



Fair Tax Summit

BUILDING A BETTER CANADA

Speakers Biographies

Note: Publications or organizations that are underlined are hyperlinked.

Brigitte Alepin

Brigitte Alepin is a chartered accountant and a tax specialist. After practicing in the taxation field for 15 years, Brigitte specialized in tax policies at Harvard. She is recognized for her studies in tax equity, tax havens, energy and environmental taxation. The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants have invited her to present the findings of major studies to governments, and she often appears as an expert witness before House of Commons finance committees. She is a lecturer on taxation and tax policy at the Université du Québec, a frequent media commentator, a regular contributor to *CA Magazine* (the journal of Chartered Accountants of Canada) and she was also a columnist at the *Journal de Montréal*. She wrote 3 books about tax policies: *Bill Gates, pay your fair share of taxes...like we do!* (April 2012), *La crise fiscale qui vient* (2011), *Ces riches qui ne paient pas d'impôts* (2004).

Sarah Anderson

Sarah Anderson is Director of Global Economy with the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington DC. Her current work includes research, writing, and networking on issues related to the impact of international trade, finance, and investment policies on inequality, sustainability, and human rights. Sarah is a well-known expert on executive compensation, and has co-authored several books. Sarah has also been a consultant to the U.S. Agency for International Development (1989-1992) and an editor for the *Deutsche Presse-Agentur* (1988). She holds a Masters in International Affairs from The American University and a BA in Journalism from Northwestern University.

Sheila Block

Sheila Block is Director of Economic Analysis at the Wellesley Institute. Her experience and background include work as Research Director at the Ontario Federation of Labour, and a decade in the Steelworkers' research department. She has also worked as a political advisor and public servant in the Ontario government. Sheila is a research associate with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. She recently wrote the CCPA Report on Countdown to Zero: Balancing Toronto's Budget. She has an Honours B.A. in Economics from the University of British Columbia, and a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Toronto.

Michael Bradfield

Michael Bradfield is with Nova Scotians for Tax Fairness. He is a retired Economics Professor from Dalhousie University, Halifax, and one of the authors of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives Nova Scotia Alternative Budget.

Ed Broadbent

Ed Broadbent was Leader of the New Democratic Party from 1975 to 1989. He was the founding President of Rights and Democracy. He is now a fellow in the Department of Political Studies at Queen's University, in the School of Policy Studies.

Neil Brooks

Professor Neil Brooks has taught tax law and policy at Osgoode Hall Law School for over 35 years and is the Director of the Graduate Program in Taxation. He has been a consultant on tax policy and reform issues to several departments in the government of Canada, and to the governments of New Zealand, Australia and several Canadian provinces. He has also been involved in the capacity building of taxation systems in a number of low-income countries. Most recently, he co-authored with Linda McQuaig, the best selling book, The Trouble with Billionaires.

Matthew Carroll

Matthew Carroll is Leadnow.ca's Campaigns Director. He has a decade of experience as an organizer, facilitator and campaign strategist, working with a variety of non-profits, public institutions and governments. Originally from England, he now lives in Grimsby, Ontario, where his wife's family have been farming for seven generations.

John Christensen

John Christensen is an economist and former economic adviser to the UK and Jersey governments. John has researched secrecy jurisdictions and illicit financial flows for decades, and spent several years working 'undercover' to explore how offshore financial centres operate. He has played a leading role in campaigning for tighter regulation and control of international financial markets, and is a founder of the Tax Justice Network. He is a fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce and works as Director of TJN's International Secretariat in London.

James Clancy

James Clancy is the National President of the 340,000-member National Union of Public and General Employees, one of Canada's largest unions. He is also a General Vice-President of the Canadian Labour Congress and he serves in an international leadership capacity with Public Services International (PSI). He was recently involved in the All Together Now! Campaign supporting public services and tax fairness.

Shannon Daub

Shannon Daub is the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternative B.C.'s Communications Director. She oversees extensive communications activities, which range from media strategy to online and offline public engagement efforts, and leads the "communication

and social change" stream of the [Climate Justice Project](#). Shannon also teaches in the School of Communication and Culture at [Royal Roads University](#) and is involved in youth leadership development.

