RESILIENCE
WHEN CANADA NEEDS IT MOST

2022/2023 ANNUAL REPORT
Canada has always been a resilient nation. Through times of conflict, significant economic recessions, to the past few pandemic years, Canadians have pulled together and found ways to move forward. Perhaps it is Canadians’ quiet resolve and collective sense of responsibility that has strengthened our resilience. We just get on with tackling difficult challenges and making things happen.

We are now in a period when Canada needs to again demonstrate resilience amid incredibly uncertain times. The impacts of the pandemic still linger. Canadians are struggling to keep up with high inflation and new costs that seem to have no cap. The path to economic sustainability is unclear. Challenges such as reimagining health care and restoring relationships with Indigenous nations are more essential than ever.

To build resilience across all these vital areas we need effective policy solutions. Such solutions should not be based on the loudest voices, the views of select groups, or the latest ‘evidence’ found on the internet. Instead, policy should be the product of broad conversations based on shared knowledge, rigorous data, and thoughtful ideas about how to move forward. This is how policy professionals can help. I think this is how the School of Public Policy can help. We are both a convener of important policy conversations and trusted providers of information for making difficult policy decisions.

The School of Public Policy has demonstrated resilience in the last year. After experiencing a period of uncertainty, our collective work has again positioned the School for renewed, distinct policy contributions. The University of Calgary has confirmed its commitment to retaining the School as a vibrant unit within the institution and has in fact started to imagine new ways the School can be a leader in transdisciplinary scholarship. We have received new funding to support expansion and curriculum innovation in our MPP program. Soon a new brand identity will be launched, and we eagerly await the arrival of a new, permanent Director.

Over the last year, I have witnessed remarkable resilience among the School’s faculty and staff. They have dealt with uncertainty by recommitting to their work and demonstrating excellence daily. They continue to be the true heart of the School of Public Policy and are ready to help drive Canada forward. I encourage you to review this annual report. You too will be amazed at the range and depth of their work. They, and we, are ready to make Canada more resilient.

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TOTAL PUBLICATIONS: 67

IMPRESSIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA: 10,358

TOTAL NUMBER OF EVENTS: 43

TOTAL ATTENDEES: 1651

TOTAL SPEAKERS: 174

MEDIA HITS: 6,303,972

For a full list of our publications and events, please visit www.policyschool.ca
Our goal is to improve the options available to policymakers addressing the social, health, and well-being challenges of our time. Our community engaged research teams develop and observe practical options aimed at cutting through polarizing rhetoric and unlocking policy-making potential. We deploy a range of quantitative and qualitative methods within two key policy areas:

### SOCIAL POLICY

This research program focuses on producing evidence-based assessments of, and policy options for, the way social programs are designed and delivered.

Key topics include homelessness, intimate partner violence, income support policies, and policy issues related to poverty alleviation. Research outputs focus on providing pragmatic considerations and practical options to government and community-based providers of social programming.

### HEALTH POLICY

The health research program is wide-ranging. Broadly, the School’s researchers are engaged in identifying options to improve the organization and financing of health care, and models of care delivery and integration. Populations made vulnerable by systems are a key focus of the work. Current topics include research in disability policy and into the delivery of primary care, refugee and migrant care, neuro-diverse care, and family caregiver supports.

SPP health policy research teams work collaboratively with community partners and decision-makers to provide and deploy evidence-based options that will improve the lives of vulnerable children, youth, and adults with disabilities, mental health concerns, and long-term health challenges.

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16 MARCH 2023

**Social Policy Trends: Measuring the Affordability of Shelter**

Ronald Kneebone

07 OCTOBER 2022

**Income assistance use among young adults who were in British Columbia special education: A longitudinal cohort study.**

Craig William Michael Scott, Matthew Joseph Russell, Suzanne Tough, and Jennifer Zwicker

15 JANUARY 2023

**Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Pan-Canadian Perspectives From Parents and Caregivers of Youth With Neurodevelopmental Disabilities.**

Aash Seth, Brittany Finlay, Genevieve Currie, Christiane Rath, Lucyna Lach, Anne Hudson, Raphael Lencucha, Matthew Hunt, David Nicholas, Kaito Shibaoka-Thomas, and Jennifer Zwicker

26 OCTOBER 2022

**How can we influence policy to make a difference for Canadians with disabilities? Lessons learned from a research study on inclusivity of COVID-19 policies across Canada - Luke’s Legacy Family Research Rounds**

Brittany Finlay and Jennifer Zwicker

12 MARCH 2023

**The Impact of Housing First Participation on Police-Reported Crime and Crime Severity**

Ali Jadidzadeh, Cameron MacLellan, Ron Kneebone, and Daniel J. Dutton

10 SEPTEMBER 2022

**Development of Policy Recommendations to Support a National Autism Strategy: Case of a Virtual and Inclusive Stakeholder Engagement Process**

Vanessa Tomas, Brittany Finlay, Stephen J. Gentles, Madison Campbell, Dajit Gill-Badesha, Carolyn Abel, Jennifer Zwicker, and Jonathan Lai

MARCH 2023

**Submission to the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology on Bill C-22, the Canada Disability Benefit Act**

**Disability Policy Research Program**

NOVEMBER 2022

**Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities on Bill C-35, An Act respecting early learning and child care in Canada**

**Disability Policy Research Program**

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24 NOVEMBER 2022

**Policy matters: Practical approaches for evidence-informed policy development - Calgary Adapted Hub Community Engagement Seminar**

