

10-1981

Resources for the Teaching of the Sociology of Québec: A Bibliographic Essay

Madeleine Giguère
University of Southern Maine

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.usm.maine.edu/giguere-publications-and-presentations>

Recommended Citation

Giguère, Madeleine, "Resources for the Teaching of the Sociology of Québec: A Bibliographic Essay" (1981). *Publications and Presentations*. 52.
<https://digitalcommons.usm.maine.edu/giguere-publications-and-presentations/52>

This Presentation is brought to you for free and open access by the Madeleine Giguère at USM Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Publications and Presentations by an authorized administrator of USM Digital Commons. For more information, please contact jessica.c.hovey@maine.edu.

RESOURCES FOR THE TEACHING
OF
THE SOCIOLOGY OF QUEBEC:
A BIBLIOGRAPHIC ESSAY

Madeleine Giguère
University of Southern Maine

Prepared for Presentation at the Second Annual Conference of
the Northeast Council for Quebec Studies

Yale University

October 1, 2, 3, 1981

RESOURCES FOR THE TEACHING OF THE SOCIOLOGY OF QUEBEC:
A BIBLIOGRAPHIC ESSAY

There are several challenges in developing a bibliography of resources for the teaching of the sociology of Quebec to American undergraduates. Perhaps the greatest challenge is to find materials in English. The overwhelming majority of the students I teach cannot read French well-enough to profit by French texts. I have found that even among students with substantial skills in French there is great reluctance to undertake reading sociology in French. Thus my selections have been made solely from the English-language literature.

Secondly, the readings had to be readable and interesting to the student. Also they could not be couched in such purely Canadian terms that they would be difficult for the American undergraduate to understand. This is particularly a problem in political questions.

Thirdly, since the goal was to identify the materials for a course in sociology the selections had to reflect the concerns of the contemporary discipline of sociology. That is not to say that only the writings of sociologists were considered, but rather that the sociological perspective or at least a social science perspective had to be evident for the article or book to be included.

Finally, it was not assumed that the course was being taught as part of a Québec Studies or Canadian Studies context, so that elementary historical and geographical resources were included. Nor was it assumed that the library collection on Quebec would be extensive or that Canadian journals would be widely available. Consequently, volumes of collected articles were thought to be particularly valuable. The goal was to make the instructional materials as "portable" as possible.

As to the content of the bibliography, the subject headings are sociological categories of analysis for the larger society: population, stratification, ideology and nationalism, social change and the future as well as the major institutions--political, economic, religious and familial. Thus both the basic social structure and the elements of social change are covered.

It would be erroneous to suggest that in all cases a selection was made from what was available. In fact, in many cases it was the case of including what was available. On the family and religion, for instance, I found little current material in English. On education there seems to be little evaluation of the new structures in either French or English. We can know a great deal about the organization and process of education but little about the product of the educational system, particularly in a comparative context.

The goal of the bibliography is to present resources which contribute substantially to the understanding of contemporary Quebec. The focus is on social change of the last twenty years that was initiated by the "Quiet Revolution." But in order to understand the evolution of Quebec society in the last generation we must look at the transformations in the twentieth century as a whole. And that development has to be put into the historical context of the previous centuries. A formidable task for one course, but that is what this list of resources for the teaching of the sociology of Quebec attempts to help implement.

1. PRIMARY RESOURCES

Drouin, Marie-Josée and B. Bruce-Briggs. Canada Has A Future. Toronto: McClelland and Stewart Limited, 1978.

A fascinating look at Canada's next twenty years from the Hudson Institute of Canada.

Gold, Gerald L. and Marc-Adélarde Tremblay. Communities and Culture in French Canada. Toronto/Montreal: Holt, Rinehart and Winston of Canada, Limited, 1973.

A useful collection of articles in social and cultural anthropology on the French in Quebec, the Atlantic Region, Ontario and Manitoba.

McRoberts, Kenneth and Dale Posgate. Rev. ed., Quebec: Social Change and Political Crisis. Toronto: McClelland and Stewart Limited, 1980.

A splendid analysis of recent political and social change in Quebec.

The New Canadian Oxford Atlas. Don Mills, Ontario: Oxford University Press (Canada), 1977.

An indispensable tool for the American student in understanding Canada and Quebec.

Rioux, Marcel and Yves Martin. French-Canadian Society. Toronto/Montreal: McClelland and Stewart Limited, 1964.

The best single source on the sociology of Quebec.

Thomson, Dale, C. Quebec Society and Politics: Views from The Inside. Toronto: McClelland and Stewart Limited, 1973.

Seventeen thoughtful essays on Quebec's culture, politics, family, economy, and religion by francophone academics, government officials, religious leaders and the editor.

