 18, 35, 52)
Miscellaneous General	14	1	First article on the list
Works			
Demographic Profiles	11	1	First article on the list
Total	899	60	

Section B contains 22 headings, 21 of which conta in eligible article s with a publication date between 2000 and 2007 for a total of 415 eligible articles. Of these, 30 articles were chosen. S ince there were great discrepancies in the number of articles contained under each heading – ranging from 2 to 77 – and only 30 articles were to be chosen, it was impossible to obtain a balanced sample using the same approach as was used in Section A due the large number of headings contained in this Section. In addition, articles were not grouped under headings by research topic like in Section A, but instead by a particular ethnic group to be studied. As a re sult, a different approach was undertaken. All the eligible articles from Section B were interfiled, sorted alphabetically, and then each 14 th article was rando mly selected starting with the first article on the list. Once again, if the article chosen in this way had already appeared on the list of articles chosen previously, the very next article on the list was selected in stead. This way, the

individual articles themselves were chosen randomly but in a way that as best as possible attempted to ensure a fairly equal dis tribution of articles according to the weight of each section. By selecting every 14 <sup>th</sup> article in the alphabetical order, the chances that the sections with a larger number of articles will be represented by a greater number of works were higher than for sections containing only a handful of entries, without the need to intentionally skip over certain sections.

Finally, the two sam ples derived from Section A and Section B were combined and interfiled. The authors from each work we re extracted and profiled in the same way as for JIMI.

One major limitation of this study needs to be addressed at this point. While I am sampling 50% of all JIMI articles, I am only sam pling 2.8% of research articles <sup>3</sup> in Doucet's *Bibliography* (or 6.9% of research articles published between 2000 and 2007). Sampling 50% of the *Bibliography* articles was simply not feasible for this study. Instead, the same number of articles was chosen from Doucet as from JIMI to facilitate numerical comparisons between the two publications with respect to authors, partnerships, academic disciplines represented, and re search topics. While the described methodology allows at two scales to explore the eissue of disciplinary and sectoral contribut ors to this field, I recognize that the fact that not all the articles were considered – particularly in Doucet's case, where only a small percentage was sampled – may result in a skewed sample. Nevertheless, I feel that may chosen approach satisfies the made odest goals of this exploratory study in the most practical way and the resulting study can provide general direction for further research on this topic.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This excludes Section C from calculations. The total number of research articles is 3,268. Of these, 1,314 were published between 2000 and 2007.

#### **JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND INTEGRATION**

The selection process for JIMI y ielded a list of 91 articles f or analysis. Of these, 49 were solo works and 42 were joint publications. In total, 130 individual authors could be identified. Of the 130, three—were unidentified, four were—affiliated with research-based NGOs, seven were affiliated with differ ent levels of government (including one intergovernmental organization), and 115 we—re m embers of the academ—ia (including professors, graduate students,—research ass—istants, intern ational lec turers, af filiated researchers, and post-doctoral fellows).

The academ ic community was represented by the following 26 disciplines: anthropology (5), business administration (1), criminology (1), cultural diversity and citizenship (1), culture, organization and minimal anagement (1), demography (1), economics (12), education (10), geography (9), health sciences including psychiatry and psychology (9), his tory (1), international relations (1), Is raeli and Middle Easiters studies (1), linguistics (1), minimal anagement (1), marketing (1), nursing (4), philosophy (2), political science (8), religious studies (1), social science (7), social work (6), sociology (26), urban planning (1), urbanization, culture and society (2), women's studies (1), and one was unidentified. The predominant disciplines contributing to immigration research are thus sociology, economics, education, geography, health sciences, political science, and social science.

With respect to solo p ublications, two were governm ent sources, three were NGOs, one was unidentified, and 43 were academ ic. Of the 43 academ ic works,

sociology was by far the predom inant academic contributor with 15 publications. That's just over half of all the sociology authors. Social sciences accounted for four (4) works; economics, political science and health sciences accounted for three (3) each; two (2) works each were contributed by education, g eography and social anthropology; and single works were produced by crim inology, cultural diversity and citizenship, demography, history, international relations nursing, religious studies, and urban planning. One academic discipline was unidentified.

With respect to joint publications, 15 disciplines were represented: anthropology (3), business administration (1), culture, organization and management (1), education (8), geography (7), health sciences (6), nursing (3 ), Israeli and Middle Eastern studies (1), linguistics (1), political science (5), social science (3), social work (6 ), sociology (11), urbanization, culture and society (1), and women's studies (1). Table 2 summarizes the information regarding solo and joint publications.

**Table 2** – JIMI, Solo and Joint Publications by Academic Discipline

Academic	Total # of publications	Solo publications	Joint
discipline	-	_	publications
Anthropology 5		2	3
Business	1		1
administration			
Criminology 1		1	
Cultural divers ity	1 1		
and citizenship			
Culture,	1		1
organization and			
management			
Demography 1		1	
Economics 12		3	9
Education 10		2	8
Geography 9		2	7
Health sciences	9	3	6
Nursing 4		1	3
History 1		1	
International 1		1	

relations			
Israeli and Middle	1		1
Eastern studies			
Linguistics 1			1
Management 1			
Marketing 1			
Philosophy 2			
Political science	8	3	5
Religious studies	1	1	
Social science	7	4	3
Social work	6		6
Sociology 26		15	11
Urban planning	1	1	
Urbanization,	2		1
culture and society			
Women's studies	1		1
Unidentified 1		1	
Total	91	49	42

As Table 2 illus trates, of the 26 academ ic discip lines represented, the ones accounting for moultiple publications were enough it in the predominantly joint publications (economics, education, geography, health sciences, nursing, and social work) or had a relatively equal distribution of solo and joint publications (political science, social sciences, and sociology). None of the multiple publication contributors were predominantly solo publications with the single possible exception of sociology, but even there the difference between solo and joint publications was fairly minor. The rest of the disciplines had only a single publication, which did not produce a large enough sample to determine the authorship dynamics in those cases.