Brittany Finlay, Genevieve Currie, and Jennifer Zwicker

02 NOVEMBER 2022

**Social Policy Trends: The Return to Labour Market Investments in Female Immigrants**

Robert Falconer

11 AUGUST 2022

**Canadian Immigration Policy and the Russo-Ukraine War**

Robert Falconer

16 JANUARY 23

**Social Policy Trends: High System Users and Provincial Health Care Costs**

Ronald Kneebone

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16 MARCH 2023

**The Sensitivity of Food Bank Visits to Social Assistance, Housing and Labour Market Conditions in Toronto**

Ronald Kneebone and Margarita Gras Wilkins

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The Energy and Environmental Policy Research Division produces and disseminates research on energy infrastructure, energy markets, climate policy (including carbon pricing) and other environmental policy issues. This work supports improved decision-making and better outcomes for the environment and society. Our expert faculty and researchers are active in both the academic and policy space, leading to outputs that translate academic research into practical and actionable policy solutions.

Energy & Environmental Policy

G. Kent Fellows - Panelist - CD Howe Institute Special Policy Conference: Canada’s 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan - What’s Next

09 MARCH 2023

Indigenous Land Ownership and Title in Canada: Implications for a Northern Corridor

Sara Hastings - Simon & Blake Shaffer - Launching the Net Zero Electricity Research Initiative, with $15 million of funding and support from Alberta Innovates, the Alberta Electric System Operator, and the University of Calgary

The Canadian Northern Corridor Program completed 18 virtual and in-person community engagement events across rural and remote communities in Canada’s North and Near North.

G. Kent Fellows, Emily Galley, Katharina Koch, and Kim Markvoort

21 JUNE 2022

Differentiating the Canadian North for Coherent Infrastructure Development

Katharina Koch

20 APRIL 2022

Energy and Environmental Policy Trends: Why Are Power Prices So Darn High?

Blake Shaffer, David Brown, and Andrew Eckert

25 OCTOBER 2022

Energy and Environmental Policy Trends: An Alberta Wind Energy Windfall

Sara Hastings-Simon, Andrew Leach, Blake Shaffer, and Tim Weis

20 MARCH 2023

Energy and Environmental Policy Trends: The Regulated Rate Option Trap

Sara Hastings-Simon and Blake Shaffer


25 OCTOBER 2022

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20 MARCH 2023
The Fiscal and Economic Policy Research Division focuses on providing expertise in economic, fiscal, and social policy. We believe in understanding and acknowledging the diverse nature of society and how different factors intersect. Our approach also takes into account the influence of power structures and systems. By doing so, we aim to support inclusive economic growth and contribute to meaningful discussions in this field.
The International Policy and Trade Research Division focuses on understanding global trade and investment and the analysis of policies related to the security of Canada's borders, its assets abroad, cyber-space, and the security of its economic relationships. Areas of interest include: International Trade, Security & Defence, Data & Policy, and Vaccine Hesitancy.

Canadian Network on Information and Security (CANIS)

The first CANIS conference was held in Banff from March 22-24. The event brought together experts working on issues related to security and information environment. The two days were centered around panel discussions where Canadian and international specialists addressed some of the impacts and challenges that misinformation poses in our diverse societies.

Through international travel, Director JC Boucher established important contacts with international organizations such as NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence in Riga, Institute for Strategic Research at the Military School (IRSEM) in Paris, several Foreign Ministries (Latvia, Slovakia, Romania, etc.), and academic institutions in Australia and Germany.

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Canadian Network on Information and Security

The first CANIS Hackathon garnered a lot of interest from participants both in Canada and globally. More than 50 individuals worked in teams given datasets on misinformation. The challenge was to solve the problem using their data analysis skills and present the solution using visualizations that were at the same time easy to understand, but also creative and innovative.

Department of National Defence grant, which allowed the team to conduct a workshop examining the role of news media coverage on the development of national defence policy. The event gathered 25 participants encompassing academics, young scholars, government employees and defence and security professionals who were able to network and learn from each other's experience in the field.
We envision a world where sustainable development of energy and mineral resources is achieved through effective and efficient governance.
Our team of exceptional Fellows bring an unparalleled wealth of policy knowledge, stemming from their extensive experience in business, government, and academia. Their expertise spans a wide range of disciplines, providing an unprecedented depth and breadth of understanding.
Developing Canada’s Future Policy Leaders

Master of Public Policy (MPP)

Public Policy represents the intersection of values and goals and the practical implementation of laws, regulations, guidelines, and actions supporting those goals. But this process is subject to difficult political calculations, budget considerations, administrative hesitancy, and more. Students in our MPP program learn how to navigate this terrain from publicly engaged scholars, to enable practical and effective solutions to policy challenges and to efficiently communicate these ideas to others.

The MPP is a student-centred, transformative one-year integrated program that hones skills through hands-on training. Graduates go on to policy careers in both the public and private sectors.

Master of Science in Sustainable Energy Development (SEDV)

The Master of Science in Sustainable Energy Development (SEDV) is a leading interdisciplinary graduate program providing a balanced education related to energy and environmental management. The students benefit from the teaching and expertise of faculty members from the School of Public Policy, Haskayne School of Business, Schulich School of Engineering, School of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape, and the Faculty of Law.

We prepare graduates for senior roles in energy, in both the public and private sector, with a focus on the science of energy systems, and practical experience in conventional and novel project development, including fossil fuels, the transition to lower carbon sources of energy, demand-side management, energy efficiency, renewables and offsets. Graduates from the SEDV program understand the theory and have acquired skills in understanding the impacts of energy development on the environment, Indigenous Peoples, communities and the economy.
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