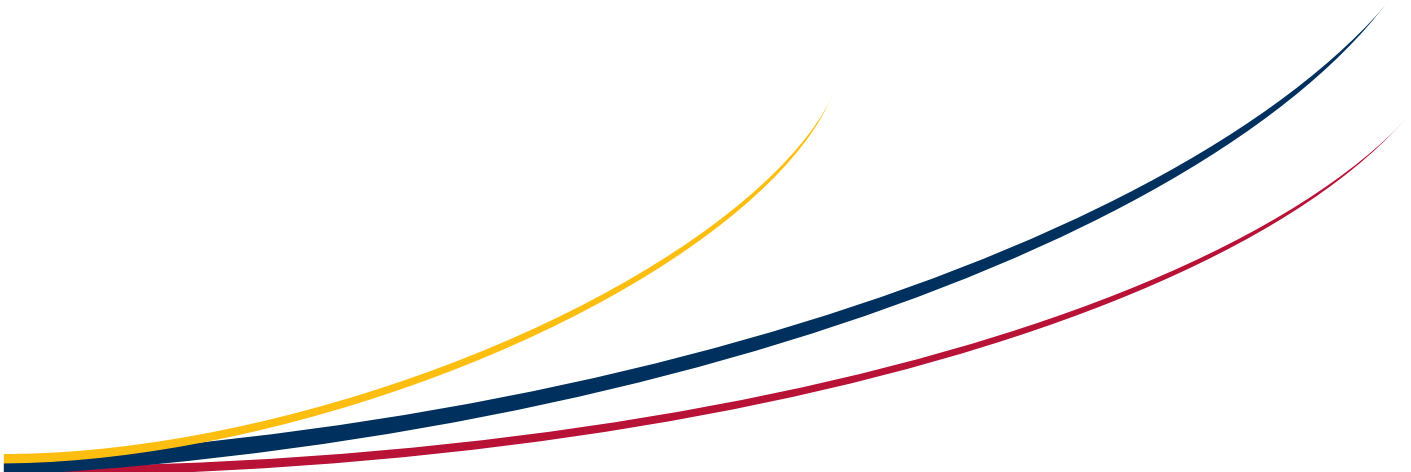


THINKING Outside THE BOX

A Conference in Celebration of Thomas J. Courchene

October 26 - 27, 2012
Hand - Purvis Conference Room, Dunning Hall





THOMAS J. Courchene

Thomas J. Courchene was born in Wakaw, Saskatchewan, and was educated at the University of Saskatchewan (Honours BA, 1962) and Princeton University (Ph.D., 1967), with a post-doctoral year at the University of Chicago (1968-9). From 1965 to 1988 he was a Professor of Economics at the University of Western Ontario. Dr. Courchene spent the fall term of 1986 as a visiting Professor at Ecole nationale d'administration publique (Montreal). For the academic year 1987/88, he occupied the John P. Robarts Chair in Canadian Studies at York University. In 1988, he accepted the Directorship of Queen's new School of Policy Studies (1988-92). From 1992 until his retirement in 2012 Courchene held the Jarislowsky-Deutsch Professorship in Economics and Financial Policy at Queen's, where he was a member of the Department of Economics, the School of Policy Studies and the Faculty of Law. He remains the Senior Scholar at the Institute for Research on Public Policy in Montreal, a position he has held since 1999. He served as Director of Queen's John Deutsch Institute for the Study of Economic Policy from 1993-99 and from 2001-02 and as Director of Queen's Institute of Intergovernmental Relations from July 2006 to February 2010.