Of the 42 partnerships, 21 were within the same discipline/organizational platform, 16 were multidisciplinary, four were between different sectoral affiliation (e.g. academic and government), and one included authors whose affiliation was unidentified.

Of the 21 partnerships with in the same discipline /organizational platform, one was

between government sources, five were in eco nomics, four in soci ology, three each in geography and health sciences, two were in e ducation, and one each in political science, social science, and culture, organ ization and m anagement. Of the four intersectoral publications, to were between government workers and sociologis ts, one between an NGO and geographers, and one between a government worker, a philosopher, a sociologist, and an anth ropologist. Finally, of the 16 m ultidisciplinary partnerships, two were between sociology and anthropology, two between education and economics, and one each of the following: linguistics and social work; Israeli and Middle Eastern studies and sociology; social work and women's studies; social science, political science, and sociology; philosophy and political science; political science and business administration; urbanization, culture and society and social work; sociology, psychology and education; political science and sociology; sociology and marketing; social work and education; and social work, urbanization, culture and management, and sociology.

Among the 91 articles, 12 broad topics could be identified by grouping together articles with similar research focus: economic aspects of migration (including labour market outcomes, career mobility, wages, economic benefits of migration, access to regulated professions, credentials recognition, occupational injury, foreign workers, business migrants, and brain drain), research and policy (including policy debates and selectivity of migrants), immigrant integration (including so cial integration, acculturation, assimilation, settlement, and second generation migrants), education (including academic performance of immigrant children and youth and the educational attainment of migrants), refugees (including resettlement and sponsorship), multiculturalism, citiz enship and nationalism (including transnationalism and inclusion

and exclusion), urban aspects of imm igration (including cities, housing, political participation, and political representation), religion, racism and discrimination (including social mobility), illegal m igration (including un documented migrants and trafficking), and other (including regional m igration, hi story of i mmigration, and dem ographic profiles). A mong these them es, the topics getting the most attention were in economic aspects of migration (26), immigrant integration (10), and urban aspects of migration (8). The remaining categories contained between 3 and 6 sources each. Table 3 provides more detailed information on the distribution of articles by each broad topic category.

**Table 3** – JIMI, Article Distribution by Topic

Topic category	Specific focus by topic category	Total <sup>4</sup>
Economic aspects of	Language and employment – 1	26
migration	Economic integration/labour market outcomes	
	-5	
	Employment equity – 1	
	Employment – 4	
	Immigrant entrepreneurship – 1	
	Career mobility – 1	
	Access to regulated professions – 1	
	Credentials recognition – 1	
	Wages – 1	
	Tax-benefit analysis of immigration – 1	
	Socioeconomic wellbeing – 1	
	Human capital and employment – 1	
	Naturalization and employment – 1	
	Occupational injury –1	
	Practicing traditional Chinese medicine – 1	
	Economics and citizenship – 1	
	Business migrants – 1	
	Foreign workers – 1	
	Brain drain – 1	
Research and policy	Research and policy – 2	6
	Immigration policy – 1	
	Policy debates – 1	
	NGOs and the future of migration debate – 1	
	Immigrant selection and immigration – 1	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The totals do not add to 91 because 4 works are not included on the account that their focus could not be determined. This includes two introductions to specific journal issues.

Immigrant	Social integration 1	10
Immigrant	Social integration – 1	10
integration	Immigrant incorporation – 3 Assimilation – 1	
	Acculturation – 1	
	Poverty and integration – 1	
	Identity – 1	
	Second generation integration – 1	
	Settlement – 1	_
Education	Children and youth (education) – 1	5
	Academic performance of immigrants – 2	
	Immigrant concentration and education al	
	attainment – 1	
	Religion and educational attainment - 1	
Refugees	Refugee resettlement – 2	5
	Refugee integration – 1	
	Sponsorship and resettlement – 2	
Multiculturalism	Social capital and multiculturalism – 1	4
	Multiculturalism - 3	
Citizenship and	Citizenship and nationalism – 1	4
nationalism	Inclusion and exclusion – 2	
	Transnationalism –1	
Urban aspects of	Political participation – 2	8
immigration	Political incorporation – 1	
C	Metropolitan migration – 4	
	Housing – 1	
Religion	Urban religion – 1	3
C	Religious diversity – 2	
Racism and	Ethnicity and social mobility – 1	6
discrimination	Ethnicity, social capital and earnings – 1	
	Ethnicity and political representation – 1	
	Discrimination – 1	
	Racism - 2	
Illegal migration	Illegal migration –2	4
	Undocumented migrants – 1	
	Trafficking - 1	
Other	Demographic profiles – 2	6
O UIIOI	Regional migration – 1	V
	Charitable giving among immigrants – 1	
	Slavic brides – 1	
1	History or immigration – 1	
	misiony of miningration – i	

Further, a number of these works focused on specific groups of migrants (defined either geographically, by ethnicity, or according to various demographic markers such as

age, imm igration status, etc.) or on part icular geographic regi ons. The specific groups targeted in this s ample were ref ugees (including further f ocus on wom en or specific regional origins), ethnic or re ligious groups (Chinese, Turks, Moroccans, Slavs, S outh Asians, Africans, Ghanains, Muslims), ch ildren and youth, business migrants, second generation m igrants, trafficked wom en, forei gn workers, and students. The particular geographic regions included ci ties (Toronto, Vancouver, M ontreal, B russels, Munich, Vienna), Canadian provinces (Alberta, Montreal, Quebec), countries (Canada, U.S., the Netherlands, Australia, Norway, Britain, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Sweden, Spain, Philippines, Switzerlan d, Lebanon, Finland) , and geographic and political regions (Europe, Subterranean Africa, European Union).

