

# MacEACHEN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

at Dalhousie University

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“POLITICS WITHOUT POLICY IS LIKE THE HEART WITHOUT THE MIND. FACTS MATTER. ANALYSIS MATTERS. AND SO DO PASSION AND PERSUASION.”

— The Honourable Bob Rae, MacEachen Institute External Advisory Council Member



“POLICY MATTERS BECAUSE I WANT TO LIVE IN AN EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD, AND TO ACHIEVE THAT WE NEED TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS IN COMMON.”

— Megan Leslie, MacEachen Institute Policy Matters speaker



“WITHOUT PRINCIPLED POLICY DEVELOPMENT BY GOVERNMENT, COWBOY CAPITALISM CAN EMERGE.”

— Mary R. Brooks, MacEachen Institute Policy Matters speaker



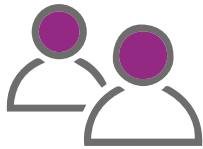
“POLICY IS CRITICAL IN SHAPING OUR CITIES AND REGIONS, FROM MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS ON LAND USE TO FEDERAL POLICY ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING.”

— Ren Thomas, MacEachen Institute Founding Fellow

# PROGRESSIVE PUBLIC POLICY GREATER CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The **MacEACHEN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY AND GOVERNANCE AT DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY** is a nationally focused, non-partisan, interdisciplinary institute supporting the development of progressive public policy and encouraging greater citizen engagement.

The MacEachen Institute's research and advocacy work focuses on four themes that are important to our region and to Canada.



## 1 | CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The MacEachen Institute plays a key role in advancing our understanding of Canadian democracy and civic engagement. It explores the ways in which citizens participate in electoral processes at the federal, provincial and municipal levels.



## 2 | ATLANTIC CANADA AND THE WORLD

Atlantic Canada has policy concerns that are unique in Canada. The MacEachen Institute supports research that explores and gives a voice to Atlantic Canada's perspective in both a national and international context.



## 3 | HEALTH SYSTEMS AND GOVERNANCE

By rethinking health system design at the organizational, regional and federal levels, the MacEachen Institute aims to facilitate the redesign of complex health policy.



## 4 | SMART INFRASTRUCTURE

The MacEachen Institute examines the increasingly complex policies of critical infrastructure — the essential physical and cyber assets we depend on every day.



# CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The MacEachen Institute plays a role in advancing our democracy and informing the public on policy debate.



“TO ME, THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION OF OUR TIME IS WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ALL OF US TO BE A ‘WE’? POLICY GIVES US THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO ANSWER IT.”

— Elamin Abdelmahmoud, BuzzFeed Canada, speaking at the October 16, 2018 panel on fake news

## ENGAGING THE PUBLIC IN POLICY DEBATES

The Institute's panel events feature experts from across Canada. The panels are open to the Halifax community and live-streamed worldwide on Facebook.

*The Honourable Anne McLellan, Dalhousie Chancellor, led a policy class discussion on gender, diversity and inclusion.*



## THE POLICY PROJECTS COURSE

Former N.S. Premier Darrell Dexter teaches a graduate-level public policy course at the Institute to students from across Dalhousie faculties. Expert guests join the class each week to discuss and exchange views on important policy challenges. The students work in teams on policy projects provided by all three levels of government.



*Jennifer Ditchburn, Lee-Ann Goodman, Keith Boag, Elamin Abdelmahmoud and Kelly Toughill take a close look at the implications of the “fake news” phenomenon at our October 16, 2018 panel.*

# ATLANTIC CANADA AND THE WORLD

The MacEachen Institute supports research that explores and gives a voice to Atlantic Canada's perspective on both national and international issues.



*John Paul at the October 2, 2018 panel "Whose Nation? Navigating a New Era in Crown-Indigenous Relations."*



*January 2019 Trade Panel: Darrell Dexter, the Honourable Pierre Pettigrew, Colin Robertson and Maryscott Greenwood discuss Brexit, USMCA and China at an Institute panel discussion on January 24, 2019.*



**FOUNDING FELLOW  
LARRY HUGHES  
RESEARCHES  
OPTIONS FOR  
CANADA'S ENERGY  
FUTURE**

Since joining the Institute as a Founding Fellow in the summer of 2018, Larry Hughes has been actively engaging with local and national media to discuss his research on Canada's energy supply. His insights on climate change, carbon pricing, offshore drilling and renewable energy have been published in over 25 outlets across the country.