Courchene is the author or editor of some 60 books and has published some 300 academic papers on a wide range of Canadian public policy issues. Among the authored books are: a four volume series on Canadian monetary policy for the C.D. Howe Institute; *In Praise of Renewed Federalism* (C.D. Howe); *Social Policy in the 1990s: Agenda for Reform* (C.D. Howe); *Equalization Payments: Past, Present and Future* (Ontario Economic Council); *Economic Management and the Division of Powers* (Macdonald Royal Commission); and *A First Nations Province* (Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, Queen's). A collection of his earlier articles appears in *Rearrangements: The Courchene Papers* (Oakville, Mosaic Press). His 1994 book, *Social Canada in the Millennium* was awarded the Doug Purvis Prize for the best Canadian economic policy contribution in 1994 and his book, *From Heartland to North American Region State: The Social, Fiscal and Federal Evolution of Ontario* (1998, with Colin Telmer) won the inaugural Donner Prize for the best book on Canadian Public Policy. His latest book -- *A State of Minds: Toward a Human Capital Future for Canadians* -- was published in 2001 by the Institute for Research on Public Policy (Montreal). Among his more recent essays are *Rekindling the American Dream: A Northern Perspective* (2011, the inaugural IRPP Policy Horizons Essay) and *Policy Signposts in Postwar Canada: Reflections of a Market Populist* (2012, marking the occasion of IRPP's 40th anniversary).

Dr. Courchene was Chair of the Ontario Economic Council from 1982 to 1985, has been a Senior Fellow of the C.D. Howe Institute (1980-99), is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (elected 1981) and is a Past President (1991/92) of the Canadian Economics Association and of the North American Economics and Finance Association (2000-01). He has received Honorary Doctorates of Laws from the University of Western Ontario (1997), the University of Saskatchewan (1999), and the University of Regina (2007). On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the University of Saskatchewan (2007) Courchene was selected as one of the 100 Alumni of Influence, and in 2009 was also included among the 100 Alumni of Influence as part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the University of Saskatchewan College of Arts and Sciences. He is a recipient of the Molson Prize for lifetime achievement in the Social Sciences and Humanities (1999). In April of 1999, Thomas Courchene was invested as an Officer in the Order of Canada.

Tom and Margie Courchene live along the St. Lawrence River in Kingston, Ontario.

Agenda

FRIDAY OCTOBER 26

- 10:30 AM Welcome Remarks
Steve Lehrer, Associate Professor, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University
- 10:45 AM **Dualism, Regionalism and the Canadian Federation**
- CHAIR: **André Juneau**, Director, Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, Queen's University
Kathy Brock, Professor, School of Policy Studies, Department of Political Studies, Queen's University, *"Challenging Contemporary Interpretations of Section 94"*
David Cameron, Professor, Chair of the Department of Political Studies, University of Toronto, *"The Quebec Election: Its Impact on Canada"*
- 11:45 AM Lunch
- 12:45 PM **Tom Courchene's Approach to Public Policy**
- CHAIR: **William Watson**, Professor, Department of Economics, McGill University
Gilles Paquet, Professor Emeritus, Telfer School of Management, Sr. Research Fellow, Centre of Governance, University of Ottawa, *"Courchene and the Canadian Tradition of Political Economy"*
- 1:30 PM **Macroeconomic Policy**
- CHAIR: **Chris Ragan**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, McGill University
Peter Howitt, Professor of Economics at Brown University, *"What have Central Bankers Learned from Modern Macroeconomic Theory?"*
Pierre Fortin, Emeritus Professor of Economics, Université du Québec à Montréal, *"How much downward nominal rigidity in Canadian wage settlements after 20 years of inflation targeting?"*
- 3:00 PM Break
- 3:30 PM **Health Care**
- CHAIR: **Robert Young**, Professor, Political Science, University of Western Ontario
Katherine Fierlbeck, Professor of Political Science, Dalhousie University, *"The Dialectics of Canadian Health Care Federalism"*
Melissa Hausman, Associate Professor, Political Science, Carleton University, *"The Distribution of Women's Health Services in Canada and the US"*
Lisa Powell, Professor, School of Public Health, Director Health Policy Center, Institute for Health Research, University of Illinois, *"Can Tax Policy Help Cure the Canadian Obesity Epidemic? Lessons from the US"*
- 5:00 PM Walk to *Holiday Inn, Kingston Waterfront*, 2 Princess Street, Kingston
- 6:00 PM Reception, *Island View Ballroom*, Holiday Inn
- 7:00 PM Banquet, *Island View Ballroom*, Holiday Inn

Agenda

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27

9:00 AM

Inequality and Redistribution

CHAIR: **France St-Hilaire**, VP Research, IRPP

Miles Corak, Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa, *"How to Slide Down the Great Gatsby Curve"*

Brian Murphy, Special Advisor, Statistics Canada, and **Mike Veall**, Professor, Department of Economics, McMaster University, *"The Surge of Top Incomes at the City Level in Canada"*

