



**Visit to the Republic of Rwanda  
by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette  
Governor General of Canada**

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## **Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette Governor General of Canada**

Canada's 29<sup>th</sup> governor general, Julie Payette, has worked as an astronaut, engineer, science broadcaster, scholar, administrator and corporate director.

The first Canadian to board the International Space Station, Ms. Payette participated in two space missions, aboard the *Discovery STS-96* (1999) and *Endeavour STS-127* (2009) shuttles. She also served as CAPCOM (capsule communicator) at NASA's Mission Control Center in Houston, Texas, and was chief astronaut for the Canadian Space Agency (2000–07).

Ms. Payette worked as a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2011) and as Québec scientific delegate to the United States in Washington, D.C. (2011–13). She then served as chief operating officer of the Montréal Science Centre (2013–16).

Ms. Payette has been active in multiple facets of society throughout her career, notably with a number of organizations dedicated to youth, culture and sport. She has produced several scientific outreach short programs on Radio-Canada and has acted as a member of McGill University's Faculty of Engineering Advisory Board. She currently serves as a member of the International Olympic Committee's Women in Sport Commission.

A member of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec and a fellow of the International Academy of Astronautics, Ms. Payette has an international baccalaureate from the United World College of the Atlantic in the United Kingdom, a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from McGill University, a Master of Applied Science in Computer Engineering degree from the University of Toronto and a certificate in cyber security from York University. In addition, Ms. Payette can converse in six languages, is an accomplished musician and holds a commercial pilot licence.

The recipient of many distinctions and 28 honorary doctorates, Ms. Payette was first invested into the Order of Canada in 2010, and is a Knight of the Ordre national du Québec.



## **Lisa Stadelbauer** **High Commissioner for Canada to Rwanda**

Lisa Stadelbauer joined External Affairs and International Trade Canada in 1990. Her first assignment abroad was in 1992, in Tel Aviv, Israel; she later served in Hanoi, Vietnam, as counsellor and then in Oslo, Norway, as counsellor and consul. From 2011 to 2015, she served as ambassador to Zimbabwe and Angola, and as high commissioner in Botswana. In Ottawa, she has served in a number of functions, notably director of the Eastern and Southern Africa Division, deputy to Canada's Africa personal representative to the G8 and, from 2015 to 2017, director general of the Pan-Africa Bureau. Her most recent assignment was in the Foreign and Defence Policy Secretariat of the Privy Council Office.

Ms. Lisa Stadelbauer was appointed Canada's high commissioner to Rwanda in October 2018 and presented her credentials to President Paul Kagame on February 22, 2019. She holds a bachelor's degree in administrative and commercial studies from the University of Western Ontario.



## **Bob Bratina** **Member of Parliament**

Bob Bratina was born and raised in Hamilton where he has been employed as a steelworker, broadcaster, city councillor, mayor and now member of Parliament for Hamilton East–Stoney Creek. He is a member of the Football Reporters of Canada Hall of Fame and has received Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee medals on two different occasions for service to his community. As a musician, he has performed with the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra as guest clarinet soloist and also led his own folk band, the Balkan Strings.

He is recognized as one of Hamilton's most knowledgeable historians, with a particular passion for railways. His interest extends to the great railway projects being undertaken in Africa, including those in Mozambique and Rwanda. Among his many accomplishments are the new GO Railway station, the new football stadium, the McMaster Downtown Health Campus and Veterans Place at Gore Park. Over the course of his four-year term as mayor, he contributed to unprecedented new growth and rising property values in Hamilton, as well as a significant decrease in the Ontario Works caseload. He was also instrumental in realizing the Bio Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing (BEAM) facility at McMaster University with his friend, geneticist Dr. Jack Gauldie, C.M.

Mr. Bratina and his wife, Carol, celebrated 53 years of marriage this year. Their son, Sam, is a member of the R.C.M.P.



