

MacEACHEN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY AND GOVERNANCE at Dalhousie University

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FIVE YEARS AND COUNTING

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“POLICYMAKERS HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST AND PRESENT AND LEARN FROM THESE IN ORDER TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION”

Naomi Metallic, Assistant Law Professor and Chancellor’s Chair in Aboriginal Law and Policy, Dalhousie University



“POLICY REFLECTS WHO WE ARE AS A SOCIETY, AND WHO WE WANT TO BECOME”

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



“THE ARC OF HISTORY DOES NOT BEND NATURALLY TOWARDS PROGRESS. AN INVISIBLE HAND OF THE MARKET OR OF GOD DOES NOT BRING ABOUT PROGRESS. POLICY CHOICES BRING ABOUT PROGRESS.”

Bernie Miller, Nova Scotia Deputy Minister of the Office of Strategy Management

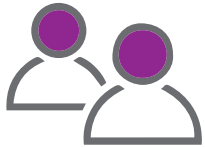


“BECAUSE PUBLIC POLICY ENCROACHES ON THE EVERYDAY LIFE OF CITIZENS, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC TO ENGAGE IN THE POLICYMAKING PROCESS.”

Claire Belliveau, Political Science Student at Dalhousie University and winner of the 2021 Policy Matters Op-Ed competition

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.



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

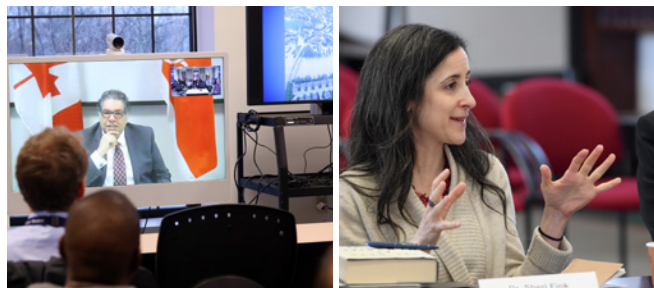
The MacEachen Institute examines the increasingly complex policies of critical infrastructure — the essential physical and cyber assets we depend on every day.

2016–2021 HIGHLIGHTS

Since its inception, the MacEachen Institute has been a hub for public policy discussions.

2016

Grand opening of the MacEachen Institute on May 9, 2016



2017

Launched the Junior Fellows program.

New York Times writer and Pulitzer Prize winner Sheri Fink and Calgary mayor Naheed Nenshi were featured discussing leadership and ethics in a crisis.

2018

The Institute hosts a projects class in which students from disciplines across campus engage with policy leaders and work on research projects for the public service.

POLICY MATTERS



2017

Inaugural Policy Matters speaker series featured 36 speakers including Senator Wanda Thomas Bernard discussing the future of the Senate.



2018

The series grew in popularity and attendees nearly doubled, resulting in extra chairs being carted in to meet demand.

2019

Darrell Dexter, Janice Harvey, The Honourable Peter MacKay and The Honourable Anne McLellan squared off in a discussion about the future of Atlantic Canada.



2020

A talk on systemic racism was followed by an evening panel on Nova Scotia's Count Us In Action Plan for the Decade for People of African Descent.



Partnered with the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University. Together, we hosted a panel featuring Atlantic Canada's Chief Medical Officers who discussed lessons learned from COVID-19.



2019

The third year saw continued growth, hosting over 40 speakers and 850 attendees. Highlights included a panel on Indigenous child welfare and another on climate change policy.



2021

We held a special online edition of Policy Matters focussing on provincial priorities in anticipation of the next election.

OP-EDS ON PRESSING POLICY ISSUES

MacEachen Institute fellows and staff are actively engaged in policy conversations and regularly write op-eds that are published in local and national publications.



