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Pierre-Gerlier (PG) Forest is the Director of The School of Public Policy and James S. and Barbara A. Palmer Chair in public policy at the University of Calgary. The School of Public Policy is the leading policy school in Canada, with influential research and publication programs that cover a full range of crucial public issues, from taxation to health care and from national security to affordable energy. The School also houses an acclaimed program of Master of Public Policy, reputed for training students with outstanding analytic skills and problem-solving capacity.

Prior to joining The School of Public Policy, PG Forest was Director of the Institute for Health and Social Policy at Johns Hopkins University and Professor at the Bloomberg School of Public Health. From 2006 to 2013, he was president of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation, a reputed Canadian institution that encourages innovation in policy research and the dissemination of original and practical solutions to social issues.

In 2003, PG Forest was appointed to the G.D.W. Cameron Visiting Chair before becoming Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Scientist (2004-2006) with Health Canada, the federal department of health. As the principal scientific advisor to the Minister of Health, PG Forest was accountable for the quality and integrity of the scientific and regulatory research conducted by the department.

In 2001, PG Forest was appointed to the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada. Chaired by Roy J. Romanow, the Royal Commission was mandated to review Canada's publicly funded health care system and make recommendations to improve its overall performance and long-term sustainability. As Director of Research, Dr. Forest was responsible for the evidence produced and used by the Commission and contributed directly to its publications, including the final report and recommendations.

Dr. Forest spent the first part of his academic career at Université Laval, in Quebec City, where he was Professor of policy analysis and public administration with the department of political science (1990-2007). During

that period, he created the first course on Aboriginal policy and politics ever offered in a francophone university in Canada and trained a generation of policy analysts and researchers in this field of study, including some leading young First Nations and Inuit scholars. He is the author of more than a hundred and fifty scientific papers and books; among others, notably: *Changing Health Care in Canada* (Toronto, 2004) and *Paradigm Freeze* (Toronto, 2013).

PG Forest obtained a Master's degree in Political Science at Université Laval (1984) and a PhD. in History and Socio-Politics of Science at Université de Montréal (1989). In the years following his post-doctoral studies (Manchester Business School), several governments and numerous organizations have called on his expertise, particularly in the areas of public policy renewal, health system reform, and knowledge management. A reputed public speaker, PG Forest is regularly invited to deliver keynote speeches at high-profile domestic and international gatherings.

PG Forest holds an appointment as Professor of Community Health Science in the Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary. He was elected to the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences in 2008 and to the Alpha Chapter of the Delta Omega public health honor society in 2015.