



**69th National Annual Conference
of The Institute of Public Administration of Canada
Speaker's Bios**



LINDSAY ARMER

Department of Lands Government of the Northwest Territories

Lindsay Armer is a *Strategic Analyst – Sustainability* with the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT). She works with fellow bureaucrats and technocrats on developing an inclusive and silo-free approach to land and resource decision-making. Lindsay is passionate about process, and is dedicated to ensuring that Indigenous and public interests in addition to social, economic, and environmental values are part of government decision-making.

In 2008, after spending nearly a decade of summers tromping through the Boreal forest and Arctic tundra monitoring migratory birds, Lindsay broke down her own silo and started on the path to inclusive thinking by taking a job with a community-based sustainability group in New Brunswick. Since then, Lindsay returned north and has coordinated federal and territorial government participation in collaborative land and resource management processes in the Northwest Territories (including: community-based conservation planning, regional land use planning, and environmental assessment).

Lindsay is currently working with colleagues in seven departments to develop an implementation approach for the [GNWT's Land Use & Sustainability Framework](#).

Lindsay holds a Bachelor of Natural Resource Science degree from Thompson Rivers University in British Columbia, and has worked in federal and territorial government for over a decade.



BOB ASHLEY

Chief Administrative Officer, City of Summerside, PEI

Bob Ashley has been Chief Administrative Officer in a mix of municipal environments—a small town (Berwick, NS), a large rural county (Kings, NS), and now a small city (Summerside).

Bob's been active with peer associations in NS and PEI and Canada. He was Chair of the NS Municipal Website Venture. He is now Vice-President of PEI's municipal administrator's association. Bob's 2015 submission to the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators' Awards of Excellence captured 1st place and the City of Summerside was awarded the Willis Prize for Municipal Innovation.

As a young man, he ran a professional photo lab in Toronto, with clients across Canada. In the 90s, he migrated to Nova Scotia to farm sheep and apples.

Bob graduated first in his class with an Honours B.A. (First Class) in Linguistics from Saint Mary's, and awarded the Governor General's Silver Medal. His Masters of Public

**MICHAEL BALDWIN**

Assistant Director, Growth & Community Services, City of Fredericton

Since joining the City of Fredericton in 2009 Michael has held several roles across the organization with responsibilities ranging from sustainable development initiatives, corporate & intergovernmental affairs to information services. In the most recent past, as the Assistant Director, Information, Improvement & Innovation, Michael led the process to design and implement a new state of the art 911/emergency communications dispatch centre, worked to create a new one-stop-shop model for customer service, and led the team to renew the City's web and social media presence.

In his current role, Michael is the City's staff lead on intergovernmental affairs and economic development; he assists the Strategic & External Relations Committee of Council in fulfilling its mandate, and plays a senior role in strategic projects and corporate initiatives. He also serves as President of NewMarket Properties Inc. (the City entity that oversees the Boyce Farmers Market), serves as Chair of the Fredericton Convention Centre Board and is a board member of Ignite Fredericton, Fredericton's regional economic development agency.

Michael has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Bishop's University (1995), a Bachelor of Science in Forestry (2000) and a Master of Philosophy in Policy - Property Studies (2007) both from the University of New Brunswick.

Michael has continued his professional development by taking courses on land and real estate development from the Urban Land Institute in Washington D.C., completed the Executive Leadership program at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management and most recently completed the Senior Executives in State & Local Government Executive Program at the Harvard Kennedy School.

**PENNY BALLANTYNE**

Former Secretary to Cabinet and Deputy Minister, Executive Council, Government of the Northwest Territories (Moderator)

Penny Ballantyne has over 30 years of public service experience, including over 15 at the Deputy Minister level with the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT). Penny has served as President and CEO of the NWT Housing Corporation, Deputy Minister in various portfolios (Municipal and Community Affairs, Health and Social Services, Education, Culture and Employment) and President and CEO of the Workers' Compensation Board of the NWT and Nunavut.

Penny retired from the Government of the Northwest Territories in 2004, and enjoyed two years of volunteering and gardening in Victoria, BC, completing the Master Gardener program at the Horticultural Centre of the Pacific. In 2006, she accepted the position of City Manager for the City of Victoria.

In 2010, she returned to the Northwest Territories to assume her current position of Secretary to Cabinet and Deputy Minister, Executive with the GNWT. She was the lead Deputy Minister overseeing the final negotiations and implementation planning for devolution of authority over land and resources from Canada to the GNWT, which took effect April 1, 2014.

A mother of three adult children and grandmother of three, Penny enjoys travel, gardening, skiing and the great northern outdoors. At home, she volunteers as the Head Gardener for the Loraine Minish-Cooper Garden of Hope, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the NWT United Way.



DOMINIC BARTON

Chair of the Canadian Minister of Finance's Advisory Council on Economic Growth
Chair of the Seoul International Business Advisory Council

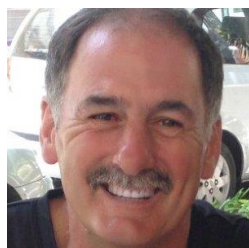
Dominic Barton is the Chair of the Canadian Minister of Finance's Advisory Council on Economic Growth and the Chair of the Seoul International Business Advisory Council. He is also a Trustee of the Brookings Institution, a member of the Singapore Economic Development Board's International Advisory Council, and a member of the boards of Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York City and the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.

Dominic Barton is the Global Managing Partner of McKinsey & Company. In his 31 years with the firm, Dominic has advised clients in a range of industries including banking, consumer goods, high tech and industrials. Prior to his current role, Dominic was based in Shanghai as McKinsey's Asia Chairman from 2004 to 2009 and led the Korea office from 2000 to 2004.

He serves on the board of FCLT Global (Focusing Capital on the Long Term), a non-profit organization dedicated to developing practical tools and approaches that encourage long-term behaviors in business and investment decision-making.

Dominic has authored more than 80 articles on the role of business in society, leadership, financial services, Asia, history and the issues and opportunities facing markets worldwide. Dominic is a co-author, with Roberto Newell and Greg Wilson, of *Dangerous Markets: Managing in Financial Crises* (Wiley & Sons, 2002), *China Vignettes: An Inside Look at China* (Talisman, 2007) and co-author with Dezso Horvath and Matthias Kipping of *Reimagining Capitalism* (Oxford University Press, 2016).

Dominic has received multiple awards for his business leadership and contributions to the communities in which he has lived and worked. In February 2013 Dominic received the Order of Civil Merit (Peony Medal) from former President Lee of South Korea and in August 2014 he was awarded the Singaporean Public Service Star (Distinguished Friends of Singapore). He is a Rhodes Trustee and an Honorary Fellow at Brasenose College, Oxford. Dominic is also an Adjunct Professor at Tsinghua University, Beijing.



REID BURKE

Executive Director Canadian Mental Health Association PEI Division

Reid has worked for the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) for 32 years. He has been the provincial Executive Director since 1997, before which he worked as the Associate Executive Director and Finance Manager.

Reid was appointed to the Mental Health Commission of Canada where served on the Service System Advisory Committee for four years assisting in the development of Canada's first mental health strategy, *Changing directions, changing lives: The mental health strategy for Canada*. He was also appointed to the provincial Mental Health and Addictions advisory council by the Minister of Health and Wellness to assist in the development of PEI's first ten year Mental Health and Addictions Strategy.

Reid is currently on the National Board of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Canada and a member of the provincial Access/Ability Advisory Council appointed by the Minister of Family and Human Services.

Reid is a certified *Mental Health Works* trainer. *Mental Health Works* is a national program that equips organizations with the tools to address mental health problems in the workplace.

From a work perspective, believes **mental health** is a dimension of our overall health whose time has come.

**PATRICK BOUCHER**

Director General, Review of Laws and Policies Secretariat, Justice Canada

Patrick was recently appointed to the position of Director General of the *Review of Laws and Policies Secretariat*, at Justice Canada. In his new role, Mr. Boucher will lead a multi-disciplinary team who will collaborate with colleagues from across government to ensure that the Crown is fulfilling its constitutional and international human rights obligations, including Aboriginal and treaty rights, and will support of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General in fulfilling her mandate commitment to advance reconciliation and achieve a renewed nation-to-nation relationship with Indigenous peoples.

He is a dedicated and passionate public servant, a recipient of the Public Service Award of Excellence, which recognizes public servants who have demonstrated excellence in achieving results for Canadians while demonstrating key leadership competencies, and a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal which was awarded to Canadians who have made outstanding and exemplary contributions to their communities and to Canada as a whole.

Previously, and over the last 8 years, he served in various key Director General positions at Public Safety Canada -- most recently as Director General for Critical Infrastructure and Strategic Coordination in the National and Cyber Security Branch. Prior to that, he served as the Director for the Policy and Advocacy Directorate in the Office of the Federal Interlocutor for Métis and non-Status Indians at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. He holds a Master of Arts in Canadian Studies (Public Policy/Aboriginal Studies) from Carleton University and a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science and is very proud of his Métis heritage.

He is a member of the Board of Directors at Desjardins, a volunteer with various local community organizations and a father of two wonderful children.

**CARL BROTHERS**

Founder and General Manager, Frontier Power Systems

Carl Brothers, P.Eng. has been a professional engineer for 40 years and has been an active member of the Canadian wind energy community for more than 3 years. He managed Canada's national wind energy testing laboratory, at North Cape, for 20 years. He then formed Frontier Power Systems, to offer consulting services to the wind energy community. Carl has played a major role in helping Prince Edward Island achieve the impressive levels of wind power installed in the province – wind provides 25% of electricity presently.

Carl and his team at Frontier have also focused on the development of technology to assist remote communities to use wind energy systems in their communities to displace diesel fuel use. They have just shipped their 4th project into western Alaska. They are also presently focused on the development of their "NextGen Arctic Power System" using renewable energy resources with advanced energy storage technologies to increase the levels of diesel fuel displacement in these communities.

**ALICIA BRUCE**

Policy Analyst, Department of Workforce and Advanced Learning / Department of Rural and Regional Development, Government of PEI

Alicia Bruce is a Policy Analyst with the Government of Prince Edward Island. She graduated with a BA from McGill in 2012 majoring in International Development Studies with a specialization in Economic Development and Living Standards, and minors in International Relations and Sustainable Resource Management. Her short career has seen her work in Kenya in microfinance; study food security and water resources in the Caribbean; volunteer on boards of directors for national and provincial non-profits;

research and develop shellfish aquaculture leasing policy; win a startup competition with a concept designed to reduce fisheries waste; fail at her first business venture; join her grandfather off the eastern tip of PEI as a fifth-generation lobster fisher for 5 seasons; and in her current role, working on rural development and youth retention in Prince Edward Island. Alicia is passionate about public policy, social entrepreneurship, community-based economic development, sustainable fisheries, and global food issues. She and her New Yorker-turned-Islander husband live in Souris West, PEI with their flock of chickens.

VERNA BRUCE

Co-Chair, Board of Directors, CHANCES

Verna studied at Mount Allison and Carleton Universities, graduating with a degree in Economics.

Verna began her public service career with the Prince Edward Island Government. At the Deputy level, Verna served in Health and Social Services, Provincial Treasury (Finance and Management Board), PEI Housing Corporation, Intergovernmental Affairs and Higher Education. In 1996, she became Clerk of Executive Council and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

In 1998, Verna moved to the Government of Canada, as Associate Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada, a position she held until her retirement in April, 2008. During her career, Verna was especially interested in social programs and leadership.

Verna served as President of the Vanier Institute of the Family, and co-chair of CHANCES, a not-for-profit organization in PEI, focused on strengthening parents' ability to parent, early child development, and support for families with children who face additional challenges. In the past, Verna was active in numerous organizations, including Sunday school teacher and Superintendent, youth group leader, and chair of the PEI United Way Campaign.

Verna resides in Charlottetown, PEI. The joys of her life are her children, Nigel and Becky, and 5 grandchildren.

**BOBBY CAMERON**

Manager of Policy, Planning, and FPT Relations, PEI Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Bobby Thomas Cameron is the Manager of Policy and Planning at the PEI Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. The section he manages is responsible for the development of evidence-based policy advice, planning, and program evaluation. Bobby completed an undergraduate degree in history from UPEI in 2009, and a Master's degree in Public Policy from Ryerson University in 2011. He is currently a PhD candidate in Ryerson's PhD program in Policy Studies. His research is looking at policy practice and policy capacity at the provincial level of government in Prince Edward Island.

**SHARON CAMERON**

Special Advisor to Executive Council Office, Government of PEI

Sharon Cameron received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and Sociology from Dalhousie University in 1983. In 1985, she received an Honours Degree in Psychology from the same institution, followed in 1986 by a Masters of Education Degree in Educational Psychology, also from Dalhousie.

In March 2017, Premier Wade MacLauchlan named Cameron deputy minister Special Advisor on social policy within Executive Council Office. This is a leadership role that will advance key social development issues in the province.

Cameron served as deputy minister of Workforce and Advanced Learning from 2015

until being named deputy minister Special Advisor to Executive Council. She served as CEO of the Workers Compensation Board from 2011- 2015. Cameron served as PEI's deputy minister of Social Services and Seniors from 2007-2011. She has served as principal at Stonepark Intermediate School in Charlottetown, a position she held since 2003. Cameron served as vice-principal at that school from 2001-2003 and held the same position from 1999-2001 at Tracadie Cross Consolidated School, where she also taught and provided counselling services.

Cameron was employed as the Youth Services Coordinator with the Department of Education from 1997-1999 where she coordinated and provided administration to five alternative education programs across the province. During this time, she also co-chaired a federal-provincial youth employment strategy committee.

