

PARKLAND INSTITUTE'S 20TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE



SHIFTING GEARS

Transitioning to the Future Economy

November 18 – 20

ETLC Building, University of Alberta

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This year's conference will explore the many transitions in the public services, economy, environment and the nature of work in Alberta, Canada, and the world.

The way we perceive and understand government, the economy, and society has changed dramatically over the last two decades, and with that change comes the need for us to challenge ourselves to consider public policy alternatives.

New governments in Alberta and Ottawa provide an opportunity for progressives to propose and promote alternatives in ways we have not been able to for some time. The conference will provide a space to discuss and formulate what those alternatives might look like in future.

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Greetings from Parkland Institute Director

Trevor Harrison

Welcome to Parkland's 20th annual fall conference. Parkland has long prided itself on addressing topics that are both current and vitally important to the economic, political, and social health of Albertans and Canadians at large. Being the 20th, this is an especially momentous event.

Alberta is changing – has changed! We will not be returning to the old Alberta. But what is the way forward? The title of this year's conference, "Shifting Gears: Transitioning to the Future Economy," works from the premise that it is not good enough to merely diagnose but we must prescribe solutions to the many problems Alberta, Canada, and the world face.

Parkland has long argued that no one issue can be separated from a host of other, interrelated social and political issues. This conference highlights that approach.

Oil, the commodity at the heart of Alberta's resource-based economy for so long, provides an obvious example. Some see Alberta's issues as solely about oil. Calls come to "Bring back \$100 oil and everything will be fine" or "Build pipelines." As this conference shows, the issue is larger and more complicated than this. The political economy of oil production has changed fundamentally. Alberta

must confront a world market characterized by over-production, geopolitical uncertainty, and new labour markets.

Beyond these more traditional complexities, Alberta's economy must take into account environment and justice concerns, especially as related to Canada's Indigenous peoples; concerns too long ignored; too long buried.

If oil is to take a smaller role in Alberta, what will replace it? Where will be the jobs? While many of our speakers address these specific questions, all recognize also that the economy is not who we are. It is a means, not an end.

And so this conference also examines the social transitions that must occur if Alberta is to successfully navigate the future; such issues as the emerging shape of the media, health, social welfare, and employment policy.

Any period of transition is stressful. Anxiety in the face of the unknown is understandable. But it does no good to hide one's eyes, or to cast them back in the direction of nostalgia. The task is to look ahead, clear-eyed and with a purpose; noting the problems as they really exist, while pursuing the solutions that will work.

And doing so, always, together!

Parkland's conferences provide the opportunity to meet new people and catch up on old friendships. As in the past, I hope this conference also informs you and inspires you to act. Please renew your Parkland membership, and make a donation, so Parkland can continue to make a difference. Parkland relies on contributions from you, and people like you, to thrive. Finally, I want to personally invite you to come speak with me to discuss your concerns and insights.

Warm regards to all,

Trevor Harrison

*The Director and Co-founder,
Parkland Institute*

FRIDAY

November 18, 2016

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
ETLC ROOM 1-001

KEYNOTE

Marilyn Waring

30 years later: Are we still 'Counting for Nothing'?

Marilyn will reflect on the GDP and changes and strategies emerging since 1989, the year her classic critique was published. What has been critical and radical, what has been sadly strategically astray, and what has added to the destructive power of this over-rated indicator?

SATURDAY

November 19, 2016

8:30 am – 9:00 am Doors Open ETLC Lobby

9:00 am – 10:15 am
1-001, ETLC

PLENARY

Eriel Deranger

Recognizing Indigenous rights and creating climate solutions

The rights and knowledge of Indigenous peoples are internationally recognized, affirmed by Canadian constitution, Treaty and the UN Declaration on the rights of Indigenous peoples. They're recognized within the international climate agreement, the Paris Accord, and highlight the urgent need to build climate change solutions that include Indigenous peoples.