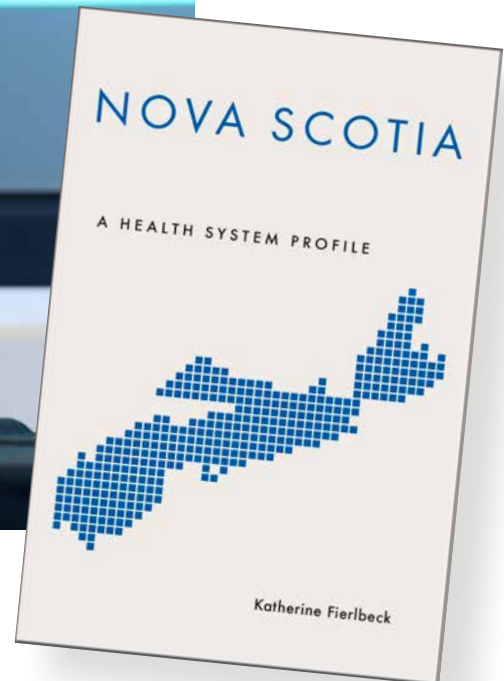
# HEALTH SYSTEMS AND GOVERNANCE

The MacEachen Institute supports research on health system design at the organizational, regional and federal levels.



## ▲ Youth Mental Health Panel.

Associate Professor of Psychiatry Sabina Abidi speaks about youth mental healthcare to over 120 attendees at the Institute's October 23, 2018 panel.



▲ MacEachen Institute Research Committee member Katherine Fierlbeck released her new book *Nova Scotia: A Health System Profile* in mid-2018. It's one of the many recent publications by MacEachen Institute speakers and committee members.

Katherine Fierlbeck, Maureen MacDonald and Marc-André Gagnon debate the administrative, legal, economic and political challenges and opportunities in implementing federal pharmacare.

# SMART INFRASTRUCTURE

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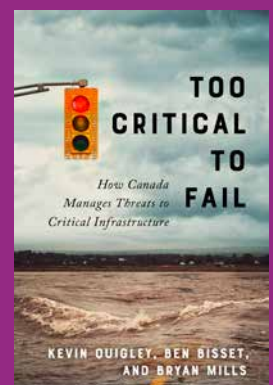
*The Institute held a public panel followed by a workshop about evacuation on the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hurricane Juan. Institute Founding Fellow Ahsan Habib is working to map evacuation routes for the Halifax Peninsula.*



*In the fall of 2018, the MacEachen Institute brought together four experts on ports policy to comment on the federal government's 2019 Ports Modernization Review.*

## TOO CRITICAL TO FAIL

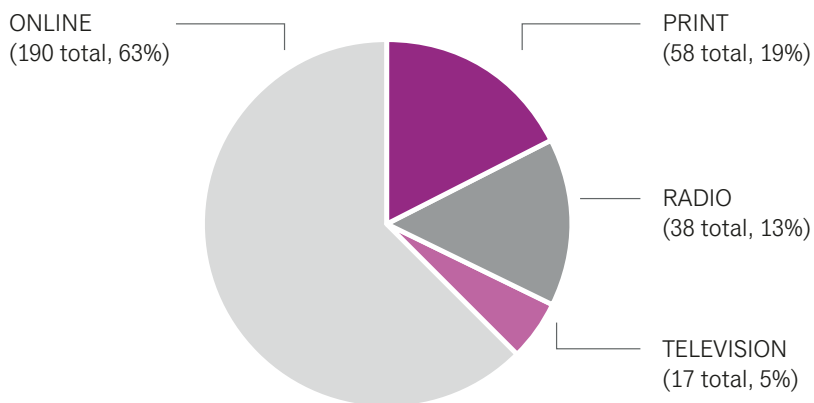
*Too Critical to Fail*, written by MacEachen Institute Scholarly Director Kevin Quigley and former graduate students Ben Bisset and Bryan Mills, tackles the multiple and competing risks that the government balances to secure our public assets. It was shortlisted for the 2018 Donner Prize, awarded annually to the best public policy book by a Canadian.



