

Trudeau Foundation is proud to award four new Trudeau fellowships

Four researchers from four Canadian universities share \$900,000 in awards

Montreal (Quebec), October 16, 2013 – The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation is happy to announce today, at the Université de Montréal, the names of the four recipients of its prestigious research award. The Trudeau fellowship candidates were put forward by their peers and put through a rigorous selection process by an independent jury. These high-calibre public intellectuals have made their mark in the world of research for their achievements, their creativity, and their commitment to the Foundation’s four areas of action. Their work on the constitutional rights of Aboriginals, human rights, food security and the use of research to inform public policy is of particular importance to Canadians.

The 2013 Trudeau fellows are:

- **Jean Leclair**, Faculty of Law, Université de Montréal: Recognized as the foremost expert of federalism in Canada, he turns a critical eye on the political relationships between peoples and governments and is developing a theory of federalism that takes into account the desire for autonomy of the Quebec and Aboriginal nations.
- **Timothy Caulfield**, Faculty of Law, University of Alberta: This unrivalled communicator is debunking myths and assumptions about innovation in the health sector – from research on stem cells to diets to alternative medicine – for the benefit of the public and decision-makers.
- **Jennifer Clapp**, Department of Environment and Resource Studies, University of Waterloo: A political economist wary of the effect of global trade and the influence of transnational corporations on food security and the environment in the world’s poorest countries.
- **Kent Roach**, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto: A specialist in constitutional law and human rights advocate, he has made his mark through work on security certificates in the wake of the war on terrorism and redress for the abuses of the residential schooling system.

Acting president and CEO of the Foundation, Tim Brodhead, emphasized the value of the awards and the excellence of the recipients: “The Trudeau awards offer sustained support to highly respected intellectuals in Canada, people with the talent, skill and desire to understand the big issues of our times, and who want to make Canada a better place to live and grow.”

Mr. Brodhead and the vice-rector of research, creation and innovation at the Université de Montréal, Geneviève Tanguay, have invited the four fellows and distinguished guests from the world of research and the Montreal community to a reception at noon. The 2013 Trudeau fellows will make a brief presentation of their research interests and the way they intend to use the prize to further their discoveries.

Media representatives who would like to attend the announcement are invited to go directly to the Université de Montréal, at noon, to room M415 in the Roger-Gaudry building (2900 Édouard-Montpetit).

About the Trudeau Fellowship

The Trudeau fellowship is worth \$225,000, payable over three years. Each year, the Foundation names up to five Trudeau fellows: academics and public intellectuals who have set themselves apart through their research achievements, their creativity, and their commitment to social affairs. Although they commit to communicating their ideas and research through speaking engagements and by participating in the Trudeau Public Interaction Program, Trudeau fellows enjoy extensive freedom in their use of their Trudeau funds. The Trudeau Lecture series and the *Trudeau Foundation Papers*, published annually since 2009, provide additional platforms for their ideas. A Trudeau fellowship gives the university and the fellow access to the Trudeau community of brilliant scholars and seasoned policymakers as well as to Trudeau events. Trudeau fellows are appointed for life.

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, with the unanimous support of the House of Commons, the Government of Canada endowed the Foundation with a donation of \$125 million. 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 are making meaningful contributions to critical public issues. Learn more at www.trudeaufoundation.ca.

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