## **Brenda Shanahan** **Member of Parliament**

Former banker-turned-social worker Brenda Shanahan (MBA) specialized in financial education and consumer protection prior to being elected to the Canadian House of Commons in 2015. As a member of Parliament, she served on the Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Death, the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, and the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates. She is now a member of the Committee of Parliamentarians on National Security and Intelligence. She is also vice-chair of the Quebec Liberal Caucus, vice-chair of the Women's Liberal Caucus and co-chair of the multi-party Global Health Caucus.

Ms. Shanahan is grateful to have had the chance to meet Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire a number of years ago at a conference in which he spoke with great emotion about his experiences in Rwanda, as described in his book *Shake Hands with the Devil*. Since then, Ms. Shanahan has followed the situation in Rwanda with great interest and is eager to learn more about how the country has emerged from that difficult time.

Through her involvement in the Global Health Caucus and different inter-parliamentary associations, Ms. Shanahan has had the opportunity to take part in a variety of international development missions regarding security, co-operation in armed conflicts, trade, health, and women's empowerment.



## **David Christopherson** **Member of Parliament**

David Christopherson was first elected as the New Democratic Party (NDP) member of Parliament for Hamilton Centre in 2004, and was re-elected in 2006, 2008, 2011 and 2015. He is currently the longest-serving member and vice-chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, and vice-chair of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs.

Prior to his political career, Mr. Christopherson was an active member of the auto workers' union; in 1979, he became president of the Canadian Auto Workers Local 525. He then served several terms as a municipal alderman and regional councillor, and was elected to provincial Parliament in 1990 to represent Hamilton Centre. He was re-elected in 1995 and again in 1999. He served as Ontario's solicitor general and minister of Correctional Services from 1992 to 1995. In 1999, he was appointed NDP house leader and, in 2001, elected as deputy speaker of the Legislature.

Mr. Christopherson was the vice-chair of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association from 2007 to 2016, and is currently on the board of directors of the Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation. He has visited 16 countries throughout Africa, and has been a member of several international election observation missions in Europe and North Africa.



## **Stewart Wheeler** **Chief of Protocol of Canada**

Stewart Wheeler was appointed chief of Protocol of Canada in January 2019. He has served in Canada's foreign service for 25 years, with postings in Washington, London, Bogota and Kabul, and as ambassador of Canada to Iceland from 2012 to 2016. Mr. Wheeler gained experience outside the foreign ministry as press secretary to former governor general Adrienne Clarkson from 1999 to 2004, and as assistant deputy minister of International Relations and Chief of Protocol in the Ontario Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs from 2016 to 2018.

In his overseas assignments, he has covered such policy areas as U.S. congressional relations, trade promotion, the Arctic, energy, human rights, peace processes, transitional justice and post-conflict reconstruction.

At Global Affairs Canada headquarters in Ottawa, his assignments covered parliamentary and Cabinet relations, the Press Office, Mexico relations, and corporate and internal communications.

Mr. Wheeler speaks English, French, Spanish and Norwegian, as well as basic Icelandic and German. He studied international relations at Trent University and Universidad de Granada in Spain. He received the Minister of Foreign Affairs Award for Foreign Policy Excellence and the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal, and earned the Operational Service Medal-South-West Asia Ribbon for his civilian service in Afghanistan from 2010 to 2011.



**Marc-André Fredette**  
**Director General**  
**Southern and Eastern Africa Bureau**  
**Global Affairs Canada**

Marc-André Fredette joined the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in 1975 as an analyst. Most of his 44-year career has been spent at CIDA and then at Global Affairs Canada, with the exception of short terms at Agriculture Canada and the African Development Bank.

His international development experience encompasses both operational and analytical positions. Notably, he has served as director/head of co-operation of 12 country programs and as chief economist for Canadian development co-operation in Africa and the Middle East. His career has been largely focused on Africa, where he spent 11 years on field postings and missions in over 40 countries.

Mr. Fredette holds a master's degree in international economics from the University of Ottawa. He has three daughters and two grandsons. He maintains his work-life balance through physical conditioning, composing music, and spending time with his family and friends.



