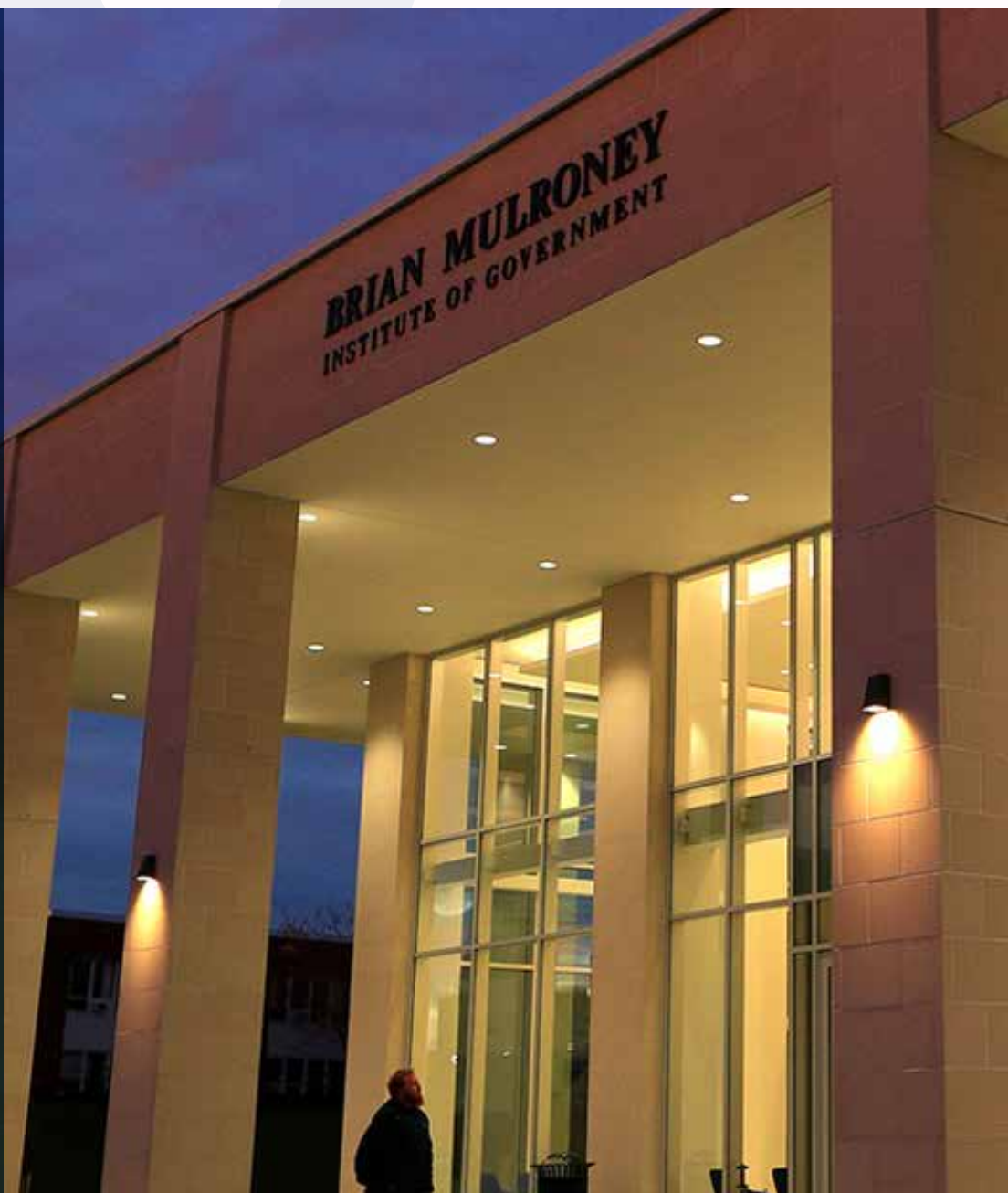




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YEAR IN REVIEW | **2020**

FROM THE DIRECTOR

When we gathered in Mulroney Hall on 18 September 2019 to celebrate the official opening of the Brian Mulroney Institute of Government at St. Francis Xavier University (StFX), none of us could have predicted that, in a matter of months, the world would face the most serious pandemic in over a century. Yet, despite the many challenges posed by COVID-19, the Mulroney Institute has taken significant strides in the past year to position itself as a leading teaching and research centre with cutting-edge facilities. This is in no small measure due to the generous contributions you made to building Mulroney Hall and to the many scholarships and bursaries you have supported.

