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Pierre-Gerlier Forest is the Director and James S. and Barbara A. Palmer Chair for The School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary, as of March 1, 2016. He is a distinguished and widely-respected scholar and visionary leader who will continue to build The School's prominence in public policy, while bringing a particular expertise in the areas of health and social policy.

Pierre-Gerlier Forest is an accomplished and influential researcher, educator and administrator in the field of public policy with Canadian and international experience. He is renowned in Canada and abroad for delivering policy and intellectual leadership that spans the academic, private research and public policy worlds. He joins the University of Calgary after serving as director of the Johns Hopkins' Institute for Health and Social Policy since 2013. Prior to moving to the U.S., Forest served as president and chief executive officer of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation where he was engaged in policy research in areas such as urban policy, immigration, democratic reform and Canada's energy future. He held prominent positions with Health Canada as chief scientist and GDW Cameron Chair where he was accountable for the quality and integrity of the ministry's scientific and regulatory research. He also served as research director for the Royal Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada.

Pierre-Gerlier spent the duration of his academic career with Université Laval in the Department of Political Science and holds an adjunct professorship with l'École nationale d'administration publique (Québec). He completed his formal education with a BA and MA (political science) at Université Laval and a PhD (History and Social Studies of Science) at Université de Montreal in 1990.

Pierre-Gerlier is the author or co-author of more than a hundred and fifty peer-reviewed journals and books, notably Changing Health Care in Canada (2004) and Paradigm Freeze (2013). He has facilitated international workshops and participated in a variety of expert panels, committees and working groups. In 2008, he was named a fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.