# IMPACT

## SINCE THE MAY 2016 LAUNCH

### 303 MEDIA HITS



### SOCIAL MEDIA

405 FOLLOWERS

426 FOLLOWERS

### ONLINE VIDEOS

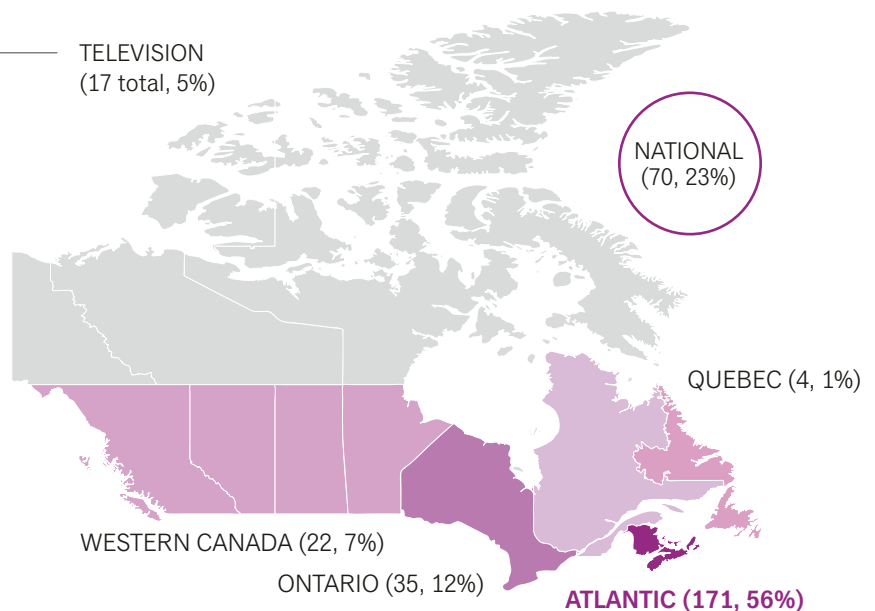
15,328  
VIDEO VIEWS

83,334  
MINUTES VIEWED

### EVENTS

59 EVENTS  
(37 PUBLIC, 22 ROUND TABLES)

3,750  
ATTENDEES





# FELLOWS

## Founding and Junior Fellows



"I am looking forward to moving the policy landscape forward in relation to health equity in, for example, access to primary health, and healthy ageing policies for older LGBTQ adults."

— JACQUELINE GAHAGAN, FOUNDING FELLOW



"My research looks at the barriers to and opportunities for targeted policies aimed at reducing racial health inequities in Nova Scotia."

— TARI AJADI, JUNIOR FELLOW



"I'm studying why so few new developments in Canada meet recognized standards for supporting human health and wellbeing, and how to fix that."

— TRISTEN CLEVELAND, JUNIOR FELLOW



"My research examines the role of technology in shaping individuals' politics, as well as political change in rural and peripheral regions."

— RACHEL MCLAY, JUNIOR FELLOW

## FOUNDING FELLOWS

### Jacqueline Gahagan

Professor

Faculty of Health

### Ahsan Habib

Associate Professor

Faculty of Architecture and Planning

### Larry Hughes

Professor

Department of Electrical and  
Computer Engineering

### Ren Thomas

Assistant Professor

School of Planning

## JUNIOR FELLOWS

### Tari Ajadi

PhD Student

Political Science

### Tristan Cleveland

PhD Student

Political Science

### Bayo Majekolagbe

PhD Student

Schulich School of Law

### Rachel McLay

Master's Student

Sociology and Social Anthropology

### Joy Shand

Master's Student, History



## SPEAKER SERIES 2019

September 10, 2019

### **Election 2019: Democracy and Manipulation in the Internet Age**

**Tom Clark (Chair)** Chair of Public Affairs and Communications, Global Public Affairs

**Elizabeth Dubois** Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication, University of Ottawa

**Natasha Gauthier** Senior Media Relations Advisor, Elections Canada

**Anatoliy Gruzd** Canada Research Chair in Social Media Data Stewardship, Ryerson University

**Paul McLeod** American Politics Reporter, BuzzFeed News

September 17, 2019

### **Food System Failure: Why Food is a Forgotten Policy Option**

**Jamie Baxter (Chair)** Associate Professor in the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University

**Megan Bailey** Canada Research Chair in Integrated and Coastal Governance, Dalhousie University

**Sara Kirk** Professor in the School of Health and Human Performance, Scientific Director of the Healthy Populations Institute, Dalhousie University

**Catherine Mah** Canada Research Chair in Promoting Healthy Populations, Dalhousie University

**Sara Seck** Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Research in the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University

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September 24, 2019

### **The Future of Work: Where Demographics, Technology and Urbanization Collide**

**Karen Foster** Canada Research Chair in Sustainable Rural Futures for Atlantic Canada, Dalhousie University

**Sunil Johal** Fellow, Public Policy Forum

**Sandra McKenzie** Management Consultant, Port of Halifax

**Ian Munro** Chief Economist, Halifax Partnership

October 1, 2019

### **Canada's Energy Future: Boom or Bust?**

**Larry Hughes (Chair)** Founding Fellow at the MacEachen Institute, Dalhousie University

**Dennis McConaghy** Author and Commentator on Energy and Carbon Policy Issues

**Jacques Poitras** Journalist and Author of Pipe Dreams: The Fight for Canada's Energy Future

**Kirsten Zickfeld** Associate Professor in the Geography Department, Simon Fraser University

**TUESDAYS | 12 PM – 1:30 PM | SEPT 10 TO NOV 19, 2019**

Room 1020, Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building  
Dalhousie University, 6100 University Avenue, Halifax, NS

Free and open to the  
public. Seating is limited.