I would like to draw your attention to a very special feature on our newly revamped website (mulroneyinstitute.ca), a video library which contains several of the most important speeches delivered by Prime Minister Mulroney during his nine years in office. In addition to being able to watch the Prime Minister weigh in on several historic domestic and foreign policy initiatives, you will be able to listen to veteran CBC journalist Brian Stewart and Stephen Lewis, former Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, pay tribute to Mr. Mulroney and how he changed the course of world history. As Stewart and Lewis point out, it is exactly the kind of leadership Prime Minister Mulroney exercised on such issues as famine relief in Ethiopia and ending apartheid in South Africa that highlights why the Brian Mulroney Institute of Government is so important in training future generations of leaders. Yet, the videos that populate the website do not simply speak to our history, but also to our future. Prime Minister Mulroney's address to a joint session of the US Congress in April 1988 – just months before the passage of the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement – provides invaluable lessons for our policymakers about how to manage and nurture the most important bilateral relationship on the globe. As the Steven K. Hudson Chair in Canada-US Relations, this is one of the many videos on our site that I share with students to remind them why effective leadership on the Canada-US file is so critical. This video library is a

virtual treasure trove for those interested in political leadership.

While the Mulroney Institute's many accomplishments are highlighted on our website, which I strongly encourage you to visit, I would like to point to a few of them here. Enrolment in the Institute's flagship Public Policy and Governance Program (PGOV) has continued to grow, and with access to generous scholarships and bursaries, our expectation is that we will see a steady rise in student numbers over the next several years. With talented faculty, internship opportunities, and a focus on experiential learning, we are confident that PGOV will continue to attract students from across the country.

In 2020, our faculty have produced an astonishing volume of leading-edge research. With an expanded staff, we have been able to pursue significant partnerships resulting in a monograph series that will release its third title in spring 2021; an occasional paper series that addresses current policy issues; and the Confederation of Tomorrow survey, which polls Canadian perspectives on economic, political, and social issues ranging from attitudes toward climate change, border security, and Indigenous-non-Indigenous relations in Canada. And, on an important note, in July 2021, we will welcome Dr. Bailey Gerrits, our inaugural Mila Mulroney Chair in Women, Policy, and Governance Leadership.

Our faculty continue to be in high demand and are regularly sought out for their expertise. In 2020, our research chairs and fellows gave more than 150 interviews to media outlets across Canada and around the world, reaching 40 million people from our state-of-the-art television studio on the fourth floor of Mulroney Hall.

The challenges of the pandemic also provided us with the opportunity and incentive to think creatively about the ways in which we connect with people beyond campus. Our livestreamed panel on the US presidential election reached a large audience,



allowing our scholars to connect remotely with students and friends of the Institute. Hundreds of viewers tuned in to watch an interview with the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, conducted by StFX alumna Nancy Regan '88. Prime Minister Mulroney spoke candidly about Canada-US relations following the recent US election as well as his interactions with Donald Trump and Joe Biden.

In the coming months, the Institute will forge ahead, strengthening our strategic partnerships with the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars in Washington, DC, and the Institute on Governance in Ottawa, while also seeking out other organizations to expand our reach in the fulfilment of our vision for the Institute. When travel restrictions have eased, we look forward to welcoming a broad and diverse range of experts and renowned scholars to campus for our Distinguished Speakers Series.

We are also pleased to announce that Mark Mulroney, Vice Chair, Corporate and Investment Banking at Scotiabank, has graciously agreed to chair the recently



established Brian Mulroney Institute of Government Advisory Board. The board, under Mark's leadership, will undoubtedly allow us to fulfil the Institute's main priorities and goals.

I am excited that an ever-increasing vaccine distribution will soon make it possible for the Institute's in-person events to resume. I and my colleagues look forward to welcoming scholars and visitors back to Mulroney Hall in the near future.

Thank you again for supporting the Brian Mulroney Institute of Government.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark".

Donald E. Abelson, PhD
Director, Brian Mulroney Institute of Government
Steven K. Hudson Chair in Canada-US Relations



FACULTY PROFILES



ADAM LAJEUNESSE, PhD

Dr. Lajeunesse is the Irving Shipbuilding Chair in Canadian Arctic Marine Security and Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Governance. He specializes in Northern sovereignty and security. He is the author of the award-winning book, *Lock, Stock, and Icebergs: A History of the Northwest Passage*.

One of Canada's most sought-after experts in the field of Arctic policy and security, Dr. Lajeunesse is a frequent contributor to government policy consultations. He has presented evidence to Canadian Senate and House of Commons committees, lectured to the Departments of National Defence and Global Affairs, and has taught in the Joint Command and Staff Programme at the Canadian Forces College. He is a regular participant at the federal government's interdepartmental Arctic Security Working Group and is a frequent speaker at the NATO Defence College in Rome. In recent years, he has also worked with the Canadian Army to revise Canada's Arctic Operating doctrine and participated in policy reviews conducted by the Departments of National Defence and Global Affairs. Dr. Lajeunesse has also spoken at the Arctic Security Forces Roundtable, a four-star meeting of NATO defence leaders.

Recently, Dr. Lajeunesse conducted an analysis of the history, purpose, and capabilities of the Arctic Offshore and Patrol ship, Canada's newest class of

naval vessel. In November, he presented findings to the Naval Association of Canada and the Royal United Service Institute about the potential for China to deploy submarines in polar waters. This work is being revised for publication in the *Journal of Strategic Studies*.

