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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- FULL PROFESSOR OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE, COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL, New York** 2023–present
- Research fields: debt, growth, and public policy. Teaching: graduate courses in economics and international finance.
- DEPUTY CHIEF ECONOMIST, SCOTIABANK, Toronto** 2016–2022
- 2IC in global macro research team at Canada's 3rd largest and most international bank. Co-led major restructuring and core work on G10 modelling, forecasting, stress testing, public policy, LatAm, and ESG. Bank-wide champion on diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. Regularly featured as Scotiabank's most frequently cited commentator in major int'l media.
- CHIEF ECONOMIST, ALIGNVEST INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, Toronto** 2015–2016
- Lead research economist & strategist in founding team of multi-strategy asset management start-up.
- SENIOR FELLOW & VISITING SCHOLAR, MASSEY COLLEGE, UNIV. OF TORONTO, Toronto** 2014–Present
- SENIOR FELLOW, SAUVÉ FOUNDATION & LECTURER, MCGILL UNIV. (2013–2014), Montréal** 2012–2020
- ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, TAU INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, New York** 2012–2020
- SENIOR FELLOW, CTR for INT'L GOVERNANCE INNOVATION (CIGI), Waterloo** 2013–2014
- CHAZEN VISITING SCHOLAR, COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL, New York** 2012–2014
- Research and advisory on fiscal/monetary policy, growth, trade, business cycles, debt restructuring, and impact investing.
- GLOBAL STRATEGIST, WOODBINE CAPITAL ADVISORS, New York** 2010–2012
- Developed and implemented trading strategies with CIO and EM PM in early-stage team of USD 3 bn global macro fund.
- PRINCIPAL ADVISOR, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, New York** 2008–2010
- POLICY ADVISOR/SENIOR MACROECONOMIST, UNDP, New York** 2007–2010
- SENIOR MACROECONOMIST, EARTH INSTITUTE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York** 2007–2010
- Lead advisor on economic, financial, G8/G20, development, poverty, global public health, & MDG issues.
- ECONOMIST, INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, Washington** 2000–2009
- Specialist on debt restructuring, capital flows, and financial policy reforms, as well as core IMF work on crisis prevention & lending. Graduate of Economist Programme, promoted twice in minimum time. Selected for UN secondment '07–09.
- DIRECTOR OF STUDIES IN ECONOMICS, KEBLE COLLEGE, Oxford** 1996–2000
- JUNIOR DEAN, JESUS COLLEGE/ASSISTANT JUNIOR DEAN, KEBLE COLLEGE, Oxford** 1996–2000
- Led economics instruction for undergraduates across multiple fields. Co-led pastoral/disciplinary oversight.
- ECONOMIC ASSISTANT/CONSULTANT, CAPITAL MARKETS, WORLD BANK, Washington** 1995, 1997
- Supported team issuing World Bank Globals, Eurobonds, USD jumbos, and local-market placements.
- ECONOMIC ANALYST, GOLDMAN SACHS INTERNATIONAL, London** 1993
- Supported head of LatAm & CEEMEA EM sovereign and corporate fixed-income sales and trading.

EDUCATION

- ROTMAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, Toronto** 2022–2023
- **Institute of Corporate Directors, Directors' Education Program (DEP) & ICD.D.** Corporate governance certification.
- HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL, Cambridge** 2013
- **Global Public Leadership** executive education certificate program.
- RHODES SCHOLAR, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, England** 1994–2000
- **D.Phil., Economics (ABD)**, 2000. Thesis (draft): *Taking Solow Seriously: Essays on Open-Economy Growth*.
 - **M.Phil., Economics**, 1996. Thesis: *Growth, Trade and Convergence: A Study of Interdependence*.
- ROTARY SCHOLAR, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, South Africa** 1994
- **Lecturer**, Dept of Economics; **Researcher**, South African Labour and Development Research Unit; **Analyst on SA accession to WTO**, Trade Policy Research Unit; **Election Monitor**, IDASA and Independent Electoral Commission.
- ALUMNI NATIONAL SCHOLAR, QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, Canada** 1990–1994
- **B.A. (Honours), Economics, First Class**; held university's highest entrance award for 4 years; top 3rd year Arts & Science student; top 2nd & 3rd year econ. student; Dean's Honour List; Josten's Fdn Nat'l Leadership Scholarship.
- KEAST MEMORIAL SCHOLAR, UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS, Scotland** 1992–1993
- **Junior year abroad, First Class honours**. Completed examination requirements for St. Andrews MA in Economics.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (Pre-CBS)