2. ANALYTICAL FOCUS

Dumont, Fernand. "The Systematic Study of French-Canadian Total Society." Situation de la recherche sur le Canada français. Quebec: Les Presses de l'Université Laval, 1962. Pp. 277-92. Trans. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 386-405.

A specific model for the study of French-Canadian society considered as a total society.

Garigue, Philippe. "Change and Continuity in Rural French Canada." Culture (Quebec), XVIII (décembre, 1957). Rpt. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 123-137.

A controversial view of change in rural French-Canada.

Guindon, Hubert. "The Social Evolution of Quebec Reconsidered." The Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science, XXVI (November, 1960). Rpt. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 137-162.

An evaluation of the Garigue thesis.

McRoberts, Kenneth and Dale Posgate. "Analyzing Change: Theories and Concepts," Ch. 1 in McRoberts and Posgate, pp. 1-22.

A succinct presentation of the concepts of social and economic development.

Rioux, Marcel. "Remarks on the Socio-Cultural Development of French-Canada." Contributions à l'étude des sciences de l'homme, IV (1959). Trans. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 162-178.

A further consideration of the Garigue thesis.

3. HISTORICAL ORIENTATION

Deffontaines, Pierre. "The Rang-Pattern of Rural Settlement in French-Canada." Cahiers de géographie, 5 (1953). Extracts translated in Rioux and Martin, pp. 3-19.

An examination of the type of rural settlement particular to New France and French-Canada.

Falardeau, Jean Charles. "The Seventeenth Century Parish in French-Canada." Paroisses de France et de Nouvelle-France au XVII^e siècle. Cahiers de l'École des sciences sociales, politiques et économiques de Laval. Vol. 2, no. 7. Trans. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 19-32.

- Gerin, Leon. "The French Canadian Family—Its Strengths and Weaknesses." Revue trimestrielle canadienne, XIX (mars, 1932). Pp. 35-63. Trans. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 32-57.
- Milner, Sheilagh Hodgins and Henry Milner. The Decolonization of Quebec. Toronto: McClelland and Stewart Limited, 1973.
A socialist view of Quebec development.
- Miner, Horace. St. Denis: A French-Canadian Parish. Chicago: Phoenix Books, 1963.
A well-known community study of the mid-nineteen thirties. First published in 1939.
- Rioux, Marcel. Quebec in Question. Toronto: James Lewis and Samuel, 1971.
A brief history of Quebec written from the point of view of an anthropologist who favors independence for his native Quebec.
- Redfield, Robert. "French-Canadian Culture in St. Denis Introduction to Horace Miner." St. Denis: A French-Canadian Parish. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1939. Rpt. in Phoenix Books, 1963.
A famous anthropologist places traditional rural French-Canadian society within the context of a general typology of societies.
- Ryerson, Stanley B. French-Canada. Toronto: Progress Books, 1980.
A Marxist view of Quebec history. First published in 1943.
- Wade, Mason. The French-Canadians, 2 vols. Toronto: Macmillan, 1955.
The comprehensive English language history of Quebec written by an American historian.

4. POPULATION

Henripin, Jacques. "From Acceptance of Nature to Control: The Demography of the French-Canadians Since the Seventeenth Century," The Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science XXIII (February, 1957), pp. 10-14. Rpt. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 204-216.

Description and analysis of three hundred years of demographic history.

Henripin, Jacques. "Quebec and the Democratic Dilemma of French-Canadian Society" in Dale C. Thomson, pp. 155-166.

Links the political situation of Quebec to its demographic situation.

Keyfitz, Nathan. "Population Problems" Essais sur le Québec contemporain-Essays on Contemporary Quebec. Québec: Les Presses Universitaires Laval, 1953. Rpt. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 216-244.

Changes in residence, occupation and ideas, 1871-1951.

New Canadian Oxford Atlas. Tables, 1-3, 8, 10, 11, 20, 23, 28, 37. Pp. 1-7, 11-13, 16, 21.

Basic demographic data.

5. THE ECONOMY

Faucher, Albert and Maurice Lamontagne. "History of Industrial Development." Essais sur le Québec contemporain-Essays on Contemporary Quebec. Québec: Les Presses Universitaires Laval, 1953, pp. 23-37. Rpt. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 257-271.

A brief economic history of Quebec.

Gold, Gerald L. St. Pascal: Changing Leadership and Social Organization in a Quebec Town. Toronto/Montreal: Holt, Rinehart and Winston of Canada, 1975.

An interesting account of the economic development of a small town in the 1960's and the role of the local elites in that transformation.

Hughes, Everett C. French-Canada in Transition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1943.

A sociology classic depicting the impact of externally directed industrialization of a small city prior to World War II.

"Industry and the Rural System in Quebec." Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science, 4 (August, 1938), pp. 341-349. Rpt. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 76-86.

Industry, an alternative solution to the problem of surplus rural population.

