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SPEAKERS

Flora MacDonald

The Honourable Flora Isabel MacDonald was born in North Sydney , Nova Scotia , Canada . She was educated in public schools and business college in Nova Scotia . Later she was the first woman to be enrolled in the National Defence College 's year-long graduate course in international relations.

Miss MacDonald was first elected to the Parliament of Canada in October, 1972 and served as Member of Parliament for Kingston and the Islands until November, 1988. During that time she held three cabinet posts: Secretary of State for External Affairs, Minister of Employment and Immigration, Minister of Communications and Culture. Prior to her election to Parliament, Miss MacDonald was Administrative Assistant and Tutor in the Department of Political Studies at Queen's University, Kingston , Canada .

Since leaving the elected political scene, Miss MacDonald has been Special Advisor to the Commonwealth of Learning , a distance-education facility spanning the Commonwealth (1990-1991) and Chairperson of the following organizations: International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (1992-97); HelpAge International (1996-2001); Shastri Indo-Canada Advisory Council (1997-2004); Partnership Africa-Canada (2002-2004); Future Generations International (2001-2007). She served on the Carnegie Commission on the Prevention of Deadly Conflict (1994-1999). Currently, she is on the Board or Advisory Council of the following organizations: Canadian Council for Refugees, CARE Canada,

Future Generations Canada, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (Patron); Friends of the Library and National Archives Canada; Partnership Africa-Canada; UNIFEM Canada.

Miss MacDonald was named Officer of the Order of Canada in April, 1993, and Companion of the Order of Canada, April, 1999; Order of Ontario, 1995; Order of Nova Scotia, Sept. 2007. She has been awarded Honourary Degrees by a number of universities in Canada, the United States and United Kingdom.

Christina Remond

Cristina Remond is a graduate student at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Boston, where she is co-director of the school's human rights interest group. A graduate of Carleton University with a BA Honours in Human Rights in Anthropology, she has worked for a broad spectrum of actors engaged in human rights protection and promotion. Some of these include the Canadian Senate, the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, the UN Refugee Agency (both in Canada and east Africa), in connection with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, and for the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development. She has worked, led training sessions and made conference presentations in west and southern Africa on topics ranging from gender and security to international criminal law. In 2005, her research was awarded the Sylvia Forman Prize for feminist anthropology. Her current interests include human security and international conflict management, from conflict-prevention through to post-conflict reconstruction.

Ernie Regehr

Ernie Regehr is co-founder of Project Ploughshares and currently Senior Policy Advisor. He is also an adjunct associate professor in Peace and Conflict Studies at Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo. Ernie has served as an NGO representative and expert advisor on numerous Government of Canada delegations to multilateral disarmament forums, including the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference. In 1990-1991 he was Canada's representative on the United Nations Group of Governmental Experts on Arms Transfer Transparency, and in 2001 was an advisor to the Government of Kenya in the development of a regional arms control agreement on small arms.

He is on the Board of the Africa Peace Forum of Nairobi, Kenya, and is a former Commissioner of the World Council of Churches Commission on International Affairs. Ernie writes widely on peace and security issues, including a blog, “Disarming Conflict,” as Research Associate of the Centre for International Governance Innovation, as well as books, monographs, policy papers, parliamentary briefs, and op-eds. In 1990 he received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Wilfrid Laurier University and in 2003 he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Molly Kane

Molly Kane has worked for over twenty years in community and organizational development, policy analysis and advocacy on issues on social justice and international co-operation, especially related to Africa and Asia . She has been the Executive Director of the Canadian international social justice organization, Inter Pares, since 1996. Before joining Inter Pares in 1994, she was a member of the Development Policy Team of the Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC). Prior to joining CCIC she was the Canadian Coordinator of the Philippines Canada Human Resource Development program (PCHRD).

Currently, Molly is on the Board of Directors of ACORD (Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development) a Nairobi-based international NGO alliance implementing development programs in over fifteen African countries. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of CCIC and an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Development Studies at Queen's University.

David Pollock

President, Pollock Advisory and Management Services, and former Executive Director, BIOCAP Canada and the Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development (HRC)

David Pollock became President of Pollock Advisory and Management Services in January of 2005. Prior to this position, David was the Executive Director at BIOCAP Canada Foundation from October of 2003 to December 2004. Since 1999, Mr. Pollock has served as Executive Director of the Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development, leading the advancement of holistic and sustainable solutions.

Mr. Pollock has extensive experience working in the fields of international development, social justice and the environment, and a rich background in directing not-for-profit organizations and multi-stakeholder relations. For example, as National Consultant to the Anglican Church of Canada on Peacemaking and Economic Justice, he was instrumental in forming a coalition to address the issues related to the destruction of the Northwest Atlantic Cod Fishery in the early 1990s.

He is a published author (*The Iceberg and the Fire of Love: A Call to Ecological and Social Compassion*, Toronto: Anglican Book Centre, 1992) and a producer of numerous educational videos. He has taught courses in the philosophy of social sciences at Roger Williams College in Rhode Island . The breadth of his experience ranges from Director of Development Education at CUSO to a position in senior management at the Bank of Montreal.

He is currently serving on the Board of Climate Change Central, a multi-stakeholder organization of the Province of Alberta , and is a Director of Sustainable Development Technology Canada . Mr. Pollock has served on a number of non-profit boards including the Canadian Council for International Cooperation, Project Ploughshares, The Churches Task Force on Corporate Social Responsibility, and The International Anglican Council on Justice and Peace.

He holds degrees from Queen's University in Political Science (Hon B.A.) and from the University of Toronto (M.A.). He was also a scholarship exchange student to St. Andrew's Scotland .

