

## TRUDEAU FOUNDATION APPOINTS 10 NEW MENTORS

*Former Senator Michael Fortier among diverse group of accomplished Canadians selected to mentor Trudeau scholars*

Montreal, QC, 12 February 2013 — The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation today announced the appointment of ten accomplished Canadians from diverse walks of life who will personally mentor the Trudeau scholars, promising doctoral students from Canada and abroad. In addition to sharing their extensive knowledge and experience, the Trudeau mentors will help accelerate the careers of the Trudeau scholars by introducing them to valuable professional and social networks. This year's Trudeau mentors have had distinguished careers in business, energy, Aboriginal and Northern affairs, foreign affairs, international trade, media, law, and finance.

“We select outstanding individuals invested in tackling public issues. Solutions to complex questions demand a reality check, to validate them based on real-life experience. The Trudeau Mentorship Program addresses this need,” said Pierre-Gerlier Forest, president of the Foundation. “By connecting Trudeau scholars with highly accomplished Trudeau mentors, we aim to nurture, test, and activate concrete solutions to issues of major importance to Canadians.”

The 2013 Trudeau mentors are:

- **Françoise Bertrand**, QC: Current head of the Quebec Federation of Boards of Trade (FCCQ), she will provide the Trudeau scholars with privileged access to her broad network of businesses and business people across all economic sectors.
- **Susan M.V. Cartwright**, ON: Through her stellar career of three decades in the federal public service, Ms. Cartwright has gained a broad range of management, policy, and program experience that she will share with the Trudeau community.
- **Leonard J. Edwards**, ON: Retired after 41 years in Canada's public service, he will contribute his extensive experience in foreign affairs and international trade and his acute knowledge of Canada-Asia relations.
- **Michael M. Fortier**, QC: A former senator and minister of international trade, Mr. Fortier is now vice chairman of RBC Capital Markets and has in-depth knowledge of North America's financial and business worlds.
- **Evaleen Jaager Roy**, BC: A consultant in business strategy and human resources, she is an influential figure on Canada's west coast. Her connections span the business, arts and culture, and non-profit sectors.
- **H. Wade MacLauchlan**, PEI: President emeritus of the University of Prince Edward Island, expert in administrative law, constitutional law, public administration, and public policy, Mr. MacLauchlan is deeply rooted in Atlantic Canada.
- **Sandy Martin**, NL: Currently vice president (East Coast) for Suncor Energy, Mr. Martin will help bridge the gap between the Trudeau community and the resource extraction industry.

- **Jessica L. McDonald**, BC: As a leader in fostering relationships and resolving disputes among governments, the private sector, and Aboriginal communities, she is well-positioned to guide Trudeau scholars in their work.
- **Madeleine Redfern**, NU: A former mayor of Iqaluit trained in law, Ms. Redfern is a strong social advocate for Aboriginal, Inuit, and Northerners' values and rights.
- **Rosemary Thompson**, ON: An exceptional communicator, as exemplified by a stellar career in journalism both in Canada and as a foreign correspondent, Ms. Thompson will help the scholars' hone their ability to disseminate their research findings.

The first meeting between the new mentors and their scholars took place in Toronto, Ontario, from 5-7 February at a session also attended by current and past mentors and scholars.

Additional biographical information, photos, and the list of Trudeau scholar-mentor pairings are available on request.

### **About Trudeau Mentorships**

The Foundation appoints up to 12 mentors per year to interact with the scholars and participate in meetings held by the Foundation. Trudeau mentors are selected from eminent Canadian practitioners in all sectors of public life, from the creative arts to business, and from public service to social activism. For their 18-month term, Trudeau mentors are offered an honorarium of \$20,000. A further \$15,000 is available to cover the cost of participating in program activities. Trudeau mentors are nominated by the members of an extensive nomination network, after which an independent peer-review panel screens the applications and suggests a list of mentors to the Foundation's board of directors for approval.

### **About the Foundation**

A Canadian institution with a national purpose, the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation is an independent and non-partisan charity. It was established in 2001 as a living memorial to the former prime minister by his family, friends, and colleagues. In 2002, the Government of Canada endowed the Foundation with a donation of \$125 million with the unanimous support of the House of Commons. In addition, the Foundation benefits from private sector donations in support of specific initiatives. Through its Scholarship, Fellowship, Mentorship, and Public Interaction Programs, the Foundation supports outstanding individuals who make meaningful contributions to critical social issues.

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