With his fellow Irving Shipbuilding Chair, Dr. Peter Kikkert, Dr. Lajeunesse helped produce an in-depth analysis of Canadian Arctic security using NATO's new Strategic Foresight framework. The analysis examines emerging threats and vulnerabilities to help Canada better meet the region's rapidly evolving security dynamic.



PETER KIKKERT, PhD

Dr. Peter Kikkert, the Irving Shipbuilding Chair in Arctic Policy and Assistant Professor in Public Policy and Governance, has written extensively on safety, security, sovereignty, and governance in the polar regions. He is currently researching search and rescue (SAR), emergency management, and disaster response capabilities in remote and isolated northern, coastal communities.

With his focus on safety and security issues, emergency management, and search and rescue (SAR) in the Arctic, Dr. Kikkert has established strong working relationships with community-based SAR organizations throughout Nunavut, as well as with the Canadian Coast Guard and Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, Joint Task Force North and 1st Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (1 CRPG), and with the Nunavut Emergency Management. His community-collaborative Kitikmeot SAR project, which works closely with the region's SAR teams, Coast Guard Auxiliary units, and Ranger patrols, identifies and assesses existing emergency management capabilities in the region, examines ongoing challenges, and highlights best practices.

Working in close partnership with 1 CRPG and adjunct faculty member Dr. P. Whitney Lackenbauer, Dr. Kikkert completed the *Measuring the Success of the Canadian Rangers* report, which used statistical methods, gender-based analysis, and stakeholder dialogue to develop a series of metrics and indicators that could be used to evaluate the

contributions, successes, and shortcomings of the Canadian Rangers as a component of the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves within a Northern Canadian context. The core of the project included insights drawn from interviews and focus groups conducted with a diverse group of Rangers. The final report was widely circulated in the Canadian Armed Forces, Department of National Defence, and Northern organizations.

BAILEY GERRITS, PhD

Dr. Gerrits is the Mulroney Institute's inaugural Mila Mulroney Research Chair. The Mila Mulroney Chair is mandated to develop and engage with timely research on the roles of women and issues related to women within policy and governance.



The Brian Mulroney Institute of Government and StFX have appointed Dr. Bailey Gerrits as the first Mila Mulroney Research Chair in Women, Policy, and Governance Leadership. The Mila Mulroney Chair's research program will focus on advancing knowledge and understanding of issues affecting the roles of women in addressing a broad range of policy and governance priorities.

Dr. Gerrits is currently a Banting Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Winnipeg in the Department of Criminal Justice and will join the Mulroney Institute in July 2021. Dr. Gerrits earned her PhD in Political Studies from Queen's University in 2019. Her studies were funded through the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation, SSHRC, and the International Council of Canadian Studies. She has published in several peer-reviewed journals, including *Feminist Media Studies*; *Atlantic: Critical Studies in Gender, Culture, & Social Justice*; and the *International Journal of Communication*.

Dr. Gerrits's work attempts to explain domestic violence news patterns in Canada and documents how Canadian police frame gender-based violence on social media. She is also comparing gendered social media attacks against women in leadership positions during COVID-19 in Canada and the US. Additionally, Dr. Gerrits has served on the board of Kingston Interval House and volunteered with Kingston's Sexual Assault Centre. Her experience working with survivors of domestic violence fueled her motivation to focus her research on this issue.

"I am honoured to be selected as the inaugural Mila Mulroney Research Chair and to join the Brian Mulroney Institute of Government. The position centres women's leadership in addressing pressing policy and governance issues, something Mrs. Mulroney demonstrated herself in her vast charity work."

– Dr. Bailey Gerrits

Generous funding for the Mila Mulroney Research Chair was provided by Dr. Wafic Saïd and Mrs. Rosemary Saïd.



ACADEMIC INQUIRY WITH REAL-WORLD IMPACT



In 2020, the Mulroney Institute's faculty continued their extensive research projects, publishing their findings in top-tier journals and creating strategic partnerships.

The Institute has partnered with McGill-Queen's University Press on the Brian Mulroney Institute of Government Studies in Leadership, Public Policy, and Governance series. The series, which published its first two books in 2020 (a third is scheduled for publication in spring 2021), focuses on critical issues facing Canada, at home and abroad, and the efforts that policymakers have made to address complex policy concerns. The series compels readers to think critically about the policy choices made by elected officials and how they can better navigate an increasingly crowded marketplace of ideas.

The first book in the series is Derek H. Burney and Fen Osler Hampson's **Braver Canada: Shaping Our Destiny in a Precarious World** (March 2020), a broad study of the challenges facing Canada in its global economic, political, and security engagements. The authors, a former Canadian ambassador and a renowned Canadian scholar in global security and politics, analyze the rise of populism, protectionism, and authoritarianism, situating Canada's position in relation to these global shifts.