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# POLICY MATTERS

## SPEAKER SERIES 2019 (continued)

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October 8, 2019

### **Human Rights and Reconciliation: Indigenous Child Welfare**

**Angelina Amaral** Mi'kmaq Governance Manager, Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative

**Cindy Blackstock** Executive Director and Professor in the School of Social Work, McGill University

**Naomi Metallic** Chancellor's Chair in Aboriginal Law and Policy, Dalhousie University

October 15, 2019

### **Resilience or Reluctance: Climate Change Adaptation Policy in Atlantic Canada**

**Blair Feltmate (Chair)** Professor in the School of Environment and Head of the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation, University of Waterloo

**Omer Chouinard** Professor Emeritus in Environment, Université de Moncton

**Megan Leslie** President and CEO, WWF-Canada

**Kate Sherren** Associate Professor in the School for Resource and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University

**Robert Strang** Chief Medical Officer of Health, Nova Scotia

October 22, 2019

### **A Key Determinant of Health: Meeting the Housing Needs of Older LGBTQ2S+ Canadians**

**Liesl Gambold** Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Dalhousie University

**Jacqueline Gahagan** Professor in the School of Health and Human Performance, Dalhousie University

**Shawn Harmon** Policy Analyst and Part-Time Faculty in the School of Law, Dalhousie University

**Ren Thomas** Assistant Professor in the School of Planning, Dalhousie University

October 29, 2019

### **When the Dust Settles: How Do We Hold People to Account after Disasters?**

**Lori Turnbull (Chair)** Director of the School of Public Administration, Dalhousie University

**Bruce Campbell** Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University

**Paul Kovacs** Founder and Executive Director of the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction

**Jennifer Quaid** Associate Professor, Civil Law Section in the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

**Kevin Quigley** Scholarly Director of the MacEachen Institute, Dalhousie University

November 5, 2019

### **The Art of the Deal: Public-Private Partnerships**

**Mary Brooks (Chair)** Professor Emerita in the Rowe School of Business, Dalhousie University

**Paul LaFleche** Deputy Minister, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, Nova Scotia

**Ray Mitchell** Legal Counsel, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades

**Matti Siemiatycki** Interim Director, School of Cities, University of Toronto

November 19, 2019

### **Not All Fun and Games: Tough Choices and Trade-offs in Cultural and Recreational Infrastructure** **New MacEachen Institute Research**

**Darrell Dexter (Chair)** Vice Chair, Global Public Affairs

**Bill Greenlaw** Executive Director, Communities, Culture and Heritage, Nova Scotia

**Åsa Kachan** Chief Librarian and CEO, Halifax Public Libraries

**Kevin Quigley** Scholarly Director of the MacEachen Institute, Dalhousie University

**10 PANELS | 41 EXPERT SPEAKERS**

**ALL PANELS ARE FREE AND LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK**

## EXTERNAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The MacEachen Institute External Advisory Council comprises public servants, political figures and leaders in civil society. Members of the Council support the Institute by offering feedback on strategic direction, facilitating external interactions and supporting connections between Dalhousie and other public policy actors.

**COLIN P. MACDONALD, Q.C., (CHAIR)** Former senior staffer in Allan MacEachen's office, recently retired corporate law partner at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Advisory Board member of the original MacEachen Institute for Policy & Government

**THE HONOURABLE WAYNE G. WOUTERS, P.C., O.C.,** Strategic and Policy Advisor at McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Former Clerk of the Privy Council, Government of Canada

**NATHAN KROLL,** President and founder of Current Studios, Nova Scotia technology entrepreneur

**TALEEB NOORMOHAMED,** President and Chief Operating Officer, Casaza Inc., Advisory Board member of the original MacEachen Institute for Policy & Government

**PAMELA PALMATER,** Mi'kmaw lawyer and social justice activist from Eel River Bar First Nation, Chair in Indigenous Governance, Ryerson University

**THE HONOURABLE BOB RAE, P.C., C.C., O.Ont., Q.C.,** Partner at OKT LLP, Canada's special envoy to Myanmar, Professor at University of Toronto, served as Ontario's 21st premier from 1990 to 1995

**DAVID A. THOMPSON,** Owner, Weed Man Maritimes, Founding Trustee of the For the Public Good Trust (2011)

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**KATHERINE FIERLBECK** – Professor, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

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