



## Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

### **Addressing the Long-term Health Care Issue in Canada**

Michael Wolfson  
4:00-5:30 PM  
Tuesday, February 18, 2020  
Karsh Room, Rideau Club  
99 Bank Street, 15th floor  
Ottawa, Ontario

(please note that the Rideau Club dress code requires men to wear a jacket)

To attend, please RSVP by February 14, 2020 to [andrew.sharpe@csls.ca](mailto:andrew.sharpe@csls.ca).

The Canadian population is aging, with important implications for the economy and for government finances. One key aspect of this development is the projected tripling of the population aged 85 and over by 2050, the demographic group placing the greatest demands on the health care system. Drawing on a recent National Institute on Ageing report entitled *The Future Cost of Long-term Care in Canada* that he co-authored, Michael Wolfson from the University of Ottawa will provide an overview of the issues associated with long-term care in Canada.

In the presentation, Wolfson will first provide discuss what constitutes long-term care and who provides it. He will then address the sustainability issue, both from the public cost perspective and the personal lens of older Canadians and their families. Using the Statistics Canada LifePaths Model, he will present a number of projections of the costs of long-term care. He will conclude with some thoughts on the way forward.

Dr. Michael C. Wolfson is Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ottawa. He retired from Statistics Canada in 2009 where he was Assistant Chief Statistician, Analysis and Development. Prior to joining Statistics Canada, he held positions in the Treasury Board Secretariat, the Department of Finance, the Privy Council Office, the House of Commons, and the Deputy Prime Minister's Office. His areas of expertise include program review and evaluation, tax/transfer policy, pension policy, income distribution, design of health information systems, microsimulation modeling of socio-economic policy and health dynamics, and analysis of the determinants of health. He holds a B.Sc from the University of Toronto and a PhD in economics from Cambridge University.