LGBTQ+ CANADIAN BABY BOOMERS IN NEED OF SAFER HOUSING IN SENIOR YEARS

Jacqueline Gahagan &
Ren Thomas,
The Conversation, 2021



RECOGNIZING HISTORY OF BLACK NURSES: A FIRST STEP TO ADDRESSING RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION IN NURSING

Keisha Jefferies,
The Conversation, 2020



THINKING DIFFERENTLY ABOUT BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Tari Ajadi, *Canadian Government
Executive*, 2019



THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF THE ATLANTIC LOOP

Larry Hughes,
Policy Options, 2020



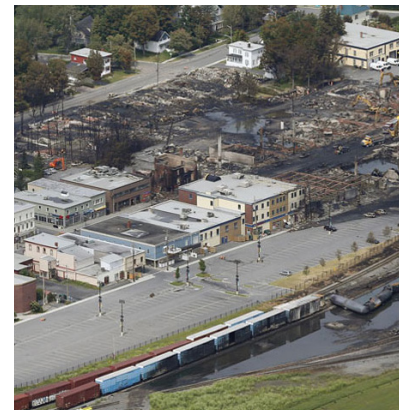
COVID-19 AND DISABILITY INSTITUTIONS: TIME TO ACT IS NOW

Sheila Wildeman,
The Chronicle Herald, 2020



TRUTH AND POWER IN THE SNC-LAVALIN AFFAIR

Kevin Quigley,
Policy Options, 2019



A LAC-MÉGANTIC TRIAL, BUT WHERE'S THE INQUIRY?

Kevin Quigley,
The Globe and Mail, 2017

ADVANCING IMPORTANT PUBLIC POLICY DISCUSSIONS

The MacEachen Institute has made a deliberate effort to engage in public policy conversations surrounding racial justice, social justice and climate justice.

RACIAL JUSTICE

The MacEachen Institute has organized several events on important racial justice discussions, many of which were led by Founding Fellow Ajay Parasram.

As part of Policy Matters 2019, we hosted *Human Rights and Reconciliation: Indigenous Child Welfare*, a panel that discussed issues in child welfare legislation. Over 110 people attended the event.



Panels:

Race and Party Platforms in the Coming Nova Scotia Elections (2021)

Making it Count: Assessing the Impact of the Decade for People of African Descent on Policy in Nova Scotia (2020)

Strategies for Dismantling Racial Fragility within Public Institutions (2020)

Whose Nation? Navigating a New Era in Crown-Indigenous Relations (2018)

The Equity Myth: Diversity on University Campuses (2017)

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Founding Fellows Dr. Jacqueline Gahagan and Dr. Ren Thomas are passionate about equity and have focused much of their independent research on safe and affordable housing.

Jacqueline was recently the lead researcher for a national LGBT senior housing study, and at the end of 2020 we created a series of briefing notes communicating the findings.

Jacqueline and Ren have been featured in numerous MacEachen Institute panel discussions and roundtables over the years alongside experts in planning and aging.



Panels:

Housing on the Brink

A Key Determinant of Health: Meeting the Housing Needs of Older LGBT2S+ Canadians

Policy Issues in Housing an Aging Population

CLIMATE JUSTICE

Over the last three years, we have developed a working partnership with the Marine Environmental Observation, Prediction and Response Network (MEOPAR) and DalTRAC. Together, we have hosted five panel discussions and three roundtables on themes in climate adaptation.



Panels:

Climate Adaptation in Nova Scotia: Overblown or Under Water? (2021)

Coastal Risk Governance: Lessons from COVID-19 (2020)

Resilience or Reluctance? Climate Change Policy in Atlantic Canada (2019)

Sink or Swim: Decisions in Emergency Management (2018)

Ports Modernization: Balancing Economic Prosperity and Environmental Sustainability (2018)

2018–2021 FOUNDING AND JUNIOR FELLOWS

Fellows contribute to the intellectual life at the MacEachen Institute in a variety of ways and across a number of disciplines. We thank them for their many contributions.