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY ON IMMIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT IN THE TORONTO AREA

The selection process f or Michael Doucet's *Bibliography* produced a list of 91 articles. Of these, 70 were solo works a and 21 were joint publications. In total, 125 individual authors were identified. Of the 125 authors, 1 authors, 1 00 were af filiated with the academic community, eight with various government agencies, 13 with the NGO sector, one was an independent statutory body (Ontario Human Rights Commission), and three could not be identified.

Of the eight governm ent-affiliated contributors, three were f rom the Department of Canadian Heritage, two f rom the Ontario Adm inistration of Settlement & Integration Services (OASIS), and three from Statistics Canada. Of the 13 NGO contributors, fou r were primarily advocacy-based, four were funders, one was research-based, and four

were service-based. However, of the four pr imarily service-based contributors, two were also involved in research and advocacy.

Among the 100 academ ic contributors, 19 different acad emic disciplines and programs of study were represented: aboriginal studies (1), anthropology (4), architecture (1), Canadian studies (1), communications (1), criminology (1), demography (1), tourism (1), economics (2), education including early childhood education (23), geography (9), health sciences (18), information studies (1), immigration and settlement studies (6), political science (2), social sciences (2), social work (6), sociology (11), urban planning (4), and five (5) could not be identified. The five academ ic contributors whose disciplinary affiliation could not be established were all graduate students whose schools and /or programs of study did not provide easy access to graduate theses.

With respect to the 70 so lo publications, seven (7) were contributed by NGOs, three (3) by the government, one (1) by Ontario Human Rights Commission, one (1) could not be identified, and the remaining 58 were academic works. Among the 58 academic works, the five most predominant disciplines were education (14), geography (7), immigration and settlement studies (6), health sciences (5) and sociology (5). The remaining academic disciplines can be seen in Table 4 below.

**Table 4** – Doucet *Bibliography*, Solo and Joint Publications by Academic Discipline

Academic	Total # of	Solo publications	Joint publications
discipline	publications		
Aboriginal studies	1	1	
Anthropology	4 3 1		
Architecture	1 1		
Canadian studies	1 1		
Communications	1 1		

Criminology 1			1
Demography	1 1		
Economics	2		2
Education 23		14	9
Geography	972		
Health sciences	18 5	13	
Information Studies	1	1	
Immigration and Settlement Studies	6 6		
Political Science	2	2	
Social Science	2 1 1		
Social Work	6 3 3		
Sociology 11		5	6
Tourism 1		1	
Urban planning	4	4	
Unidentified 5		5	
Total	100 58		42

When it came to joint publications (see Table 4), of the 21 collabor ations, the majority – 14 – were within the same discipline or organization: urban planning, education (2), sociology, economics, health sciences (2), geography (3), social work (2), government, and NGO (2). Five collaborations were multidisciplinary in nature – health sciences and social work; health sciences and sociology; sociology and anthropology; social sciences and criminology; and sociology, urban planning, and unidentified – and three collaborations were cross-sectoral: government and urban planning, and NGO, sociology and urban planning.

It can be noted from the above table that among the acade mic contributors, anthropology, education, and geography were primarily in the form of solo publications; health sciences and urban planning in the form of joint publications; and social work and sociology had an even distriebution of solo and join to publications. The rest of the academic disciplines did not produce a large enough sample to determine the primary nature of authorship type. Immigration and settlement studies is excluded from this observation because it is a program of study, not an academic discipline and every single contribution was by a graduate student.

Among the 91 articles, 12 broad research to pics could be iden tified, which were not all the sam e as in JIMI: labour m arket (including econom ic integration, ethnic entrepreneurship, and access to professions ), settlem ent and integration (including settlement services, settlem ent needs, soci al participation, acculturation, and eth nic identity), education (including ethnic schools, heritage education, and language learning), urban aspects of m igration (including hous ing, hom elessness, ethnic neighbourhoods, residential m obility, and cha nging urba n spaces), m ulticulturalism (including bilingualism, cultural exoticism, m edia por trayal, and ethn ic literatu re), racism, citizenship and nationalism (including transna tionalism, exclusion, return migration, and th (including m ental healt h, health care, and f policy issues), religion, heal emale circumcision), dem ographic p rofiles (including diaspo ras, ethnic communities, and comparative demographic profiles), family (including ethnic parenting, immigrant family dynamics, and international adoption), a nd other (including advocacy, community research, illegal m igrants, child refugee claim ants, queer Muslim s, and Toronto immigration history). T he most researched to pics were settlem ent and integration (14

articles), education (13), dem ographic profiles (10), and m ulticulturalism (9). W ith the exception of religion (2), the remaining categories were not too far behind, with seven (7) mentions each for urban and labou r m arket as pects, s ix (6) each for citizensh ip and health, five (5) for racism , and four (4) for family. Table 5 provides m ore detailed information on article distribution by topic.