- “The economic state of the nation”, *Zoomer*, Feb.–Mar. 2023.
- “Canada’s greying economy needs more employee ownership”, *Financial Post*, Jan. 11, 2023.
- “Not-so-great expectations”, *Globe and Mail*, Jan. 7, 2023.
- “Inflation expectations matter”, *iPolitics*, Dec. 7, 2022.
- “Canada’s support for Ukraine needs to be bolder”, *Financial Post*, November 25, 2022.
- “The time for fiscal firepower is near”, *iPolitics*, Nov. 4, 2022.
- Scotiabank Economics reports, author and editor, 2016–2022, <https://www.scotiabank.com/economics>.
- “We need to vaccinate the world and Canada should lead the effort” (with Stuart Hickox), *CTV News*, Feb. 2, 2022.
- “How we’ll weather higher interest rates” (with Farah Omran), *Maclean’s*, Dec. 2021.
- “Population rich, house poor” (with JF Perrault), *Globe and Mail*, Dec. 31, 2021.
- “No recovery without adequate childcare” (with R. Young & M. Desormeaux), *Maclean’s*, Dec., 2020.
- “Growth will lift if trade uncertainty abates” (with R. Lalonde & N. Perevalov), *Maclean’s*, Dec., 2019.
- “U.S. protectionism will pose a global threat” (with JM Herrera), *Maclean’s*, Dec., 2018.
- “Don’t overstate U.S. leverage in the renegotiation of NAFTA” (with JM Herrera), *Maclean’s*, Dec., 2017.
- “Testimonial Evidence to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs & Int’l Development”, May, 2017.
- “Free trade—Canada’s time to lead”, *Vancouver Sun*, Mar. 2017.
- “Sovereign Debt Restructuring: There’s Still More to Do” (with R. Gitlin) in *Too Little, Too Late*, May 2016.
- “The Future of Investing is Here” (with A. Tarditi), *WEF Agenda*, Nov. 12, 2015.
- “Just Enough, Just in Time” (with R. Gitlin), *CIGI Special Report*, July 15, 2015.
- “Contractual and Voluntary Approaches to Sovereign Debt Restructuring”, *IPD Working Paper*, June 2015.
- “Private Sector Should Get Behind Ottawa’s ‘Development Finance Initiative’”, *Globe and Mail*, May 21, 2015.
- “Getting the Details Right on Canada’s Development Finance Initiative”, *OpenCanada*, Apr. 30, 2015.
- “Federal Budget Finally Turns Development Talk into Action”, *Huffington Post*, April 23, 2015.
- “Development Finance: Enter the Private Sector”, *Global Brief*, Mar. 11, 2015.
- “Here’s Why Hedge Funds Will Never Be Able to Hold Debtor Countries Hostage Again”, *Quartz*, Feb. 19, 2015.
- “It’s the U.S. that Has the Most to Lose if Congress Keeps Blocking IMF Reform”, *Quartz*, Feb. 11, 2015.
- “The World Should Listen to Greece’s Big Idea about Debt”, *Quartz*, Feb. 8, 2015.
- “#DavosProblems: The Financial Crisis Isn’t Over & the Inequality Crisis is Just Beginning”, *Quartz*, Jan. 20, 2015.
- “Further Reform of Sovereign Debt Restructuring: An Agenda” (with R. Gitlin), *CIGI Policy Brief*, Jan. 13, 2015.
- “Canada Needs to Get Serious About Development Finance”, *Huffington Post*, Nov. 25, 2014.
- “We Canadians Are Thoughtful and Measured”, *Financial Times*, Oct. 27, 2014.
- “Clipping Wings: Making Sovereign Bonds More Vulture-Proof”, *Georgetown Journal of Int’l Affairs*, Oct. 17, 2014.
- “Bill 3 Doesn’t Go Far Enough” (with T. Meredith), *Montreal Gazette*, Sep. 29, 2014.
- “Une réforme plus ambitieuse” (with T. Meredith), *La Presse*, Sep. 6, 2014.
- “A look inside the Fund: On Tour with the IMF”, *Finance & Development*, Sep. 1, 2014.
- “Preparing for the Next Global Public Debt Crisis”, *Institute for New Economic Thinking*, July 31, 2014.
- “India & Canada should collaborate on global monetary reform” (with K. English), *Hindustan Times*, July 22, 2014.
- “Chinese Perspectives on Sovereign Debt” (with H. Wang, M. Xafa), *CIGI Commentary*, July 22, 2014.
- “Five actions Canada can take to help guide the global recovery”, *Globe and Mail*, July 22, 2014.
- “Way too provincial”, *Globe and Mail*, July 11, 2014.
- “Canada needs to push for a truly multilateral financial system” (with K. English), *Globe and Mail*, June 30, 2014.
- “Act together to prevent more sovereign debt crises”, *Financial Times*, 24 June, 2014.
- “A great new way for the IMF to help debt-laden countries without forcing them to default”, *Quartz*, June 23, 2014.
- “Argentina’s Return to Default?”, *OpenCanada*, June 16, 2014.
- “Time for Canada to Get into the Business of Development” (with J. Haga), *Toronto Star*, June 2, 2014.
- “Canadian finance needs to get more responsible” (with S. Mirigay), *Globe and Mail*, May 28, 2014.
- “Building a Responsible Financial Sector” (with S. Mirigay), *OpenCanada*, May 26, 2014.
- “We need hard and soft approaches to trade liberalization”, *Salzburg Global Seminar Paper*, May 22, 2014.
- “The IMF: Crisis Fighter”, *Jubilee Annual Debt Report*, Apr. 16, 2014.
- “The IMF is turning 70. Here’s why you should celebrate”, *Quartz*, Apr. 8, 2014.
- “Argentina’s debt saga shows we need a better way to deal with bankrupt countries”, *Quartz*, Mar. 24, 2014.
- “Another public-debt crisis is on its way” (with R. Gitlin), *Globe and Mail*, Mar. 18, 2014.
- “A Blueprint for a Sovereign Debt Forum” (with R. Gitlin), *CIGI Policy Paper*, Mar. 12, 2014.
- “The West should forget about punishing Russia and do more to help Ukraine”, *Quartz*, Mar. 10, 2014.
- “Five ways to fix the US job market” (with P. Yared), *Fortune CNN Money*, Mar. 7, 2014.
- “Global Macro Threats & Opportunities”, *CSIS Of Threats & Opportunities*, Feb. 28, 2014.