Between 1994 and 1997, Cameron worked as a Youth Services Consultant with the Department of Education and the Health and Community Services Agency. She began her career in 1987 as a school counsellor with the former Unit 2 School Board.



KEVIN CHAN

Head of Public Policy, Canada at Facebook

Kevin Chan is Head of Public Policy for Facebook and Instagram Canada.

He was previously Deputy Secretary-General of McGill University and a Non-Residential Fellow at Stanford's Center for Internet and Society. Earlier he served in executive roles in the federal public service including Director, Office of the Clerk of the Privy Council.

Kevin serves on the Boards of Kids Help Phone, the Canadian American Business Council, and MediaSmarts, and sits on the Dean's Council of the Ted Rogers School of Management and Canada 2020's advisory board. He has held visiting appointments at Simon Fraser University's School of Public Policy and its Undergraduate Semester in Dialogue.

Kevin has appeared before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage, and been a speaker at the Walrus Talks, the Mansbridge Summit, Massey College and the Bennett Jones Business Forum.

Kevin graduated from Harvard Kennedy School, the Ivey Business School and the Royal Conservatory of Music, and is fluently bilingual. A former Action Canada Fellow and CommunityShift Fellow for not-for-profit leaders, he is a recipient of the Public Service Award of Excellence and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. In 2017, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of outstanding accomplishments that bring benefit to Canada.



SIU MEE CHENG

Ryerson University

Siu Mee Cheng, MHSc., BASc., CHE possesses over 20 years' experience in the public, health and social services sectors at the local, provincial and national levels in order to drive services delivery performance, quality and accountability, all with the aim towards improving client/patient care. She has held leadership positions for several governments and agencies including the Governments of Alberta and Ontario and Cancer Care Ontario, and has led not-for-profit organizations including the Ontario Public Health Association and the Toronto Central Palliative Care Network. She is the Executive Director for the Canadian Centre for Accreditation, a national not-for-profit whose mission is to provide excellence and leadership in accreditation by assuring quality and continuous improvement in community-based health and social services. Siu Mee is committed to volunteerism and is Board Director to the Canadian Mothercraft Society whose focus is to support family health and healthy child development, and have previously served on the Boards of The Surrey Place Centre and the Canadian Cancer Society. She has a MHSc in Community Health from University of Toronto, and is

**CHRYSTIA CHUDZAK**

Executive Director for Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada
ISED Team TBC

Chrystia has worked as a public servant for over 30 years and debuted as a Legislative Assistant for a Member of Parliament in the House of Commons. Most recently, she was the Assistant Commissioner of the Northern Pipeline Agency (NPA), where she was responsible for restarting and scaling a federal agency mandated to regulate the building of the Alaskan Gas Highway pipeline. She officially came aboard the Innovation Lab in October 2015.

Chrystia holds an MPA from Carleton University and an MBA from the University of Ottawa. She completed a BA in Soviet and Eastern European studies from Carleton and a BA in Visual arts from UOttawa. She worked for one year as a lecturer and teaching assistant at Ottawa University's Introduction to Public Administration course for undergraduates. She has worked as a Senior Strategy Consultant at Price Waterhouse Coopers in Ottawa and is also a professional documentary photographer and runs her own business.

**NATASHA CLARKE**

Executive Director, Digital Services at Shared Services Nova Scotia

Natasha Clarke is the Executive Director, Digital Services at Service Nova Scotia. She has over 20 years of experience leading transformational initiatives for the public sector. Since joining the Nova Scotia Government in 2009, Natasha has championed multiple integrated service delivery initiatives for Service Nova Scotia and its partners. In her Digital Services role, Natasha is leading a team focused on human centered service design and building service experiences for Nova Scotians that are just simple, clear and easy. Natasha is a board member of the Institute for Citizen Centre Service (ICCS), and is the co-chair of the Public Sector Service Delivery Council of Canada (PSSDC). Prior to her joining the Nova Scotia Government, Natasha worked as a management consultant in the private sector where she focused on partnering with public/private sector clients to enable their business transformation and process improvement projects.

**ALEXANDRA CONLIFFE**

Director, Policy Innovation Platform, Brookfield Foundation

Alexandra Conliffe is the Director of the Policy Innovation Platform at the Brookfield Institute for Innovation + Entrepreneurship. The Platform supports the continuous adoption of policy innovation methods and tools by policymakers in order to deliver better public policies, programs and services for all Canadians.

Between 2013-16, Alex was VP Operations at Engineers Without Borders Canada (EWB), a movement of 40,000 Canadian and African leaders working together to end poverty and inequality through innovations in targeted sectors, including Global Engineering Education in Canada, Small and Growing Businesses in Africa, and Responsible Mining globally. Prior to that, Alex was a Senior Policy Analyst at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and Canada's agriculture negotiator at the United Nations climate change negotiations.

Alex holds a doctorate in Geography and a master's in Environmental Management from the University of Oxford, where she studied as a Rhodes Scholar. She earned a bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from McGill University, where she was a Loran Scholar. She is a member of the Institute on Governance Board of Directors, and of McGill's Faculty of Engineering Advisory Board.

**RYAN CONWAY**

Program Director for Innoweave

Ryan Conway is the Program Director for Innoweave, an initiative of the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation. His program works directly with coaches, content developers and community organizations to build their capacity to use social innovation approaches to enhance their impact. Innoweave offers an open, national platform for coaching and granting, as well as several special initiatives run in partnership with provincial and federal governments which focus on specific domains, such as homelessness, newcomer integration and social isolation.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Ryan worked for Public Policy Forum, serving as Project Lead for major national projects on pension reform, agricultural policy and innovation policy. He has also worked for the Government of Canada.

**CHIEF LISA COOPER**

President & Chief of the Native Council of PEI

Lisa Cooper is the President & Chief of the Native Council of PEI, an Aboriginal Representative Organization that represents and services the off-reserve Aboriginal population in Prince Edward Island. Lisa is a direct descendent of the Mi'kmaq Nation on Prince Edward Island and has been a member of the Native Council since 1975. Prior to being elected as President & Chief in 2015, she has had a long history of involvement with the Native Council which includes that of a Community Developer, Board of Director, and Director of Operations.

Lisa brings with her an extensive education, holding Diplomas in both Legal Secretary and Public Administration, a Bachelor of Arts Degree, a Bachelor of Education Degree with a Specialization in both Indigenous Studies and Teaching English as an Alternate Language, and a Master of Education from UPEI. Lisa is also the proud mother of 3 boys, 1 girl, and two grandchildren.

**DAVE CORMIER**

Education Development Officer, Government of PEI

Dave Cormier is an educational researcher and speaker on Open Learning, MOOCs and the impact of technology on the future of education. Dave is currently Education Development Officer at the Department Education, Early Learning and Culture and responsible for the development of a provincial K-12 Education Technology strategy. He is also a member of the PEI Policy Innovation Group.

As an educational technology strategist Dave has participated or led strategic education discussions nationally and internationally including with the IEEE in Washington DC., at Nee Ann Polytechnic Singapore, The University of South Pacific, St. Norbert College, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, and The Commonwealth of Learning. As one of two Canadian representatives at the Inaugural Leadership Roundtable on Academic Transformation, Digital Learning, and Design at Georgetown University, his current research interest is in how to support adaptive change in education. At the University of Prince Edward Island he was lead student retention, academic planning, domestic recruitment, first year advisement, New Student Orientation and Web Communications.

Beginning with Edtechtalk.com in 2005 Dave has been working with k12 educators around the world on projects large and small. His current work at the Department of Education focuses on solving real world teacher problems with technology and developing teacher digital literacy to encourage the integration of digital tools across the curriculum.

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**CHRISTINE COUTURE**

Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Leadership and Talent Development, Corporate Human Resources, Government of Alberta

In February 2016, Christine was appointed as the Senior Assistant Deputy Minister for the Leadership and Talent Development Division with the Public Service Commission in the department of Treasury Board of Finance. She is responsible for the areas of executive talent assessment and management, leadership development at all levels, employee engagement, attraction and recruitment of Executive Managers and Senior Officials, and the development of learning strategies, programs and initiatives for the Alberta Public Service.

Christine joined the Alberta public service in 1991 and has served as the Deputy Secretary to Cabinet and Deputy Clerk of Executive Council; ADM of Strategic Policy with Alberta Health; ADM of Strategic Social Policy in Executive Council; and as an Executive Director in the departments of Employment, Immigration and Industry, Advanced Education, Human Resources and Employment, and Career Development.

Prior to joining government, Christine owned her own business, was a counselling supervisor with the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission and taught junior and senior high school.

**MELISSA CURRIE**

Research Coordinator, Child and Parent Resource Institute (CPRI), Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Government of Ontario

Melissa Currie completed an MSc Social Psychology at the London School of Economics and Political Science. She has experience in research and evaluation, implementation, knowledge exchange, and stakeholder engagement. Her work has focused on supporting quality outcomes for children, youth, and families across the areas of mental health, justice, education, and health. In her current role with Ontario's Ministry of Children and Youth Services, she is leading a provincial initiative to support data-informed decision making in child and youth mental health.

**PETER CROOKS**

Executive Director of Canada's Smartest Kitchen
2017 Top 50 CEO

As Executive Director of Canada's Smartest Kitchen, Peter Crooks, 2017 Top 50 CEO brings his extensive entrepreneurial, business and product development experience to his team. Under his vision and leadership, the team of twelve has been designed and built to support three key pillars of CSK's innovation platform - culinary arts, food science and market insight - offering services to global markets and helping to solidify Canada's Food Island as the premier food innovation hub in North America.

Prior to joining CSK in 2012, Peter worked for the National Research Council's (NRC) Institute for Nutrisciences and Health where he was responsible for business development and commercialization of natural health products and functional ingredients. Peter honed his business skills working for nearly a decade in Toronto with early stage science-based startups, sourcing capital and conducting due diligence on emerging technologies for several boutique Bay St. Investment banks.

Before getting into the "business of science", he developed strong research credentials with a Master's degree in Medicine and a former research position at the University of Ottawa's prestigious Heart Institute. Upon leaving the lab bench, Peter's first foray into the inner workings of the federal government was as a senior biotechnology policy advisor to the Life Sciences Branch of Industry Canada, back at a time when genetically modified food, xenotransplantation and genetic testing were dominating the news. Peter co-chaired an international science policy think tank to assist governments in

developing regulatory frameworks for emerging technologies and created a two year secretariat at Harvard University.

Peter's passion for disruptive technologies, innovation, natural health products, primary producers, and food, come together in his current role as Executive Director and team leader at CSK. His leadership philosophy is truly about having passion and purpose, orchestrating technical and creative teams, instilling an explorative mindset to drive breakthrough change, while envisioning a better future.



CHEF ILONA DANIEL

Chef, Teacher, Consultant and Writer

Fierce Culinary Ambassador of PEI & Canada at large! Media personality, Chef Instructor at The Culinary Institute of Canada, Freelance Foodwriter, and Feature Food Writer for The Guardian, Foodservice Consultant, & Facility Designer; Chef Ilona is fuelled by her passion and excitement in every facet of her hospitality portfolio!



KYLE DENNY

Jordan's Principle – 1st Child Service Coordinator, Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI

Kyle Denny is from the Mi'kmaq community of Eskasoni overlooking the beautiful BrasDor Lakes of Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. He is married to wife Rhonda, with five children and one grandson. His hobbies include playing guitar, fly-fishing, camping and annually attending Marian Pilgrimages in Europe.

His work experience is in 'Education'. He has taught at the Eskasoni Elementary/Middle School for the duration of 9 years - as a classroom teacher and a program developer for the Empathetic Program. For 7 years, he worked at Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey. Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey (MK) is a collective voice for education that includes 11 out of 13 Mi'kmaw communities of Nova Scotia. As an **Elementary Student Success Coordinator** of the First Nation Student Success Plan (FNSSP), his work entailed collaboratively working with a team of educators (FNSSP Consultants, Administrators, teachers, NS Department of Education, STFX professors), community members, parents, and various stakeholders that support the Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey Elementary School Sites (grade P-6) and Early Childhood Centers.

He is currently working at the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI as the Jordan's Principle – 1st Child Service Coordinator. This work aims to improve access to health and social services and supports for First Nations children of PEI. This incorporates: Outreach, Intake, assessment/service coordination and case management.

His educational background includes a Masters of Education and Bachelor of Education from Saint Francis Xavier University. He also obtained a Bachelor of Arts of Community Studies from Cape Breton University.



EVREN DESOUSA

Policy Analyst, Indigenous and Northern Affairs, Government of Canada

Evren DeSousa is a Fiscal Policy Analyst at the Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs in the sector responsible for the negotiation and implementation of comprehensive land claims and self-government arrangements on behalf of the Government of Canada. He has undergraduate and graduate degrees in Health Sciences (SFU) and Public Administration (UVIC), respectively, and has authored a number of public policy papers including, most recently research on the fiscal arrangements in support of Aboriginal self-government.

**KAYLYN DIXON**

Project Coordinator, Indigenous Youth Futures Project

Kaylyn Dixon is a Research Coordinator in the Culture and Gender and Youth Research Units at the Institute for Mental Health Research in Ottawa. She completed her Master of Science in Neuroscience from Carleton University in 2016, where she researched post-concussive depressive symptoms in students and student athletes. Her current work and interests concern youth mental health and substance abuse service delivery models, life promotion, community-based participatory research, youth engagement, and community well being, with a particular focus on Indigenous youth.

**PATRICIA DOIRON**

Special Projects Coordinator, Workplace Mental Wellness Initiatives, Veterans Affairs Canada

Patricia Doiron has worked in the Public Service for more than 30 years, 25 of them with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC), at Head Office in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. In her current role since February 2015, Patricia was responsible for the creation and executive-level approval of an employee mental wellness framework including the creation of a National Unit for Workplace Mental Wellness and a National Employee Working Group. She is now working with colleagues and her working group to implement the framework at VAC offices throughout the country.

