

Press Release

Darrell Dexter Named Honorary Fellow at MacEachen Institute

HALIFAX, Aug. 14, 2017 – The Honourable Darrell Dexter, Former Premier of Nova Scotia, has been appointed an Honorary Distinguished Fellow at the MacEachen Institute for Public Policy and Governance.

Based at the Institute, he will teach students as an adjunct professor in a public policy research course at Dalhousie University starting this September. The course will offer graduate students an opportunity to engage in thoughtful discussion, debate key public policy challenges and work on current, real-world policy problems.

“The MacEachen Institute is delighted to name Darrell Dexter as an Honorary Distinguished Fellow. His career demonstrates his passion and commitment for improving Nova Scotia through public service,” said Kevin Quigley, Professor, and Scholarly Director of the Institute. “He also has a vast breadth of knowledge and experience in the world of public policy. Our students will benefit immensely from his unique experiences.”

The course will convene as a round table each week and feature a variety of guests including thought leaders, academics, politicians and representatives from non-governmental organizations. Mr. Dexter will chair the round tables.

“I’m honoured to be recognized in this way. I’m also looking forward to teaching the next generation of policy leaders at Dalhousie,” said Dexter. “In the class, we’ll be exploring important topics like healthcare, Atlantic growth and civic engagement.”

Born in Halifax, Darrell Dexter holds degrees from Dalhousie University and the University of King’s College. He was the leader of the Nova Scotia NDP from 2001 to 2013, and served as the province’s Premier from 2009 to 2013. He is currently a vice-chair at Global Public Affairs, the country's largest privately-owned government relations firm.

The fellowship and class are being announced alongside the [Policy Matters fall speaker series](#). Each week, the MacEachen Institute, in collaboration with the School of Public Administration, will host the 90-minute panel discussion, open to the public and related to one of the Institute’s four research themes – Civic Engagement, Atlantic Canada and the World, Health Systems and Governance and Smart Infrastructure.

More information on the Projects Course and speaker series can be found at dal.ca/mipp or follow the MacEachen Institute on:

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About *Policy Matters*:

[Policy Matters](#) is a weekly panel discussion on major policy issues presented by the MacEachen Institute for Public Policy and Governance and in collaboration with the Dalhousie School of Public Administration. Each discussion features thought leaders from civil society and focuses on one of the Institute's four research themes – Civic Engagement, Atlantic Canada and the World, Health Systems and Governance and Smart Infrastructure. Held each Tuesday from September 12 to November 14, the discussions take place in room 1009 of the Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building at Dalhousie, from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm. The events are designed to encourage public engagement with local, national and international policy issues and are open to the public.

About the MacEachen Institute:

The MacEachen Institute for Public Policy and Governance is a nationally focused, non-partisan, interdisciplinary institute at Dalhousie University. It is designed to engage with the community – public sector, private sector, not-for-profit, students, and academics – bringing people together to work on the big policy problems of our time and providing sensible, empirically based research. The Institute's four research themes include, Civic Engagement, Atlantic Canada and the World, Health Systems and Governance and Smart Infrastructure.

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