Alain Deneault

Philosopher Alain Deneault is the author of *Offshore: Tax Havens and the Rule of Global Crime*. His research focuses on the impact of tax havens on the functioning of political legislation. He teaches political science at the University of Montreal, and is part of the campaign [Échec aux paradis fiscaux](#).

Brigette DePape

Brigette is part of the [Canadian Youth Climate Coalition](#) (CYCC), a united front of youth voices across Canada working to build a just and sustainable future. As a member of the CYCC's Canadian Youth Delegation, she attended to UN climate negotiations in Durban, South Africa to hold the Canadian government to account. She has spoken on the topic of climate justice across Canada, has given workshops and trainings, and is involved in community organizing in Ottawa. She has also done research and writing for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, the Halifax Initiative, the Tyee, and the Council of Canadians.

Murray Dobbin

Murray Dobbin is the Chair of [Canadians for Tax Fairness](#). He is an author, broadcaster and journalist. He is the author of five books and is a former columnist with Financial Post and Winnipeg Free Press. He also is a board member of the Centre for Policy Alternatives. He is now exploring the ideas and practice of "prosperity without growth" a radical response to the economic and climate crises, and the development of a "politics of meaning" that addresses the need to do progressive politics differently.

Pam Doig

Pam participates in the NUPGE [All Together Now!](#) campaign as the Ontario Coordinator. She is currently Project Manager for the Commission on Quality Public Services and Tax Fairness. This campaign brought the Public Services Foundation of Canada to 12 Ontario communities through January and February. The Commission will publish its report in March 2012. She has been employed with the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union for nearly 20 years as a campaigner, educator and supervisor. She is a social worker by trade, having worked in the Child Welfare field and as a community activist in Northern Ontario.

Diana Gibson

Diana Gibson is the Research Director for the [Parkland Institute](#). She has an extensive background in social and fiscal policy research and has engaged nationally and internationally on topics ranging from health care and energy, to the environment and international trade agreements.

James Henry

James S. Henry is a leading economist, attorney, and investigative journalist, with a strong business background. He has written and spoken widely on key issues in the arenas of development finance and international taxation. As founder of Sag Harbor Group, a strategy consultant, Mr. Henry's clients have included top enterprises. Since the 1970s, Mr. Henry's original ground-breaking economic investigations, focused on international debt, currency demand, capital flight, and tax havens, have been featured in many leading publications, books, conferences, Congressional hearings, and media interviews. As a founder of Tax Justice USA and a board member of TJN International, he has worked diligently for the reform of secrecy jurisdictions and international transfer pricing. Mr. Henry's most recent works include The Blood Bankers, the first investigative history of the Third World debt crisis; and Pirate Bankers (forthcoming), on havens, private banks, and money laundering. Mr. Henry is an honors graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Law School, and the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Pablo Heidrich

Pablo Heidrich leads the North-South Institute's work on Trade and investment flows and decent work. Previously, he worked for the Latin American Trade Network on regionalism, energy and infrastructure integration and South American economic policies. Mr. Heidrich did his graduate studies in international politics and development economics at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (Argentina), Tsukuba University (Japan), and the University of Southern California. His current research at NSI is on commodities and employment, policy responses to high energy and food prices, and the economic impact of Canadian mining in Latin America.

Trish Hennessy

Trish Hennessy is a former journalist and director of strategic issues at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. She also writes a [blog](#) dedicated to issue framing. Trish has a B.A. in Sociology from Queen's University, a B.S.W. from Carleton University, and a Master's degree in Sociology from OISE/University of Toronto.

Dennis Howlett

Dennis Howlett is the Coordinator of Canadians for Tax Fairness. Prior to assuming this position in October of 2011 he was the National Coordinator of Make Poverty History. From 2003 to 2006 he was the Executive Director of the National Anti-Poverty Organization, and for over 30 years he worked for a number of ecumenical social justice coalitions. Dennis has been a leader of many justice, environmental and anti-poverty campaigns internationally and domestically. Dennis is a graduate of the University of Toronto with degrees in Masters of Education and Bachelor of Arts.