Patricia's passion for workplace mental wellness emerged from her own experience with mental illness. She very willingly and openly shares her journey with mental illness with others in her workplace and community. Patricia wants to make a difference and while her story has aspects of struggle and darkness, it is primarily one of perseverance and courage. Patricia made a personal commitment to be a source of encouragement and hope to others who are dealing with mental illness, whether their own or that of a family member, friend or colleague. She is steadfastly doing so while becoming an advocate for mental wellness through her work at VAC, in the community, with volunteer activities and her online recovery blog at "Women in Recovery Everywhere".

Patricia is the proud mother of two adult daughters, Melissa and Julia, and is thrilled to be Grandma to Xavier Benjamin. Patricia loves to use her life experiences (both the ups and downs) and hopeful attitude to help others find creative ways to see beyond self-limiting beliefs and stigmas to live a more genuine and purposeful life. Patricia is also a very creative and talented event planner, often involved in fund- and/or awareness-raising events for the local women's shelter or other mental health organizations.

Misfortune can force you into doing things you should be doing anyway. Lessons come from adversity. Anything can happen to anyone. You can find a new lease on life – more meaning than you thought possible in simple things. Let go. Live in the moment. Go forward.

Christopher Reeve

**SAMANTHA DONALDSON**

Communications Director, Partnership for Public Service

Samantha has 15 years of professional experience in the federal government and nonprofit sectors. For the past eight years, Samantha has held a number of roles on the communications team at the nonprofit, nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service. In her current role, she is responsible for the Partnership's communications agenda and brand ensuring the organization's messaging is clear, compelling and consistent. She also provides strategic direction and leadership over the organization's media relations and social media strategies. Prior to the Partnership for Public Service, Samantha spent four years working in public affairs in the federal government.

**BOB ECKSTEIN**

Director of Integrated Service Delivery, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Bob spent over 20 years working in the youth justice system in New Brunswick as a counselor, social worker, youth advocate, and senior policy and program adviser. He has a BA and Bachelor of Social Work degree from Saint Thomas University and a Masters' degree in Social Work from Carleton University in Ottawa. For 10 years he taught part-time in the Criminology program at Saint Thomas University.

For the past 6 years, Bob has been the Director for the Province wide implementation of the Integrated Service Delivery framework/model for children and youth with significant emotional behavioural and mental health issues. This leading change initiative is transforming the way multiple departments and agencies work better together to provide more proactive services to children and youth.

In January 2017, the ISD program received a national IPAC / Deloitte Public Sector Leadership Award which recognizes organizations that demonstrate outstanding leadership by improving Canada through advancements in public administration and management.

In May 2017, (ISD) Integrated Service Delivery for Children and Youth won the provincial KIRA - Premier's Awards for Innovation - Public Sector: Integrated Service Delivery for Children and Youth.

**WILLIAM D. EGGERS**

Executive Director, Deloitte Center for Government Insights

William D. Eggers is the Executive Director, Deloitte Center for Government Insights and has been an author, columnist, consultant, and popular speaker for more than two decades. He is a leading authority on government reform and is responsible for research and thought leadership for Deloitte's public sector industry practice. His new book, *Delivering on Digital: The Innovators and Technologies that are Transforming Government*, will be published in June 2016. His eight other books include *The Solution Revolution: How Government, Business, and Social Enterprises are Teaming up to Solve Society's Biggest Problems* (Harvard Business Review Press, 2013, which was named to 10 "best books of the year" lists. Bill's commentary has appeared in dozens of major media outlets, including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Washington Post*. Join Bill at the IPAC National Conference as he speaks about how Artificial Intelligence-augmented government has the potential to revolutionize the public sector.

**KAREN ELLIS**

Associate Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada

Karen Ellis was appointed Associate Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada effective August 10, 2015. Ms. Ellis served as President of the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) from 2013-2015.

Prior to joining FedDev Ontario, Ms. Ellis served as Associate Deputy Minister of Natural Resources Canada (2011-13), Assistant Commissioner for the Ontario Region at the Canada Revenue Agency (2008-11), Vice-President and Senior Vice-President at the Canada Public Service Agency (2006-08) and Assistant Deputy Minister, Infrastructure and Environment, at the Department of National Defence (2002-06).

In 2011, she was presented the Joan Atkinson Award for her exceptional contribution to public service. Ms. Ellis holds a Master of Arts degree in History from Carleton University and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Ottawa.

KAREN ELLIS

sous-ministre déléguée d'Anciens Combattants Canada

Karen Ellis a été nommée au poste de sous-ministre déléguée d'Anciens Combattants Canada le 10 août 2015. Mme Ellis était présidente de l'Agence fédérale de développement économique pour le Sud de l'Ontario (FedDev Ontario) de 2013 à 2015.

Avant de se joindre à l'Agence, Mme Ellis a travaillé à Ressources naturelles Canada en tant que sous-ministre déléguée (2011-2013). Auparavant, Mme Ellis a été sous-commissaire pour la région de l'Ontario à l'Agence du revenu du Canada (2008-2011), vice-présidente et vice-présidente principale à l'Agence de la fonction publique du Canada (2006-2008) et sous-ministre adjointe, Infrastructures et Environnement, au ministère de la Défense nationale (2002-2006).

En 2011, elle a reçu le prix Joan-Atkinson pour sa contribution exceptionnelle à la fonction publique. Mme Ellis détient une maîtrise ès arts en histoire de l'Université Carleton et un baccalauréat en éducation de l'Université d'Ottawa.

**ADAM FENECH**

Professor, Climate Lab Team, University of PEI

Dr. Fenech has worked extensively in the area of climate change since the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change First Assessment Report in 1988. He has edited 8 books on climate change, most recently on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainability in the Middle East. Dr. Fenech has worked for Harvard University researching the history of the science/policy interfaces of climate change. He has represented Canada at international climate negotiating sessions; written climate policy speeches for Canadian Environment Ministers; and authored Canadian reports on climate change to the United Nations. Dr. Fenech has taught at the University of Toronto as well as the Smithsonian Institution for almost 20 years, and lectures regularly at universities across Canada and around the world. He is presently the Director of the University of Prince Edward Island's Climate Research Lab that conducts research on the vulnerability, impacts and adaptation to climate change. Dr. Fenech was honoured to share in the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for his work with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

**JOSHUA FRAME**

National Chair of the Federal Youth Network (FYN) and the Chair of the Future Leaders of Ontario (FLO)

Joshua started his public service career in Ottawa in the Canada Revenue Agency and has held roles in management, project management, budgeting, process improvement, and systems implementation over the last 8 years. He holds a bachelor's degree in International Studies from York University and has lived in Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver and Honolulu over the past 15 years. He became the Chair of the Future Leaders of Ontario in May 2015 and developed numerous programs including the #MinuteMentoring video series and Lessons for Emerging Leaders video series, province-wide learning events in cooperation with the CRA's Ontario Region Young Professionals Network (ORYPN), and many collaborations with the Canada School of Public Service. He became the National Chair of the Federal Youth Network in November 2016 and looks forward to engaging public servants across the country in innovative events and programs over the next year.

JOSHUA FRAME

la président des Futurs leaders de l'Ontario/Président national du Réseau des jeunes fonctionnaires fédéraux (RJFF)

Joshua a commencé sa carrière dans la fonction publique à Ottawa au sein de l'ARC et a occupé des rôles de gestion, de gestion de projet, de budgétisation, d'amélioration des

processus et de mise en œuvre des systèmes au cours des huit dernières années. Il détient un baccalauréat en études internationales de l'Université York et a vécu à Ottawa, à Toronto, à Vancouver et à Honolulu au cours des 15 dernières années. Il a devenu la président des Futurs leaders de l'Ontario en mai 2015 et a créé de nombreux programmes, notamment la série vidéo #MinuteMentoring et la série vidéo Lessons pour les leaders émergent, des événements d'apprentissage à l'échelle de la province en collaboration avec le Réseau des jeunes professionnels de la région de l'Ontario de l'ARC (RJPRO) et de nombreuses collaborations avec l'École de la fonction publique du Canada. Il est devenu Président national du Réseau des jeunes fonctionnaires fédéraux (RJFF) en novembre 2016 et il est impatient d'engager des fonctionnaires à travers le pays dans le cadre d'événements et de programmes innovatrices au cours de la prochaine année.



NATALIE FRANK

Manager, Innovation LAB, Employment and Social Development Canada

Natalie has been in the federal public service since 1999 and has been Manager of the ESDC Innovation Lab since spring 2016. She has worked in various positions at both the Department of Canadian Heritage and Employment and Social Development Canada, attracted by the cultural and social mandates of these departments. Natalie has managed large federal programs, and has coordinated major policy initiatives as well as advice during transitions of Government including the most recent one.

She has an eclectic educational background -- a college degree in pure and applied sciences (Marianopolis College), a bachelor's in English literature (McGill University), and a master's in communications (Carleton School of Journalism and Communication).

Natalie is passionate about finding new pathways of solutions to sticky problems; she says she has always been a problem-solver. She describes her past year with the Innovation Lab, leading the design team, as "an amazing opportunity, after nearly 20 years, to re-learn Government all over again."



TOBY FYFE

Vice-President of the Learning Lab, Institute on Governance

Toby Fyfe is Vice-President of the Learning Lab at the Institute on Governance in Ottawa. For the last six years he has led the IOG's public sector leadership and capacity-building programs and courses aimed at providing tools and insights to enhance the skills of executives and officers at all levels of government.

He has led the design, curriculum development and delivery of seventeen federal government year-long Executive Leadership Programs and two Inter-Jurisdictional Executive Leadership Programs in Toronto and Nova Scotia, the latter in partnership with the Dalhousie School of Management. He also is responsible at the IOG for multi-year programs with the Government of Nunavut that build both leadership capacity and policy expertise.

Toby spent over twenty years with the government of Canada in central agencies (Privy Council Office, Treasury Board) and government departments. His last post was as Assistant Commissioner, Corporate Services at the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.

Before he joined the Institute, he was hired by the Commissioner of the RCMP to work on a change initiative led. Toby is an Adjunct Professor of Communication at the University of Ottawa and was editor-in-chief of *Canadian Government Executive* magazine for five years. He was a broadcaster with CBC radio and television where he produced programs such as *The House*, *Cross Country Checkup*, and the first commercial-free version of *Ottawa Morning*. He has an MA from the University of Ottawa and has attended the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education program.



PAULA GALLAGHER

Deloitte's Atlantic Public Sector Leader / Special Advisor, IPAC Board of Directors

Paula Gallagher, FCMC is responsible for Deloitte's public sector practice in Atlantic Canada. She specializes in providing strategic and operational advice to her public sector clients. With more than 20 years of management consulting experience, Paula has worked with hundreds of clients in Atlantic Canada as well as elsewhere in Canada, the United States, New Zealand and Europe. She is an experienced strategist, project manager and facilitator and has worked with many great public sector leaders over the course of her career. She often works with boards of directors as she helps organizations develop new strategic directions. She is past chair of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, honorary chair of the ALS Society of Nova Scotia, and a special advisor to the national board of IPAC.



RODNEY GHALI

Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet of the Innovation Hub at the Privy Council Office, Government of Canada

Rodney Ghali is the Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet of the Innovation Hub at the Privy Council Office, Government of Canada. He is responsible for leading the exploration and execution of new and innovative policy and programmatic approaches, focused on improving impact, accountability and value for Canadians. Prior to his current role, Rodney was Director General of the Centre for Chronic Disease Prevention, Public Health Agency of Canada, where he was responsible for overseeing the Federal Government's policy and programs in the areas of healthy living and chronic disease prevention. Previously, Rodney spent a number of years at Health Canada in various positions such as Senior Advisor to the Deputy Minister and Director of Strategic Policy. He has worked on numerous legislative/regulatory initiatives and health-related issues including: food and consumer product safety, reproductive technologies, aboriginal health, blood safety and mental health. Rodney holds a Master of Science (neurobiology) from McGill University and a Honours Bachelor of Science (genetics) from the University of Western Ontario.

RODNEY GHALI

Secrétaire adjoint du Centre d'innovation du Bureau du Conseil privé

Rodney Ghali est Secrétaire adjoint du Centre d'innovation du Bureau du Conseil privé. Il est responsable de l'étude et de l'exécution d'approches novatrices et expérimentales en matière de politique et de programme visant à améliorer les retombées, la reddition de comptes et la valeur pour les Canadiens. Avant d'occuper son poste actuel, Rodney était directeur général du Centre de prévention des maladies chroniques à l'Agence de la santé publique du Canada. Il était alors chargé de superviser la transformation des politiques et des programmes du gouvernement fédéral dans les domaines des modes de vie sains et de la prévention des maladies chroniques. Avant cela, Rodney a occupé divers postes à Santé Canada pendant de nombreuses années : il a notamment été conseiller principal du sous-ministre et directeur des politiques stratégiques. Il a travaillé à de nombreuses initiatives législatives et réglementaires ainsi qu'à des questions liées à la santé dans les domaines suivants : sécurité des produits alimentaires et de consommation, technologies de procréation assistée, santé des Autochtones, sûreté du sang et santé mentale. Rodney possède une maîtrise en sciences (neurobiologie) de l'Université McGill et un baccalauréat spécialisé en sciences (génétique) de l'Université Western Ontario.

