

**Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research (CRaNHR)  
Laurentian University**

**Health Care Research Seminar Series 2006-2007**

**Thursday April 5, 2007**

**12:00 pm to 1:00 pm**

Room 105  
Health Sciences Education Resource Centre  
Laurentian University

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**Research Opportunities in the Laurentian Branch RDC:  
Applications and Analyses**

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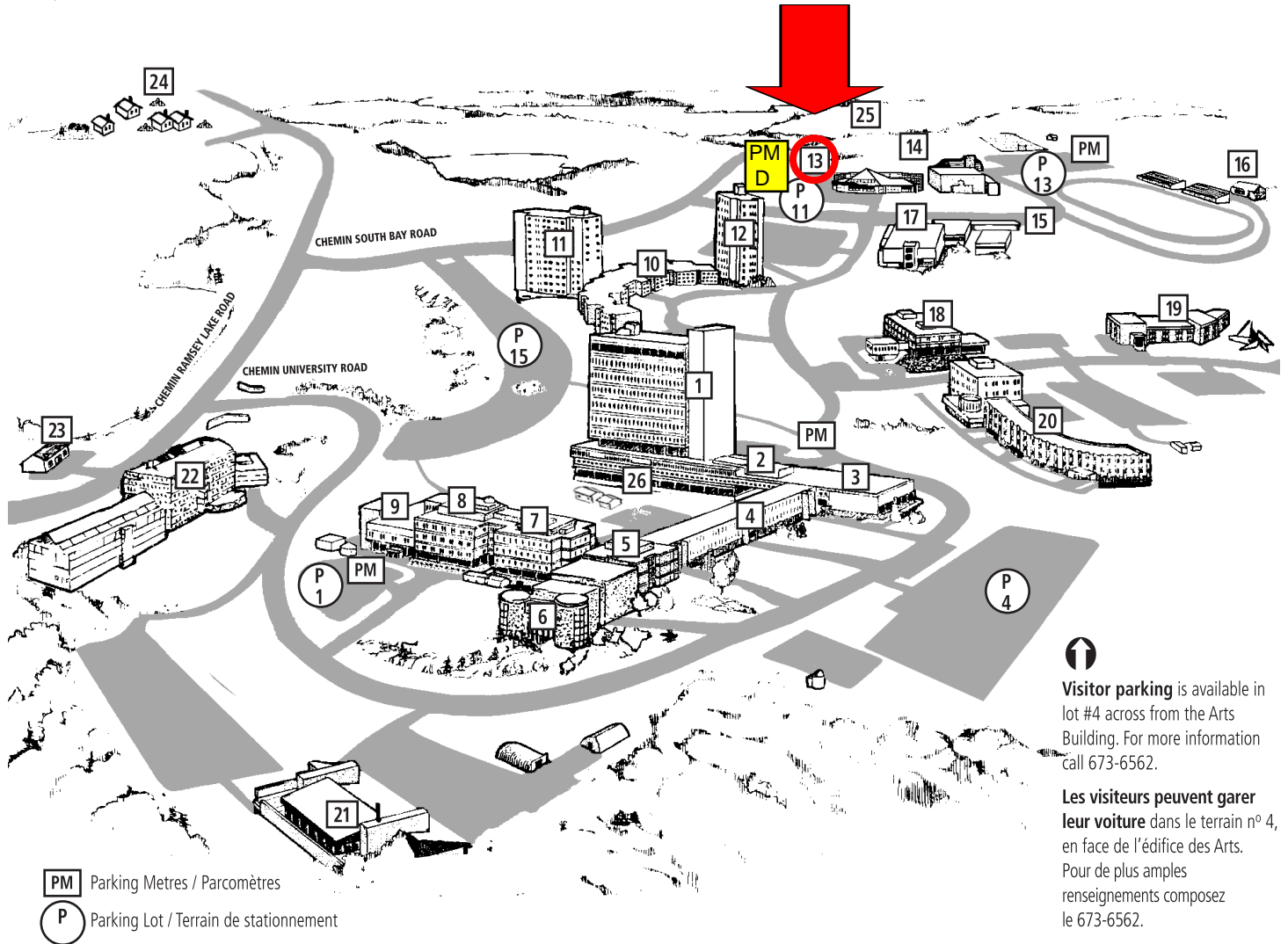
Achieving a Northern Ontario Data Center has been a long-standing goal of INORD. Lack of regional data has made regionally oriented research difficult and has made it prohibitively time-consuming for researchers to contribute effectively to many policy debates. A lack of local data may have hindered local policy decisions. It has also forced teachers to substitute data on other communities when teaching students about the issues that affect them and their families in the North.

The creation of the Laurentian University Branch associated with the University of Waterloo and connected to the Statistics Canada's Research Data Centre network is a step towards research independence. For the first time, researchers in Northern Ontario will have access to the micro-data from longitudinal national surveys. Access to this micro-data will let researchers study the population in Northern Ontario without leaving the North and help to improve our understanding of northern society.

The presentation will describe how Statistics Canada has made data available through the DLI and RDC programs, and how data differ between the two programs. The overall range of data available will be discussed, but there will be a specific focus in this presentation on data relating to health. The presentation will talk about the National Population Health Survey. The presentation will describe the process by which applications can be made to use the RDC data and how applications are evaluated.

**This free seminar is open to all interested persons  
Pay parking available in Lot PM D**

Call Linda Liboiron-Grenier at 675-1151 ext. 4358 for more information



**1 Édifice R.D. Parker Building (L)**

- 2nd Floor - LU Bookstore / 2<sup>e</sup> étage - Librairie de l'UL

**2 Student Centre étudiant (SCE)**

**3 Great Hall / Grand Salon**

**4 Édifice des Arts Building (A)**

**5 Classroom Building / Édifice des classes (C)**

**6 Bibliothèque J.N. Desmarais Library (J)**  
• Brenda Wallace Reading Room (3rd floor) / Salle de lecture Brenda-Wallace (3<sup>e</sup> étage)

**7 Science I Building / Édifice des sciences I (S)**

**8 Science II Building / Édifice des sciences II (F)**

**9 Auditorium Fraser Auditorium (FA)**

**10 Single Student Residence / Résidence des étudiants célibataires**

**11 Married/Mature Student Residence / Résidence des étudiants mariés et adultes**

**12 University College Residence / Résidence du Collège universitaire**

**13 Health Sciences Education Resource Centre / Centre de ressources pour l'éducation en matière de santé (H)**

**14 Centre d'éducation physique B.F. Avery Physical Education Centre (B)**

**15 Laurentian Child and Family Centre / Garderie Touche-à-tout**

**16 Outdoor Centre de plein air**

**17 Pavillon Alphonse Raymond Building (E)**

**18 Université Huntington University (HU)**

**19 Université Thorneloe University (T)**

**20 University of Sudbury / Université de Sudbury (US)**

**21 Maintenance and Security Building / Édifice de l'entretien et de la sécurité**

**22 Centre Willet Green Miller Centre**  
• MIRARCO  
• Mines and Minerals Research Centre / Centre de recherche minière

**23 Chalet Robertson Cottage**

**24 Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit / Unité conjointe d'écologie d'eau douce**

**25 Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) / École de médecine du Nord de l'Ontario (ÉMNO)**

**26 Portables / Classes temporaires**