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ETLC Lobby

BREAK

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10:45 am – 12:00 pm
A. 1-013, ETLC

CONCURRENT

The Changing Political-Economy of Resource Extraction

Gabrielle Slowey, York University

Searching for Sustainability: Indigenous peoples, ecological governance and resource extraction

Paul Kellogg, Athabasca University

Capital Accumulation and the Problem of the Tar Sands

B. 1-003, ETLC

The [new] Media Landscape

Gillian Steward, journalist and Mount Royal university professor

New Funding for News

Brodie Fenlon, managing editor CBCNews.ca

The Never-Ending Digital Disruption of News

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
E1-107

LUNCH

Catered lunch by Upper Crust

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm
1-001, ETLC

PLENARY

Marjorie Cohen

From Low to High Gear: How including gender can rev-up the debates about climate change and counter-austerity policies

Two major issues for the future are dealing with climate change and meeting the real needs of people. Austerity policies both damage the economy and allow limited spaces for dealing with climate change, even among progressive groups. By including a gendered analysis of the problems of both climate change and the economy different kinds of solutions can be envisioned.

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm

BREAK

ETLC Lobby

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CONCURRENT

Greening the Economy

Dave Thompson, Firelight Group

Green Policy That Endures

Brendan Haley, Dalhousie University

Transitioning by Developing Green Linkages with Canadian Resource Industries

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Toby Sanger, CUPE

The Reality of a Basic Income

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4:00 pm – 5:15 pm
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AFTERNOON PLENARY

Ryan Meili

A New Frame: Looking upstream for a healthier society

The upstream approach uses these social determinants of health as the road map to reach the destination of the best health outcomes. This new frame can reach across political lines by establishing a common goal and a novel approach to political and economic decisions.



PARKLAND AT
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YESTERDAY
TODAY
TOMORROW

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Maple Leaf Room, Lister
Conference Centre

CELEBRATION PANEL
Diana Gibson
Gordon Laxer
Gil McGowan




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MORNING PLENARY

Larry Brown

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Justice and Child Welfare

Jean Lafrance, University of Calgary, former Alberta Children's Advocate

Can Indigenous Prophecy Save Us From Ourselves?

Siu Ming Kwok, University of Lethbridge

Bifurcation of Youth Justice Policy in Canada: Implications for youth from racialized groups

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Retooling Labour Markets

Rick Mueller, University of Lethbridge

The New Alberta Economy: Looking forward through the rear view mirror

Trevor Harrison, University of Lethbridge

The Looming Jobs Crisis

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12:15 pm – 1:30 pm
1-001, ETLC

CLOSING KEYNOTE

John Ralston Saul

The Canadian Economy: Denial, Delusion, or Cutting Edge

It is time to turn away from the old models, the old for or against mass extraction, the old raw materials dependency. At what point do we grow up and embrace more sophisticated, complex ideas of value added? What is the point of all these business schools, economists, advisors, if we remain stuck in the same old models of rough exploitation?

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CONFERENCE GOERS

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1. Coffee and pastries will be provided Saturday and Sunday morning.
2. Please bring your own mug.
3. Lunch on Saturday will be provided in your registration fee or if you have volunteered three shifts for the conference. There will be vegetarian options. Please feel free to bring your lunch or there are some vendors open on the main floor of the Students' Union Building.
4. Your full registration fee includes:
 - Friday and Sunday keynotes
 - All plenary and concurrent sessions
 - Saturday lunch
 - Parkland at 20: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
5. Parking options
 - Street parking (\$3.50/hour)
 - Windsor Car Park 116 St. and 92 Ave: Evenings (4:30pm - 6:00 am) \$5
Weekends: \$5.00 flat rate
6. Please complete the conference feedback form that is in your conference package.

Thank You Volunteers!

This conference is made possible by the many volunteers who dedicate their time and resources. Over the conference you will see many people with VOLUNTEER name tags who will help with registration, set up, tickets, food and more. They ensure you get the microphone to ask your question and have a seat in a great spot for all sessions. Please help us thank them for their time.

Special thanks go to Flavio Rojas who has worked to create the conference design and to Rob Butz for the website design and management.

RESPECTING DISCUSSION TIME

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Parkland conferences embrace diverse and thoughtful conversation. This is why so much time is dedicated to question and answer portions of each session. But to maximize the sharing of information among our diverse attendees we need to ensure all have equality of access to question time. This is why we must all be aware of the captive capacity of “The Ranter” and that this hogging of time will not be allowed.