**CHAD GRIFFIN**

Eastern Canadian Leader for Deloitte Digital

Chad is the Eastern Canadian Leader for Deloitte Digital, with 20 years of experience. Chad has worked extensively within both public and private sectors across Canada and the US. His career has spanned from more traditional enterprise solutions to web enablement to full scale digital transformations. In his role with Deloitte Digital, Chad derives his passion from helping clients ideate on the digital art of the possible and supporting them in not just *doing* digital, but in *becoming* truly digital organizations. Prior to joining Deloitte, Chad cofounded a startup focused on Digital Marketing and has several years of experience with digital innovation, disruption and agile development practices. He was also a principal and shareholder in a successful IT Consulting firm, SwiftRadius. He has presented on digital and innovation at a number of venues across Canada.

**BRENDA GUNN**

Fellow, International Law Research Program, Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)

Brenda L. Gunn is a fellow with CIGI's International Law Research Program (ILRP). In this role, Brenda is exploring comparative approaches and best practices for the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) internationally. Her work at CIGI involves engaging indigenous peoples on the topic through workshops, conferences and other fora.

Brenda is also an associate professor in the Robson Hall Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba, where she teaches constitutional law, international law and advocacy for the rights of indigenous peoples in international law. Prior to joining the University of Manitoba, Brenda worked at a community legal clinic in Rabinal, Guatemala, on a case of genocide submitted to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Brenda has worked with First Nations on Aboriginal and treaty rights issues in Manitoba and provided technical assistance to the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the analysis and drafting of the report summarizing the responses to a survey on implementing UNDRIP. A proud Metis woman, Brenda is recognized for developing the key handbook in Canada on understanding and implementing UNDRIP.

Brenda has a B.A. from the University of Manitoba and a J.D. from the University of Toronto. She completed her LL.M. in indigenous peoples law and policy at the University of Arizona and was called to the Bars of Ontario and Manitoba.

**COLLEEN HANRAHAN**

Managing Director, The Institute for the Advancement of Public Policy Inc.

Colleen A. Hanrahan PhD (Public Policy and Public Administration) has extensive experience in public policy research, analysis and development. Dr. Hanrahan is Managing Director of *The Institute for the Advancement of Public Policy, Inc.* a consulting practice based in St. John's which she founded in 1998. Through her assignments, she assisted clients in setting policy and program directions in areas such as, health services including mental health services, services in the justice system, including correctional facilities, housing, and community health services in indigenous communities.

Prior to working as a consultant, she was a solicitor in the Department of Justice, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and was involved in developing policy positions in areas such the self-governance of professions (White Paper), adoptions policy (Green Paper) and legislation. She served as a member of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board and primarily dealt with cases of child sexual abuse. Currently, is a member of a regional appeal board dealing with municipal governments, and serves on a panel of adjudicators with Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Public Complaints



Commission. Dr. Hanrahan is currently a sessional instructor with the Law and Society Program at Memorial University and has been a sessional lecturer at the School of Social Work.

Dr. Hanrahan holds a BA in political science from Memorial University, an MSW from the University of Toronto, and a JD from Dalhousie University. She is a practising member of the NLASW and a non-practicing member of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador.

CHERYL HANSEN

ADM of Treasury Board and CIO, Government of New Brunswick

Cheryl Hansen has 30+ years' experience in the public sector, from front-line clinical to management/leadership portfolios, in roles that range from policy maker to CIO. She has particular expertise in managing large-scale organizational change in complex environments, supported by her personal vision of service excellence and execution to achieve outcomes.

Cheryl's extensive experience in a diverse array of senior executive leadership settings includes the former Extra-Mural Hospital and the Department of Health. She has participated as a director on national boards and has an active history of volunteering for provincial and national associations.

Cheryl's most recent responsibilities have included provincial direction and leadership for the e-health portfolio as the Executive Director and CIO for Health Business and Technology Solutions for the Province of New Brunswick, Vice President of Enterprise Services for Service New Brunswick, and her current role as ADM of Treasury Board and CIO of the Province.

CHERYL HANSEN

Sous-ministre adjoint du Conseil du Trésor et du chef du service de l'information, Gouvernement du Nouveau-Brunswick

Cheryl Hansen possède plus de 30 années d'expérience dans le secteur public, notamment dans les services cliniques de première ligne et les portefeuilles de gestion et de direction, et dans des postes allant de responsable des politiques à chef du service de l'information. Alimentée par sa vision personnelle d'excellence et d'exécution des services afin d'obtenir des résultats, elle possède une expertise particulière dans la gestion du changement organisationnel à grande échelle dans des environnements complexes.

Cheryl a acquis une vaste expérience dans divers postes de cadre supérieur, notamment au sein de l'ancien Hôpital extra-mural et du ministère de la Santé. Elle a siégé comme administratrice à des conseils nationaux et fait activement du bénévolat pour de nombreuses associations provinciales et nationales.

Plus récemment, Cheryl a assumé l'orientation et la direction à l'échelle provinciale du portefeuille de la santé électronique, en tant que directrice générale et chef du service de l'information à la Direction des solutions opérationnelles et technologiques en santé du gouvernement du Nouveau-Brunswick, vice-présidente des Services organisationnels de Service Nouveau-Brunswick et sous-ministre adjointe du Conseil du trésor et chef du service de l'information du gouvernement provincial, poste qu'elle occupe actuellement.

**ELIZABETH HARDY**

Lead, Behavioral Insights, Design and Policy Innovation, Privy Council Office

Elizabeth Hardy heads up the Behavioural Insights and Design team at the Privy Council Office's Innovation Hub, Government of Canada. She leads the application of behavioural science and experimentation to public policy challenges. Previously, Elizabeth led the Behavioural Insights Unit in the Government of Ontario, where she was instrumental in creating and building Canada's first behavioural science team in government. To date, Elizabeth has successfully completed trials dealing with public health, tax collection, regulatory compliance, and service delivery. She continues to collaborate with stakeholders in government as well as the academic community and is a passionate advocate for building a culture of experimentation within policy and program delivery. Her research—Moving Citizens Online: Salience and Framing as Motivators for Behavioral Change – was recently published in the Journal of Behavioral Science and Policy.

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**MEGHAN HELLSTERN**

Education and Community Program Manager, Code for Canada

Meghan Hellstern is dedicated to reimagining the relationship between organizations and their clients through the lens of collaboration, design and technology. Right now, she's doing that with national civic tech non-profit Code for Canada as their Education and Community Program Manager as well as through a number of exciting freelance consulting projects. As a specialist in digital strategy, communications and human-centered design, Meghan has more than eight years of experience helping organizations better understand, serve and collaborate with their stakeholders.

In addition to being a MaRS Studio Y fellow, co-founding Civic Tech Toronto (<http://civictech.ca>) and leading Canada's first Civic Design Camp in Toronto, her professional experience includes working in a variety of roles with organizations like Veterans Affairs Canada, Privy Council Office, Service Canada, MaRS Solutions Lab, Ryerson University's Brookfield Institute for Innovation + Entrepreneurship and Samara Canada.

**GREG HENDERSON**

Senior Director, Fraud and Security Intelligence Global Practice, SAS

Greg Henderson is the Senior Director of the Fraud and Security Intelligence Global Practice at SAS. He is responsible for developing and executing SAS' global strategy for its Security Intelligence solution portfolio which includes fraud, compliance and security related solutions. Greg has over 15 years of experience in fraud and security in both the public and private sector, and has been on the forefront of SAS' solutions for banking fraud, anti-money laundering and terrorist financing, and most recently in developing SAS' enterprise approach to fraud and security risk detection and prevention in the public sector.

In his current role Greg leads a global team of fraud, compliance and security subject matter experts who help the largest and most prestigious organizations in the world leverage big data and advanced analytical techniques to mitigate their fraud, regulatory and security threats.

Greg is a published author of several papers, is a frequent speaker at industry conferences and has provided legislative testimony on the topic of fraud and security on several occasions. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Bowling Green State University, and resides in Raleigh, NC.



JOANNE HERITZ

Instructor, Department of Political Science, Brock University

Joanne is an Instructor in the Department of Political Science at Brock University where she teaches Public Policy and Public Administration. Her PhD is in Comparative Public Policy from McMaster University. She has a Masters degree in Political Science from Brock University and a Master of Information Studies degree from the University of Toronto. Research interests focus on urban politics, and the representation of urban Indigenous peoples in Canada. Her current research project investigates the relationship of Indigenous peoples and municipal government in Saskatchewan. Recent publications include: "Municipal-Aboriginal Advisory Committees in Four Canadian Cities: 1999-2014," *Canadian Public Administration* (March 2016) and "Minority Inclusion in Public Policy: A Comparison of Urban Aboriginal Peoples in Canada and Travellers in Ireland," *International Indigenous Policy Journal* (Fall 2016).



JENNIFER HOLLETT

Award Winning Broadcast Journalist

Jennifer Hollett loves and lives digital. An award winning broadcast journalist, Jenn uses social media to increase participation and mobilization in politics and social issues. She delivered a TEDxTalk on "How To Hate Politics" that outlined how technology is offering new ways to see and connect with politics.

As a television host and reporter, Jenn has worked for the CBC, CTV, and is a former MuchMusic VJ. In 2002, Jenn travelled to Kabul to host A MuchMusic Special: Afghanistan, a Gemini nominated documentary. She hosted the CBC's G20 Street Level blog during the 2010 G20 Summit in Toronto which won a Canadian Online Publishing Award, and was recognized by Amnesty International Canada with a 2009 Media Award for her CBC radio reporting from Israel/Palestine. It was her work in the media that inspired her recent move into politics, looking to move from asking questions to finding answers.

A leading digital expert and visionary, Jenn developed the critically acclaimed 'Super PAC App' at the MIT Media Lab, which helped make television campaign ads more transparent to viewers during the 2012 U.S. election. Technologically savvy, Jenn has worked in digital communications since the late '90s, when she became the youngest manager ever at Sony Music Canada, and developed new media strategies for the label's top artists.

Human rights and social justice have been a consistent focus in Jenn's work. She previously managed e-communications for Plan Canada, worked with Journalists for Human Rights to train journalists in Sierra Leone, and volunteered to create YouthCARE, a youth engagement program with CARE Canada. She is a strong advocate for women's and girls' rights, and has been proud to moderate the G(irls)20 Summit in Toronto (2010), Paris (2011), Mexico City (2012), and Moscow (2013).

Jenn has a Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in Journalism and Communications from Concordia University in Montreal, and a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University. Jennifer was the 2015 federal NDP candidate in University-Rosedale, one of the country's top races to watch. She studied public policy at Harvard University, obtaining her MPA, and was the digital director on Olivia Chow's 2014 Toronto mayoral campaign.

Driven by a passion for social justice, she has worked with Journalists for Human Rights, CARE Canada, and Plan Canada. She is a strong advocate for women's and girls' rights, and has moderated the G(irls)20 Summit in Toronto, Paris, Mexico City, Moscow, and Sydney.

**ROBERT HUGHES**

Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Stratford

Robert has been the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Stratford since 1999. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Technical University of Nova Scotia and a Diploma in Public Management from Henson College at Dalhousie University.

Robert has served on many boards and committees over his thirty plus year career in engineering and municipal administration, including serving on the Board of Engineers PEI, serving as President of the Association of Municipal Administrators of PEI and serving as President of the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators.

Robert has long been an advocate for, and early adopter of, leading practices in governance in order to improve decisions and outcomes in municipalities. This approach led to the culture of Sustainability that is now evident in all of Stratford's planning and actions. Robert and his wife Debby live in Stratford and have two children who are now young adults pursuing their own careers and dreams.

**DR. JAFAR JAVAN**

Director, United Nations System Staff College

Dr. Jafar Javan is the Director of the United Nations System Staff College. Mr. Javan brings over 25 years of experience, having worked in the United Nations system in various regions, notably Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States. During his tenure in the system, his professional responsibilities have focused on policy development, education, training and employment, community development and social participation.

Prior to his latest appointment, Mr. Javan was the Deputy Director and Head of Programmes at UNSSC since April 2008. He has served from 2006 to 2008 as Director of Policy Support and Programme Development with the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Regional Centre for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States in Bratislava. He was Chief of the Subregional Resource Facility with UNDP Bratislava between 2003 and 2005, and Policy Liaison Adviser with the Bureau for Development Policy at UNDP Washington, D.C., from 2000 to 2003.

Mr. Javan holds a doctorate in psychology, with a specialization in human resources development, from North Carolina State University, a master's degree in international relations and a Bachelor of Arts in international affairs from the American University in Washington, D.C.

**DOUG KEEFE**

Interim CEO, Startup Zone

Doug Keefe is the Interim CEO of Startup Zone, the early-stage business incubator for PEI. He is a passionate supporter of entrepreneurship and building companies that have a strong focus on understanding customer needs before selling solutions. He is actively building partnerships between established businesses, government organizations, and budding entrepreneurs to encourage innovation and entrepreneurial thinking across this broad spectrum of organizations and mindsets.

Prior to this position, he was the founder of Logikl Technology Inc, which advised, and architected SaaS applications across various industries and resulted in multiple acquisitions. Recently, Doug was a Senior Project Manager for Shared Services Canada where he oversaw the management of a portfolio of key IT-based projects. Doug was also the co-founder and CTO of the Charlottetown-based startup, GetGifted Inc. that saw quickly grew to over 20,000 users and delivered millions of dollars in free gifts to its users.