Michael Byers

Michael Byers holds the Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law at the University of British Columbia . Prior to 2005, he was Professor of Law and Director of Canadian Studies at Duke University ; from 1996-1999 he was a Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford University . Dr. Byers is a regular contributor to the *London Review of Books* , *Toronto Star* and *Globe and Mail* . He is the author or editor of five books including, most recently, *Intent for a Nation: What is Canada For?* (Douglas & McIntyre, May 2007).

Manfred Bienefeld

Manfred Bienefeld has been a full professor at Carleton University since 1986, where he is cross appointed to the School of Public Policy and Administration and the Institute of Political Economy , and has been an elected member of Board of Governors and Senate. He has had a lengthy academic career as economist, teacher, author and consultant on national and international issues, having worked for many leading international organizations as well as for national governments and civil society organizations in Africa, Asia and Latin America . His main research focus has been the tension between deeper international integration and democratic national policy making, with special reference to the issues raised by the deregulation of trade and finance, the impact of financial instability and the changing need and scope for industrial policy.

His list of publications includes three books, chapters in 31 others and scores of published papers. He taught at the London School of Economics, the University of Dar es Salaam and the Institute of Development Studies in Sussex , England before coming to Carleton. During his recent sabbatical he was invited to teach and to deliver a series of lectures on the current transformation of the international development debate at L.S.E., the University of Aalborg and the Autonomous University of Zacatecas. He has also addressed the Group of 78 on several previous occasions. .

Peggy Mason

Peggy Mason's distinguished career highlights diplomatic and specialist expertise in the field of international peace and security, with a particular emphasis on the United Nations, where she served as Canada 's Ambassador for Disarmament from 1989 through 1994.

A faculty member of the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre since 1996, Mason has developed and delivered course material ranging from the role of the Political/Diplomatic Partner in Peace Operations, and the Legal Framework for Peace Operations to the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration of Ex-combatants. As a trainer and role player, she brings the UN perspective to a range of NATO and EU-led peacekeeping training exercises.

She has been an Advisor to the Canadian Foreign Ministry on the control of small arms and light weapons, chaired the UN 2001 Group of Governmental Experts study on small arms regulation and has been a member of the Canadian delegation to UN conferences and meetings seeking to develop and implement a comprehensive plan of action to address the proliferation and misuse of small arms and light weapons.

A Senior Fellow at The Norman Paterson School of International Relations (NPSIA) since November 2002, Peggy Mason has, *inter alia*, taught a graduate seminar on International Organizations, helped train young Kuwaiti and Iraqi diplomats and is chair of the Advisory Board of the Canadian Centre for Treaty Compliance at NPSIA.

Ms. Mason is active with a number of non-governmental organizations. She is currently Chair of the Canadian Peacebuilding Coordinating Committee (CPCC), a network of Canadian NGOs engaged in all aspects of peacebuilding, and is an active member, and former head of the Ottawa-based foreign policy NGO, the Group of 78.

A *summa cum laude* graduate of the University of Ottawa Faculty of Common Law, Peggy Mason was inducted into its Honour Society in September 2003.

Hal Klepak

Dr Hal Klepak is full professor of Strategy and Latin American History at the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC). He is a graduate of McGill and did his MA and PhD at the University of London . After working as a strategic analyst for the Department of National Defence and NATO, he moved to Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean from whence he was transferred to RMC in 1994. Dr Klepak has also taught at l'Université de Montréal, Queen's and Oxford . He is an active writer on Latin American and Canadian foreign and defence policy issues and advises both DND and DFAIT on inter-American security affairs. His latest book is ' Cuba 's Military 1990-2005: Revolutionary soldiers during Counter-revolutionary Times,' published by Palgrave/Macmillan in late 2005.

Jean Christie

Since 1970, Jean Christie has worked mostly with Canadian-based international organizations, starting as a CUSO volunteer in Papua New Guinea . Public engagement has been a continuous thread in her working life. In 1974, she conducted an evaluation of CIDA's newly established “Public Participation Program”, and 19 community-based development education centres that it funded. She was development education staff with CUSO for two years in the mid 70s, and then moved to coordinate a national “popular education” and advocacy initiative called the People's Food Commission, which held 70 public hearings across Canada , linking national and international food activists. In 1983 she wrote a short “History of Development Education in Canada ” which documented how the concept of development education had evolved. Jean was at Inter Pares from the late 80s to the early 90s, including seven years as Executive Director. During the 1990s Jean was at RAFI (now the ETC Group) which focused on advocacy in the multilateral arena. For two years she took a detour into the Canadian non-profit sector, where she was Executive Director of the Voluntary Sector Forum from 2003-2005. She is now an independent consultant

Gerald Ohlsen

Gerald Ohlsen, an international affairs analyst and consultant, is Vice-Chair of the Group of 78 and is active in a variety of non-governmental organizations. An Africa specialist, his thirty-five year career with Foreign Affairs included assignments as head of the Canadian missions in Nigeria during the Babangida/Abacha years and in Rwanda subsequent to the genocide. In Nigeria , Mr. Ohlsen worked closely with human rights and pro-democracy organizations and lead international diplomatic criticism of the military government of the time. Earlier, as senior political officer in Zambia , he participated in that country's democratic transition and was Canada 's principal liaison officer with South Africa 's African National Congress. In Ottawa he served as an African analyst at the Privy Council Office and as senior advisor to both the Secretary of State for Africa and the Director General of the Africa Bureau at Foreign Affairs. Mr. Ohlsen's other overseas assignments were in Madagascar and Ethiopia with the United Nations Development Program and Guyana, Sri Lanka and Indonesia with Foreign Affairs.