McRoberts and Posgate, Ch. 3, "Quebec Economic Development: Its Scope and Weaknesses." Pp. 37-48.

A good introduction.

Maxwell, Judith and Cardine Pestiau. Economic Realities of Contemporary Confederation. Montreal: C. D. Howe Research Institute, 1980.

The final report of the Accent Quebec Program of the C. D. Howe Research Institute on the Quebec economy and its interaction with the Canadian economy.

New Canadian Oxford Atlas. Tables 14, 18, 20, 26, 28, 30, 35, 37.

Basic economic data.

6. STRATIFICATION

Brazeau, E. Jacques. "Language Differences and Occupational Experience." The Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science XXIV, 4 (November, 1958), pp. 532-540. Rpt. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 296-307.

An important paper, arguing the need for more research on the relationship of language and occupational experience.

"Quebec's Emerging Middle Class." Canadian Business, XXXVI, 3 (March, 1963), pp. 30-40. Rpt. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 319-327.

A well-argued analysis of the emergence of a new middle class.

- Guindon, Hubert. "Changes in Class and Power Relations in Quebec." Queen's Quarterly 71 (Summer, 1964), pp. 150-162. Rpt. in James E. Curtis and William G. Scott, eds. Social Stratification: Canada, 2nd edition. Scarborough, Ontario: Prentice-Hall of Canada, Ltd., pp. 159-169.
An illuminating analysis of the political dimensions of the emergence of the new middle-class.
- Newman, Peter C. The Canadian Establishment. Ch. 2, "Paul Desmarais." Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1979.
A profile of a very successful French entrepreneur.
- Richer, Stephen and Pierre E. Laporte. "Culture, Cognition and English-French Competition." Two Nations, Many Cultures: Ethnic Groups in Canada, edited by John Leonard Elliott. Scarborough, Ontario: Prentice-Hall of Canada, 1979, pp. 75-85.
A sophisticated model explaining the under-representation of French-Canadians in the professional, technical and managerial occupations.
- Rocher, Guy. "Research on Occupations and Social Stratification." Situation de la recherches sur le Canada français. Quebec: Les Presses de l'Université Laval, 1962, pp. 173-184. Trans. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 328-339.
A concise summary of research in occupations and stratification.
- Taylor, Norman W. "The French-Canadian Industrial Entrepreneur and His Social Environment." Extracts from Norman W. Taylor, "A Study of French-Canadians as Industrial Entrepreneurs." Unpublished Ph. D. dissertation, Yale University, 1957. First published in translation in Recherches sociographiques II, 2 (avril-juin, 1961), pp. 123-50. Rpt. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 271-295.
An illuminating analysis of the distinctive attitudes of the French-Canadian industrial entrepreneur.

7. THE FAMILY

Carisse, Colette. "Cultural Orientations in Marriages Between French and English Canadians." The Canadian Family in Comparative Perspective. Lyle E. Larson. Scarborough, Ontario: Prentice-Hall of Canada, Ltd, 1976, pp. 186-198. From Jean L. Elliott, ed. Immigrant Groups. Scarborough, Ontario: Prentice-Hall of Canada, Ltd., pp. 191-206. Originally, published as "Orientations culturelles dans les mariages entre Canadiens français et Canadiens anglais" in Sociologie et Sociétés, 1, No. 1, (May, 1969).

The implications of intermarriage between French and English in Montreal.

"The Family: The Issue of Change." Issues of Canadian Society. Edited by Dennis Farcese and Stephen Richer. Scarborough, Ontario: Prentice-Hall of Canada, Ltd., 1975.

A brief glimpse at the wealth of data in the author's French language monograph La Famille: Mythe et Réalité Québécoise. Québec: Conseil des Affaires Sociales et de la Famille, 1974.

Garigue, Philippe. "French-Canadian Kinship and Urban Life." American Anthropologist, 58 (1956), pp. 1090-1101. Rpt. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 358-372.

An interesting thesis that the extent of kinship recognition in French-Canada is determined by its cultural values, not by its degree of urbanization.

Miner, Horace. "The French-Canadian Family Cycle." American Sociological Review 9 (October, 1938), pp. 700-708.

An interesting view of traditional rural families.

Rioux, Marcel. "Kinship Recognition and Urbanization in French-Canada." Contributions to Anthropology (1959). Bulletin No. 173, pp. 1-11. National Museum of Canada, Ottawa, 1961. Rpt. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 372-375.

Counter-argument to Garigue. Kinship recognition is already shrinking and is related to the degree of urbanization.

Tremblay, Marc-Adélarde. "Authority Models in the French-Canadian Family." Recherches sociographiques, 7 Nos. 1-2 (1966), pp. 215-230. Trans. in Gold and Tremblay, pp. 109-119.

An excellent description of authority in the traditional patriarchal society and in the emerging technological society.