Dr. Adam Lajeunesse, the Irving Shipbuilding Chair in Canadian Arctic Marine Security, is the editor of an e-book series, **Arctic Operational Histories**, published by the Mulroney Institute. Generated from firsthand accounts and official government narratives, each volume offers a

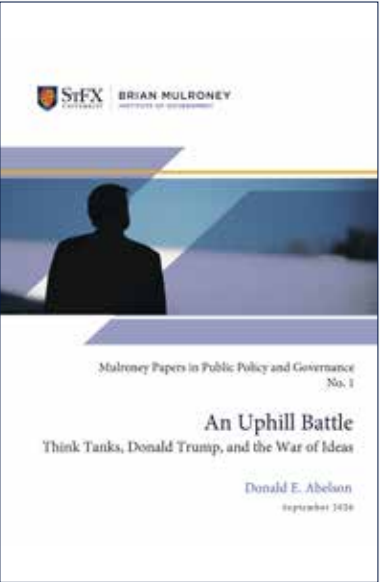
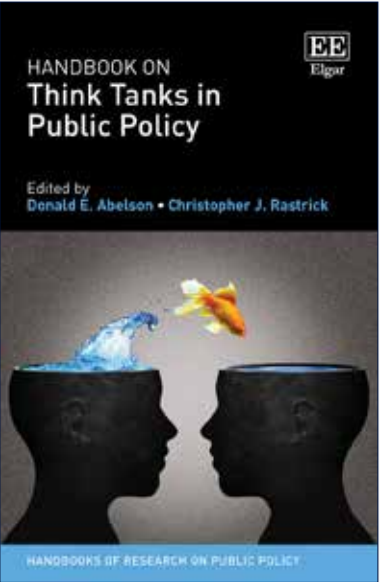
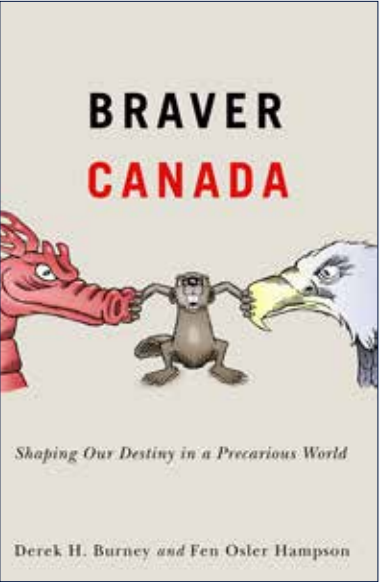
unique window into the evolution of Canada's northern deployments and capabilities. The e-books further explore the challenges faced by the Canadian Armed Forces during its multi-generational effort to develop and maintain operational capabilities in the Arctic.

One such volume, **Whole of Government Through an Arctic Lens**, was co-edited by Dr. P. Whitney Lackenbauer, a Mulroney Institute adjunct faculty member, and is a comprehensive look at Canadian defence and security governance in the Arctic. Distributed widely to Armed Forces and government officials, it has become the go-to source for understanding how Canadian security agencies operate and cooperate in the North.

The premiere instalment in the Mulroney Papers in Public Policy and Governance was Director Donald Abelson's work, **"An Uphill Battle: Think Tanks, Donald Trump, and the War of Ideas"** (September 2020). The occasional paper series examines how decisions made at municipal, provincial, national, and international levels either advance or compromise the public interest.

Dr. Abelson's study seeks to explain why Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama were far more inclined than Donald Trump to tap into the wealth of expertise available at some of the nation's most distinguished public policy institutes. The second paper in the series, **"Atlantic Canada in the Harper Era"** (December 2020), by Dr. Louise Carbert, examines tensions between the Atlantic provinces and the Canadian federal government during Stephen Harper's years as prime minister. The paper discusses intra-regional integration and the lingering impacts of the Harper legacy on current and future governments.

Director Donald Abelson's co-edited volume **Handbook on Think Tanks in Public Policy** will be released in March 2021 through Edward Elgar Publishing. The book is an examination of think tanks around the world. With contributions from more than 20 prominent scholars, the handbook explores the diverse world of think tanks and



their role, function, and perceived impact on public policy and public opinion.

For the second year, the Mulroney Institute of Government partnered with the Institute for Research on Public Policy, the Canada-West Foundation, and the Centre D'Analyse Politique – Constitution et Fédéralisme in the publication of the **Confederation of Tomorrow 2020 Survey of Canadians**, which was conducted by the Environics Institute for Survey Research.

This survey, which provides meaningful representation from the nation's geography and population (including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples), assesses the evolution of Canadian attitudes towards, and satisfaction with, the nation's overall direction. In 2020, four reports were produced: *Regional Perspectives on the Economy and Climate Change*; *The Division of Powers and Resources*; *Identity, Language and Values*; and *Indigenous – Non-Indigenous Relations*.

In collaboration with the **American Review of Canadian Studies**, the Institute published a special issue in March 2020, examining the impact of the Trump administration on Canada-US relations on the economy, society, and diplomacy.