- “The Sovereign Debt Forum: A Snapshot” (with R. Gitlin), *G24 Policy Brief 801*, Feb. 15, 2014.
- “A Canadian Voice at Davos”, *CIGI Commentary*, Jan. 31, 2014.
- “As world moves to weed out graft, Canada remains a laggard” (with D. Landry), *Globe and Mail*, Dec. 9, 2013.
- “Emerging Markets: Back in the Box”, *Global Brief*, Fall 5, 2013.
- “IMF-World Bank Meetings: Reading beyond the communiqués”, *Globe and Mail*, Oct. 9, 2013.
- “With or Without Summers, the Fed Would be Dovish”, *Globe and Mail*, Sep. 16, 2013.
- “The Sovereign Debt Forum: Expanding our Toolkit for Handling Sovereign Crises”, *CIGI Policy Brief*, 2013.
- “It’s time for Canada to break some global logjams”, *Globe and Mail*, Aug. 12, 2013.
- “Holding India to a higher standard” (with T. Firdous), *National Post*, Feb. 26, 2013.
- “Uganda’s homophobic farce” (with G. Bareebe), *National Post*, Nov. 30, 2012.
- “The Gleneagles Scenarios: Scaling Up Aid to Africa” (with A. Berg *et al.*), *IMF and UNDP*, 2012.
- “Finishing what they started. The G8 should fulfil its promises” (with D. McGraw), *National Post*, May 18, 2010.
- “No requiem for the greenback” and “The future role of central banks”, *Global Brief*, Winter 3, 2010.
- “Foreign aid accountability should start at home” (with D. McGraw), *Globe and Mail*, Feb. 22, 2010.
- “The Big ZERO in the G20” (with J. Sachs), *Mail & Guardian*, Apr. 17, 2009.
- “The Millennium Development Goals: A Handbook” (with G. Schmidt-Traub, *et al.*), *UNDP*, 2009.
- “Biodiversity conservation and achievement of the MDGs” (with J. Sachs *et al.*), *Science*, 2009.
- “IMF” (with M. Corden and D. Vines), *New Palgrave Dictionary of Money and Finance*, 2008.
- “The IMF: Retrospect and Prospect in a Time of Reform”, *GEG Working Paper 2008/38*, 2008.
- “The Time for Reform is Now” (with D. McGraw), *National Post*, Dec. 17, 2008.
- “Balance Sheet Approach” (with M. Allen & C. Rosenberg), *Princeton Encyclopaedia of the World Economy*, 2008.
- “Debt-Related Vulnerabilities and Financial Crises” (with C. Rosenberg *et al.*), *IMF*, 2005.
- “Comparative Advantage”, *The Reader’s Guide to the Social Sciences*, London: Fitzroy-Dearborn Publishers, 2001.
- “Can openness help make a miracle?”, *De Economist*, 2000, vol. 148, no. 2, pp. 167–203.
- “Europe and East Asia: a shared global agenda?” (with P. Drysdale and D. Vines), in P. Drysdale, and D. Vines, eds, *Europe, East Asia and APEC: A Shared Global Agenda*, Cambridge: CUP, 1998, pp. 3–30.

