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Dr. Rioux is a full-time associate professor at The School of Public Policy. He received his PhD in Political Science from Florida State University and has taught at McGill and Concordia Universities in Montreal, before being awarded a Canada Research Chair and joining the Political Science Department at Université Laval from 2001 to 2006.

From February 2006 to August 2008, he was the late Jim Prentice's Chief of Staff in Ottawa during the first Harper government. Dr. Rioux and Mr. Prentice became good friends and continued to work together on many files in the ensuing years, including helping to organize and lead the policy division for his successful run to become the 16th Premier of Alberta in 2014. They later collaborated on the Globe & Mail Canadian non-fiction bestselling book, *Triple Crown: Winning Canada's Energy Future* (Toronto: HarperCollins, 2017).

After leaving Ottawa, Dr. Rioux moved to Calgary and for over three years worked at one of Canada's largest oil & gas companies as the lead Government Relations and Issues Management practitioner. He worked on major files in both the upstream and downstream sectors and travelled extensively throughout Canada to help solve regulatory issues in several provinces, gaining significant experience and knowledge of Canada's energy industry.

Dr. Rioux has been at The School of Public Policy since September 2012 and among his responsibilities, teaches Foreign Policy Analysis, Institutions, Governance & Public Policy and is the co-founder and lead instructor of the Calgary-Québec Summer School on the Geopolitics of Energy and Natural Resources - an annual national graduate-level course focussing on the important energy and natural resource policy issues of the day.

Research/interests:

- 1) Canadian foreign policy
- 2) Canadian energy and environmental policies
- 3) Social acceptability of major energy projects