Keep Dialogue Open and Diverse:

Value dialogue: Everyone has something to contribute.

Honest and positive contributions create better discussions and results.

Balance seriousness with humour.

People who have not spoken yet will get priority.

Speaking lists will be altered to balance, gender, age and race.

Do not interrupt the facilitator or presenters as discussion time is allotted at the end.

Do not campaign at the mic.

Keep comments brief and on topic.

Be conscious of how much space you take up or how much you speak in a group. Practise “stepping up, stepping back” so we can each contribute to equal participation.

FRIDAY

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7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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This session will be delivered via SKYPE



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Marilyn will reflect on the GDP and changes and strategies emerging since 1989, the year her classic critique was published. What has been critical and radical, what has been sadly strategically astray, and what has added to the destructive power of this over-rated indicator?

Waring is professor of public policy, AUT University, New Zealand. She is an internationally-renowned feminist political economist, human rights activist, development consultant. Her best known work, Counting for Nothing: what men value and what women are worth, was the subject of the best-selling documentary made by the NFB Canada Who's Counting: Marilyn Waring on sex, lies and global economics.

She was one of the "1000 women for the Nobel Peace Prize" nominations in 2005. Also in 2005, Waring was chosen by Attac-40 as one of 26 Voix Rebelles Du Monde, (Rebellious Voices of the World) including Jo Steiglitz, Maude Barlow, Arundhati Roy, and Vandana Shiva. Waring has been on the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) and was one of two international members of the Board of the Canadian Index for Well Being.

She was awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal, 1977; Amnesty's Human Rights Defender Award 2013; NZIER Economist of the Year 2014; winner Women of Influence Innovation/Science category; and International Honorary Member Zonta.

SATURDAY

November 19, 2016

8:30 am - 9:00 am

Doors Open
ETLC Lobby

9:00 am – 10:15 am
Room 1-001, ETLC

Plenary Session
**Recognizing Indigenous Rights and Creating
Climate Solutions**



Eriel Deranger

Eriel will highlight the current climate crisis faced by Indigenous peoples of Alberta and the moral and legal obligation of governments to work with Indigenous peoples in building progressive and aggressive climate change solutions. The rights and knowledge of Indigenous peoples are internationally recognized and affirmed by the Canadian constitution, Treaty and the UN Declaration on the rights of Indigenous peoples. These rights have also been recognized within the international climate agreement, the Paris Accord, and highlight the urgent need to build climate change solutions that include Indigenous peoples.

Eriel is employed as the communications & issues coordinator of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN). Eriel's work is focused on raising local and international consciousness on the resurgence of Indigenous sovereignty and devastation caused by the fossil fuel industry's extractive operations in Alberta's tar sands and the climate crisis. The ACFN works tirelessly to protect their people's ancestral homelands in the boreal forest around Lake Athabasca downstream from the tar sands. Their work includes organized demonstrations, campaigns, lawsuits, and speaking to global audiences, to defend her people's right to survive and the very future of life on this planet.

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ETLC Lobby

Break
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by Bon Ton Bakery

SATURDAY

November 19, 2016

10:45 am – 12:00 pm
Room 1-013, ETLC

Concurrent Session

A. The Changing Political Economy of Resources Extraction



Gabrielle Slowey

Searching for Sustainability: Indigenous peoples, ecological governance and resource extraction

Across Canada the debate continues to simmer over the future development of Canada's oilsands and, in particular, the proposals to move the oil to market through various pipelines. At the same time, Indigenous peoples are working towards shaping a new economy, one that is based on sustainability. As Indigenous peoples depend on staples like forestry and fishing, the focus is not just on revenue but improving the quality of life for the collective. For the Haida, for instance, the focus on fishing is no longer on the maximum harvest but on ensuring maximum value. This means reducing the allowable cut of timber. Increasingly, jobs and the economic merits of resource extraction projects are falling aside as Indigenous peoples develop an economic presence, to show the world that one "can do economics in a different way."

