President Trump: Now What?

Date: January 18th, 7:00-9:30
Location: Potter Auditorium - Rowe Management Building, Dalhousie University

Panelists
Jerry Bannister (History, Dalhousie)
Brian Bow (Political Science, Dalhousie)
Mary R. Brooks (Rowe School of Business, Dalhousie)
Louise Carbert (Political Science, Dalhousie)
Sara-Jane Corke (History, Dalhousie)
Amal Ghazal (History, Dalhousie)
Edna Keeble (Political Science, Saint Mary’s University)
Ajay Parasram (International Development Studies, Dalhousie)
Isaac Saney (History/Transition Year Program, Dalhousie)
Kelly Toughill (Journalism, University of King’s College)

Biography of Organizer

Frank P. Harvey is Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Science and former Chair of the Department of Political Science at Dalhousie University. He holds the Eric Dennis Chair of Government and Politics, and held the position of University Research Professor of International Relations from 2008-2013. He served as Associate Dean of Research in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (2011-2013), held the 2007 J. William Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Canadian Studies, and is a former Director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie. He has published widely on post-9/11 security, the Iraq war, American foreign and security policy, nuclear and conventional deterrence, coercive diplomacy, proliferation, crisis decision-making, and protracted ethnic conflict. His most recent book, Explaining the Iraq War: Counterfactual Theory, Logic and Evidence (Cambridge University Press 2012) received the 2013 Canadian Political Science Association Book Prize in International Relations.
Sylvain Charlebois joined Dalhousie as Dean of the Faculty of Management in July 2016. Dr. Charlebois previously served as an administrator at multiple universities and has a long track record of accomplishments in academia and the business world. Dr. Charlebois is also a professor with a cross-appointment in the Faculty of Management and the Faculty of Agriculture. Dean Charlebois joined the Royal Canadian Air Force at age 17 and spent a year teaching and writing in Austria. Dr. Charlebois conducts research in the broad area of food distribution, security and safety. He has written four books and many peer-reviewed and scientific articles—over 500 during his career. His research has been featured in newspapers that include The Economist, New York Times, Boston Globe, Wall Street Journal, Foreign Affairs, Globe & Mail, National Post and Toronto Star. He is the Author of five books, including Global Food Systems: The Era of Risk Intelligence (Wiley, 2016)

Camille Cameron is Dean of the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University and Chair of the Canadian Council of Law Deans. She began her career in private practice, specializing in civil litigation. Prior to joining the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie, she held academic posts as the Dean of Windsor Law School and as a Professor at the University of Melbourne, Australia where she also served a term as Associate Dean and was Director of that law school’s Civil Justice Research Group. Her interests in comparative law and legal institutions in post-conflict societies led her to Cambodia in 1996 where she worked with a human rights group training lay criminal defenders and judges. She has since then been a consultant on similar international development projects in various countries, including Vietnam, Laos, Mongolia, China, Thailand, the Maldives, and Indonesia. Dean Cameron’s research interests focus on class actions, litigation funding, access to justice and the administration of civil justice. In 2015 she worked with the Federal Court of Australia to advise the Indonesian judiciary on that country’s class action legislation. She has published on these and similar topics, including as a contributor to Class Actions In Context: How Culture, Economics and Politics Shape Collective Litigation (Elgar, May 2016).
**Biographies of Panelists and Panel Topics**

**Jerry Bannister** is Associate Professor of History and Canadian Studies at Dalhousie University. Professor Bannister is a co-investigator on a SSHRC Partnership project on Unrest, Violence, and the Search for Social Order in Canada.

**Topic:** Implications of Trump's election for trends in research - will address some of the ways in which Canada's political culture differs from that of the US.

**Brian Bow** is Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Centre for the Study of Security and Development (CSSD) at Dalhousie University. He teaches courses on international relations and foreign policy, and has published on Canadian foreign and defence policy, Canada-US relations, and North American regional integration. His 2009 book--The Politics of Linkage--won the Donner Book Prize. His current research is on the political "management" of bureaucratic networks in national security policy coordination.

**Topic:** Trumpism in global perspective: part of a larger shift in the western world away from 'embedded liberalism' and as a by-product of America's struggle to adjust to relative decline and changing exposure to the world economy."
**Dr. Mary R. Brooks** is Professor Emerita at Dalhousie University’s Rowe School of Business and Editor of Elsevier’s Research in Transportation Business and Management. On November 1, 2016, she was appointed Chair of the Marine Board of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. She has been actively engaged in the work of the Transportation Research Board (Washington DC) since 1993. In 2005, she was a Canada-U.S. Fulbright Scholar at George Mason University in Fairfax VA, where she conducted research on container security (funded by a grant from the Department of Homeland Security) and completed a book entitled North American Freight Transportation: The Road to Security and Prosperity, published by Edward Elgar.

**Topic:** The Canada-US relationship in the area of international trade, and the transportation policies and infrastructure that enables it, has its ups and downs. There is greater uncertainty now than under the Trudeau-Obama relationship. The ‘ups’ and ‘downs’ of concern under the Trump Administration will be explored.