**Éloge C. Butera**  
**Senior Policy Advisor to Minister of Public Safety**  
**and Emergency Preparedness for Canada**  
**and Honorary Witness to the Truth and**  
**Reconciliation Commission of Canada**

Éloge C. Butera is a senior policy advisor to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

He is a survivor of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsis in Rwanda. He regularly lectures to audiences across Canada on transitional justice, reconciliation, personal resilience following trauma, and the role that informed and engaged citizens can play in preventing mass atrocities and building peace.

Mr. Butera is a graduate of McGill's Law Faculty whose background is in human rights, public safety and international affairs. He has previously worked in the Canadian Parliament as a legislative assistant to Senator Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire as well as for the Honourable Irwin Cotler, former minister of Justice and attorney general of Canada.

Since 2014, Mr. Butera has been a fellow with the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism at McGill University as well as with the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies at Concordia University.

In 2013, he was inducted as an honorary witness to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Through that role, he bears witness to the harm inflicted by Canada's residential school system on generations of Indigenous people in the country.

He lives in Ottawa with his lovely wife and their two (usually) delightful children.



**Rachel Kiddell-Monroe**  
**Executive Director, See Change initiative and**  
**International Board Member**  
**Médecins Sans Frontières International**

Rachel Kiddell-Monroe was working for Médecins sans Frontières in Goma when the Genocide began in Rwanda. She coordinated MSF's emergency response in Goma during and after the Genocide.

She went on to head MSF's work in Rwanda from 1994 to 1995, and continued working in the Great Lakes region until late 1997. Over the past 25 years, Ms. Kiddell-Monroe has headed emergency humanitarian assistance programs in Africa, Asia and Latin America. She now serves on MSF's international board of directors.

After completing her master's degree in law and bioethics (with a focus on international governance) at McGill University, she was appointed professor of practice at McGill's Institute for the Study of International Development. She is also the founding president of Universities Allied for Essential Medicines, a student movement working at universities to ensure access to medicine.

In January 2018, Ms. Kiddell-Monroe began her own non-profit organization, the See Change Initiative, in response to the chronic tuberculosis crisis faced by the Inuit people in Nunavut. In partnership with the Inuit-led non-government organization Ilisarsivik, See Change Initiative works with local Inuit communities to tackle the tuberculosis crisis at the grassroots level.

Ms. Kiddell-Monroe enjoys connecting with people and speaks widely on humanitarian action, global health and access to medicine. She discusses her vision for addressing global crises facing our societies in this TEDxMontrealWomen talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btlnlvOejOI>.



**Jean Lebel**  
**President, International Development Research**  
**Centre (IDRC)**

Jean Lebel is one of Canada's strongest voices on the interface between research, development and foreign policy, and on agriculture, health, inclusive economies and technology and innovation. As president of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), an institution that invests in knowledge, innovation and solutions to improve lives and livelihoods in the developing world, Mr. Lebel leads IDRC's contributions to Canada's international priorities. He is responsible for significant funding partnerships with foreign governments, philanthropic organizations and the private sector.

Prior to assuming the presidency of IDRC, Mr. Lebel served as vice-president of the Program and Partnership Branch, overseeing all IDRC programming. Before joining IDRC, he worked in both the academic and private sectors in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, the Middle East and Asia, where he conducted groundbreaking work in agriculture and in ecosystem approaches to human health.

Mr. Lebel has served on boards of the International Institute for Sustainable Development, the Consultative Group on International Agriculture Research, the Centre for Global Pluralism, the International Economic Forum of the Americas, and the World Economic Forum's Stewardship Board on Economic Progress. He was also a mentor with the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation (2016-2017).

Mr. Lebel holds a Ph.D. in environmental sciences from l'Université du Québec à Montréal and an M.Sc.A. in occupational health sciences from McGill University.



## **Sandrine Murengerantwali** **Founder and President , Vivo Cuore Foundation**

Sandrine Murengerantwali is a 23-year-old classical pianist originally from Rwanda. She began learning to play piano at the age of 8 after immigrating to Canada with her parents and, over the 15 years that followed, she won several awards and scholarships. At the age of 17, she attended Marianopolis College and earned a double-major DCS in conjunction with McGill's Schulich School of Music. She is currently in the process of completing her concurrent Bachelor of Civil Law and Bachelor of Laws degrees at McGill University.