Andrew Jackson

Andrew Jackson is Chief Economist and Director of Social and Economic Policy with the Canadian Labour Congress where he has worked since 1989. He is also Research Professor in the Institute of Political Economy at Carleton University, and Research Associate with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Kathleen Lahey

Kathleen Lahey is a Law professor at Queen's University. Her main areas of teaching and

research are taxation, tax policy, property, and sex/gender equality. She was a member of the Ontario Commission on Tax Fairness working groups on corporate taxation and on the taxation of women during the 1990s, has produced several SSHRC and Status of Women Canada-funded studies on the sex/gender and distributional impact of taxes of all kinds. Kathleen also litigates equality issues (same-sex marriage, women's equality, and Metis women), is founding editor of the Canadian Journal of Women and the Law, and has participated in the establishment of the Law and Society collaborative network International Legal Feminisms and FemTax projects. Most recently, she has worked closely with the Canadian House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women in its detailed gender impact analysis of Department of Finance budget and tax policy documents (2007-2012).

David Langille

David Langille is a professor at York University and the University of Toronto. He was the Executive Producer of the feature length documentary film, Poor No More, and is the former Director of the Centre for Social Justice where he was involved in the Your Tax Cuts at Work campaign. He is a member of the Canadians for Tax Fairness Board of Directors.

Marc Lee

Marc Lee is an economist in the BC office of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and a contributor to the Progressive Economic Forum. He is the author of many important studies including BC's Regressive Tax Shift and Fair and Effective Carbon Pricing, Lessons from BC. He is a member of the Canadians for Tax Fairness Technical Advisory Committee.

Nadia Lévesque

Nadia is with the Public Service Union of Quebec and is also involved with the Echec aux Paradis Fiscaux.

Hoang Mai

Hoang Mai is the New Democrat member of parliament for his home constituency, Brossard-La Prairie. Jack Layton gave him the role of Critic for National Revenue in his shadow cabinet and since June 2011, he is First Vice-Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance. At the federal election of 2008, Hoang was the NDP candidate in the riding of Brossard-La Prairie. From 2008 to 2010, he was treasurer of the NDP Quebec Chapter and established the Commission of the cultural communities. Hoang is currently vice president of communications of the Québec section. Hoang studied science and economics before completing his Bachelor's degree in law and a Master's degree in international private law from the Université de Montréal. He then continued his training in international law in The Hague.

David MacDonald

David MacDonald is Senior Economist at the National Office the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. He is also the Coordinator of the Alternative Federal Budget Project.

Elizabeth May

Elizabeth May is an environmentalist, writer, activist, lawyer, leader of the Green Party of Canada, and Member of Parliament for Saanich-Gulf Islands. Elizabeth became active in the environmental movement in the 1970s. Elizabeth is the author of seven books, including her most recent [Losing Confidence: Power, Politics and the Crisis in Canadian Democracy](#). She became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2005, was elected Leader of the Green Party in 2006, and in May 2011 became the first Canadian Green Party candidate elected to office. Elizabeth's home is in Sidney, British Columbia.

Linda McQuaig

Linda McQuaig has been a rare dissenting voice within the mainstream media. As a reporter for the *Globe and Mail*, she won a National Newspaper Award in 1989 for a series of articles which sparked a public inquiry and led to the imprisonment of political lobbyist Patti Starr. As a Senior Writer for *Maclean's*, McQuaig (with Ian Austen) probed the early business dealings of Conrad Black, uncovering how Black used political connections to avoid prosecution. An irate Black suggested on CBC Radio that McQuaig should be horsewhipped. She's challenged the economic and political orthodoxy as a columnist for the Toronto *Star* and as author of a number of best-selling books, including [Shooting the Hippo: Death by Deficit and Other Canadian Myths](#) and [It's the Crude, Dude: War, Big Oil and the Fight for the Planet](#). Her most recent book (with Neil Brooks) is [The Trouble with Billionaires](#).

Keith Neuman

Mr. Neuman was recently appointed as the inaugural Executive Director of the [Environics Institute](#). Keith's previous role at Environics was as Group Vice President responsible for the research company's Public Affairs and Environment-Energy research practice areas. Keith holds a Ph.D. in Social Ecology from the University of California, and holds the credential of Certified Marketing Research Professional (CMRP). He is a frequent media commentator on social trends and public opinion.