**Table 5** – Doucet *Bibliography*, Article Distribution by Topic

Topic category	Specific focus by topic category	Total
Labour market	Economic integration – 1	7
	Access to regulated professions – 1	
	Ethnic entrepreneurship – 34	
	Employment – 1	
Settlement and	Information needs of service providers – 1	14
integration	Immigrant settlement needs – 1	
	Settlement services – 4	
	Continental African service providers – 1	
	Identity – 4	
	Social participation – 1	
	Acculturation – 1	
	Diasporas – 1	
Education Education	-2	13
	Education and ethnic heritage – 2	
	Muslim educational institutions – 1	
	Holocaust education – 1	
	Language learning/teaching – 3	
	Teacher education – 1	
	Schools – 1	
	Youth engagement – 1	
	Youth careers – 1	
Urban aspects of	Homelessness – 3	7
migration	Housing – 1	
	Changing urbanity – 1	
	Residential mobility – 1	
	Faith based ethnic neighbourhoods – 1	
Multiculturalism	Multiculturalism and media – 1	9
	Multiculturalism – 4	
	Multiethnicity – 1	
	Cultural exoticism – 1	
	Ethnic literature – 1	
	Bilingualism – 1	
Racism	Racism – 4	5
	Racial profiling – 1	

Citizenship and	Transnational communities – 3	6
nationalism	Citizenship and exclusion – 1	
	Return migration – 1	
Religion	Religion – 2	2
Health	Mental health – 2	6
	Immigrant health – 1	
	Immigrant women abuse – 1	
	Female circumcision – 1	
	Health care – 1	
Demographic	Francophone community – 1	10
profiles	Soviet Jews – 1	
	Chinese Canadians – 3	
	Black Canadians – 3	
	Little Portugal – 1	
	Comparative demographic patterns – 1	
Family	Cultural child rearing/ethnic parenting – 2	4
	Family dynamics – 1	
	International adoption – 1	
Other	Queer Muslims – 1	8
	Children seeking refugee status – 1	
	Toronto history of immigration – 1	
	Policy issues – 1	
	Community research – 1	
	Advocacy – 1	
	Illegal migrants – 1	
	City guide (travel) – 1	

An overwhelming 65 articles also focuse d on particular immigrant groups, with more than 26 different ethnic groups alone researched. The five ethnic groups with the most mentions were the Chinese, Portugue se, Japanese, South Asian, and the Black community in Toronto. The Chinese community in particular was very well re searched, with 12 articles focusing on different aspects of this community, ranging from Chinese immigrant women parenting practices to Chinese entrepreneurs to transnational practices in the Chinese community. Am ong the most researched demographic groups were children and youth (15 articles), women (9), and entrepreneurs (4).

#### **ANALYSIS**

As expected from a sch olarly peer-reviewed jou rnal, the overwhelming majority of publications were produced by author—s in the academ—ia. 88.5% of individual contributors were members of the academ ia. Doucet's *Bibliography* was not far behind, with 80% of the identified authors affiliated with the academia. This was a little more surprising because this particular publication referenced—a much greater variety of research on immigration. Among the works—cited were books, monographs, graduate theses, book chapters, journal—articles, and research reports, including some relatively obscure publications such as community/agency-developed reports. Despite this much greater scope, however, the vas—t majority of works in the exam—ined sam ple were academic.

Of the 26 academ ic disciplines and pr ograms of study found in JIMI and the 19 found in *Bibliography*, 12 disciplines appeared in both publications: anthropology, criminology, demography, economics, education, geography, health sciences, political science, social science, social work, sociology, and urban planning. Incidentally, with a few exceptions, these were also the disciplines with the largest number of contributions. These are detailed in Table 6 below.

**Table 6** – JIMI and Doucet, Top 12 Contributing Disciplines

Discipline	JIMI	Doucet
Anthropology 5		4
Criminology 1		1
Demography 1		1
Economics 12		2
Education 10		23
Geography 9		9
Health sciences	9	18
Political science	8	2

Social science	7	2
Social work	6	6
Sociology 26		11
Urban planning	1	4

Doucet's *Bibliography* involved seven disciplines that did not appear in JIMI: aboriginal studies, arch itecture, Canadian studies, communications, information studies, immigration and settlement studies, and tourism. JIMI, on the other hand, included twice as many disciplines that did not appear in *Bibliography*: business administration, cultural diversity and citizens hip, culture orga nization and m anagement, nursing, history, international relations, Israeli and Middle Eastern studies, linguistics, m anagement, marketing, philosophy, religious studies, urba nization culture and society, and women's studies. Some of these were due to contributions by international scholars and similar disciplinary affiliations simply do not exist in Canada. Eight of the 14 d isciplines were due to contributions by international scholars. However, the remaining six were Canadian contributions and the fact that there are dis crepancies in disciplinary participation in the two publication venues suggests that certai n aspects of imm igration research are particular to the natio nal while o thers to the local s cale. Further, five of the eight disciplines contributed by international sc holars – nam ely business adm inistration, history, international relations, linguistics, and philosophy - do exist in Canada as well, yet Canadia n scholars af filiated with these disciplines did not appear in the articles examined in this study. The num ber of contri butions by each discipline also seem s to suggest that some immigration issues are getting more attention on the national than on the local scale, and vice versa. Table 7 shows the five biggest contributing disciplines in each publication in order of importance.