In 2014, she founded Vivo Cuore to help Rwandan children with congenital heart diseases. The foundation sponsors their travel to host countries where they undergo surgery to correct the condition. Since its launch, the foundation has helped 21 Rwandan children. Ms. Murengerantwali's hope is to expand her organization to provide care for Rwandan children affected by all types of cardiac diseases.

This cause is especially dear to Ms. Murengerantwali, because she was born with a congenital heart defect known as VSD (ventricular septal defect). She is aware of the immense opportunity she was offered through her father's employer, who covered all her medical and travel expenses and requirements in Kenya. Today, her hope is that she can do the same for children with the same needs.



**Dr. Gina Ogilvie**  
**Professor, Faculty of Medicine**  
**University of British Columbia**  
**and Senior Public Health Scientist**  
**British Columbia Centre for Disease Control**

Gina Ogilvie, MD MSc FCFP DrPH, is a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Global Control of HPV-related diseases and prevention, and a professor at the University of British Columbia's School of Population and Public Health. She is also a senior public health scientist at the B.C. Centre for Disease Control and a senior research advisor at the B.C. Women's Hospital and Health Centre.

She was previously the medical director of Clinical Prevention Services at the B.C. Centre for Disease Control, where she provided both operational and scientific leadership to an integrated public health unit with over 100 staff.

Dr. Ogilvie is currently the principal investigator of several million dollars in research grants. She has received funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Public Health Agency of Canada, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and private foundations including the B.C. Women's Hospital Foundation, among others. Her research is focused on both the public health and clinical aspects of reproductive health, sexually transmitted infections, HPV screening and the HPV vaccine, and her findings have been highly influential in setting and directing health policy both in Canada and globally.

She is passionate about the global elimination of cervical cancer. Among other research projects, she is the principal investigator for the ASPIRE program, a global health initiative conducting research and providing women-centred, innovative solutions for cervical cancer prevention and reproductive health in sub-Saharan Africa. She is also principal investigator of HPV FOCAL, a randomized trial of over 25 000 women comparing primary screening for cervical cancer, and of QUEST, a pragmatic randomized trial defining the effectiveness of reduced dosing of the HPV vaccine.



Dr. Ogilvie has published more than 150 peer-reviewed manuscripts, and has provided advice and consultation on STI, HIV and HPV vaccine policy and programming to national and global institutions, including the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, Public Health Agency of Canada, the World Health Organization, and various international ministries of health.

Dr. Ogilvie is the recipient of several honours, including YWCA Woman of Distinction (2018); President's Award, Children and Women's Health Centre of B.C. (2018); Sexual Health Champion of the Year, Options for Sexual Health (2018); Provincial Health Officer's Award for Excellence in Public Health (2015); and Distinguished Achievement in Research, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia (2014). She is one of the inaugural recipients of the highly prestigious Canadian Institutes of Health Research Foundation Grant awards, given to leading scholars to pursue seven years of research in a field.



**Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray**  
**President and Vice-Chancellor**  
**Saint Mary's University**  
**and Board Chair**  
**Canadian Bureau of International Education**  
**(CBIE)**

Robert Summerby-Murray was appointed president of Saint Mary's University in July 2015. Today he leads a vibrant, diverse community of over 8 000 faculty, staff and students, and is an enthusiastic champion of Saint Mary's unique contributions in Nova Scotia and around the globe. The university has a strong international development studies program which features research on coffee collectives, supply chains and climate change-related migration in Rwanda, water and food security in Kenya, as well as post-conflict reconstruction. Saint Mary's is a leader in intercultural and international education, with 29 per cent of its students hailing from abroad, some of whom are from Rwanda.

Originally from Christchurch, New Zealand, Dr. Summerby-Murray completed his Ph.D. in geography at the University of Toronto in 1992. He is a fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, and is active on several public and private boards, including the Business-Education Council, the Atlantic School of Theology and the Advisory Council for the Order of Nova Scotia. He is chair of the board of directors of the Canadian Bureau for International Education, serves on various committees of Universities Canada and is a member of the executive of the Association of Atlantic Universities. In 2018, he was named one of *Atlantic Business Magazine's* Top 50 CEOs.