**JUERGEN KRAUSE**

Dean, Faculty of Business, University of Prince Edward Island

Dr. Juergen Krause is a Professor of Management and the Dean of the Faculty of Business as well as the Director of the Centre for Health and Community Research (CHCR) at the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI). He earned his Master's and PhD degrees from the University of Konstanz, Germany and conducted postdoctoral studies at the University of Chicago, IL. Prior to moving back into academia Dr. Krause spent 22 years in various healthcare-related senior leadership and executive positions in the biopharmaceutical and pharmaceutical industry, most recently as Vice President, R&D Strategy & Operations at Millennium Pharmaceuticals (now Takeda) in Cambridge, MA. During his career, he served in several different operational and strategic capacities in both Europe and the United States. He also successfully championed global company initiatives and managed a number of industry/university collaborations and led alliances with other industry partners.

Dr. Krause joined the Faculty of Business in 2008 and serves as Dean since 2013. In 2009 he founded the CHCR at UPEI, which, over the years, successfully secured funding and grants from provincial, federal and private sources and formed national and international research collaborations. The centre supports the local and regional communities by focusing on topics that can foster evidence based decision making and measurable improvements in health care delivery and health policy as well as in community well-being and safety. The CHCR aims to achieve these goals through three pillars: research, knowledge translation, and education and training.

**LAURA LEE LANGLEY**

Deputy Minister to the Premier, Clerk of the Executive Council and Head of the Public Service, Government of Nova Scotia

Laura Lee Langley is the Deputy Minister of the Office of the Premier, Deputy Minister of Treasury and Policy Board, Clerk of the Executive Council, Head of the Public Service, Chief Executive Officer of Communications Nova Scotia, and the Public Service Commissioner.

She began her career as a journalist in the early 1980's and worked in both radio and television as a reporter, anchor and producer. In the late 1990's she made a career transition to public relations and communications, developing expertise in communication for leaders, employee engagement, and strategic management—interests she discovered while completing a Master of Public Administration Degree at Dalhousie University in 2002.

In 2004, Laura Lee was appointed the first Assistant Deputy Minister of Communications Nova Scotia. In January 2010, she was appointed Deputy Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage—later Communities, Culture and Heritage. She was appointed Public Service Commissioner in October of 2013, and added Deputy Minister of the Office of the Premier and accompanying responsibilities in June of 2016.

Laura Lee has served as a board member for various professional and community organizations and is known as a champion for diversity and inclusiveness. She has been recognized by the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission as a Champion of the Workplace for her work in this area.

Laura Lee believes in life-long learning and in maximizing the power of people in systems. In June 2015 she completed a Master of Arts in Leadership from Royal Roads University, which serves her well in her current roles with the Nova Scotia government.

**YAZMINE LAROCHE**

Associate Deputy Minister, Infrastructure and Communities, Infrastructure Canada

Yazmine Laroche was appointed Associate Deputy Minister, Transport, Infrastructure and Communities on November 25, 2013.

She began her public service career at Transport Canada and has over twenty-five years of experience in public policy, program design and delivery, communications, strategic planning and corporate management. She has served in a number of federal departments, including Communications, Canadian Heritage, the Canada Information Office, Privy Council Office, Treasury Board Secretariat and Infrastructure Canada.

She was appointed to the position of Assistant Deputy Minister in 2000. In 2004, Ms. Laroche joined the Privy Council Office to develop the Government of Canada's "New Deal for Cities and Communities" where she led the team that developed the Gas Tax Fund and the Public Transit Fund.

Ms. Laroche is the Deputy Minister Champion for Federal Employees with Disabilities. She is an alumna of Carleton University and the past Chair of the Board of Muscular Dystrophy Canada.



PAUL LEDWELL, Clerk of the Executive Council and Secretary to Cabinet, and Deputy Minister of Policy and Priorities

In May 2015, Paul Ledwell was appointed Deputy Minister of Policy and Priorities and became the chief policy advisor to Premier Wade MacLauchlan. This new role combined the positions of Principal Secretary and Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental and Public Affairs. On June 20, 2016, Mr. Ledwell's responsibilities were extended, becoming the Clerk of Executive Council and Secretary to Cabinet. In this capacity, Paul provides leadership to the public service in implementing key policies in the government's mandate with a focus on people, prosperity and engagement. Working closely with the senior management team, Mr. Ledwell is taking a collaborative approach to moving forward the Government's priorities, including job creation, growing the economy and the population, effective family and human services, stewardship of land and environment, and healthcare.

Mr. Ledwell is a seasoned leader, with 25 years of senior-level experience in public policy, government affairs, strategic communications and research, including extensive work with partners in government, private and voluntary sectors, and the media. Throughout his career, Paul has established an extensive network of leaders in all sectors, with whom he collaborates regularly.

Prior to returning to Prince Edward Island for his current role, Mr. Ledwell served as Vice-President, Government Clients, with Morneau Shepell, Canada's leading provider of integrated human capital solutions. Between 2009 and 2014, he served as Executive Vice-President at Canada's Public Policy Forum, where he led the Forum's work on innovation, public governance and the economy and contributed to thought leadership in public finance, human capital, health and trade files.

Previously, he served as President of the Canadian-based think tank The Institute on Governance, as Director of Government Relations and Communications at the University of Ottawa, and as Executive Director of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Paul has led major national initiatives, including the National Summit on Pension Reform, the National Dialogue on Higher Education, the National Consortium for Research and the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences. He has been a regular commentator in the media and an invited speaker to conferences in Canada and around the world. Internationally, he has been engaged on issues related to democratic development and governance in Asia and the Middle East, and on innovation and higher

education policy in the United States and Europe. He has contributed, in a volunteer capacity, to many national organizations and currently contributes his time with several national and international organizations.

A native of Prince Edward Island, Paul and his wife Shelia are thrilled to be back on PEI after 23 years in Ottawa and Toronto.

PAUL LEDWELL, Greffier du Conseil exécutif, secrétaire du Cabinet et sous-ministre des politiques et priorités

En mai 2015, Paul Ledwell a été nommé sous-ministre des politiques et des priorités et est devenu le principal conseiller en politiques du premier ministre Wade MacLauchlan. Ce nouveau rôle cumule les fonctions de secrétaire principal et de sous-ministre des affaires intergouvernementales et publiques. Le 20 juin 2016, les responsabilités de M. Ledwell ont été élargies pour inclure celles de greffier du Conseil exécutif et secrétaire du Cabinet. À ce titre, il assure la direction de la fonction publique dans la mise en oeuvre des politiques clés du mandat gouvernemental axé sur la population, la prospérité et l'engagement. Travaillant étroitement avec l'équipe des cadres supérieurs, M. Ledwell privilégie une approche collaborative pour faire avancer les priorités du gouvernement, soit la création d'emploi, la croissance de l'économie et de la population, la prestation de services efficaces à la famille et à la personne, la conservation des terres et de l'environnement et la prestation de soins de santé.

M. Ledwell est un dirigeant chevronné, possédant 25 ans d'expérience de travail de cadre en politiques publiques, affaires gouvernementales, communications stratégiques et recherche, y compris du travail considérable auprès de partenaires gouvernementaux, des secteurs privé et volontaire ainsi que des médias. Au cours de sa carrière, Paul a établi un réseau important de leaders dans tous les secteurs, avec qui il collabore de façon régulière.

Avant de revenir à l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard pour occuper son poste actuel, M. Ledwell était vice-président du secteur des clients gouvernementaux auprès de Morneau Shepell, le plus important fournisseur de solutions intégrées en ressources humaines au Canada. Entre 2009 et 2014, il était vice-président administratif du Forum des politiques publiques, où il a dirigé les travaux du forum en matière d'innovation, de gouvernance publique et d'économie et contribué au leadership éclairé en finances publiques, capital humain, santé et commerce.

Il a été président de l'Institut sur la gouvernance, institution indépendante d'intérêt public; directeur des relations et des communications gouvernementales à l'Université d'Ottawa et directeur général de la Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines.

M. Ledwell a dirigé d'importantes initiatives nationales, notamment le Sommet national sur la réforme des pensions, le Dialogue national sur l'éducation supérieure, le Consortium canadien pour la recherche et le Congrès des sciences humaines. Il a agi régulièrement à titre de commentateur dans les médias et de conférencier lors de congrès au Canada et autour du monde. Sur le plan international, il a oeuvré dans les domaines du développement démocratique et de la gouvernance en Asie et au Moyen-Orient ainsi que des politiques d'innovation et d'études supérieures aux États-Unis et en Europe. À titre de bénévole, il a contribué à de nombreuses organisations nationales et internationales et continue de le faire.

Originaires de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard, Paul et son épouse Shelia sont ravis d'être de retour à l'Î.-P.-É. après avoir passé 23 ans à Ottawa et Toronto.

**KELLY LENDSAY**

President & CEO, INDIGENOUS WORKS
(formerly the Aboriginal Human Resource Council)

Kelly is a social entrepreneur who is internationally recognized as one of Canada's foremost innovators of workplace inclusion and partnership building. His dynamic communications style and social entrepreneurial success has earned him the reputation as an engaging thought leader, facilitator, and effective bridge-builder between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and companies creating trusted partnerships for new social and economic capital across Canada and abroad. A proud indigenous leader of Canadian of Cree, Métis, and European ancestry, with an unwavering passion for an inclusive society, he moves seamlessly between both worlds fostering a spirit of trust, relationship and healthy partnerships.

He was honored by the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) as one of their "100 Alumni of Influence" in the last century whose accomplishments have been recognized for influencing the growth and development of the university, the province, and the world during the last century.

Kelly spent over a decade in aquatics, recreation management and was the youngest chairman of the National Lifeguard Service. He earned his MBA in 1993, launched the first Aboriginal business education program in Canada at the University of Saskatchewan in 1995, and is the inaugural president of Indigenous Works leading the charge since 1998 to build stronger corporate-Indigenous engagements and growing the organization into an ISO certified enterprise. He has served on over a dozen corporate, crown, and non-profit boards in Canada and addressed more than 300 audiences in conferences, forums and workshops.

He resides in Saskatoon with his wife Shiela and they have five children. Kelly is active in running, kitesurfing, tae-kwon-do, golf and yoga.

**GILLES LEVASSEUR**

Professor, University of Ottawa

As a lawyer and university professor of law in management and economics, Gilles LeVasseur is active in constitutional language rights in Canada. He is a member of both the Ontario and Quebec Bar Associations, a member of business and health professional corporations, and has numerous undergraduate and graduate degrees. Mr. LeVasseur has been president of several associations and professional corporations including the Conseil de la Coopération de l'Ontario, the Regroupement des organismes du patrimoine franco-ontarien. He has published eight books, of which three directly address the situation of francophones in Ontario and Canada.

For over 25 years, Mr. LeVasseur has been an active member of key organizations working to promote the French language in Ontario and Canada. He is a committee member and leader on numerous community organizations supporting socio-culture, arts, health, heritage and French Ontario committees, including the Association des auteurs et auteurs de l'Ontario français, the constitutional expert on Language Rights Program and Opera Lyra of Ottawa.

**EDWARD MACDONALD**

Chair, Department of History, University of PEI

Edward MacDonald is Chair of the Department of History at the University of Prince Edward Island, where he teaches Canadian, Atlantic Region, and Prince Edward Island history. Among his eight books dealing with the social and cultural history of his native province are *If You're Stronghearted: Prince Edward Island in the Twentieth Century* (2000), *The History of St. Dunstan's University, 1855-1956* (1989), and *Cradling Confederation* (2013), the story of the founding of the Confederation Centre of the Arts, Canada's only memorial to the Fathers of Confederation. He is also co-editor of *Time and a Place: An Environmental History of Prince Edward Island*, published in 2016 by McGill-Queen's University Press, and with colleague Alan MacEachern, he is completing a history of tourism on Prince Edward Island.

In 2012 Doctor MacDonald received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for contributions to the culture and heritage of his native Prince Edward Island, in 2014 he was recognized with Heritage Canada's Lieutenant-Governor's Award, and in 2016, he was accorded the Canadian Catholic Historical Association's G. E. Clerk Award for outstanding service to the history of Catholicism in Canada. He lives in Charlottetown with his wife Sheila Lund.

**KENDRA MACDONALD**

Partner in Deloitte's Atlantic Risk Advisory / Chief Audit Executive of Deloitte Global

Kendra MacDonald is a Partner in Deloitte's Atlantic Risk Advisory practice based in St. John's, NL. As of January 2017, Kendra is also the Chief Audit Executive of Deloitte Global. Kendra has a passion for innovation and is a member of Deloitte's National Innovation Council, on the Private Sector Advisory Committee for the Business Innovation Agenda for the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and Chair of the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Technology Industries (NATI). Kendra was recently a judge for the first St. John's Hacking Health Hackathon weekend. In 2015/2016, Kendra established and led Deloitte's Montreal Greenhouse, a highly immersive and interactive meeting space facilitating sessions on a number of topics including exponential technology, innovation culture, strategy, analytics and digital. Kendra has worked with Deloitte for over 20 years in Canada, Australia, Hong Kong and Russia providing internal audit, cybersecurity, risk management and governance services.

**SHANNON MACDONALD**

Retired Deloitte Vice Chair

Shannon MacDonald is a retired Vice Chair from Deloitte. Prior to retiring, Shannon was responsible for the firm's industry programs. These programs ensure that staff are trained and staffed to handle client needs, specific to the industry they operate in, such as Oil & Gas, Mining, Public Sector, Consumer and Industrial Products, and Financial Institutions as well as emerging sectors such as FinTech, CleanTech, IOT, Indigenous Communities and Smart Cities.

Shannon enjoys working with private companies and with governments as well as sitting on boards. She spent four years as Deloitte's Lead Partner for the Government of Ontario. She has been a member of the Deloitte Global Board of Directors, the Executive Committee of Deloitte nationally and on the Canadian Board of Deloitte. She has also served as the firm's first Chief Inclusion Officer and as the national health care leader during her 27 years at Deloitte.