Daniel Paillé

Daniel Paillé is the leader of the [Bloc Québécois](#). He is an economist, administrator, professor and political figure in Québec. He is a longstanding Bloc Québécois deputy and was minister to the government of Jacques Parizeau. He also represented Hochelaga county between 2009 and 2011. He holds a B.A. in business administration from HEC Montréal as well as an MA in economics from the University of Québec in Montréal.

Luisa Quarta

Luisa Quarta is a Campaigns Officer with the [Ontario Public Service Employees' Union](#). She worked on the Project Team for the [Commission on Quality Public Services and Tax Fairness](#). This campaign brought the Public Services Foundation of Canada to 12 Ontario communities through January and February. The Commission will publish its report in April 2012. Luisa has been organizing campaigns in the social services sectors with OPSEU since 2007. She has an M.S.W. from York University and a B.A. in Women's Studies from the University of Toronto.

Bob Rae

Toronto member of parliament, Bob Rae was named interim leader of the Liberal Party of Canada after the 2011 Canadian federal election. Bob Rae's background as a member of parliament, as Premier of Ontario for five years and his independent policy work have given him expertise in a wide range of policy areas, including foreign affairs, constitution negotiations, education, health services, trade, security and aboriginal affairs

Laurel Rothman

Laurel Rothman is the Director of Community Building and Social Reform at the Family Service Toronto and the National Coordinator of Campaign 2000, a non-partisan national coalition of more than 85 organizations committed to securing the implementation of the 1989 federal all-party resolution "to seek to achieve the goal of eliminating poverty among Canadian children by the year 2000". Laurel is a frequent media spokesperson on issues of children's well-being. She also has published articles in professional journals and magazines including Child Welfare, Women and Environments and the Canadian Review of Social Policy.

Marcleo Saavedra-Vargas

Mr. Marcelo Saavedra-Vargas is Professor of Aboriginal Studies at the University of Ottawa. He has worked for IDRC (the International Development Research Centre) and The North-South Institute, specializing in indigenous issues and co-authoring their 2008 Canadian Development Report. Marcelo is National Coordinator of the Bolivia Action Solidarity Network.

Toby Sanger

Toby Sanger is Senior Economist at the Canadian Union of Public Employees. He has published many studies on tax related issues including Fair Shares: How Banks, Brokers and the Financial Industry Can Pay Fairer Taxes.

Richard Shillington

Richard Shillington has degrees in statistics and has conducted research on health, social and economic policy for over 30 years. He has worked variously for governments, the private sector and NGO's. He also comments for television, radio and newspapers on issues of taxation, human rights and social policy. He is the co-author (with Hugh Mackenzie) of Canada's Quiet Bargain: The Benefits of Public Spending.

Alvin Sindiga Mosioma

Mr. Mosiomo is the Coordinator of the Tax Justice Network – Africa. Previously he was Policy and Advocacy officer with the Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiation and Institute (SEATINI). Mr. Misioma is the author of the book Tax Justice: Putting Global inequality on the Agenda.

Nicole Tichon

Nicole Tichon is the executive director of the Tax Justice Network USA. Prior to joining TJN USA, Nicole was the Tax and Budget Reform Advocate for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (U.S. PIRG) and Deloitte Consulting, in the Federal Financial Services

Integration and the State and Local Government practices

Claude Vaillancourt

Claude Vaillancourt is the co-president of [ATTAC-Quebec](#). ATTAC is the Association for the Taxation of Financial Transactions for the Aid of Citizens. He is also a teacher, essayist, public speaker and a novelist. Among other topics, his work follows themes of social critique and political economy.

Erin Weir

Erin Weir is an economist with the [United Steelworkers](#) union's Canadian National Office. He is also the Chair of the Progressive Economics Forum and has been active in politics with the NDP.

Armine Yalnizyan

Economist Armine Yalnizyan joined the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives in 2008 to advance the work of the [Growing Gap Project](#). Since the mid 1990s Armine's research has uncovered important new trends in income distribution, labour markets and fiscal policies. She is a founding member of the Progressive Economics Forum and serves on the boards of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre and the Canadian Institute for Population and Public Health. She is a regular contributor to the Globe and Mail's on-line business feature, *Economy Lab* and *Canadian Business* magazine. She is also a member of the weekly Big Picture panel featured Thursdays on CBC's flagship business news program, The Lang and O'Leary Exchange linking the business of the rich, and the rest of us.