**Louise Carbert** is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at Dalhousie University. She has published extensively on women and politics in Canada, including two books published by University of Toronto Press. Her most recent publications include a 2016 edited collection in the journal Atlantis that challenges the conventional account of women's activism during the 1981 constitutional crisis. Other recent works have focused on politics in Atlantic Canada. She was a member of the 2012 Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia. Currently, she is President of the Canadian Politics Section of the American Political Science Association, and Co-Editor of the International Journal of Canadian Studies.

**Topic:** What were Americans thinking? How did characteristics of gender, race, income, and education sort themselves out geographically? How does Trump's appeal fit into conceptual categories of populism, fascism, nativism, or something called "Trumpism?" What does Clinton’s defeat mean for the election of women in the future? Could Trump's style and message cross the border into Canada, or would our distinct characteristics and institutions prevent this from happening?
Sarah-Jane Corke is an Assistant Professor of History at Dalhousie University and the Vice President of the North American Society for Intelligence Studies. Dr. Corke's research and teaching is on 20th century US foreign relations and the history of the CIA. Her first book was on US Covert Operations and Cold War Strategy. She is currently working on a biography of John Paton and Patricia Grady Davies.

**Topics:** Dr. Corke will explore the claim made by Trump surrogate, Scotty Nell Hughes: “there is no such thing as facts.” Corke will suggest that Trump supporters appropriated the argument from 20th century leftist intellectuals; we now live in a post-truth world and there is no going back. Democrats and Progressives, who wish to remain relevant, will have come to terms with this.

Amal Ghazal is Associate Professor of History at Dalhousie University. Professor Ghazal's teaching and scholarship focus on modern Middle East history, nationalism in the Arab world, and Islamic movements.

**Topic:** Islamophobia and perceptions of a Trump Presidency with a focus on policies towards the Middle East

Edna Keeble is Professor of Political Science at Saint Mary’s University. Her current teaching and research interests center on Canadian foreign policy, re-definitions of security, and linkages between politics, gender and sexuality. She is a recipient of three teaching awards, and was the Saint Mary's University 2008-09 Teaching Scholar. Her most recent book is *Politics and Sex: Exploring the Connections between Gender, Sexuality, and the State* (Toronto: CSPI/Women’s Press, 2016).

**Topic:** How the election of US President Donald Trump has legitimized xenophobic, racist, and sexist views, and promoted anti-intellectual and conspiratorial thinking.
Ajay Parasram is a lecturer in the Departments of International Development Studies and History at Dalhousie University. His area of research and teaching focuses on colonial, postcolonial, and decolonial studies, critical development studies, and international relations. His forthcoming publications concern environmental racism (Routledge Handbook of Postcolonial Studies, 2017) and postcolonial ethics (Routledge Handbook of Ethics in International Relations). Ajay’s most recent publications concern Sino-Indian relations, the Sri Lanka/Tamil Eelam civil war, and legacies of colonial-induced state formation. Ajay is a longstanding independent journalist and is committed to grassroots media projects.

Topic: The election of Donald Trump has produced considerable anxiety about “normalizing” misogyny and racism in public discourse, rendering even more precarious the safety and dignity of people of colour, indigenous peoples, women, and the environment. This transition to post-information populism necessitates: 1.) normalizing everyday conversations about systemic white supremacy, and 2.) supporting indigenous led opposition to modern capitalist development projects.

Isaac Saney is Director of the Transition Year Program at Dalhousie University, the groundbreaking program established in 1970 to redress the educational barriers and injustices that Mi’kmaq, other First Nations/Aboriginal and African Nova Scotian face. Isaac is also an adjunct professor of history at Saint Mary's University. His teaching and scholarship encompasses Africa, the Caribbean, the U.S. Civil Rights Movement Cuba, and Black Nova Scotian history. He is a longtime community activist and participant in the anti-war movement and the anti-racist struggle, and is the co-chair and National Spokesperson for the Canadian Network on Cuba. He holds a PhD in History from the School of Oriental & African Studies - University London. He is the author of the acclaimed book Cuba: A Revolution in Motion, and is currently finishing another book manuscript, Africa's Children Return: Cuba, the War in Angola and the End of Apartheid. Saney's roots lie in the Black Nova Scotian community and the Caribbean.

Topic: Is this a fascist moment? The question will be addressed in historical context - is this a continuation of the status quo and established order or does the Trump presidency represent a rupture and fundamental departure?
Kelly Toughill is an award-winning journalist and associate professor in the School of Journalism at the University of King’s College. Prior to joining King’s, Prof. Toughill was a senior political correspondent and editor for the Toronto Star. Her research interests focus on two areas: the evolving business model of contemporary journalism and the provision of immigration information in Canada. She is a contributor to several Canadian publications, including Walrus Magazine, J-Source.ca and the Toronto Star.

Topic: Is professional journalism officially irrelevant to democracy – or more important than ever before? Empirical evidence from the 2016 U.S. presidential election can be used to argue either position.