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She is a critical sociologist of education and professor in the department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), at the University of Toronto,

She is also a senior researcher at the Centre de recherches en éducation franco-ontarienne (CREFO) at the same institute. In addition, she is a member of the Observatoire Jeunes et Société in Québec, as well as an associate member at the Centre de recherche interuniversitaire sur la formation et la profession enseignante (CRIFPE), also located in Québec. She conducts research on linguistic minorities in the areas of identity construction among youth and on teachers' work in minority settings and professional identity.

After doing several programs of research on the Francophone official linguistic minority in the province Ontario, she is now studying the other official minority in Canada, the Anglophones in Quebec.

She teaches graduate level courses in the areas of minority education and qualitative research.