Michael Wolfson, Canada Research Chair in Population Health Modelling/Populomics, University of Ottawa, *"Does Health Care Redistribute from Me to You, or Just to Myself When I get Old?"*

10:30 AM

Break

11:00 AM

Federalism and Policy Outcomes

CHAIR: **Paul Boothe**, Professor and Director, Lawrence National Centre for Policy and Management, Ivey Business School, Western University

Nancy Olewiler, Professor, Director of the School of Public Policy, Simon Fraser University, *"Is 'Environmental Federalism' a Faint Hope in Canada?"*

Michael Prince, Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy, Faculty of Human and Social Development, University of Victoria *"Thinking Systemically in a Fractured Social Canada"*

12:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM

The Dutch Disease and Energy Policy

CHAIR: **John Murray**, Deputy Governor, Bank of Canada

Robin Boadway, David Chadwick Smith Chair in Economics, Fellow, Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, Queen's University, *"The Dutch Disease and the Canadian Economy: Challenges for Policy-Makers"*

Richard Harris, Telus Professor of Economics, Simon Fraser University, Sr. Fellow of the C.D. Howe Institute, *"The Dutch Disease"*

Bryne Purchase, Adjunct Professor, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University, *"A National Energy Strategy for Canada?"*

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Robin Boadway holds the David Chadwick Smith Chair in Economics at Queen's University and is a Fellow of the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations and of CESifo. He studied at the Royal Military College of Canada, at University of Oxford, and at Queen's University, and has been a visiting scholar at the Universities of Chicago, Oxford and Louvain. He is President of the International Institute of Public Finance and Past President of the Canadian Economics Association, and has served as Editor of the *Journal of Public Economics*, the *Canadian Journal of Economics* and the *German Economic Review*. His research work is in the broad area of public sector economics, with special emphasis on fiscal federalism, tax policy, social policy and cost-benefit analysis. He has been involved in projects for various organizations including the World Bank, the IMF, the UN University, the Economic Council of Canada, the Canadian Tax Foundation, CIDA, IDRC, and governments in a number of countries and provinces. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and was the 2009 Distinguished CES Fellow at the University of Munich.



Paul Boothe is Professor and Director of the Lawrence National Centre for Policy and Management at the Ivey Business School, Western University. As an academic, he has published extensively in the areas of international finance and public finance. His public service career includes serving as a deputy minister for both the provincial and federal governments. Most recently, he served as Deputy Minister of the Environment from 2010 to 2012.



Kathy Brock is Professor, School of Policy Studies and Department of Political Studies, Queen's University, and past director, Public Policy and Third Sector, School of Policy Studies. She has published books, academic articles and reports on nonprofit and voluntary organizations, Canadian politics and government, federalism and constitutional matters, and Aboriginal governance and issues. She is currently working on a manuscript on the operation of the Canadian federal system and a series of articles on assisted suicide policy. Active in public affairs, she served on the National Survey of Nonprofit and Voluntary Organizations, as an advisor to the Canadian Government/Voluntary Sector Initiative, a member of the Transport Canada Domestic and Global Road Safety Committee, Co-Chair of the Agnes Etherington Art Centre Membership Drive, National Voluntary Sector Forum Selection Committee member, policy advisor to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Manitoba, political advisor to Grand Chief Phil Fontaine of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, and research director of the Manitoba Meech Lake Constitutional Task Force. She was a founding board member of the Association of Nonprofit and Social Economy Research, and a past member of the National Public Policy Committee of the Social Economy Research Hub. In August 2011 she was named Chair of the National Research and Professional Practices Committee and National Board of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) and serves as an IPAC representative on the CAPP board. She is a past associate editor (*Canadian Public Policy*). She currently runs a workshop on writing policy well. A dedicated professor, she received the 2008 Pierre De Celles IPAC Award for Teaching Excellence in Public Administration and the 2009 Frank Knox Award (Queen's University) for Teaching Excellence (Queen's).



David Cameron, Professor and Chair of the Department Political Science at the University of Toronto, has also worked as a federal and as a provincial public servant. He served as Assistant Secretary to the federal Cabinet for Strategic and Constitutional Planning and as Assistant Undersecretary of State, Education Support. For the Ontario government, he was Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and then Representative to the Government of Quebec and Special Advisor on Constitutional Reform.