Shannon co-chairs a council on Inclusive Leadership for the Ontario Government. In addition she sits on the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer board, the Compute Ontario board and on the Partnership Council on Employers of Persons with Disabilities



for the Ontario Minister of Economic Development. She is a member of two UPEI Advisory Councils: School of Mathematics and Computations Sciences and the School of Business.

Shannon has a BBA from UPEI, a Chartered Accounting designation (CA, CPA) and a Masters of Health Science from University of Toronto. She has been recognized for two years as one of the Top 50 CEOs in Atlantic Canada and three times as one of Canada's 100 Most Powerful Women. She is also a Fellow Chartered Accountant.

ALMA MACDOUGALL

Cultural Support Worker, Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI Residential School Program

Alma MacDougall, B.Sc.N., R.N. is an Aboriginal Registered Nurse from the Abegweit First Nation community. She has experience working in the Aboriginal health and community health nursing within a First Nations Community. Alma graduated from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2001. Alma was the first Aboriginal Registered Nurse to work in Abegweit First Nation and worked there for three and half years.

Alma also has experience working with Elders and has experience working in Long Term Care for ten years.

Alma has worked at the local and national levels for Aboriginal and government organizations on various health issues. Alma has presented to a number of forums:

- the Romanow Commission
- the Blueprint for the Future of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation,
- University of Prince Edward Island Nursing classes
- Canadian Institute for Health Research.
- She has also presented at the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission, June 2010.
- Alma has also presented various educational classes such as: Prenatal health, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Indian Residential School and Mi'kmaq Culture.

Alma is also known for her work in promoting Mi'kmaq culture and health issues in Prince Edward Island. Alma is passionate about Aboriginal Health issues and her main goal of training as a nurse was to help improve the health of the Mi'kmaq people of Prince Edward Island. Alma has represented PEI as a past Board Member of the Aboriginal Nurse's Association of Canada.

Alma currently works as the Resolution Health Support Worker/ Cultural Support Provider for the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI supporting Indian Residential School Survivors and their families on Prince Edward Island. She has worked in this position since 2009 and continues to train and specialize in Trauma, PTSD as well as addictions. She has worked in Regional and National in this capacity. On a personal level, Alma is an amateur artist, who works in various mediums. She is most known for her photography and painting but also works with traditional crafts such as beading, leatherwork, and ceramics.



CHRIS MACPHERSON

Chief Administrative Officer, City of Fredericton

Chris is the Chief Administrative Officer with the City of Fredericton, New Brunswick. He began his career with the City of Fredericton 41 years ago as a laborer and moved up through the ranks joining the CAO's office in 2001. Chris is a former President of the IPAC Fredericton Regional group and a Past President of the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators. A graduate of the University of New Brunswick he holds undergraduate degrees in Physical Education and Business Administration and also holds a Master of Arts Degree from UNB. A Lean6Sigma Green and Black Belt his expertise is in process improvement. Chris also holds an ICD.D designation from the



Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto.

BARB MACQUARRIE

Community Director of the Centre for Research and Education on Violence against Women & Children in the Faculty of Education at the Western University

Barb MacQuarrie is the Community Director of the Centre for Research and Education on Violence against Women & Children in the Faculty of Education at the Western University. She develops and promotes evidence based education and prevention initiatives involving both community-based and university-based partners. Barb has presented to a wide variety of audiences locally, nationally and internationally about gendered violence, its impacts and strategies to address it. She has published in numerous journals and produced films on topics related to violence and abuse. Barb coordinated the first national Canadian study on the impacts of domestic violence on workers and the workplace. She convenes the International Domestic Violence at Work Network, which includes over 30 academics, advocates, unions and employer organizations from around the world. She is a recipient of the Order of Ontario, the province's highest official honour, recognizing individual excellence and achievement.



COLLEEN MCCORMICK

Director, Economic and Corporate Initiatives, Government of BC

Colleen McCormick is director of Economic Development & Corporate Initiatives, with the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism, and Skills Training, and former director of innovative partnerships in the Ministry of Social Development, where she managed social innovation. Among other things, Colleen teaches on Intrapreneurship, is the founder of Social Innovators Network, mentor for TEDxVictoria, and a blogger for Canadian Government Executive magazine.



FAITH MCINTYRE

Director General, Policy and Research Division, Veterans Affairs Canada

Faith was born in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island (PEI) and raised both in PEI and Saskatchewan, Canada. She holds a Master of Arts in Criminology and began her career as a Vocation Rehabilitation Caseworker with the Workers Compensation Board of Ontario. While there she worked on key policy files, including a re-design of the case management concept. She then spent a decade with Correctional Service Canada before joining Veterans Affairs Canada in 2007, where she has been Manager of the former Job Placement Program, Director of National Operations & Corporate Resourcing in Human Resources Division and Director of the Ste. Anne's Hospital Transfer Project. In 2014, she assumed the position of Director General, Policy and Research Division, where she directs the Department's research agenda and strategic and program policy work, including strategic partnerships in support of Veterans' priority programs in Homelessness, Employment and Families, Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach. She oversees research activities designed to better understand and ultimately enhance the well-being of Veterans' families. Faith is also co-chair of the Minister of Veterans Affairs' Advisory Group on Families. Faith's hard work and dedication were recognized in 2008 and 2014 by receiving the Veterans Affairs Canada Excellence Award for Leadership and in 2013 by receiving the Public Service Award of Excellence. An active member of the Prince Edward Island community, Faith lives in Charlottetown with her husband and two young daughters.



WILLIAM J MONTELPARE

Scientific Lead for the PEI SPOR: Primary and Integrated Healthcare Innovation Network

Professor William J. Montelpare, Ph.D., graduated from the University of Toronto with a Ph.D. in Community Health specializing in Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Exercise Science. His academic career began at Brock University in St. Catharines in 1986 as an assistant Professor in the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, where he served as the first Director of the Health Studies Program from 1991-1998. In July 1998, Dr. Montelpare moved to Lakehead University where he served as the Director of the School of Kinesiology, and later the Acting Dean of Graduate Studies, wherein he co-developed the first Masters of Public Health (MPH) program to be offered in Canada, and to be offered completely online. In 2010 he held a Research Chair as Professor of Allied Health Sciences at the University of Leeds (Leeds, UK).

In July 2012 he returned to Canada to accept the Margaret and Wallace McCain Chair in Human Development and Health at the University of Prince Edward Island.

As the Scientific Lead for the PEI SPOR: Primary and Integrated Healthcare Innovation Network, he is continuing to develop health and wellness opportunities through the Patient Centered Research Clinic at UPEI, and through studies on establishing a better evaluation criteria for return to work/play decisions following concussion, in addition to his research on human development from pre-conception through gestation to the first 2000 days.



GERRY MOORE

Chief Executive Officer, Island Waste Management Corporation

Gerry Moore has held the position of Chief Executive Officer of Island Waste Management Corporation (IWMC) since 2003. IWMC is the Provincial Crown Corporation responsible for all waste management initiatives, facilities and operations in the Province of Prince Edward Island. In his role as CEO it is Gerry's responsibility to operate a financially responsible and environmentally friendly waste management program to serve all residence and businesses in the Province of Prince Edward Island.

Some of the facilities and operations that fall under Gerry's management include; The Central Composting Facility that processes all the organic waste collected in the province, An energy from waste facility that utilizes burnable waste that is used as an energy source to heat and cool many government and private buildings, the East Prince Waste Management Facility the only remaining landfill in the province, 6 waste transfer stations, and a customer call center that is there to manage over 4.5 million residential collections provided by IWMC annually.

A Graduate from the University of Prince Edward Island School of Business in 1983, Gerry's prior work experience included over 20 years with the Irving Group of Companies where he held many supervisor and management positions.

Gerry and his Wife Janice have four children and reside in Charlottetown PEI.



HEATHER MORRISON

Chief Public Health Officer, Government of PEI

Dr. Heather G. Morrison was appointed Chief Public Health Officer in July 2007. A graduate of UPEI, Dr. Morrison was also Prince Edward Island's first female Rhodes Scholar. At Oxford University, she completed a Master's and a Doctoral degree, majoring in Comparative Social Research and Social Policy, with a doctoral dissertation in health policy decision-making. She returned to Canada for her medical training, graduating as an MD from Dalhousie University, followed by specialist training in Public Health at the University of Toronto. Dr. Morrison chairs the Canadian Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health, and has co-chaired the Provincial Infection Prevention and Control Program Advisory Committee for many years. Dr. Morrison was Acting Deputy



Minister of Health and Wellness for Prince Edward Island between April 2016 and mid-July 2016. Dr. Morrison has practiced medicine in Ontario, Saipan, and PEI, where she resides with her husband and 4 young children.

MARCIA NELSON

Deputy Minister of the Executive Council and Head of the Public Service, Government of Alberta

Marcia Nelson was named Deputy Minister of Executive Council on March 21, 2016 and assumed the role on April 16, 2016.

Since July 2015, Marcia has served as Associate Deputy Minister of Executive Council, providing strategic policy advice, effective operations and issues management, and support to the government decision making process. A key responsibility included providing leadership to the Alberta public service to strengthen leadership development and succession planning. Marcia also provided executive oversight on government's public sector negotiations and labour relations activities.

Born in rural Ontario, Marcia graduated with a Masters of Arts in Public Policy and Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Canadian Studies and Sociology from McMaster University.

Marcia began her career in public service working for the Ontario government for 13 years, and held a variety of policy, planning, and research positions in several ministries.

In 2002, Marcia came to Alberta and joined the public service as Assistant Deputy Minister of Strategic Services for Alberta Human Resources and Employment. In 2005, she helped establish and served as head of the Policy Coordination Office of Executive Council. During this time she led Alberta's Policy Capacity Initiative to strengthen policy development across Alberta's public service.

In 2008, Marcia was appointed Deputy Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs (2008-2011). She has since served as Deputy Minister of Health (2011 to 2013); Infrastructure (2013-2014); and Innovation and Advanced Education (2014-2015).

Her key accomplishments include developing Alberta's first 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness; implementing new models of team-based, community focused health care; developing and implementing government's \$25 billion 2014-17 Capital Plan; and leading initiatives to enhance post-secondary sustainability and economic diversification for Alberta.

She completed the Institute of Corporate Directors' Directors Education Program in 2013, receiving the Director designation and has served on national, provincial and community and non-profit boards.



KATIE NORMAN

Executive Director, Executive Council – Cabinet Secretariat, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

Katie Norman first joined the Newfoundland and Labrador public service in 2007. Since that time, she has worked in a variety of policy areas, including intergovernmental affairs, climate change, labour market development and demographics. Katie has also worked in the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations (IIR) with the Government of Alberta.

Katie was seconded to Cabinet Secretariat in July 2015 and then moved on to serve as a Senior Advisor in the Government Renewal Secretariat, a project team established to lead transformation of the public sector in response to fiscal challenges in Newfoundland and Labrador. Ms. Norman is currently the Executive Director, Planning and Coordination with the Office of the Executive Council, where she is responsible for

policy capacity and policy innovation in the provincial public sector.

Katie's work as a public servant has been recognized with an Alberta IIR Team Award in 2008 for work on the inaugural Alberta-Saskatchewan Joint Cabinet Meeting and with a Newfoundland and Labrador Public Service Award of Excellence in 2015 for her leadership on developing a cross-government strategy to grow the province's population. Ms. Norman holds a Master of Public Administration from Queen's University, and Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in political science and Certificate in Public Administration from Memorial University. She lives in St. John's with her husband Greg, and their son, Tom.



TIM O'LOAN

Policy Analyst for Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Tim O'Loan is a Sahtu Dene from the NWT. Tim is a proud veteran having served 10 years (1983-1993) in the military before starting his undergraduate degree in Political Science and his professional career. From 1998-2006, Tim was a Negotiator and an Intergovernmental Relations Analyst for the Government of the NWT. He then moved to Ottawa for his MA in Canadian Studies at Carleton. Tim was asked to join the TRC in 2010 as the Advisor to the TRC Chair, Senator Murray Sinclair. While Tim was with the TRC he made a number of presentations on Reconciliation to a range of institutions and number of stakeholders. Now back in the federal government Tim has permission to continue to share his unique perspective through delivering his presentations across the Government of Canada and the private sector. His presentations and discussions are meant to educate, enlighten and inspire greater understanding and Reconciliation.



GREG ORENSAK

Partner, Government and Public Sector, EY

As part of EY's team, Greg Orenszak works with government clients to drive transformational change. Greg supports clients as they look to tackle disruption and make the necessary public policy and economic decisions that will enable them to innovate and better serve citizens.

Over a career that now spans almost two decades, Greg has become a seasoned public sector leader who delivers results and champions innovation. Prior to joining EY, Greg served as the Province of Ontario's deputy minister of the Treasury Board. In prior roles, he was the deputy minister in the Ministry of Government Services and associate deputy minister of Finance. He was also Chair of Ontario's Public Service Commission. Greg is an executive that excels at leading transformation, financial policy and management, policy development, implementation and strategic planning.



KEVIN PAGE

Former Parliamentary Budget Officer

Kevin Page is the founding President and CEO of the Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy at the University of Ottawa.

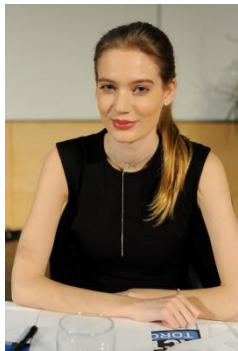
Mr. Page was appointed Canada's first Parliamentary Budget Officer on March 25, 2008 where he served a five-year term. Mr. Page led a talented team that built the first legislative budget office in Canada, viewed as a leading practice among peer nations by such organizations as the IMF and OECD.