**Table 7** – JIMI and Dooucet, Top Five Contributing Disciplines in Rank Order

Publication	JIMI	Doucet
Discipline Sociology	(26)	Education (23)
Discipline	Economics (12)	Health sciences (18)
Discipline Education	(10)	Sociology (11)
Discipline	Geography (9)	Geography (9)
Discipline	Health Sciences (9)	Social work (6)

While the top five disciplines are almost identical – with four out of five being the same in the two publications, their importance in each case v aries sign if icantly when we consider the numbers themselves. Sociologists are twice as active on the national forum than they are on the local, while the reverse is true for health scientists and educators. Interestingly enough, g eographers hold the same position in both forum s, while economists are only active on the national scale. This is interesting when we consider that seven of the 91 Bibliography articles exam ined here res earch econo mic aspects of immigration, suggesting that on the local level topics such as immigrant employment and their econo mic integration lend the mselves to exploration by other disciplines. In this particular case, imm igrant and ethnic entrep reneurship was researched by two separate geographers and a collaborative team of gove rnment officials and an urban planner (3 articles in total); access to regulated prof essions by Imm igration and Settlement Studies graduate student; econom ic integration by an NGO; and immigrant employ ment by a sociologist. One possible explanation for this is the limitation of this study with respect to sample size. It is possible that the sample was not large enough to encompass the entire range of disciplines present in each public ation. A m ore detailed study could either reduce the discrepancies or confirm and even widen the apparent divergence.

One notable disciplinary absentee on both the national and the local sca les is the faculty of history. Of the 215 ac ademic contributors identified in the two sam ples, only one was af filiated with the depar tment of history. This is highly surprising considering that immigration history is a very significant—subject in the field of immigration. In the case of JIMI, one possible expl—anation is the nature of—the journa—litse lf. JIM I is a relatively new—having been in existence fo—r only eight years—contem—porary journal that, by virtue of being a—Metropolis P roject public ation, has a very clear policy orientation. Since policy is by nature concerned with the present and the immediate future defined by short political term—s, this is not a forum—conductive to the engagem—ent of historians. In the case of Doucet, this could very well be a prim—e example of the study limitations mentioned previously in the methodology section. Since only a small number of the *Bibliography* articles were sampled, it is possible—that historians sim ply did not make this list. Further research will easily answer this question.

JIMI had a relatively even distribution of joint publications (53.8%) and solo works (46.2%), while the *Bibliography* sample was predominantly comprised of solo publications, to the tune of 77%. J IMI had 42 joint publications, while *Bibliography* contained 21. However, the total number of individual contributors from both the solo and the joint publications was almost identical, with 130 for JIMI and 125 for *Bibliography*. Some a cademic disciplines were more prone to a particular type of authorship than others. In both cases, publications produced by authors affiliated with health sciences were predominantly joint collaborations. In *Bibliography*, this predisposition towards joint publications was also demonstrated in urban planning, while anthropology, education, and geography produced predominantly solo publications. This

was not the case with JIMI, where bot he ducation and geography produced predominantly collaborative works, joined by economics, nursing, and social work. Political science, sociology and social science had a fairly even distribution of solo and joint publications in JI MI, while this was not the case with any of the disciplines in *Bibliography*.

The type of collaborations also differed somewhat in each publications. Of the 42 joint pub lications identified in JI MI, the number of those produced within the same discipline/organizational platform was fairly close to that of collaborations across different disciplines and sectors. Exactly half of the publications (21) were joint publications within the same discipline/organization, 16 were multidisciplinary, and 4 were cross-sectoral. The *Bibliography* sample of joint works, on the other hand, was predominantly populated by collaborations with in the sam e discipline. Three quarters (14) of the 21 collaborative works identified in *Bibliography* were within the sam e discipline, five (5) were multidisciplinary, and three (3) cross-sectoral. In both JIMI and Bibliography, collaborations within the sam e academ ic discip line o r organiz ational platform we re almost identical. Both in cluded the government, economics, education, geography, health scien ces, and sociology. The Bibliography sam ple also inclu ded collaborations within the academic disciplines of urban planning and social, as well as non-profit sector. The JIMI sample included political science, social science, and culture, organization and management.

The scope of multidisciplinary collaborations was much greater in the JIM I sample, but both publications included anthro pology, health sciences, sociology, social work, and social science as common collaborators. The Doucet sample also included

criminology and urban planning in research partnerships, which the JIMI sample did not.

The JIMI sample included education, econom ics, political science, and the more obscure contributors in linguistics , Israeli and Middle Easter n studies, philosophy, business administration, marketing, and urbanization, culture, and society.

With respect to research topics, certain differences can be observed between the two publications. The JIMI sam ple produced a greater scope of research, while the Bibliography sample produced research that was more focused. For example, while both publications included works on settlement and integration, *Bibliography* articles were the only ones to mention settlement services and programs and the settlement needs of different groups of ne wcomers. Likewise, while both publications treated a lot of the same research topics, these were approached differently by each. Econom ic aspects of immigration was a hot topic on the national agenda (27 articles in JIMI), but did not garner nearly as m uch attention on the m unicipal one (7 articles in Bibliography). Authors ad dressing ed ucation in JIMI focused on the academ ic perform ance of immigrant child ren and the educational attain ment of adult migrants, while authors writing about education in *Bibliography* sources were m ore concerned with language learning among adult newcomers and ethnic schools for immigrant children. On the other hand, social inclusion, racism, and urban aspects of immigration figured equally in both publications.

