LOOKING AHEAD
PUBLIC POLICY IN A RECOVERING WORLD
Dear Partners in Policy,

During the last 18 months, the School of Public Policy did its part to contribute to the resolution of the economic, social and health challenges arising from the COVID-19 crisis. We are not frontline workers, of course. We didn’t need to make life and death decisions under a veil of uncertainty, like so many policy leaders and governments. But we tried very hard to bring forward timely and relevant solutions, based on the best evidence available and on the combination of expertise and experience that is the true mark of great policy schools. Please take a moment to read about our COVID-specific research on our website.

Now, we are moving quickly to become a trusted source of post-pandemic and recovery policy advice. We are directing our attention to discerning the best courses of action to rebuild our health systems, address the incredible social impact of COVID, and kick-start new areas of economic growth and recovery. It won’t be easy. But we have the people, resources and determination to get it done.

At the time of writing, I am concluding my tenure as Director of the School and James S. and Barbara A. Palmer Chair in Public Policy. The extraordinary growth the School has experienced in the five years I was involved is due to the many people who have contributed in various ways to the pursuit of sound public policy. My experience with the staff, faculty members, fellows and affiliated researchers from across the globe has enriched my career and my own perspectives of policy.

In past few years, the School has seen unprecedented demand for its research and teaching programs. We launched the Simpson Centre for Agricultural and Food Innovation and Public Education. Our Extractive Resources Governance Program has grown into a Centre with a mandate to study and provide instruction in financial market regulation as well as resource governance. We have added another graduate degree and our programs continue to produce the most in-demand policy analysts in Canada. This year, we were honoured when Research Papers in Economics (RePEc), which is an organization that tracks policy research, named us the top policy school in Canada and in the top 25 per cent of policy schools globally. These achievements speak to the national need for our kind of policy analysis and our unique ability to deliver on those needs.

These are challenging times for not only our city, but the province, the country and the world. It is more critical than ever to have access to a living source of fact-based, empirical, independent policy research and training. Please reach out to learn more about how you can become a partner in policy.

Pierre-Gerlier Forest, PhD, FCAH
Professor and Director, James S. and Barbara A. Palmer Chair in Public Policy
IDEAS/RePEc released their global top 25 per cent of policy schools as of 2020 and The School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary ranked number 33. The School of Public Policy is the only policy school in Canada to have made the list, appearing alongside policy schools from Harvard, Columbia and Stanford, to name a few.

IDEAS is the largest bibliographic database dedicated to economics. Based on RePEc, or Research Papers in Economics, it indexes over 3,300,000 items of research, including over 3,100,000 that can be downloaded in full text. The rankings are based on analysis from data gathered with the RePEc project.

The analysis covers journal articles, books, book chapters, working papers and software components that are indexed in RePEc. So far, over 2,000 archives from 102 countries have contributed about three million research pieces from 3,500 journals and 5,000 working paper series.

Dr. PG Forest, PhD, is director and James S. and Barbara A. Palmer Chair in Public Policy at The School of Public Policy. Forest responded to the distinction, saying, “We’ve spent 12 years building our research capacity and outreach. And it’s working. This recognition is testament to the efforts of our experts and our team. We knew we were the leading policy school in Canada, now we know that we are being recognized internationally. That was always our goal.”

The School of Public Policy was founded with a vision to drive policy discourse with relevant research, outreach and teaching. Its faculty is composed of scholars with exceptional academic credentials and experienced practitioners in business, government and the non-profit sector.

The School’s research is renowned for its independence, credibility and fact-based analysis. The School’s influence is reflected by its wide dissemination among policy-makers, business leaders and the media; it is Canada’s most-cited policy school, by both traditional media and academic publications. Since its inception over a decade ago, the School has produced more than 500 peer-reviewed publications.
The School of Public Policy’s experts were in heavy demand because of COVID, publishing over 20 COVID-related papers dealing with its effect on the economy, generating over 900,000 social media hits.

Our graduate programs received record application numbers.

Governments from several levels requested assistance from our experts regarding economic recovery from COVID-19. Dr. Jack Mintz, President’s Fellow of SPP, is Chair of the Alberta Government’s Economic Recovery Council. Dr. Bev Dahlby, Research Director (fmr) of SPP, is on the City of Calgary’s COVID-19 Economic Resilience Task Force.

The Fiscal and Economic Policy team was involved in the reports of three expert panels (Royal Society of Canada, City of Calgary, and British Columbia Basic Income). 15 papers published through the School of Public Policy. 20 papers published through other outlets.

The School of Public Policy produced 66 publications for the year ending 2020, a record number of publications, despite the pandemic.

Dr. G. Kent Fellows served as an Expert Panelist for the European Court of Auditors’ international study examining ‘Global Benchmarking of Major Transport Infrastructure’.

Dr. Lindsay Tedds has been named to the Deputy Prime Ministers Task Force of Women and the Economy and has been appointed to the Editorial Board of the Canadian Tax Journal.

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Dr. Jennifer Winter participated in His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales’ private roundtable on carbon pricing in support of HRH’s Sustainable Markets Initiative.

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Social Policy and Health

*Scientific Director, Ron Kneebone*

The Social Policy and Health program improves the lives of Canadians by employing an objective, evidence-based approach to assessing existing and proposed public policies. Our research identifies practical solutions that cut through rhetoric designed to polarize debate and freeze policy-makers into inaction.

We apply this approach to programs in two policy areas:

- Health Policy
- Social Policy

Energy and Environmental Policy

*Scientific Director, Jennifer Winter*

Through disciplined research and analysis, the Energy and Environmental Policy research division provides practical solutions to Canada’s challenging energy and environmental problems. We do this by injecting evidence into policy debates, and by engaging with decision-makers, stakeholders and the public to create a forum for open and meaningful dialogue among different perspectives.