The **Canadian Naval Review**, published by the Mulroney Institute and edited by Dr. Adam Lajeunesse, is a hybrid academic/professional journal examining a wide range of maritime security issues. The journal examines strategic concepts and policies, oceans policy, and marine affairs, and brings together members of the Canadian defence and academic communities to promote strategic thinking and good security policy.



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THE BRIAN MULRONEY INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Mulroney Institute’s Resident Fellows Program, established in 2019, is a network of scholars at StFX whose research has implications for the conduct and implementation of public policy and/or issues relating to governance. During their three-year appointment, each Fellow presents a public lecture and contributes to the Institute’s occasional paper series, the Mulroney Papers in Public Policy

DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS



DOUGLAS M. BROWN, PhD

Dr. Douglas M. Brown is Associate Professor of Political Science at StFX. His research areas include intergovernmental relations in Canada, fiscal federalism in Canada, and Canadian regional politics with a focus on the Atlantic Provinces.



PETER CLANCY, PhD

Dr. Peter Clancy is a Senior Research Professor in the Department of Political Science at StFX. His work centres on the interplay of economic and political interests in settings such as business politics and natural resource industries.

and Governance. The inaugural class of eight Resident Fellows and two Distinguished Fellows are recognized for their expertise across a range of disciplines (including political science, philosophy, sociology, health equity and social justice, conflict resolution, finance, and education) and will play a major role in enhancing the Institute’s research capacity.

RESIDENT FELLOWS



KATIE AUBRECHT, PhD

Dr. Katie Aubrecht is Canada Research Chair in Health Equity and Social Justice and Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at StFX. She leads a research program that maps health services, social policies, and community resources with a focus on rural communities in Atlantic Canada.



JAMES BICKERTON, PhD

Dr. James Bickerton is Professor of Political Science at StFX. His research interests are in the areas of federalism, regionalism, and electoral politics in Canada.



PATRICIA CORMACK, PhD

Dr. Patricia Cormack is Full Professor in the Department of Sociology at StFX. She researches the place of the Canadian state in everyday life and the state’s role in cultivating nationalism.



YVON GRENIER, PhD

Dr. Yvon Grenier is Professor of Political Science at StFX. His current work examines Canadian foreign policy toward Cuba, Mexico, and Venezuela, with a focus on human rights and the promotion of democratic values.

RESIDENT FELLOWS



LOUIS GROARKE, PhD

Dr. Louis Groarke is Full Professor in the Philosophy Department at StFX. His research focuses on political theory, moral philosophy, aesthetics, logic, Aristotle, and the history of philosophy.



JAMIE LEVIN, PhD

Dr. Jamie Levin is Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at StFX. His work focuses on the role of weapons in the resolution of civil wars.



BHAVIK PARIKH, PhD

Dr. Bhavik Parikh is Associate Professor of Finance at the Schwartz School of Business at StFX. His research focuses on international finance, tax evasion, and Islamic finance.



DAVID YOUNG, PhD

Dr. David Young is Full Professor in the Faculty of Education at StFX. Broadly, his research focuses on educational administration and policy; his current work deals with issues pertaining to law and education.



An important component of the Mulroney Institute’s commitment to engaging communities in debate and dialogue about the impact of public policy and governance is providing accessible knowledge and expertise on these subjects.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Many of the Institute’s faculty and fellows are regular contributors to local, national, and international media platforms, including print, radio, television, and podcasts. In 2020, the Institute’s faculty and fellows made over 150 media appearances, reaching an estimated audience of in excess of 40 million people.

The Institute’s director, Donald Abelson, is a sought-after media contributor. He has appeared on CTV News Channel and in *US News & World Report* and *The Toronto Star*, among many others. In 2020, Dr. Abelson made over 125 media appearances discussing Canada-US relations and the US presidential election.

Dr. Adam Lajeunesse, the Irving Shipbuilding Chair in Canadian Arctic Marine Security, has appeared frequently on television and radio, weighing in

on American Arctic policy, Arctic sovereignty, and Canada’s naval capabilities in the Arctic for outlets such as Global News, CBC News, and *The Walrus*. Dr. Peter Kikkert, the Irving Shipbuilding Chair in Arctic Policy, has contributed opinion pieces for outlets such as Radio-Canada and the *Nunavut News* on Northern issues.

The Institute’s Resident Fellows are also in demand. Drs. Yvon Grenier and James Bickerton are popular guests on media platforms, particularly during election cycles. Dr. Grenier is also a commentator for Radio-Canada and the CBC, where he shares his expertise on Latin American governments. Dr. Katie Aubrecht speaks regularly on the intersection of public policy and mental health. She has been particularly in demand in 2020, sharing her studies on the impact of COVID-19 on regional communities.



THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Student engagement is the cornerstone of the Mulroney Institute’s teaching philosophy.