Gabrielle is the inaugural Fulbright Chair in Arctic Studies at Dartmouth College, the director of the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies at York University, and an associate professor in the department of political science at York University where she teaches courses in Canadian, Indigenous and Arctic politics. Her current research concentrates on pressures to develop shale gas reserves and investigates the variation in response by local communities. While at Dartmouth she will launch her project: Canada on the Edge? energy, ecological governance and Indigenous peoples. She is the author of Navigating Neoliberalism: Self-Determination and the Mikisew Cree First Nation



Paul Kellogg

Capital Accumulation and the Problem of the Tar Sands

The tar sands of northern Alberta and Saskatchewan have defined what has been called "development" in the north of Canada. These tar sands have many well-documented problems. To name just two of these problems: they pose a threat to northern ecology and to Indigenous communities on whose land they encroach. Unfortunately, this economy has deep Canadian roots. The tar sands economy is a product of extremely profitable circuits of capital accumulation centered around a newly-emergent regional capitalist class. This analytic insight has strategic implications. To confront the specific issue of tar sands development, puts us into a general confrontation with Canadian-based extractive capitalism, a capitalism with deep vested interests in maintaining the status quo.

Paul is associate professor in the faculty of humanities and social sciences at Athabasca University, teaching in the master of arts - Integrated Studies Program. His research and teaching interests include political economy, social movements and global governance. He is the author of Escape from the Staple Trap: Canadian Political Economy After Left-Nationalism.

SATURDAY

November 19, 2016

10:45 am – 12:00 pm
Room 1-003, ETL

Concurrent Session

B. The [New] Media Landscape



Gillian Steward

New Funding for News

The old media business model is failing, journalists across the country have been laid off, and news that is cheap to produce is the order of the day. In addition, media concentration is higher than ever so that in Alberta all four major newspapers have virtually the same content. If journalism is to continue its role as an essential part of democracy in Canada we need to develop new funding models so that journalists have the resources they need to hold governments and other powerful institutions accountable to the public. Does that mean news publishers supported by foundations? Fund-raising models like CKUA? Or subscriber-supported special interest web sites like DeSmog Canada? As the old ways of funding news break down it's time to come up with some new ones.

Gillian Steward is a Calgary-based journalist. She writes a regular column for The Toronto Star and was the 2014-2015 Atkinson Fellow in Public Policy which enabled her to extensively research and write a series of articles about the Alberta oil sands for The Toronto Star. A former managing editor at The Calgary Herald, Gillian also teaches journalism at Mount Royal University



Brodie Fenlon

The Never-Ending Digital Disruption of News

A closer examination of the forces disrupting the digital News business and how media organizations like CBC News are responding. This talk will examine the impact of smartphones on media consumption, the role of social media and the atomization of content. Brodie will also address the thorny questions of “distributed content,” the walled gardens built by platform giants such as Facebook, and the challenge of serving a moving target like today's digital audience.

Brodie joined CBCNews.ca as managing editor in 2013. A graduate of the journalism program at Western University, Fenlon worked as a reporter for newspapers in London, Ont., and Toronto before moving to digital at The Globe and Mail. In 2011, he helped launch The Huffington Post Canada, where he served as managing editor of News.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Room 1-0017

Lunch – Catered lunch by Upper Crust

SATURDAY

November 19, 2016

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm
Room 1-001, ETLC

Plenary Session

From Low to High Gear: How including gender can rev-up the debates about climate change and counter-austerity policies



Marjorie Cohen

Two major issues for the future are dealing with climate change and meeting the real needs of people. This paper will show how ‘austerity’ policies both damage the economy and allow limited spaces for dealing with climate change, even among progressive groups. The intent will be to show how including a gendered analysis of the problems of both climate change and the economy means that different kinds of solutions can be envisioned.

Marjorie is an economist and professor emeritus of political science and gender, sexuality and women's studies at Simon Fraser University. She has written extensively in the areas of political economy and public policy with emphasis on women, labour, energy, climate change, and international trade agreements. Her book Climate Change and Gender in Rich Countries: Work Public Policy and Action will be available in 2017. She was instrumental in founding the CCPA-BC and was awarded the John Kenneth Galbraith prize in Economics and Social Justice.

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Break

SATURDAY

November 19, 2016

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm
Room 1-013, ETLC

Concurrent Session

A. Greening the Economy



David Thompson

Good public policy - in order to endure - requires smart politics. Policy selection and design must help to support political constituencies otherwise electoral change arrives, and good policy gets undone. What does good policy mean in the context of a changing economy?