One of the m ain differences in res earch focus between the JIMI sam ple and the *Bibliography* sam ple is in the precision of re—search focus. W hile both publications contain a large num—ber of works—that fo—cus on a specific ethnic or dem—ographic community of migrants (32 works in JIMI and 65 in *Bibliography*), articles found in JIMI

do so on a much m ore varied geographic scale, while the *Bibliography* articles focus exclusively on Toronto (with the exception of five sources that also mention Vancouver, Montreal, Buffalo, Salk Lake City, Hong Kong, and Grenada). Of the 91 JIMI articles, 32 works address specific immigrant groups and 32 works focus on specific geographic regions. These are actually the same articles. Where a specific immigrant group was addressed, it was also specifically stated in what geographic region(s) this group was studied.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Immigration is a new field of study, and a rapidly expending one at that. The fact that scholarly journals and conferences de dicated specifically to immigration exist suggests that imm igration is seen as an identifiable and unique field of study. Unlike established academ ic disciplines, however, it is a multidis ciplinary field whose dimensions are unclear. While there is now a handful of university program s dedicated specifically to the study of immigration<sup>5</sup>, professors teach ing courses in these program s and publishing books and articles on immigration come from a multitude of disciplines,

Syerson University's **Immigration and Settlement Studies** Program is the only postgraduate program in Canada dedicated to the study of immigration. In a ddition, University of To ronto of fers a graduate collaborative program in **Ethnic and Pluralism Studies**, which allows Master's or Do ctoral studients working towards an interdisciplinary specialization to complete courses outside of their department or faculty and receive a specialized note on their transcripts. Participating departments and faculties include: Anthropology, C entre for European, R ussian, and Eurasian Studies (C ERES), G eography, Hi story, Industrial Relations and Human Resources (CIRHR), Nursing Science, Political Science, Religion, Social Work, Sociology, Sociology and Equity Studies in Education (SESE), Women and Gender Studies Institute (WGSI), as well as cert ain relevant course in the Department of Ec onomics and the Faculty of Law. Similarly, York University's Centre for Refu gee Studies of fers students enrolled in other programs to complete a specified list of courses to receive a **General Certificate in Refugee & Migration Studies**, a **Graduate Diploma in Refugee & Migration Studies**, or a **Continuing Education Certificate in Refugee and Forced Migration Issues**. Finally, Seneca College's Faculty of Continuing Education and Training now of fers a **Social Service Worker Immigrants and Refugees Diploma**. It is possible that other programs exist of which I am not aware at this time.

such as politics, geography, social work, urban planning, and early childhood education, to name a few. Just which academic disciplines make up this list can shed a light on what we consider the field of immigration to encompass. The way we institutionally carve up universities into school and departm ents and fi elds of study into disciplines reflects the way we draw bound—aries aroun d academ ic expertise. "The actual sociopo—litical organization of libraries, publishing houses, conferences, and scholarly journals likew ise mirrors the sociomental organization of the world in general and of academic identity in particular." (Zerubavel, 1995: 1093)

This study identified 33 different academ ic disciplines and area studies involved in immigration research. This represents a huge area of expertise and greatly diversif ies the kind of research being produced. This also makes it difficult to access the entire range of available research b ecause each discipline has its own channels for dissem inating research findings, not all of which are easily accessible or even known to those outside of the discipline in question. Further, of the 33 distinct disc iplines, programs and field of study identified here, not all are involved in immigration research equally. In fact, only 11 disciplines and one graduate program (Im migration and Settlem ent Studies) have made any significant contributions in the sample examined in this study. This suggests that at the present, the academia identifies immigration is sues predominantly with the fields of anthropology, econom ics, educat ion, geography, health sciences, nursing, political sciences, social work, and sociol ogy. It should be furt her noted that while immigration as a field of study is new, i mmigration research is not and it would be interesting to see if the di sciplines involved in immigrati on research prior to 2000 were

the same as identified here or if they have changed over time. Further research beyond the scope of this study is required to answer this question.

With respect to multidisciplinarity, the examination of joint publications suggests that imm igration is a multidis ciplinary f ield and not an inte rdisciplinary one. A multidisciplinary field is one that draws on num erous disciplines in teaching a nd research, while an *inter*disciplinary field goes a step beyond by "integrating across existing disciplines to define appropriate objects of inquiry, methodologies, and modes of interpretation and analysis" (Katz, 2001: 524). While multidisciplinary collaborations do occur in im migration research, these seem to be m uch more pronounced on a national scale, while alm ost no nexistent on the loca 1 scale. JIMI, by virt ue of being a selfproclaimed multidisciplinary journal that emphasizes multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, comparative, and policy-relevant research, at tracts publications that cross the boundaries of traditionally compartmentalized discipline-specific knowledge. Doucet's *Bibliography*, on the other hand, sim ply compiles imm igration research on Toronto, which rem ains largely limited to exploration by individual disciplines. This is evidenced by the fact that of the joint collaborations that did occur, half of those in JIMI and nearly 80% of those in Doucet were within the same discipline. The relatively small volume of publications that reach across disciplinary boundaries suggests that immigration as a field of study has not yet reached the level of interdisciplinarity. This conclusion is based on the findings of this study and applies to immigration research only. It is beyond the scope of this project to determ ine whether the academ ic instruction to students enrolled in the handful of programs dedicated to the study of immigration that exist in Canada is perform ed at a multidisciplinary or an interdisciplinary level.