Following his tenure as PBO and a 27-year career in the public service, Mr. Page was appointed Jean-Luc Pepin Research Chair at the University of Ottawa where he designed and taught courses in public finance and economics and oversaw research and advisory projects in Canada and around the world.

A globally recognized authority on fiscal matters, Mr. Page serves as advisor to the South African Parliamentary Budget Office, the Slovakian Fiscal Council, and the Global

Network of Parliamentary Budget Offices (GN-PBO).

Mr. Page was born in Fort William (Thunder Bay), Ontario. His undergraduate education took place at Lakehead University (Ontario) & Simon Fraser University (British-Columbia) and he has an M.A. in Economics from Queen's University. Mr. Page lives in Ottawa, is married and is the father of three children.



CLARA PASIEKA

York University

Clara Pasioka is preparing to graduate from York University's Masters in Public Policy, Law and Public Administration program in October 2017. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts with High Distinction from the University of Toronto in Political Science and Theatre and is an alumnus of the Jack Layton Leadership School at Ryerson University. She was elected as the youngest Vice President of the union, ACTRA Toronto, in 2016. She has been the co-chair of ACTRA Toronto's youth committee, YEAA, for performers who play 17-30 on screen, since 2013. Clara has spoken at the Ontario legislature towards bill 17 (originally 71) and the Canadian Labour Congress about the needs of young performers and precarious workers. She has been involved in small political groups and with various non-partisan Get Out the Vote efforts since before #VoteSelfie was a thing. When not working in government relations, public administration or activism, she is an actor, writer and producer. She is currently best known as Amy Dudley on *Reign* (CW) and as series regular Clara Walker on the Canadian Screen Award nominated, *Inhuman Condition* (Shaftesbury/Smokebomb). Her current screenwriting involves grappling with the complexities of multiculturalism from various perspectives.



SAÄD RAFI

Partner and National Public Sector Leader at Deloitte LLP

Saäd Rafi is a Partner and the National Public Sector Leader at Deloitte LLP, a global leader in serving the public sector.

He was most recently the CEO of the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan Administration Corporation (ORPPAC). He joined the organization in January 2016. Rafi was responsible for implementation the Ontario Pension Plan; and, the ORPPAC has been credited with helping to galvanize the provinces and federal government in achieving a national CPP Enhancement.

Prior to this role, Rafi was the CEO of the Toronto2015 Pan Am Parapan Am Games Organizing Committee. Under his leadership the Organizing Committee delivered the largest multi-sport event in Canadian history. In addition, the Organizing Committee delivered a very successful Games and returned \$106 Million back to the Provincial and Federal governments.

Prior to this role Rafi was the Deputy Minister of Health and Long Term Care, from 2010 to 2014. During his tenure the Ministry undertook the most ambitious and significant transformation of the health system in a generation.

Rafi has held the following Deputy Minister positions during his 24 year OPS career: Community Safety (formerly Public Safety and Policing Services), Transportation and Energy and Infrastructure. He was first appointed to the role of Deputy Minister in February 2003.

From 2005 to 2008, Rafi was a partner at Deloitte and Touche, LLP where he started and successfully built a national Infrastructure Advisory and Project Finance practice.

He has also held senior management positions in the Ministries of Economic Development and Trade, Cabinet Office, Transportation, and the Ontario SuperBuild Corporation, an Agency of the Ministry of Finance.

**HON. MICHELLE REMPEL**

Member of Parliament, Alberta

Michelle is a Canadian Member of Parliament. She has served in cabinet as the Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification and as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment. She presently serves as the Shadow Minister for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship.

Michelle has a professional background in intellectual property management and technology transfer. Prior to her election, Michelle directed the sponsored research portfolio of a top Canadian university, and was a senior consultant with a Canadian management consulting firm.

Michelle holds a degree in economics. She has been named one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women by the Women's Executive Network, one of Calgary's "Top 40 under 40", one of Alberta's "50 Most Influential People", and twice named a Canadian "Parliamentarian of the Year". Michelle is also a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum.

**RICHARD ROCHEFORT**

President, Dare to Lead

Richard Rochefort is an expert in management, leadership and learning in the public sector. He is perfectly bilingual. He is a certified executive coach, excellent facilitator and outstanding public speaker. He has extensive experience facilitating strategic planning sessions, executive retreats, management forums, and staff general assemblies. Through storytelling, practical examples and interactive exercises, he delivers dynamic workshops, learning sessions and keynote addresses on various topics such as leadership, teamwork, service excellence and organizational culture change. He served as a senior executive for 23 of his 35 years in the Public Service of Canada. He retired in 2012 as Vice-President (ADM) of the Canada School of Public Service and prior to that, served for six years as Senior Director General of the Service Canada College. Throughout his career, he devoted relentless effort to the renewal of the public service using coaching, mentoring and learning as strategic levers to create and sustain a culture of public service excellence. He is currently working internationally and across Canada on reinforcing public institutions.

**RICHARD SAILLANT**

Economist and Author

Richard Saillant is a Moncton-based economist and author. Richard is a former vice-president of the Université de Moncton and former director of the Donald J. Savoie Institute, a public policy research organization. He has also spent nearly fifteen years in Ottawa in various departments, including the Privy Council Office, Industry Canada and Transport Canada. Immediately prior to returning to New Brunswick in 2011, Richard was a director general at Industry Canada, where he advised the government on large foreign takeover proposals, including BHP's failed attempt to acquire Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan, the largest takeover proposal in Canadian history.

Richard is the author of four books, including *Over the Cliff? Acting Now to Avoid New Brunswick's Bankruptcy* (2014) and *Shale Gas in New Brunswick: Towards a Better Understanding* (2014, co-edited with David Campbell). His most recent book, *A Tale of Two Countries: How the Great Demographic Imbalance is Pulling Canada Apart* (Nimbus, 2016) was a finalist for the *National Business Book Award*.

RICHARD SAILLANT

un économiste et auteur

Richard Saillant est un économiste et auteur établi à Moncton. Il a été vice-recteur à

l'Université de Moncton et directeur de l'Institut Donald J. Savoie, un organisme de recherche en politiques publiques. Ancien haut fonctionnaire, il a passé une quinzaine d'années à Ottawa où il occupé différents postes, y compris au Bureau du Conseil privé, Transports Canada et Industrie Canada. Immédiatement avant son retour au Nouveau-Brunswick en 2011, Richard était directeur-général à Industrie Canada, où il a conseillé le gouvernement sur les prises de contrôle de grandes entreprises canadiennes, y compris la tentative échouée de BHP d'acquérir la Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan, laquelle aurait été la plus grande transaction de l'histoire du Canada.

Richard est auteur de quatre livres, y compris *Au bord du gouffre? Agir dès maintenant pour éviter la faillite du Nouveau-Brunswick* (2014) et *Shale Gas in New Brunswick: Towards a Better Understanding* (co-dirigé avec David Campbell). Son plus récent livre, *Deux pays: le Canada à l'ère du Grand Déséquilibre démographique*, traite de l'avenir démographique du pays et de ses conséquences sur les soins de santé et autres programmes sociaux. *Deux pays* a été finaliste pour le *National Business Book Award*, l'un des plus prix littéraires les plus prestigieux au Canada.



NICK SCOTT

Executive Director, Open Government and Innovation in Executive Council Office at the Government of New Brunswick

Nick Scott is Executive Director, Open Government and Innovation in Executive Council Office at the Government of New Brunswick. Most recently he served as Executive Director of the NB Social Policy Research Network (NBSPRN); a partnership between the Government of New Brunswick and the province's Post-Secondary Institutions with the mission of advancing evidence-based policy development and citizen engagement through Networked Governance. At NBSPRN Nick founded the GovMaker Conference, the NouLAB public and social innovation lab, and hosted the 2016 Canadian Open Data Summit.



ROBERT SHEPHERD

Associate Professor, School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University

Robert P. Shepherd is Associate Professor in the School of Public Policy and Administration at Carleton University. He is responsible for supervising the Diploma in Public Policy and Program Evaluation (DPPE), which is an online program that attracts 20-25 students from around the world annually. He is the current President of the Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration (CAPPA), which represents more than twenty graduate and undergraduate schools across Canada. He is also Past-President of the Consortium of Universities for Evaluation Education (CUEE), which represents Canadian graduate schools working in program evaluation.

His research interests concern ethics in government, Canadian administrative reforms, Indigenous public administration and funding models, and policy and program evaluation. He is currently completing a book on ethics case studies for graduate students, and Indigenous government to Crown funding models in an era of reconciliation. In addition, he is a senior researcher and evaluator on a major SSHRC project evaluating youth wellness and empowerment programs in Indigenous communities in northwestern Ontario.

ROBERT SHEPHERD

Professeur agrégé, École de politique publique et d'administration, Université Carleton

Rob Shepherd s'est joint à l'École de politique publique et d'administration en septembre 2007. Il se spécialise dans les domaines de la gestion de programme et de la responsabilité, de l'évaluation de programme et de l'autonomie gouvernementale des Autochtones. Depuis 1986, il est expert-conseil et partenaire à Delsys Research Inc., une société d'experts-conseils en matière de politique et de gestion située à Ottawa

(Ontario), qui se spécialise dans les méthodes de recherche, l'évaluation de programme et l'analyse de politique. Il a donné des conseils et a mené des projets auprès de ministères et d'organismes tels qu'Affaires indiennes et du Nord canadien, Santé Canada, le Secrétariat du Conseil du Trésor et l'École de la fonction publique du Canada. En 2006-2007, il a mis sa carrière d'expert conseil entre parenthèses pendant un an pour assumer le rôle de directeur de l'évaluation intégrée à l'Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments (ACIA).

Ses intérêts de recherche touchent différentes questions de politique publique, telles que l'autonomie gouvernementale des Autochtones, la réforme réglementaire, les questions de compréhension entre le secteur public et le secteur privé, et la réforme de la gestion du secteur public. Il détient une maîtrise en administration publique de l'Université Carleton (1988), une maîtrise en administration des affaires de l'Université d'Ottawa (1993) et un doctorat en politique publique et administration publique de l'Université de Toronto (2006).

Il vit à Ottawa avec sa femme, Karen.



SENATOR MURRAY SINCLAIR

Former Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Senator Sinclair served the justice system in Manitoba for over 25 years. He was the first Aboriginal Judge appointed in Manitoba and Canada's second.

He served as Co-Chair of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry in Manitoba and as Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). As head of the TRC, he participated in hundreds of hearings across Canada, culminating in the issuance of the TRC's report in 2015. He also oversaw an active multi-million dollar fundraising program to support various TRC events and activities, and to allow survivors to travel to attend TRC events.

Senator Sinclair has been invited to speak throughout Canada, the United States and internationally, including the Cambridge Lectures for members of the Judiciary of various Commonwealth Courts in England.

He served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Manitoba. He was very active within his profession and his community and has won numerous awards, including the National Aboriginal Achievement Award, the Manitoba Bar Association's Equality Award (2001) and its Distinguished Service Award (2016) and has received Honorary Doctorates from 8 Canadian universities. Senator Sinclair was appointed to the Senate on April 2, 2016.



JULIAN STODD

Writer and consultant on the Social Age

Captain and Founder of SeaSaltLearning and Author of *The Social Leadership Handbook* and *Exploring the World of Social Learning*

Julian Stodd is a writer and consultant on the Social Age. He specialises in exploring learning design, the role of communities, social collaborative technology and social leadership. Author of eight books, including 'Exploring the World of Social Learning', and 'The Social Leadership Handbook', and over a thousand articles and blog posts, Julian works on strategy and delivery with many global organisations. You can find his latest writing at www.julianstodd.wordpress.com.

Julian is the founder of Sea Salt Learning, where he helps organisations get fit for the Social Age. Clients include financial services, military, manufacturing and petrochemical, as well as healthcare and charity. Julian splits his time between writing and working around the world, exploring the strategy and implementation of learning, leadership and cultural change.

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SHAUNA SULLIVAN CURLEY

Ethics and Integrity Commissioner for the Government of Prince Edward Island

Shauna Sullivan Curley was appointed the Ethics and Integrity Commissioner for the Government of Prince Edward Island on March 31, 2015. She started out her career in the private practice of law, and joined the Prince Edward Island public service as a departmental solicitor in 1989. From 1995 until 2013 she served in various deputy minister roles with the Prince Edward Island government, including Justice and Attorney General, Education and Early Childhood Development, Environment, and Labour. For several years, she was the Chair of the PEI Deputy Ministers' Council.

In 2006 Shauna received the IPAC Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service. She is a past president of the PEI Branch of the Canadian Bar Association and Community Legal Information Association of Prince Edward Island.

An active community volunteer, Shauna is a member of the national Board of Directors of the Canadian Cancer Society and the Board of Governors of the University of Prince Edward Island. She is an elder and trustee at the Kirk of St. James in Charlottetown.



JEAN-PHILIPPE TABET

Assistant Director, Policy, Evaluation, Regulation, Communications, Service Curriculum, Canada School of Public Service

Since he joined the school in December 2012, Jean-Philippe has contributed to the redesign and conversion of the policy, communication, regulation and evaluation courses. As a member of the Faculty, he was also involved (and still is occasionally) in teaching and facilitating course delivery. He contributes also to the development of many other initiatives such the Speaker's Bureau, cases studies, gaming approaches and external partnerships, as well as providing extensive policy guidance.

Previously, with Employment and Social Development for 7 years, as Senior Analysts and Assistant Director, Jean-Philippe was engaged in strategic planning and coordination, knowledge innovations, knowledge events and products, data management, and strategic policy and research, through the ESDC Knowledge and Research Plans, the Indicators of Well-Being, and the Knowledge Portal. He also managed external partnerships through the Sector Council Program and the Foreign Credential Recognition Program. At the Department of Heritage Canada, Jean-Philippe worked as Senior Analyst and coordinator for the Partnership Program to enable online digital collections (Canadian Culture Online Program).