At the international level, he has advised the Estonian government on constitutional reform; worked on intergovernmental relations in India; assisted the peace process in Sri Lanka; and worked as a team member on governance arrangements for the Old City of Jerusalem. In addition, he has provided advice to the Interim Government of Iraq (2004) and has returned to Baghdad in advisory roles on several other occasions (2005-2008). As a UNDP team member supporting the Somali Independent Federal Constitution Commission, he has provided advice, over the last 18 months, on the resolution of the conflict in the Western Sahara.

Dr. Cameron has maintained a career interest in and written extensively on questions of federalism, Quebec nationalism, French-English relations, constitutional renewal and national unity. A member of the Royal Society of Canada and a recipient of the Governor General's International Award for Canadian Studies, among other distinctions, he was named the Clarkson Laureate in Public Service at Massey College.

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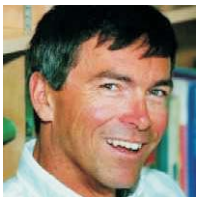
Miles Corak is a full professor with the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa. He holds a PhD in economics from Queen's University, and has published numerous articles on topics dealing with child poverty, access to university education, intergenerational earnings and education mobility, and unemployment. His most recent research deals with the socio-economic status of immigrants and children of immigrants. Until 2007 he was the Director of the Family and Labour Studies Division at Statistics Canada. He has also held research positions with the Economic Council of Canada and the Bank of Canada, as well as having been a visiting researcher with the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre in Florence Italy in 2003/04, the Centre for Longitudinal Studies in London UK in 2008, and with the Office of Population Research at Princeton University in 2011.



Katherine Fierlbeck is Professor of Political Science at Dalhousie University. She has cross-appointments in International Development Studies and European Studies, and is a member of the European Union Centre of Excellence. Her most recent book is *Health Care in Canada* (UTP 2011), and is completing a book on health care federalism with William Lahey at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie. She and William Lahey are currently leading a CIHR research team on innovative methodological approaches in health care federalism.



Pierre Fortin is Emeritus Professor of Economics at the Université du Québec à Montréal, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He has published widely in scholarly books and journals in Canada and abroad, notably in the areas of economic fluctuations, growth, labour, and public policy. He is a past president of the Canadian Economics Association (CEA). He has received the Prize of the French Canadian Association for the Advancement of Science (ACFAS), the Gold Medal of the Governor General of Canada, and the Douglas Purvis Memorial Prize. He has been a member of the Economic Advisory Panel to the Minister of Finance of Canada, and chief economic adviser to the Quebec Premier. He has been cited as the most distinguished Quebec economist by membership vote of the Quebec Association of Professional Economists (ASDEQ). He is a three-time winner of the Gold Medal of the National Magazine Awards Foundation, as the author of the best regular column in a Canadian magazine (*L'actualité*). He holds an M.Sc. in mathematics from the University of Montreal, and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of California at Berkeley.



Richard Harris is the Telus Professor of Economics at Simon Fraser University, and Senior Fellow of the C.D. Howe Institute. He was an undergraduate at Queen's University and received his Ph from the University of British Columbia in 1976. From 1975 to 1990 he taught at Queen's University, Canada and has held visiting appointments at U.C. Berkeley, MIT, and the University of New South Wales. He is the former director of the John Deutsch Institute for the Study of Economic Policy at Queen's University.

His major area of specialization is international economics and in particular the economics of integration. During the 1980's he worked extensively on economic modeling of the impact of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and subsequently on NAFTA. He has served as consultant to a number of Canadian government departments, international organizations, and corporations in the area of international economics. In addition to a number of technical articles, he has published policy oriented books and articles on Canada-U.S. free trade, international macroeconomics, economic growth, the Asia-Pacific region and Canadian public policy. He is currently involved in research on North America monetary integration, the New Economy, and labour mobility in North America. He is Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, a former President of the Canadian Economics Association, and former Fellow of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Studies.