The research division has five priority areas for its research and outreach:

- Canadian Network for Energy Policy Research and Analysis
- Canadian Northern Corridor
- Energy for Life
- Energy Policy and Regulatory Frameworks
- Indigenous Policy
Fiscal and Economic Policy

Scientific Director, Lindsay Tedds

The Fiscal and Economic Policy Division harnesses the strengths of transdisciplinary scholarship to contribute policy research and expertise aimed at supporting inclusive growth and advancing discourse in this area. Our approach is rooted in an understanding of evidence that takes seriously both heterogeneity and intersectionality while being attentive to systems and structures of power to support inclusive economic growth while advancing and shaping discourse in this area.

We apply this approach to research in the following priority areas:

- Basic Income (including income support and social services provision)
- Urban Policy
- Gender-based and Intersectional Analysis
- Tax and Economic Growth

International Policy and Trade

Scientific Director, Jean-Sébastien Rioux

The International Policy and Trade Division conducts research and publishes studies in three priority areas: issues related to economics and international policy; understanding of global trade and investment; and the analysis of policies related to the security of Canada’s borders, its assets abroad, in cyber-space, and the security of its economic relationships.

Areas of research include:

- International Trade
- Market Diversification
- Security & Defence
- Data & Policy
- Vaccine Hesitancy
In-demand global training and analysis

Extractive Resource Governance Program (ERGP)

The world is looking to Canada for expertise in resource extraction policy and the ERGP is delivering. Offering a one-of-a-kind program in the taxation, consultation, regulatory and social policy required for sustainable extractive resource development, the ERGP is in demand around the world.

In 2020, the ERGP had to adapt fast, and our programming became available in a virtual format:

- We organized two webinar series with 100+ participants;
- We entered the domestic market, providing training and support for the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Nunavut;
- In collaboration with long-term partner Alinea International we delivered an online workshop for mining and petroleum agencies of the Government of Colombia;
- We delivered our Executive Certificate online;
- We entered a new partnership with the University of Alberta, who manages the Canada-Pacific Alliance Scholarship Program (CPASP), and under the CPASP we delivered our Certificate Program to participants from Chile, Colombia and Peru; and
- We held two governance consultations with the Government of the Dominican Republic.

Working remotely and delivering our services online has enabled us to be more flexible, more accommodating and more affordable.
The Simpson Centre for Agricultural and Food Innovation and Public Education

The Simpson Centre’s vision is to become a locus of Canadian research that strengthens and supports the growth and sustainability of agri-food and agri-business, in western Canada and beyond. We will achieve this through executing focused, evidence-based, practical policy analysis on our four pillars: trade, the environment and climate change, agriculture as a major resource sector, and agriculture innovation. The Simpson Centre targets socioeconomics, sustainability and outreach in its work.

First-Year Activities Included:

- March 2020 – Simpson Centre launched
- 23 webinars, including four multi-webinar series and several separate events, with a total of 1,200+ attendees.
- 6 published research papers on timely topics.
- Outreach work included op-eds, podcasts, presenting to federal government committees and news coverage.
- Successfully recruited Dr. Guillaume Lhermie as the Simpson Centre’s inaugural Director in December 2020
- Launched a dedicated website at: www.simpsoncentre.ca
Our graduate programs

Training the most in-demand policy and energy/environment analysts in Canada

Master of Public Policy (MPP)

The University of Calgary Master of Public Policy (MPP) program is a one-year, integrated program that offers a comprehensive curriculum with numerous opportunities to further enhance your skills, make meaningful connections with public policy experts and secure a job in the public policy field. Unlike traditional, theory-based graduate programs, the Master of Public Policy enables students to solve a broad range of real-world policy problems.

Within an elite class of about 40 students with diverse academic and professional backgrounds, you will learn from some of Canada's leading scholars, and meet local, national and global policy practitioners and thinkers. Your career development will be fostered with countless mentorship and networking opportunities.

“The MPP is an incredibly intense one-year program. We basically take people, in some cases with no background in public policy, and get them trained up to the Master’s level in 12 months...”

– Lisa Young, Professor & Director of Graduate Programs

“Overall as a program we’ve pivoted and focused on providing opportunities for students to connect not only with instructors but also to engage with support staff such as myself and ensure networking opportunities with the public and private sector, community leaders and our alumni remain. In an online world, we have been able to widen our reach and strengthen relationships across Canada.”

– Hamreet Sekhon, Senior Advisor of Graduate Programs

2020 MPP Grads
Master of Science in Sustainable Energy Development (SEDV)

The University of Calgary’s Master of Science in Sustainable Energy Development (SEDV) is an interdisciplinary graduate program providing a balanced education related to energy and environmental management. A combined offering through the School of Public Policy, Haskayne School of Business, Schulich School of Engineering, School of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape, and the Faculty of Law, SEDV is an unprecedented program designed for professionals and students who are seeking a broad-based and comprehensive education in sustainable energy.

“A pioneer before its time, the MSc in Sustainable Energy Development (SEDV) has attracted students with diverse backgrounds, both academically and professionally, with a desire to reach our energy needs using a wholistic and sustainable mindset since 1995.

While the learning environment underwent great change over the last year, the dedication of our SEDV community and its commitment to providing a high-quality program did not waver. We redefined the meaning of classroom engagement, connected with prospective students worldwide and expanded our experiential learning opportunities with the overall student experience in mind.”

– Crystal Hickey, Program Specialist, Sustainable Energy Development Graduate Program
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Help shape public policy for a better Canada

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