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

### **The State of Canadian Labour Markets: Are Labour Market Shortages a Concern?**

Cliff Halliwell  
3:00-4:30 PM  
Thursday, December 12, 2013  
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 December 10, 2013 to [andrew.sharpe@csls.ca](mailto:andrew.sharpe@csls.ca).

Prior to the onset of the 2008-2009 recession concerns about actual and prospective labour market shortages were arising in Canada. These concerns waned as unemployment rose in the wake of the recession. They are arising again. The presentation will focus on the state of Canadian labour markets in the run-up to the 2008-2009 recession and the policy issues that were arising. The presentation will then turn to the two transitions now facing Canadian labour markets: that out of the legacy of unemployment from the 2008-2009 recession and that into a world of slower growth in labour supply as baby boomers continue to retire from the labour force. The presentation will cover the author's views on what this implies for the policy agenda, addressing some domains of concern while debunking the mythology around some other areas of popular concern.

Cliff Halliwell is a retired Director General of Policy Research from Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, now Employment and Social Development Canada. He has been involved in labour market and economic research for much of his working life. His career began in the private sector at Informetrica Limited and then the Conference Board of Canada. After that he worked for thirty years in the Government of Canada, including fourteen years at Finance Canada where he was Director of Economic Analysis and Forecasting. He established the Applied Research and Analysis Directorate at Health Canada and finished his career as Director General of Policy Research at HRSDC, through several of its regular reincarnations. He has a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Carleton University and an M.A. in Economics from Queens University.