Melissa Hausman is Associate Professor of Political Science at Carleton University. She teaches in both the US politics and comparative North American fields. Her scholarship has generally focused on questions of women's access to power through comparative federalism, including gendered policymaking on reproductive rights in North America and representation in political institutions. Ms. Hausman holds a BA from Colby College, an MA from Carleton, and received her PhD from Duke.

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Peter Howitt is Professor of Economics at Brown University. He received a BA from McGill University, MA from the University of Western Ontario and a Ph.D. Northwestern University. He taught at the University of Western Ontario from 1972 to 1996 and at the Ohio State University from 1996 to 2000. He has written extensively on the foundations of macroeconomics and monetary theory, on Canadian monetary policy and on the theory of economic growth. His work on economic growth, which has been published in many journal articles and two books, stresses the importance of innovation, technological change, competition and productivity.



Andre Juneau has been the director of the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations at Queen's University since March 2010.

In a thirty-year career in the Government of Canada, he held increasingly senior policy positions in the Department of Finance, the Privy Council Office and several line departments. His main interests were social policy and intergovernmental relations. In his last position, from 2002 to 2006, he was the founding deputy minister of Infrastructure Canada. From 2006 to 2009, he was Canada's full-time representative on the board of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London.

He has an undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Ottawa and a masters degree in urban affairs and policy analysis from the New School for Social Research in New York City.

Brian Murphy is a Special Advisor with Statistics Canada. For over 25 years he has worked in the area of social policy research and has conducted studies and published reports examining income distribution and re-distribution in Canada and the United States. He has degrees in political science, urban studies, and environmental planning from York University.



John Murray was appointed Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada in January 2008. In this capacity, he is responsible for the Bank's analysis of international economic and financial issues. As a member of the Bank's Governing Council and the Executive Management Committee, he shares responsibility for decisions with respect to monetary policy and the management of the business of the Bank.

Mr. Murray joined the Bank of Canada in 1980 as a Senior Economist with the Monetary and Financial Analysis Department. In 1981, he was promoted to Research Officer and in 1982 he became Assistant Chief of the department. He served as Research Adviser in the Monetary and Financial Analysis and International Departments from 1984 to 1987. In 1987, he was appointed Deputy Chief of the International Department, and in 1990, Chief. Mr. Murray was appointed an Adviser to the Governor in January 2000.

Born in Toronto, Mr. Murray received a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Queen's University in 1971, as well as an MA in Economics and a PhD in Economics from Princeton University in 1974 and 1977, respectively.

After completing his PhD, Mr. Murray taught at the University of British Columbia as an assistant professor and at the University of North Carolina as a visiting assistant professor. From 1985 to 1986, he also lectured at Princeton University.



Nancy Olewiler is a Professor of Public Policy and the Director of the School of Public Policy at Simon Fraser University. Prior to coming to the Economics department at SFU in 1990, she was a professor in the Economics department at Queen's University. Her PhD is in economics from the University of British Columbia. Nancy's areas of research include natural resource and environmental economics and policy. She has published in academic journals, edited books, has written two widely used textbooks (*The Economics of Natural Resource Use* (with John Hartwick) and *Environmental Economics*), and produced numerous reports for the Canadian federal and provincial governments on a wide range of environmental and natural resource issues, including studies on energy and climate policy, natural capital, and federal business tax policy. From 1990 to 1995 she was Managing Editor of *Canadian*

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Public Policy. Nancy is the Chair of the Board of Directors for TransLink, a member of the National Statistics Council, National Accounts, and Environmental Statistics Advisory Committees for Statistics Canada, and previously served on the Board of Directors of BC Hydro and several of its subsidiaries. She also is a member of advisory committees for WWF-C, Sustainable Prosperity, and the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions.



Gilles Paquet is Professor Emeritus at the Telfer School of Management and Senior Research Fellow at the Centre on Governance of the University of Ottawa. He is a Senior Partner in Invenire – a research and publishing concern. He has authored or edited some 40 books and written a large number of papers on issues pertaining to the economic history of Canada, public management, and governance. He has been active as a journalist on the radio and television network of Radio-Canada since the 1970s, as an editorial writer for some 5 years in the print media in the 1990s, and as a regular commentator on national affairs on TV Ontario from 1995 to 2006. He has also been the Editor in Chief of www.optimumonline.ca – a journal of public sector management and governance that reaches over 10,000 subscribers – since 1994. He is a Member of the Order of Canada, was President of the Royal Society of Canada (2003-2005). For more information, see his website www.governance.ca