Whatever policymakers do, the future will be very different for a lot of workers. Automation and the internet have already eliminated many jobs, and are about to eliminate a lot more. There is no stopping that process, but there are historic policy opportunities available right now, ranging from re-orienting trade agreements to adopting a guaranteed annual income. In particular, carbon pricing will help green the economy, and its revenues can be used to fund just transitions - helping workers, families and communities adjust to the new normal. And along the way, such policies will help to build supportive political constituencies.

Dave is Principal with PolicyLink Research and Consulting, is an independent public policy consultant. He has postgraduate degrees in law and economics, and has worked in government, the private sector and the not-for-profit sector. He is lead researcher and author on a number of studies relating to greening the economy and providing just transitions for workers.



Brendan Hayley

Transitioning by Developing Green Linkages with Canadian Resource Industries

The need to transition to a low-carbon economy adds a new dimension to the problems associated with Canadian overdependence on natural resource sectors. Canada needs to consider how to diversify away from fossil fuels, while maximizing the low-carbon potential of its clean energy resource endowments. Traditional policy prescriptions to escape resource dependence encouraged the development of related industries through backward linkages and forward linkages which “add value” to resources. Yet these strategies could exacerbate carbon lock-in and economic vulnerabilities as the world transitions towards a green energy economy.

Brendan is a Banting post-doctoral fellow at the school of resource and environmental studies at Dalhousie University. His PhD in public policy from Carleton University explored technological complementarities between hydroelectricity and new low-carbon technologies. Haley is a policy fellow with the Broadbent Institute, and has been a research associate with the Sustainable Prosperity think-tank in Ottawa. He played a key role in the development of the province of Nova Scotia's energy efficiency and renewable energy policies as an environmental advocate.

SATURDAY

November 19, 2016

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm
Room 1-003, ETL

Concurrent Session

B. The Challenge and Hope of a Basic Income



Evelyn Forget

The Basic Income Challenge

In the 1970s, basic income inspired field experiments across North America in reaction to flawed income assistance schemes. Notwithstanding the high costs of welfare, deep pockets of poverty persisted while welfare itself created work disincentives. A universal basic income was not implemented as a result of the experiments, but they did have an impact. In Canada, a basic income for seniors was created in the form of OAS/GIS. For children, we now have the national child benefit, which is a basic income for families with dependent children. Adults without dependent children, however, still make do with complex, expensive, poorly articulated and inadequate social programs that keep them mired in poverty. Since the 1970s, private sector unionization rates have plummeted, labour force participation rates for men have declined, real wage rates have stagnated, and full-time jobs with benefits have been increasingly replaced by precarious jobs and self-employment. These changes are not reversible and a basic income is one way to ensure that families have the resources they need to live reasonable lives.

Evelyn L. Forget is an economist, professor in the Rady College of Medicine at the University of Manitoba, academic director of the Manitoba Research Data Centre and adjunct scientist at the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy. She is an adjunct scientist with the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, and was responsible for recovering the Mincome basic income results.



Toby Sanger

The Reality of a Basic Income

The concept of a basic income isn't new. Visionary thinkers have advocated for different forms of basic income guarantees for many centuries and different experiments have been conducted.

With inadequate social assistance, growing precarity of employment, inequality and the prospect of robots taking away jobs, it has attracted an enormous amount of interest over the past year. Some see it as a cure-all for many of our social problems. Has its time finally come?

The debate continues with proponents and opponents spanning the political spectrum, reflecting different visions of society but also because each sees what they want to in the general concept. It's time to get real with specific proposals—and to consider a basic income in relation to what public services and collective goods should provide, the role of work, and power relationships.

Toby is the economist for the Canadian Union of Public Employees and previously worked as the chief economist for the Yukon government and as principal economic policy advisor to the Ontario Minister of Finance. He's written about basic income from a left/labour perspective and has also spent time in Dauphin, Manitoba!