FOUNDING FELLOWS

2019–2021



James Barker
Herbert S. Lamb Chair of
Business Education in the
Rowe School of Business



Christine Chambers
Canada Research Chair in
Children's Pain and Professor
in the Departments of
Pediatrics and Psychology &
Neuroscience



Sara Kirk
Professor of Health Promotion
and Scientific Director of the
Healthy Populations Institute



Ajay Parasram
Assistant Professor in the
Departments of International
Development Studies and History



Sheila Wildeman
Associate Professor at the
Schulich School of Law

2018–2020

Jacqueline Gahagan
Professor of Health
Promotion in the Faculty
of Health

Ahsan Habib
Transportation Professor
in the School of Planning

Larry Hughes
Professor of Computer
Engineering

Ren Thomas
Assistant Professor in the
School of Planning

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JUNIOR FELLOWS

2019–2021



MD Jahedul Alam
PhD Candidate in the Department of Civil and Resource Engineering



Keisha Jefferies
PhD Candidate in the School of Nursing



Melina Kourantidou
Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Marine Affairs Program and the Ocean Frontier Institute



Michael Mackley
Medical student at Dalhousie Medical School



Julia Rodgers
PhD student in the Department of Political Science

2018–2019

Tari Ajadi
PhD student in Political Science

Tristan Cleveland
PhD student in Political Science

Rachel McLay
MA student in Sociology and Social Anthropology

Bayo Majekolagbe
Law student at the Schulich School of Law

Joy Shand
MA in History

2018–2019

Brittany Barber
PhD student in Health specializing in Spatial Epidemiology

Andrew Lam
Graduate student in the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology

HONORARY FELLOWS



**The Right Honourable
Jean Chrétien**
Former Prime Minister of Canada



Darrell Dexter
Vice Chair, Global Public Affairs
and Former Premier of Nova Scotia



The Honourable Anne McLellan
Former Deputy Prime Minister
of Canada

LEGACY

“Allan J. was someone who was instrumental in shaping the lives that we live every day.”

—Danny Graham, CEO of Engage Nova Scotia, Policy Matters Panel, September 2017

The **Honourable Allan J. MacEachen** passed away on September 12, 2017, and will be remembered as one of the principal architects of social policy in Canada. Passage of the 1966 Medical Care Act while he was Minister of Health and Welfare in a minority government is one of his many political contributions to the country. The Institute will be recognizing Mr. MacEachen's 100th birthday on July 6, 2021.



GROWTH SINCE LAUNCH

2016–2021

ONLINE METRICS

133,687 Page Views

VIDEOS

16,200 YouTube Views

2,200 Hours Viewed

SOCIAL MEDIA

1,216 Facebook followers

778 Twitter followers

784 Newsletter subscribers

TOTAL REVENUE

Raised **\$1.4M** in research funding

The research of MacEachen Institute fellows past and present has made its way to the audiences locally, nationally and globally through the events, media and social media channels of the Institute.

EVENTS

97 Total

307 Speakers

8,000+ Attendees

• **5,100+** in person

• **2,900+** online

MEDIA

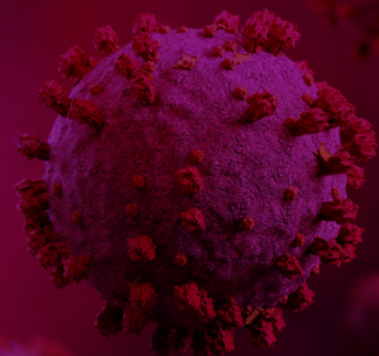
500 Media Hits

313 Atlantic (62%)	312 Online (62%)
103 National (21%)	83 Print (17%)
4 Quebec (1%)	82 Radio (16%)
37 Western Canada (7%)	21 Television (4%)
39 Ontario (8%)	1 Podcast
4 International (1%)	

COVID-19 RESEARCH

Over the last year, the Institute has secured over **\$730K** to support research in emergency management and post-COVID recovery, nearly half of which will go towards student and recent graduate salaries.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, we've hosted **10** panels, **6** roundtables, and written **11** briefing notes relating to COVID-19.



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GOVERNANCE

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, 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)

RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Scholarly Director, MacEachen Institute for Public Policy and Governance

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Associate Professor of Law, Schulich School of Law

Corey Beals

Graduate Student, Faculty of Management

Andrew Bergel

Instructor, College of Sustainability

Katherine Fierlbeck

Professor, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

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Graham Gagnon

NSERC/Halifax Water Industrial Research Chair in Water Quality & Treatment, Dalhousie University

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