Lisa Powell, Ph.D. is a Professor in the Division Health Policy and Administration in the School of Public Health and the Associate Director of the Health Policy Center in the Institute for Health Research at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Powell has extensive experience as an applied micro-economist in the empirical analysis of the effects of public policy on a series of behavioral outcomes. As Principal Investigator and co-investigator on projects funded by National Institutes of Health, the Center for Disease Control, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, much of her current research is on assessing the importance of economic and environmental factors (such as food prices, sugar sweetened beverage and soda taxes; access to food stores, fast food restaurants, other eating places, and facilities for physical activity; and television food advertising exposure) on food consumption and physical activity behaviors and as determinants of body mass index and the prevalence of obesity, including related disparities. Dr. Powell is an Associate Editor of BMC Public Health and serves on a number of national and international advisory committees.



Michael Prince is the Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy in the Faculty of Human and Social Development at the University of Victoria. Professor Prince teaches courses in public policy and his current research interests include Indigenous - Canadian state relations; federal - provincial relations; psychologically wounded veterans; and disability policy.

Prince has been an advisor to all levels of governments; four Royal commissions; and many parliamentary committees. A frequent media commentator and an active volunteer, Prince has served on numerous community boards including the BC Association for Community Living. He is currently a Co-Principal Investigator (with human rights lawyer Yvonne Peters and the Council of Canadians with Disabilities) on a SSHRC project entitled “Disabling Poverty, Enabling Citizenship.”

Among his publications, Michael Prince is the co-author with James J. Rice of *Changing Politics of Canadian Social Policy, Second Edition* (University of Toronto Press, 2013); co-author with Bruce Doern of *Three Bio-Realms: Biotechnology and the Governance of Food, Health, and Life in Canada* (University of Toronto Press, 2012); and the author of *Absent Citizens: Disability Politics and Policy in Canada* (University of Toronto Press, 2009).



Bryne Purchase is currently Adjunct Professor at the School of Policy Studies, Queen's University. He joined the Ontario Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Inter-Governmental Affairs in 1975, advancing to Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Economist in the Office of Economic Policy in 1984. He left government in 1988 and held senior positions at Strategico (a public policy consulting company), the C.D. Howe Institute, the Economic Council of Canada and as a Senior Fellow at the School of Policy Studies, Queen's.

Bryne returned to the Ontario government in 1998, as Deputy Minister of Finance. In August, 2000 he moved to Deputy Minister, Energy, Science and Technology. He retired in May, 2004 and returned to the School of Policy Studies as an Adjunct Professor, teaching a graduate course in energy policy. He was also the founding Executive Director of the Queen's University Institute for Energy and Environmental Policy.

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He is a former director of the Ontario Innovation Trust, Ontario SuperBuild Corporation, Ontario Financing Authority, Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation and OPG Ventures Corporation.

Bryne has a Ph.d in economics from the University of Toronto and is the author of a number of publications relating to economics, governance and competitiveness.



Christopher Ragan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at McGill University in Montreal. In addition, he holds the David Dodge Chair in Monetary Policy at the C.D. Howe Institute in Toronto where he helps to direct the Institute's research and publication program on monetary policy. From January 2009 through June 2010, he was the Clifford Clark Visiting Economist at the Department of Finance in Ottawa, where he served as a senior advisor to the Minister and other senior Finance officials. In the 2004 he served as the Special Advisor to the Governor of the Bank of Canada.

Since his appointment to McGill in 1989, Ragan has taught a wide variety of courses, and in 2007 he was awarded the Noel Fieldhouse teaching prize in the Faculty of Arts. His passion for teaching extends also to his writing. Ragan is the co-author with Richard Lipsey of *Economics*, which after thirteen editions is still the most widely used introductory economics textbook in Canada.

Ragan's academic research focuses on the role of economic policy, especially pertaining to macroeconomics. His 2004 book, co-edited with his McGill colleague William Watson, is called *Is the Debt War Over? Dispatches from Canada's Fiscal Frontline*. In 2007 he published *A Canadian Priorities Agenda*, co-edited with Jeremy Leonard and France St-Hilaire from the Institute for Research on Public Policy.