Jean-Philippe holds a Master of Arts, Université Paris Sorbonne.



THILAK TENNEKONE

Diversity Consultant, Public Service Commission, Government of Prince Edward Island

Thilak Tennekone has a number years experience in the areas of immigration, multicultural promotion / education and cultural diversity programs. Over the past 17 of years, Thilak has worked as the Diversity Consultant with the Public Service Commission, Government of Prince Edward Island. Thilak is responsible for the diversity policy development, implementation, research, and diversity management within the PEI Public Sector. Thilak also works as the Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee with the Town of Stratford. Thilak has played an active role in the community serving with a number of organizations, advocacy groups, ethno cultural associations, and community organizations. Thilak was recognized as a one of top 25 immigrants to Canada in 2015. He also received the 2016 Human Rights Award for advancing Human Rights and Equality in PEI

Thilak received his Masters Degree of Education from the University of Prince Edward Island in 2006. He obtained a Diploma in Adult Education in 2001. Thilak also holds a



Bachelor of Arts Degree, Major in Sociology.

JIM THOMPSON

Research Medical Advisor, Veterans Affairs Canada

Dr. Jim Thompson MD CCFP (EM) FCFP is the Research Medical Advisor in the Research Directorate at Veterans Affairs Canada. Prior to medicine, Jim served as an Infantry reservist in the Canadian Forces and was a research biologist in the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Jim held faculty appointments in the Department of Family Medicine at The University of Calgary where he was Director of the Alberta Family Practice Research Network, in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Dalhousie University, and recently as Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at Queen's University. Jim's research interests and publications are the well-being of Veterans and the intersection of science and policy.



JANE WASHBURN

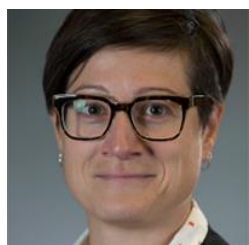
Chief of Strategy Management, Office of Strategy Management, Executive Council Office, Government of New Brunswick

Jane is the Chief of Strategy Management for the Government of New Brunswick. She and her team are responsible for developing the principles, methods and tools by which public service leaders can enhance alignment and execution of strategy, drive improvement results and build a sustainable high performance culture.

Jane was previously the Vice president of Human Resources and Corporate Services with the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation, where she developed and facilitated the strategic planning process that resulted in significant organizational performance improvement.

Prior to that, Jane spent 20 years in performance improvement, strategy management and human resources with leading private sector businesses including Steelcase Canada and J.D. Irving Limited, along with various volunteer roles.

Jane has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, is a Certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt and a Certified Professional in Human Resources.



LAURA WESLEY

Executive Director, Consultations and Public Engagement, Privy Council Office, Government of Canada

Laura has a track record of disrupting the status quo to bring about results. Her knowledge of, and interest in, systems change, service design, and human motivation form a lens through which to consider new ways of working together. After more than a decade working in the federal public service, she's come to believe that working across boundaries – sectors, disciplines and organizations – results in better outcomes for everyone. In guiding individuals and teams, Laura shows an unwavering commitment to supporting people through change. When she's not reading, writing, thinking, mind mapping, or sleeping, she can be found tweeting under the moniker @resultsjunkie.

LAURA WESLEY

Directrice Exécutive, Consultations et Mobilisation du Public, Bureau du Conseil Privé, Gouvernement du Canada

Laura a la réputation d'ébranler le statu quo pour obtenir des résultats. Ses connaissances et son intérêt pour les changements apportés aux systèmes, pour la conception des services et la motivation humaine sont des aspects qui doivent guider notre examen des nouvelles façons de collaborer. Après plus de dix ans d'expérience à la fonction publique fédérale pendant, elle en est venue à la conclusion que le fait de transcender les frontières – secteurs, disciplines et organisations – dans son travail

donne de meilleurs résultats pour tous. En guidant les personnes et les équipes, Laura fait preuve d'un engagement indéfectible dans le soutien qu'elle apporte aux gens pour les aider en période de changement. Lorsqu'elle ne s'adonne pas à la lecture, à la rédaction, à la réflexion, à la schématisation conceptuelle ou... au sommeil, elle envoie des gazouillis sous le nom @resultsjunkie.



TARAN WASSON

Policy Analyst, Chief Information Officer Branch, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, Government of Canada

Taran Wasson is currently with the Open Government team at the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, Government of Canada. He was most recently with the Privy Council Office and has previously worked with Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), Labour Program and Canada Border Services Agency in a policy capacity.

Taran serves as the First Vice-Chair, Institute of Public Administration of Canada - National Capital Region, and has been with the IPAC-NCR Board since 2014. From 2012 to 2014, he was the National Co-Chair of YMAGIN, ESDC's youth professional network, which he led to become the largest departmental employee-led youth network and actively worked with senior management to advance key priorities (e.g., Blueprint 2020 and innovation). He is happy to connect with like-minded professionals on Twitter @TaranWasson and LinkedIn.



MICHAEL WERNICK

Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet, Government of Canada

Michael Wernick became Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet on January 22, 2016.

Mr. Wernick joined the federal public service in 1981. Since then he has worked in various departments and agencies, including the Department of Finance Canada, Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada, and the Privy Council Office.

He has held several senior leadership roles, including:

- Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council and Associate Secretary to the Cabinet (2014-2016)
- Senior Advisor, Privy Council Office (2014)
- Deputy Minister, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (2006-2014)
- Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Plans and Consultations, Privy Council Office (2003-2006)
- Assistant Deputy Minister and Associate Deputy Minister, Canadian Heritage (1996-2003)

Mr. Wernick holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Economics from the University of Toronto. He served on the Board of Governors of Carleton University from 2010 to 2017.

In 2012, Mr. Wernick received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

MICHAEL WERNICK

Greffier du Conseil privé et secrétaire du Cabinet, Gouvernement du Canada

Michael Wernick a été nommé greffier du Conseil privé et secrétaire du Cabinet le 22 janvier 2016.

M. Wernick s'est joint à la fonction publique en 1981. Depuis lors, il a occupé des postes au sein de divers ministères et organismes, dont le ministère des Finances Canada, Consommation et Affaires commerciales Canada, et le Bureau du Conseil privé.

Il a été titulaire de plusieurs postes de la haute direction, y compris :

- sous-greffier du Conseil privé et secrétaire associé du Cabinet (2014-2016),

- conseiller principal au Bureau du Conseil privé (2014),
- sous-ministre d'Affaires autochtones et Développement du Nord Canada (2006-2014),
- sous-secrétaire du Cabinet, Planification et consultations, Bureau du Conseil privé (2003-2006),
- sous-ministre adjoint et sous-ministre délégué à Patrimoine canadien (1996-2003).

M. Wernick est titulaire d'un baccalauréat et d'une maîtrise en économie de l'Université de Toronto. Il a siégé au Bureau des gouverneurs de l'Université Carleton de 2010 à 2017.

En 2012, M. Wernick s'est vu décerner la Médaille du jubilé de diamant de la reine Elizabeth II.



DAWN WILSON

Executive Director, PEI Coalition for Women in Government

Dawn Wilson is the Executive Director of the PEI Coalition for Women in Government, a multi-partisan organization dedicated to increasing opportunities for women to be elected to all levels of government in PEI. Since forming in 2003, the Coalition has worked with stakeholders across PEI to identify and reduce barriers to women's participation in government. As an older millennial, Dawn has a special interest in the role social media plays in shaping women's leadership experience. Dawn holds a BA in Women's Studies from St. St. Francis Xavier University, and is currently working toward completing her MA in Women and Gender Studies from Mount Saint Vincent University. In addition to her work within the community, Dawn manages a blueberry farm and woodlot in Eastern PEI.



GINA WILSON

Deputy Minister of Status of Women Canada

Gina Wilson began her career in her First Nation community of Kitigan-Zibi as Executive Director of Health and Social Services and as Director of the Wanaki Treatment Centre. Ms. Wilson was a Senior Manager with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), a national Aboriginal organization representing First Nation communities in Canada when she joined the Federal Government in 1996 and for five years served as Director General, Aboriginal Affairs at Correctional Service Canada. In 2003, she became Director General at Human Resources Skills Development Canada, before moving to the Privy Council Office (PCO) in 2005 as Director General of Engagement, where she organized a First Ministers Meeting.

Ms. Wilson was appointed in 2006 as Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) with Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada and was a partner in the implementation of a settlement agreement for approximately 80,000 survivors of Indian Residential Schools in Canada. Her office oversaw the co-ordination of events leading to the Prime Minister's historic Apology on June 11, 2008. She then was named Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations, at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and was responsible for the implementation of operations and programming in seven regions. She was also a participant in the Advanced Leadership Program (ALP) in 2009.

Ms. Wilson was Assistant Deputy Minister of Emergency Management and Regional Operations at Public Safety Canada in 2011-2013, where she lead a national emergency management system and strategies to reduce and mitigate disasters in Canada and then was Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Treaties and Aboriginal Government at Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada focused on reconciling Aboriginal and Crown interests through the negotiation and implementation of modern treaties.

Ms. Wilson was then appointed as Associate Deputy Minister at Employment and Social Development Canada in March, 2014 where she served the Minister of State for Seniors

and the Minister of State for Social Development, while tackling departmental efforts to reduce the backlog at the Social Security Tribunal. In addition, Ms. Wilson led initiatives such as "Job Bank/Job Match" - a national website to match employers and job seekers and several additional corporate and workplace initiatives.

Most recently, Ms. Wilson was appointed Associate Deputy Minister of Public Safety Canada where she focused her efforts on transforming the department to a healthy and caring workplace, and led files such as cannabis legislation, firearms and criminal justice reform.

Gina Wilson was appointed Deputy Minister of Status of Women Canada on May 23, 2017.

GINA WILSON

sous-ministre de Condition féminine Canada

Gina Wilson a débuté sa carrière directement auprès des clients de sa collectivité de la Première Nation de Kitigan Zibi à titre de directrice générale de la Santé et des Services sociaux ainsi que de directrice du Centre de traitement Wanaki. Madame Wilson exerçait les fonctions de cadre supérieure de l'Assemblée des Premières Nations, une organisation autochtone représentant les communautés des Premières Nations au Canada, lorsqu'elle s'est jointe au gouvernement fédéral en 1996 à titre de directrice générale à Service correctionnel du Canada. En 2003, madame Wilson devient directrice générale au sein de Ressources humaines et Développement des compétences Canada, avant d'occuper le poste de directrice générale de l'engagement au sein du Bureau du Conseil privé en 2005. Au cours de son mandat au Bureau du Conseil privé, elle a organisé la première rencontre des premiers ministres.

En 2006, madame Wilson a été nommée sous ministre adjointe (SMA) de l'organisme Résolution des questions des pensionnats indiens Canada et a participé à la mise en œuvre d'une convention de règlement pour quelque 80 000 survivantes et survivants des pensionnats indiens au Canada. Son bureau a supervisé la coordination des événements qui ont donné lieu à la Présentation des excuses historique du premier ministre le 11 juin 2008. Par la suite, elle a été nommée SMA principale des Opérations régionales au sein d'Affaires indiennes et du Nord Canada, où elle était responsable des opérations et des programmes dans sept régions. En outre, elle a participé, en 2009, au Programme avancé en leadership.

En 2011-2013, madame Wilson a exercé les fonctions de SMA du Secteur de la gestion des mesures d'urgence et des opérations régionales au sein de Sécurité publique Canada, où elle a dirigé l'établissement d'un système et de stratégies de gestion des urgences à l'échelle nationale visant à réduire et à atténuer les catastrophes au Canada. Par la suite, elle est devenue SMA principale du Bureau des traités et gouvernement autochtone au sein d'Affaires autochtones et Développement du Nord Canada, et dans le cadre de ses fonctions, a mis l'accent sur la conciliation des intérêts des Autochtones et de l'État au moyen de la négociation et de la mise en œuvre de traités modernes.

Madame Wilson a ensuite été nommée, en mars 2014, sous-ministre déléguée de l'Emploi et du Développement social Canada, où elle a travaillé pour la ministre d'État (Aînés) et la ministre d'État (Développement social), tout en participant aux efforts ministériels visant à réduire l'arriéré de travail au Tribunal de la sécurité sociale. De plus, madame Wilson a mené plusieurs initiatives ministérielles liées au marché du travail, comme « Guichet-emplois/Jumelage-emploi », un site Web national servant à jumeler les employeurs et les personnes à la recherche d'un emploi.

Madame Wilson a par la suite été nommée sous-ministre adjointe au ministère de la Sécurité publique Canada où elle a consacré ses efforts à la transformation du ministère en un milieu de travail sain et bienveillant et piloté divers dossiers, comme les lois sur le cannabis et les armes à feu ainsi que la réforme du système de justice pénale.

Le 23 mai 2017, Gina Wilson a été nommée au poste de sous-ministre de Condition féminine Canada.

**CHRIS ZHOU**

Prime Minister's Youth Council – Prince Edward Island Representative

As a member of the Prime Minister's Youth Council, Chris Zhou believes that a leader's duty is not to collect more followers, but to foster new leaders. Leading by empowerment, Chris provides young people around him with the skills and opportunities to become the leaders of today. He currently studies Health Sciences at McMaster University where he co-coordinates the city's Collective Impact project on youth employment. Having dedicated more than 1,000 hours of community service to the Island that welcomed his family with generous hearts, Chris recently gave a Walrus Talk in Charlottetown about selfish volunteerism. (<https://youtube/SgoAYL1h9xl>)