As such, our faculty seek out and offer opportunities for students to gain skills and experiences that will prepare them for real-world challenges. In early 2020, PGOV students participated in life-changing initiatives from Antigonish to Nunavut. While other universities might rely on graduate students to conduct research, the unique emphasis that StFX and the Mulroney Institute place on the undergraduate experience creates space for students to engage in important and progressive work.

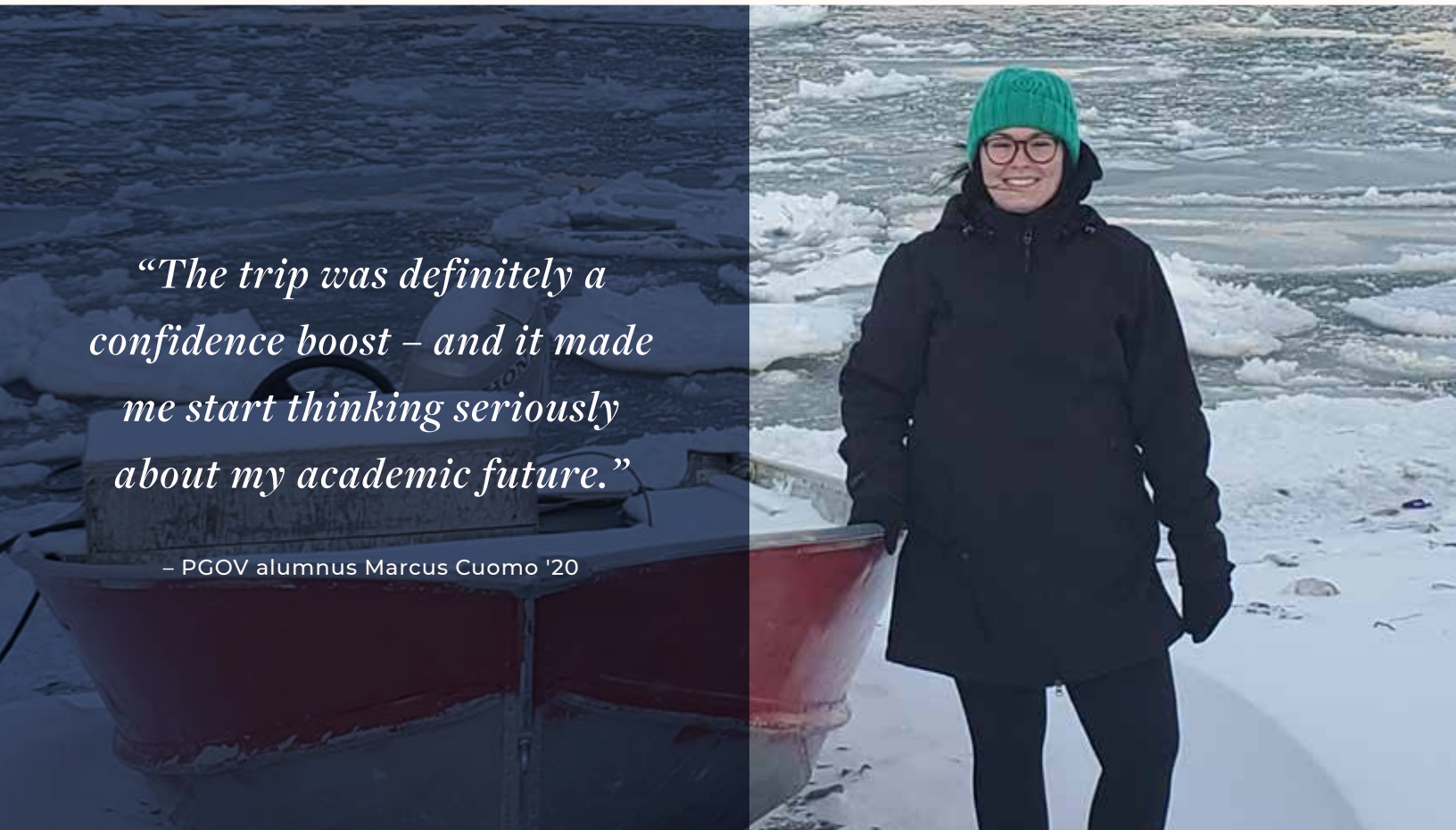
The Kitikmeot Roundtable on Search and Rescue – co-organized by Drs. Kikkert and Lackenbauer, and Angulalik Pedersen, the second-in-command at the Cambridge Bay Coast Guard Auxiliary – was held at the Canadian High Arctic Research Station in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, convening 55 community SAR responders, academics, and representatives of federal and territorial departments and agencies. Together, they discussed best practices, lessons learned, challenges, and future requirements for SAR in the Kitikmeot region and conducted a Mass Rescue Operation tabletop exercise.

Four PGOV students travelled with Dr. Kikkert to Cambridge Bay, and second-year students Chloe Walker and Bailey Chisholm helped facilitate the Roundtable last January. Fourth-year students Brenna Martell and Marcus Cuomo also made a trip to the High Arctic with Dr. Kikkert. Their visits were part of a significant body of research – and their reward was visiting a place that few Canadians will ever see. They and their fellow PGOV students have also been integral to the design and implementation of workshops, focus groups, and interviews in Kugluktuk, Cambridge Bay, and Gjoa Haven, Nunavut.