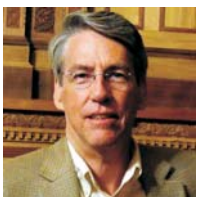
Ragan received his Bachelor's degree in economics in 1984 from the University of Victoria and his Master's degree in economics from Queen's University in 1985. He completed his Ph.D. in economics at M.I.T. in 1989.



France St-Hilaire is Vice-President of Research, at the IRPP having joined them as a Research Director in 1992. She currently oversees the Institute's research agenda and coordinates ongoing projects in economic and social policy. France is the author of a number of monographs and articles on public finance, social policy and fiscal federalism, as well as co-editor of several volumes published by the IRPP, including the most recent *Art of the State* volume *Northern Exposure: Peoples, Powers and Prospects in Canada's North* (2009), *A Canadian Priorities Agenda: Policy Choices to Improve Economic and Social Well-Being* (2007) and *Money, Politics and Health Care: Reconstructing the Federal-Provincial Partnership* (2004). She holds a graduate degree in economics from the Université de Montréal, and has worked as a researcher at the Institute for Policy Analysis at the University of Toronto and in the Department of Economics at the University of Western Ontario.



Michael Veall earned his B.A. from McMaster University, his M.A. from the University of Western Ontario and his Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His first appointment was at the University of Western Ontario where he was a colleague of Professor Courchene. He has also taught at the University of Mannheim, Australian National University and Queen's University. His current research is largely on income distribution.



William Watson has taught at McGill since 1977. He was born and raised in Montreal and educated at McGill University in Montreal and Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. Watson was Chairman of the Department of Economics from 2005-10. He is best known for his regular columns in the *National Post* and the *Ottawa Citizen*, and for his appearances on radio and television. From 1998-2002 he edited *Policy Options* politiques, the magazine of Montreal's Institute for Research on Public Policy, where he is currently a Senior Research Fellow. He is also a Research Fellow at the C. D. Howe Institute in Toronto. While on a leave from McGill in 1997-8, he served for 21 months as editorial pages editor of the *Ottawa Citizen*. He was the 1989 winner of the National Magazine Awards gold medal for humour for a piece in *Saturday Night* magazine about a trip to New York. His book *Globalization and the Meaning of Canadian Life*, published by the University of Toronto Press, was runner-up (to Tom Courchene) for the Donner Prize for the best book on Canadian public policy of 1998.

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Michael Wolfson, B.Sc. (Toronto - Mathematics, Computer Science and Economics 1971), Ph.D. (Cambridge - Economics 1977) recently retired as Assistant Chief Statistician, Analysis and Development, at Statistics Canada. He was awarded a Canada Research Chair in Population Health Modeling / Populomics in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ottawa in 2010. 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 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 prior to joining Statistics Canada. He was also a Fellow of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Program in Population Health (1988-2003). His numerous articles have addressed topics such as assessing the inter-generational equity of Canada's pension and health care systems, the design of an appropriate system of health statistics, modeling disease determinants and treatments, income inequality and polarization trends, and income and income inequality as determinants of population health. He is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and a member of the International Statistical Institute.



Robert Young is Professor of Political Science at the University of Western Ontario, where he holds the Canada Research Chair in Multilevel Governance. He received his B.A. and M.A. from McGill, and his D.Phil. from Oxford. Young has written many articles on politics in the Maritimes and on industrial policy and free trade (especially the Canada-U.S. FTA). He has also studied issues around secession, both comparatively and in the case of Canada. He is the author of *The Secession of Quebec and the Future of Canada* (1995), which won the Douglas Purvis Memorial Prize, and *The Struggle for Quebec* (1999).

Currently he is interested in public policy at the municipal level, and is leading a large research project on this topic, funded mainly by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. He is the co-editor of *Canada: The State of the Federation 2004 - Municipal-Federal-Provincial Relations in Canada* (2006) and of *Foundations of Governance: Municipal Government in Canada's Provinces* (2009).

Young is Co-director of the Political Economy Research Group at Western. He sits on several academic advisory committees, and is a Fellow of the CD Howe Institute and of the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations. In 2003-4 he was President of the Canadian Political Science Association.

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