The liter ature on au thorship its elf, albeit lim ited, invites som e interes ting questions about imm igration research. Se veral writers (Mountz, 2002; Valim aa, 1998; Zerubavel, 1995) have suggested that an author's identity affects re search in several important ways, from research f ocus to re lationship with r esearch subjects to the interpretation of findings. Our identities are constructed through our dialogue with significant others (Taylor, 1994). In the case of academics, these sign ificant others can include disc iplinary communities, professional associations, institutional communities, intellectual/epistemic traditions, national culture, and sociological categories such as race, gender, and class (Valimaa, 1998: 133). Considering these significant others in each case can allow us to ask practical research questions more easily. Alison Mountz from the University of British Colum bias eems to lend some weight to this argument. She contends the ideas and methods she was introduced to while studying feminist geography in the 1990s inform the way in which she defines projects, asks questions, conducts research, and disseminates results. (2002: 188) According to her,

our own identities and the identities of those with whom we work ed influenced every aspect of our project... Data were thus influenced by differential citizenship histories, along with other points of difference and identification, such as race, class, employment status, and gender (2002: 189).

Mountz (2002) argues that in order to si tuate knowledge and establish a view from somewhere, data should always be presented in relation to the context in which it was collected. The multidisciplinary nature of immigration as a field of study greatly expands the pool of these significant others, making it more difficult to contextualize the produced knowledge.

In view of the multidisciplinarity of the field of immigration, the question is how such a wide range of author iden tities affects immigration research. While I cannot even

begin to an swer this question without examining each individual work in detail – something that is well beyond the scope of this research project – I can offer two observations derived from my study. First of all, ther e is an obvious link between the disciplinary af filiation of the auth or and the research top ic. For example, a r esearch interest receiving a lot of attention in the *Bibliography* is children and youth. This is in direct co rrelation with the overwhelm ing presence of re searchers affiliated with the discipline of education. In a similar vein, the greater emphasis on the economic aspects of immigration in J IMI is in part due to a greater presence of scholars affiliated with the department of economics. This suggests that academic areas of expertise are in deed compartmentalized and discip linary boundaries do exist. However, the fact that som researchers – socio logists in particular, in exploring such wide topics as econom ic assimilation and educational attainments of immigrant groups—have crossed these boundaries suggests that disciplinary affiliation is not the only factor in the determination of research interests. S ince the natural cho ice of research topics would normally lie within one's academ ic discipline, this suggests that other factors pertain ing to researcher's identity are involv ed. Furt her, while a researcher's academ ic or organizational affiliation may explain the focus on a particular topic, it is unable to explain the researcher's focus on a particul ar ethnic com munity or a geographic area where this is the case.

Funding is also changing the nature of immigration research across the board. The Social Sciences and Hum an Research C ouncil (SSHRC) has shifted its focus fr om supporting traditional academic curiosity-driven research to funding projects that address specified policy concerns (Shields, 2007: 4) This approach, while potentially useful,

needs to be treated with caution because it ha s the potential of dras tically changing the immigration research landscape. Policy m aking is by nature a political process. The involvement of a multitude of politician s, bur eaucrats, lob byists, in terest groups and researchers brings a significant hum an element to the process, m aking it unpredictable and volatile. As such, it matters not only who produced the research findings, but also who is goin g to interpret them and what goals they are m eant to supp ort. This has the potential to inadvertently compromise the integrity of immigration research by making it open to m anipulation. Shields points out that k nowledge absorption within governm ent can be hap hazard and inconsistent (Shiel ds, 2007: 9). As such, if the focus of immigration research is shifted to support political aim s, we risk losing sight of the big immigration picture. If resear ch interests are guided by political popularity of any given immigration issue, there is a great potential for widening holes in immigration research. In addition, since any research that is largely dependent on governm ent funding is vulnerable to changing currents in public adm inistration, we must be wary of the future of immigration research should a new adm inistration or approach in governance change the perceived value of policy-oriented immigration research, research partnerships, or the Metropolis Project itself.

This has serious implications for the future development of immigration as a field of study and the way immigration research is absorbed. The desired policy orientation of immigration research may once again redefine the boundaries of immigration as a field of study, which we are just now in the process of establishing in the first place. Policy making is by nature a short-sighted process oriented toward the immediate future and little concerned with the past. The active direction of immigration research in this vein

has the potential to create and widen gaps in knowledge generated by this field. One such gap – nam ely the absence of historians – is already ev idenced in the Me tropolis publication JIMI. If the trend towa rds the sh aping of imm igration research to address policy issues continues, the field risks compromising its truly multidisciplinary nature.

This trend is even more alarming when we consider the kind of research currently being produced. The examined sample shows that more than 80% of all research is being produced by the academia. This type of authorship results is traditionally associated with trusted objectivity and accura cy of inform ation but re lies on standard a cademic written dissemination outlets such as books and peer-reviewed acad emic journals, which have long publishing timelines, restricted access, and very limited audiences. As a result, any societal impacts of such resear ch take a considerable time to materialize (Shields, 2007: 3). If such research is actively directed to inform policy, it is not likely to do so in the required time frame. As a result, we risk ending up with research that, while designed to address a particular policy area, fails to affect change should political priorities – or the administration itself – change before the resear ch project is complete. At the same time, the invo lyement in this project will have prevented the researcher from pursuing a different topic.

