The Quebec Historical Population Register: recent findings from a demographic laboratory

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Professor Lisa Dillon will present the Registre de la population du Québec ancien (RPQA), a longitudinal family reconstitution database of the Quebec Catholic population from 1621-1799, as well as associated census and vital event data from the 19th and 20th centuries. She will discuss the evolution of this database, including current database development initiatives, and how this database is now being used to explore “founder characteristics” of the Quebec population, to identify the transmission of inherited genetic traits and links to diseases, to understand the impact of childhood living conditions on later-life outcomes, and to understand inter- and intra-generational biological and social dynamics with respect to marriage and fertility.

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