In March 2020, the Mulroney Institute partnered with the Royal Canadian Navy on the new “Students at Sea” initiative. This is experiential learning at its most exciting: 17 students from Security Studies courses travelled to the Canadian Navy Yards in Halifax to tour submarines and patrol ships – even heading out into the Atlantic aboard a frigate! Organized by Dr. Lajeunesse and Dr. Jamie Levin (Department of Political Science) in partnership with the Navy's Strategic Outreach program, participants toured the Navy's Atlantic Operations Centre, the Maritime Security Operations Centre, and the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre. They got a firsthand look at how SAR operations work in the Atlantic – especially as they spent the afternoon on the HMCS *Ville de Québec*, where high-speed manoeuvres, boarding, and firefighting demonstrations, and tours of the operations room and the bridge brought to life Canada's capabilities – and responsibilities – at sea.

On campus, PGOV students also serve as assistant editors, managers, and researchers with the **Canadian Naval Review** and the **Arctic Operational Histories**, both of which are published by the Mulroney Institute.

The Mulroney Institute is currently creating a digital archive, which will offer primary documents related to policy decisions about such topics as Canada-US relations, free trade, and the Arctic. Three students will work on the project, conducting archival research at the intersection of governance studies and public history. The documents they will be gathering and organizing include speeches, memoranda, and government materials, which will form the basis of the Mulroney Institute's future “one-stop” policy archive for students, scholars, and the general public.



“The trip was definitely a confidence boost – and it made me start thinking seriously about my academic future.”

– PGOV alumnus Marcus Cuomo '20

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES FOR FUTURE LEADERS

When Prime Minister Mulroney began his efforts to raise funds for Mulroney Hall and the Brian Mulroney Institute of Government, he was determined that there be ample support for not just bricks and mortar, but also scholarships and bursaries. The Prime Minister has spoken candidly about his family's modest roots – and about the work ethic imbued in him by his father, Benedict – and pledged to give students from similar backgrounds the opportunity of a university education.

With your support, the Institute's PGOV Program is able to leverage robust financial support to attract the finest students from across Canada and around the world.

In the 2021–22 academic year, these are the available scholarships (awarded based on academic merit) and bursaries (awarded based on financial need):



NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES	PER STUDENT PER YEAR
The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney Scholarships 2 PER YEAR	\$15,000
Sobeys Entrance Scholarships 2 PER YEAR	\$10,000
Irving Family Scholarships 3 PER YEAR	\$5,000
Mila Mulroney Scholarship for African Nova Scotian Students 3 PER YEAR	\$3,000
The Weston Family Scholarship for International Exchange 3 PER YEAR	\$6,000
Joyce Family Bursaries 25 PER YEAR	\$1,000–\$4,000
RBC Foundation Research Internships 8 PER YEAR	\$6,250
Joseph Armand Bombardier Student Internships 6 PER YEAR	\$6,000
Dahdaleh Scholarship for Indigenous Students 4 PER YEAR	\$3,000
David & Hildegarde Mahoney Scholarship	\$10,000
Eldee Foundation – UN Service Learning Bursary 4 PER YEAR	\$4,000
Michael Mulroney Scholarship 4 PER YEAR	\$7,000
Sister Peggy Butts Bursary 4 PER YEAR	\$7,000
Thomas O'Shea Scholarship 4 PER YEAR	\$7,000
Bogdanka Pivnički Scholarship 4 PER YEAR	\$7,000
Guy R. Savard Bursary 1 PER 4 YEARS	\$12,500
Scotiabank Entrance Scholarship 1 PER YEAR	\$4,000

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Marcel Desmond and Katherine Starr, recipients of the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney Scholarship, share their journeys from high school to the PGOV Program.

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– Marcel Desmond



MARCEL DESMOND

During his final year of high school in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Marcel Desmond served as student council president and the class valedictorian. Some of you may have “met” Marcel virtually, as he spoke with Prime Minister Mulroney during the livestreamed Fireside Chat in November 2020. He notes that the experience was “such a rich opportunity to meet Mr. Mulroney and to hear his insights about politics, public service, and leadership.”

A recipient of both the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney Scholarship and the Jeannine Deveau Educational Equity Endowment Scholarship, Marcel is also a 2020 Loran Finalist. He has worked tirelessly in his community, helping ensure it is a fairer place for everyone. For Marcel’s efforts, Antigonish MLA Randy Delorey put forward a resolution in the Nova Scotia Legislature recognizing Marcel’s “commitment to the community and desire to help

others while creating positive change.”

