

## David Taras

David Taras is a Professor of Communication Studies and holds the Ralph Klein Chair in Media Studies at Mount Royal University. Before coming to Mount Royal University, he taught at the University of Calgary, the University of Amsterdam and the University of Toronto. Dr. Taras received a PhD from the University of Toronto and is a graduate of the Legislative Internship Program at Queen's Park. He has served as an advisor to the Alberta government on national unity and as an expert advisor to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage. He was President of the Canadian Communications Association and served two terms on the Board of Governors of the University of Calgary. Dr. Taras is the author of *The Newsmakers: The Media's Influence on Canadian Politics, Power & Betrayal in the Canadian Media* as well as the co-author of *The Last Word: Media Coverage of the Supreme Court of Canada*. *Digital Mosaic: Media, Power and Identity in Canada* was published in January 2015. In addition, he has edited or co-edited over a dozen books including four volumes in the *How Canadians Communicate* series, four editions of *A Passion for Identity: Introduction to Canadian Studies* as well as *Making a Difference: The Internet and Elections in Comparative Perspective*.

Dr. Taras is a regular commentator on Global TV's Morning News in Calgary, is a five time winner of the University of Calgary Students Union Award for Teaching Excellence and received the Alberta Centennial Medal.

### Research/interests:

- 1) The crisis of the traditional media and the rise of web based media and its impacts on the future of news and public policy