Government initiated research also takes a long time to complete because it usually takes a form of reports compiled after lengthy national consultations with stakeholders. (sentence removed) Knowledge produced by the service sector, on the other hand, is perhaps the most perceptive and practical because service providers are uniquely positioned at the intersection of policy, programming, and target communities (Shields, 2007: 10). Unfortunately, such knowledge fall sunder the category of grey literature,

confining it to the outskirts of knowledge production. Although the Metropolis Project has done a great deal to put grey literatu re on the m ap, it continues to be inferior to academic research, m aking such findings eas y to dis count, particularly when they contradict political aims. While Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) and SSHRC value the involvement of service providers in research 'partnerships,' it is the a cademics who occupy the privileged position of carrying the weight of the project. NGOs are there to help acad emics do better research through improved access to research subjects, but ed a nd unqualified to m eet research quality and they are seen as too value charg objectivity standards to produce independent research to affect government policymaking (Shields, 2007: 12). As evidenced by the present study, immigration research remains the domain of academ ic scholarsh ip and only a small portion of identified research was produced by the non-profit sector. The im plications of this are troubling when we consider policy im plications. If policy m aking is based on research and the research coming out of the only sector working directly with immigrants is marginalized, the policy makers are then presented with a skewed picture. Further research is required to determine why the non-profit sector is not well represented in immigration research and what can be done to address this issue.

Overall, while this study is unable to definitively establis h the boundaries of immigration as a field of study – in light of the previously discussed methodological limitations – it nevertheless provides a direction for further research. Expanding the sample of examined articles both in terms of numbers and the time period examined would help determine with a greater accuracy what the dimension of this field are and whether or not these have shifted over time. In light of the changing nature of

immigration research, it would also be desirable to examine whether or not changes in policy are reflected in immigration research and what is the nature of the link – if one exists – be tween the two. Finally, further discussions on integrating multiple disciplines would help provide direction on how to guide the future development of immigration as a field from multidisciplinarity to interdisciplinarity.

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## **APPENDIX A: JIMI Sample**

Article	pub. Year	Author type	Authors	Affiliation
"When is my Dutch good enough?" Experiences of refugee women with Dutch labour organizations	2006	multiple	Halleh Ghorashi and Maria van Tilburg	2 culture, organization and management
A Canadian exceptionalism? Trust and diversity in Canadian cities	2006	single	Abdolmohammad Kazemipur sociol	ogy
A framework for understanding cross- national differences in the relationship between research and policy	2001	single	Roger Henke	social sciences
A note on Jeffrey Reitz' policy paper	2001	multiple	Baha Abu-Laban and Hans Vermeulen	sociology and anthropology
A political economy approach to understanding the economic incorporation of Chinese sub-ethnic groups	n 2004	multiple	Lucia Lo and Lu Wang 2	geography
Access and equity issues in employment and service provision for NESB immigrants in New Zealand public sector organizations 2	000	multiple	Noel Watts and Andrew Trlin	linguistics and social work
Apport démographique de l'immigration internationale dans la région Métropolitaine de recensement (RMR) de Montréal, 1976–1996	2003	single	Ayéko A. Tossou	demography
Attitudes toward work: Ethnic minorities and immigrant groups in Vancouver	2005	single	Harald Bauder	geography
Beyond "Entry-level" Jobs: Immigrant Women and Non-regulated Professional Occupations 2	007	multiple	Liza McCoy and Cristi Masuch	2 sociology
Canadian immigration, mexican emigration, and a North American regional interpretation	2005	single	Imtiaz Hussain	international relations
Capital social et vie associative de quartier en contexte multiethnique: Quelques réflexion à partir de recherches Montréalaises 2	004	single	Annick Germain	urban planning

Career Nomadism and the Building of a Professional Identity in Female Immigrants 2	007	single	Hélène Cardu	education
Changing patterns of political participation of citizens of immigrant origin in the Brussels capital region: The October 2000 elections	2002	multiple	Dirk Jacobs, Marco Martiniello and Andrea Rea	social sciences, political science, sociology
Charitable giving among the foreign-born in Canada	2000	multiple	Fernando Mata and Don McRae	sociology and gov.
Chinese immigrants in vancouver: Quo vadis? 2	006	multiple	Shibao Guo and Don J. DeVoretz	••
Citoyenneté, nationalité et laïcité: Le débat sur la France multiculturelle depuis les années 80	2002	single	Yvan Gastaut	history
Closing the wage gap: Economic assimilation of Canadian immigrants reconsidered 2 Contesting sacred urban space: The case of	000	multiple	Derek Hum and Wayne Simpson	2 economics
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Explaining the socioeconomic well-being of immigrants and returned migrants: An econometric analysis of the Hong Kong and Canadian censuses of 2001	2006	multiple	Tian Fangmeng and Ma Zhongdong	2 social science
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Focusing on children and youth: The role of social capital in educational outcomes in the context of immigration and diversity 2	004	multiple	Yvonne Hébert, Xiaohong Shirley Sur and Eugene Kowch	3 education
Genre et performance scolaire en milieu minoritaire au Quebec. Les élèves originaires d'Afrique subsaharienne	2004	multiple	Jean-Paul Mbuya Mutombo and Ghislaine Ngoie Wa Bienge 2	gov
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Decline Decline	2007	single	Jeffrey G. Reitz	sociology
Immigrant intelligentsia and its second generation: Cultural segregation as a road to social integration?	2000	multiple	Alek Epstein and Nins Kheimets	Isreali and Middle aEastern studies and Sociology
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Institutional change and emerging cohorts of the "New" immigrant second generation: Implications for the integration of racial minorities in Canada		multiple	Jeffrey G. Reitz and Kara Somerville	2 sociology
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Labour market integration of refugees in Norway under changing macro-economic conditions 2	004	single	Svein Blom	gov
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