Although he is a first-year student, Marcel is no stranger to StFX. He took part in X-Project several years ago, which made choosing a university relatively easy: “I already knew about the academic programs, student life, and the vibrant community, all of which contribute to StFX’s ability to produce leaders. To put the cherry on top, I received a video from Prime Minister Mulroney encouraging me to choose StFX and the Institute to study public policy and governance.” So, Marcel says, “it became a pretty clear choice.”

After StFX, Marcel hopes to attend law school with a concentrate on constitutional law. He envisages a career in public policy, helping “bring a more equitable lens to policy creation, implementation, and evaluation.”



“I chose this school because of the gorgeous campus, the small-town feel, incredible undergraduate opportunities that could not be achieved at a larger institution, and the close-knit community that makes StFX so unique.”

– Katherine Starr

KATHERINE STARR

Katherine Starr is a polymath: student, volunteer, athlete, and passionate debater. In high school, she earned the bronze and silver levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, finished second at the International Public Speaking and Debating Tournament in Boston, and was the only high school student asked to speak at the 100 Women in Finance event in Toronto. Katherine volunteers with the Special Olympics as a rhythmic gymnastics coach, with her local hospital as a patient advocate, and as a coordinator for the 100 Men Who Give a Damn charity, which provides funding to grassroots organizations. Fully bilingual, Katherine also enjoys alpine skiing, soccer, volleyball, and Ultimate Frisbee.

As a recipient of the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney Scholarship, Katherine reflects on her decision to come to StFX: “I chose this school

because of the gorgeous campus, the small-town feel, incredible undergraduate opportunities that could not be achieved at a larger institution, and the close-knit community that makes StFX so unique.” She was particularly attracted to the outstanding PGOV Program, which she is confident will help foster her debating skills – and, she says, “I knew that there would be more opportunities to work alongside professors, expand my network, and seek internships and jobs” while in the program.

In her first-year PGOV course, Katherine learned how to “analyze leadership in times of crisis (such as the COVID-19 pandemic), understand Canada–China relations, comprehend the wicked problems that plague our world – and figure out how policies can address them.”



EVENTS

While COVID-19 compromised nearly all of the events the Mulroney Institute had planned for 2020, it also forced us to think creatively about the ways in which we can connect with the world beyond StFX – this year and in the future.

On 30 October 2020, the Institute presented a panel discussion on the US presidential election, “Fighting for the Soul of a Nation,” in Mulroney Hall’s Barrick Auditorium. A panel of scholars from the Mulroney Institute and the English and Political Science departments tackled questions about the most consequential – and contentious – election in US history, particularly as it pertained to Canadians. In addition to a socially distanced audience, the panel discussion was also watched by people via livestream.

In November, StFX presented a virtual fireside chat with StFX alumnus and the Institute’s namesake and patron, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, 18th prime minister of Canada. In an interview with Nancy Regan ‘88, Prime Minister Mulroney spoke candidly about the results of the US election (even though the final tallies were yet to come), the current state of Canada-US relations, and his interactions with Donald Trump and Joe Biden. Mr. Mulroney poignantly shared memories of his time at StFX, including his communications with John Diefenbaker.

On 26 November, the Mulroney Institute presented an online discussion of the state of Canadian politics featuring Dr. Alex Marland, Professor of Political Science at Memorial University, and former Nova Scotia Minister of Finance, Graham Steele. Moderated by the Institute’s Dr. Anna Zuschlag, the event centred on Dr. Marland’s newest book, *Whipped: Party Discipline in Canada*, and its contemplation of party and message discipline, and party leadership in national and provincial politics. A lively virtual Q&A session followed the conversation.

As part of the Fellows Lecture Series, Mulroney Institute Resident Fellow and Professor of Political Science at StFX, Dr. Yvon Grenier, spoke last spring about the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela and how Canadian influence could help restore balance to the region. In the fall, Resident Fellow Dr. Bhavik Parikh, Associate Professor of Finance at the Schwartz School of Business, discussed his ongoing research into tax evasion and international tax agreements, and Dr. Jim Bickerton, Resident Fellow and Professor of Political Science, shared his work on exploring political stability and regime resilience in multi-national settings.

NEW FACES



CINDY MACKENZIE

Cindy MacKenzie is the spokesperson and Manager of Media Relations for StFX, overseeing external and internal media and stakeholder messaging. Previously the communications advisor to the Honourable Peter MacKay during his time as the Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Defence, Ms. MacKenzie has provided communications advice and support across Canada for funding announcements and for federal and provincial meetings. She has also participated in high-level foreign affairs and defence meetings with the US and Pakistani governments.

ANNA ZUSCHLAG, PhD

Dr. Zuschlag is the Mulroney Institute's Program/Research Manager. She is the managing editor of the Institute's publications. She also organizes the Institute's special events, Distinguished Speakers Series, and Fellows lectures. Her future projects involve coordinating the creation of the Institute's digital archive and developing its podcast capabilities. Dr. Zuschlag holds a PhD in American History from Western University. Her work focuses on the representation of draft resistance, military service, and masculinity in culture and politics during the Vietnam War and Reagan administration.



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