SATURDAY

November 19, 2016

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Break

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm
Room 1-001, ETL

Afternoon Plenary
A New Frame: Looking Upstream for a Healthier Society



Ryan Meili

The future economy should serve the needs of people. The best way to measure whether it is doing so is to look at the quality of our lives. The factors that have the biggest effect on our health and wellbeing are income, education, employment, housing, food security and the wider environment. The upstream approach uses these social determinants of health as the road map to reach the destination of the best health outcomes. This new frame can reach across political lines by establishing a common goal and a novel approach to political and economic decisions.

Ryan Meili is a family physician in Saskatoon, founder of Upstream and author of A Healthy Society: how a focus on health can revitalize democracy.



PARKLAND AT 20 YESTERDAY TODAY TOMORROW

7:00pm – 9:00 pm | Maple Leaf Room, Lister Hall

7:00pm – Bar and Appetizers

7:30pm – Celebration Panel



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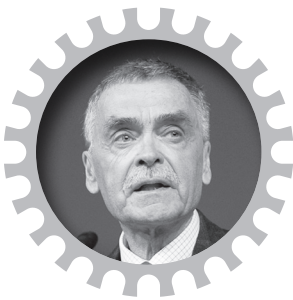
November 20, 2016

8:30 am - 9:00 am

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ETLC Lobby, University of Alberta

9:00 am - 10:15 am
Room 1-001, ETLC

Morning Plenary Session
Rethinking Think-tanks



Larry Brown

Progressive research and policy organizations, sometimes generically called think-tanks, can play a crucial role in the political life of a nation. We can strongly challenge attempts to change the political discourse in ways that only serve to divide our communities, socially and economically. The massive funding of wealthy Conservative think-tanks to promote a right-wing agenda in the U.S. is a prime example. Finally, we need to think about the role progressive research and policy institutes and think-tanks can play, especially in a post-Harper era.

Larry is president of one of Canada's largest unions, the National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE). Brown holds degrees in law and political science. He has written extensively on public finances, debt and deficit issues, changes in federal-provincial financing, public sector restructuring and resulting changes in the economic and political structures of Canada in the last decade. Brown is also president of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Canada's leading progressive research and policy organization

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Save the Date

Parkland's Annual Fundraising Gala and
Silent Auction

February 16, 2017 at the Faculty Club

SUNDAY

November 20, 2016

10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Room 1-013, ETL

Concurrent Session

A. Justice and Child Welfare



Jean Lafrance

Can Indigenous Prophecy Save Us From Ourselves?

Many Indigenous prophecies tell the history of the Red and White brothers, sons of the Earth Mother and the Great Spirit who gave them different missions. The Red Brother was to stay at home and keep the land in sacred trust while the White Brother went abroad to record things and make inventions. One day the White Brother was to return and share his inventions in a spirit of respect for the wisdom his Red Brother had gained. His inventions would include cobwebs through which people could speak to each other from house to house across mountains, even with all doors and windows closed; there would be carriages crossing the sky on invisible roads, and eventually a gourd of ashes that when dropped would scorch the earth and even the fishes in the sea. If the White Brother's ego grew so large in making these inventions that he would not listen to the wisdom of the Red Brother, this world would come to an end in the Great purification of nature. Only a few would survive to bring forth the next world in which there would again be abundance and harmony.

Jean will present highlights from his recent book: *Red Brother, White Brother: a time for At-one-ment*. Based upon extensive research with Indigenous individuals, families and communities, it reflects their collected wisdom and the critical importance of paying attention to what they say about the child welfare services that affect their lives so dramatically.

Dr. Lafrance received a Master's Degree in Social Work from Carleton University and a PhD from the University of Southern California. He is currently an Associate Professor with the University of Calgary. Lafrance's last experience with government as Alberta's provincial Children's Advocate led him into a keen interest in translating the perspectives of children and their families in forums that can serve to inform program and policy development in human services delivery. LaFrance is especially interested in change processes that can assist Aboriginal people to develop children's services programs that are more congruent with their aspirations and worldviews.