Hobart, Charles W. "Sexual Permissiveness in Young English and French-Canadians." Larson, op. cit., pp. 149-159.

An interesting comparison of the sexual attitudes of French-Canadians in Montreal and other Canadians.

Tremblay, Marc-Adélarde. "The Needs and Aspirations of the French-Canadian Family." Gold and Tremblay, pp. 75-87.

By 1960 the Quebec family is already changing its consumption patterns.

8. RELIGION

Falardeau, Jean Charles. "The Role and Importance of the Church on French-Canada." Esprit (Paris) (aout-septembre 1952), pp. 214-229. Trans. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 342-357.

Influential analysis of institution which traditionally played a fundamental role in French-Canadian society.

Lacoste, Norbert. "The Catholic Church in Quebec: Adapting to Change." In Thomson, pp. 167-172.

A useful introduction to contemporary Catholicism.

Moreux, Colette. "The End of a Religion." Extract from "Conclusion Générale" Fin d'une religion. Presses de l'Université de Montréal, 1969, pp. 409-426. Rpt. in Gold and Tremblay, pp. 324-335.

An interesting account of the recent evolution of religion in Quebec.

9. POLITICS

Breton, Roland. "The Socio-Political Dynamics of the October Events." The Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology, Vol. IX, No. 1 (1972), pp. 37-60. Rpt. in Thomson, pp. 213-238.

An excellent sociological analysis of the FLQ violence of 1963-1970.

Br net, Michel. "The Historical Background of Quebec's Challenge to Canadian Unity," in Thomson, pp. 39-51.

A brief but authoritative historical perspective on contemporary Quebec sentiments.

Dion, Léon. "Towards a Self-Determined Consciousness." In Thomson, pp. 26-38.

An excellent exposition of the elements of Quebec's new collective consciousness of self-determination.

McRoberts and Posgate, Ch. 6-11.

Politics and social change from the "Quiet Revolution" to the Referendum on Sovereignty-Association.

10. IDEOLOGY AND NATIONALISM

Dumont, Fernand and Guy Rocher. "An Introduction to a Sociology of French-Canada." Le Canada français aujourd'hui et demain. "Recherche et débats d'Centre catholique des intellectuels français" Cahier no. 34. Paris Librairie Arthème Fayard, 1961, pp. 13-38. Rpt. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 178-200.

A thoughtful paper arguing that the study of changing ideology is the key to understanding Quebec.

Lee, Danielle Juteau. "The Evolution of Nationalism in Quebec," in Elliott, op. cit., pp. 60-74.

An excellent discussion of the transformation of nationalism within the context of industrialization, urbanization and political modernization.

Rioux, Marcel. "The Development of Ideologies in Quebec." Revue de l'Institut de Sociologie, No. 1 (1968), pp. 95-124. Excerpted and trans. in Gold and Tremblay, pp. 260-279.

A succinct introduction to the evolution of ideologies in Quebec.

11. SOCIAL CHANGE

Falardeau, Jean Charles. "The Changing Social Structures of Contemporary French-Canadian Society." Essais sur le Québec contemporain-Essays on Contemporary Quebec. Quebec: Les Presses Universitaires Laval, 1953. Chapter V, pp. 101-122. Rpt. in part in Rioux and Martin, pp. 106-122.

An excellent summary of the changes in social structure associated with the industrialization of Quebec.

Fortin, Gerald. "Les changements socio-culturels dans une paroisse agricole." Recherches sociographiques, No. 3 (1961), pp. 151-170. Trans. and rpt. in Rioux and Martin, as "Socio-Cultural Changes in an Agricultural Parish," pp. 86-106.

An interesting study of a traditional parish.

Hugues, Everett C. French Canada in Transition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1943. Rpt. 1963.

A sociology classic studying social change in Quebec through the description and analysis of a small industrial city.

Miner, Horace. "Changes in French-Canada Rural Culture." The American Journal of Sociology, XLIV (November 1938), pp. 365-78. Rpt. in Rioux and Martin, pp. 63-65.

A well-known study of St. Denis of Kamouraska.

_____. "A New Epoch in Rural Quebec." The American Journal of Sociology, 59, No. 1 (1950), pp. 1-10.

The Changes in St. Denis produced by World War II.

12. THE FUTURE

Dion, Léon. "Quebec and the Future of Canada." In Thomson, pp. 251-262.

A presentation to the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Committees on the Constitution of Canada, March 30, 1971.

Drouin, Marie-Josée and B. Bruce Briggs. Canada Has A Future. Op. cit.

A readable and optimistic analysis of the future of Canada. One chapter is devoted to the future of Confederation.

Government of Quebec. Executive Council, Quebec-Canada: A New Deal. The Quebec Governments Proposal for a New Partnership Between Equals: Sovereignty-Association, Quebec: Editeur officiel du Quebec, 1979.

The sub-title says it all.