During his tenure as the dean of arts and social sciences at Dalhousie University, Dr. Summerby-Murray worked closely with Lieutenant-General Romeo Dallaire on the Child Soldier Initiative.



**Professor Neil Turok**  
**Director Emeritus**  
**Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics**

Neil Turok is the director emeritus and Niels Bohr Chair at the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics in Waterloo, Ontario. He was previously professor of physics at Princeton and chair of mathematical physics at Cambridge. Professor Turok's research focuses on developing and testing theories of the origins and evolution of the universe. His predictions for the correlations of the polarization and temperature of the cosmic background radiation (CBR) and of the galaxy-CBR correlations induced by dark energy were observationally confirmed. He has pioneered investigations into many theories of cosmogenesis and is currently developing a new paradigm—the CPT symmetric universe—which is more minimal and predictive. He is also the director of the Centre for the Universe at the Institute.

Born in South Africa, Professor Turok obtained his Ph.D. from Imperial College London in 1983. He founded the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) with centres in South Africa, Senegal, Ghana, Cameroon, Tanzania and Rwanda. He was awarded a TED Prize for this work and for his research in 2008. In 2012, he delivered the CBC Massey Lectures, broadcast across Canada and published as *The Universe Within*, a prizewinning bestseller. In 2014, he was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. In 2016, he gained honorary fellowship of the U.K. Institute of Physics and was awarded the John Torrence Tate Medal of the American Institute of Physics for International Leadership in Physics. In 2018, he was named an honorary Officer of the Order of Canada. He currently serves as co-chair of the National Council for Science and Technology for the Government of Rwanda.



## **Dr. Wendy Watson-Wright** **Chief Executive Officer, Ocean Frontier Institute**

Wendy Watson-Wright is the chief executive officer of the Ocean Frontier Institute (OFI). Headquartered at Dalhousie University and Memorial University of Newfoundland, the OFI is a Canadian-led interdisciplinary transnational research institute with the aim of creating safe and sustainable solutions for the development of the ocean frontier.

From 2010 to 2015, Dr. Watson-Wright was the first woman to serve as the executive secretary and assistant director general of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC-UNESCO) in Paris. The IOC is considered the only competent organization for marine science within the UN system. For most of her career, she held various senior positions within Fisheries and Oceans Canada, including that of assistant deputy minister of science for eight years.

Dr. Watson-Wright has been on several boards and panels including the Ocean and Atmosphere program review panel of the Australian Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO); as chair of the panel of experts for the Belmont Forum global call for research on ocean sustainability; the Council of Canadian Academies expert panel on ocean research in Canada; and the Scientific Advisory Board of the Wendy Schmidt Ocean Health X-Prize.

A Killam scholar, she holds a Ph.D. in physiology from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.



**Dr. Shelly Whitman**  
**Executive Director**  
**Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative**

Dr. Shelly Whitman is the executive director of The Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, an organization that focuses on progressively ending the recruitment and use of children as soldiers through a preventative security sector approach.

Dr. Whitman has been instrumental in creating a number of international agreements and policies on the protection of children, including the *Vancouver Principles on Peacekeeping and the Prevention of the Recruitment and Use of Child Soldiers* in 2017. A subject matter expert, she is regularly called upon to speak to global forums and provide media commentary on the issue of child soldiers, and currently sits on Public Safety Canada's National Expert Committee on Countering Radicalization to Violence. Previously, she worked on the Inter-Congolese Dialogue and the Organization of African Unity's Rwanda Genocide report, and enjoyed an academic career in Canada and Botswana. Dr. Whitman continues to publish regularly and teaches the "Children and War" course at Dalhousie University.

Dr. Whitman and the Dallaire Initiative have a long history of working collaboratively in Rwanda to deliver security sector training and to take part in high-level meetings with Rwandan officials, who continue to show great dedication to preventing children from being recruited and used in conflict.