SUNDAY

November 20, 2016



Siu Ming Kwok

Bifurcation of Youth Justice Policy in Canada: Implications for youth from racialized groups

The enactment of the current youth justice legislation, 2003 Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), of Canada was to accommodate competing public discourses in relation to how to handle youth offending. A dominant theme that exemplifies the YCJA is the conceptual bifurcation of young offenders into serious and minor young offenders. Longer custodial sentencing is applied to serious offenders and lenient measures are used for minor offenders. The conceptual bifurcation of penal policy under YCJA is a mixed model incorporating the features and conflicting assumptions from other youth justice models. The inherent tensions of the YCJA might be a challenge for the administration and future policy direction of youth justice in Canada. This presentation is aimed at understanding competing public discourses in shaping the YCJA, its implications for youth from racialized group, especially on Chinese youth in conflict with the law, and what would be the promising practices for these populations.

Siu Ming is a professor in the Faculty of Social Work. Siu Ming has extensive research experience in the areas of social justice among youth and youth in conflict with the law in Canada. Additionally, Siu Ming's broader research interests include child welfare, social work education, social policy, municipal governments and social welfare, program evaluation, and non-profit sector administration.

Professor Siu Ming Kwok has a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Master's degree in Social Work from University of British Columbia, Master's degree in Public Administration from University of Western Ontario, and Doctoral Degree in Philosophy (Social Work) from University of Calgary.

Save the Date

Economics for Everyone, and the Future of Alberta
A talk and book signing by Jim Stanford

Wednesday January 11, 2017

7:00 – 9:00 pm

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SUNDAY

November 20, 2016

10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Room 1-003, ETL

Concurrent Session

B. Retooling the Labour Markets



Rick Mueller

The New Alberta Economy: Looking forward through the rear-view mirror

Alberta is currently experiencing the fourth economic recession since 1980. Each downturn has been coupled with a widespread malaise that it is the worst economy that the province has ever seen, that this time things are different, and that the recovery will never occur. This presentation will compare current economic indicators with those from past recessions and provide evidence for a more positive economic future in Alberta. By looking at the past, we are able to be more optimistic about the future.

Richard is professor and chair in the department of economics and a research affiliate at the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy, both at the University of Lethbridge. He is also Associate Director of the Education Policy Research Initiative (EPRI) at the University of Ottawa. He was seconded to Statistics Canada in Ottawa from 2009 to 2011. His main research interest over the past dozen years has been related to the various determinants of access to post-secondary education in Canada. He holds a B.A. (Hons) and an M.A. from the University of Calgary and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin.



Trevor Harrison

The Looming Jobs Crisis

Unemployment rates in Alberta, Canada, and the world have risen, the result of important changes in the labour market and economy broadly. This presentation looks at the wider problem from an historical and political-economy perspective, while also examining solutions.

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11:45 am – 12:00 pm

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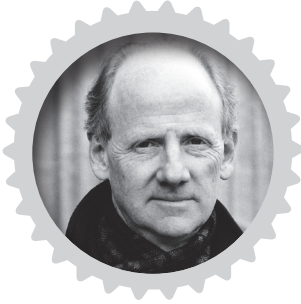
SUNDAY

November 20, 2016

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm
Room 1-001, ETLC

Closing Plenary Session

The Canadian Economy: denial, delusion, or cutting edge?



John Ralston Saul

It is time to turn away from the old models, the old for or against mass extraction, the old raw materials dependency. At what point do we grow up and embrace more sophisticated, complex ideas of value added? What is the point of all these business schools, economists, advisors, if we remain stuck in the same old models of rough exploitation?

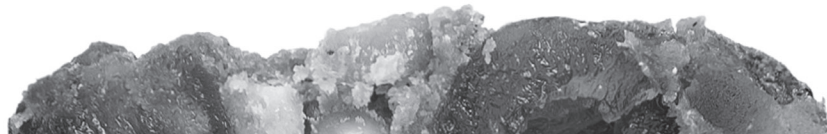
John Ralston Saul is an award-winning essayist and novelist. Often regarded as Canada's leading public intellectual, he has been declared a "prophet" by TIME magazine and is included in the prestigious Utne Reader's list of the world's 100 leading thinkers and visionaries. His fourteen books have been translated into 28 languages in 37 countries. Some of his most important works include the philosophical trilogy, Voltaire's Bastards, The Unconscious Civilization and The Doubter's Companion with its conclusion, On Equilibrium. His most recent novel is Dark Diversions and most recent essay The Comeback, which has changed the conversation on Indigenous issues in Canada. Saul is President Emeritus of PEN International and co-Chair of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship.

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