AWARDS & HONOURS

Professional & Community

- King Charles III Coronation Medal 2025
- OUTstanding Yahoo Finance 100 LGBTQ+ Global Business Leaders 2021
- StartProud LGBTQ+ Executive Leadership Award 2018
- Lincoln Good Citizen Award 2015
- Québec Notable Award in Finance 2014
- Life Fellow, Royal Society of Arts (RSA) 2014
- Salzburg Global Fellowship 2014
- Young Global Leader, World Economic Forum 2010
- Member, Banff Forum 2008
- IMF competitive sabbatical (‘Leave without Pay in the Interest of the Fund’) 2007–2009
- Next Generation Fellow, American Assembly 2007
- Distinguished Alumni ‘Wall of Fame’, Beamsville District Secondary School 2006
- Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations 2005

Graduate

- Rhodes Scholarship 1994–1998
- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship 1997–1998
- IODE Canada War Memorial Post-Graduate Scholarship 1997–1998
- SBC Warburg Finance Prize 1996
- Brewster Prize 1995
- Rotary Ambassadorial Fellowship 1994

Undergraduate

- Dean’s Honour List 1990–1993
- Leonard Scholarship, top 3rd year student in Arts & Science Faculty 1992–1993
- Edith Whyte Scholarship, top 2nd & 3rd year Economics Major 1992–1993
- Keast Memorial Scholarship, to St Andrews University 1992–1993
- Queen’s Alumni National Scholarship, university’s highest entrance scholarship 1990–1994
- Josten’s Foundation Leadership Scholarship, for community leadership 1990

BOARD & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MASSEY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO	<i>2019–present</i>
• Senior Fellow , Governing Board, Chair, finance & audit comm., <i>2024–2025</i> ; Committee Member, <i>2019–2025</i>	
CANADIAN CENTRE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION (CCPC)	<i>2022–present</i>
• Advisory board member , expert panelist on ESG-related macro issues.	
MUNK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS & PUBLIC POLICY	<i>2022–present</i>
• Senior Fellow , mentor, & guest lecturer.	
PUBLIC POLICY FORUM (PPF)	<i>2022–present</i>
• Fellow and consultative group member of Canada’s premier policy think-tank.	
CLARIFY HEALTH (CANADA)	<i>2022–2024</i>
• Board Director , private, for-profit health-data analytics start-up.	
THE 519 COMMUNITY CENTRE	<i>2021–2024</i>
• Board Director , member of finance, governance, and HR committees of Toronto municipal agency.	
CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS ECONOMICS (CABE)	<i>2019–2024</i>
• Board Director , chair of professional development committee.	
CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF RHODES SCHOLARS	<i>2013–2023</i>
• Board Director , chair of finance committee.	
PEARSON UNITED WORLD COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC	<i>2005–2023</i>
• Vice-Chair , investment comm., <i>2014–2023</i> ; Director , Cdn Fdn, <i>2012–2014</i> ; Chair , US Fdn 501c3, <i>2005–2012</i> .	
NATURAL STATE (CANADA)	<i>2020–2022</i>
• Board Director , private B-corp.	

MENTORSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, Toronto	<i>2015–present</i>
• Mentor , Rotman School of Business ‘The Letters’ LGBTQ+ Student Group, <i>2017–present</i> .	
• Mentor , Massey College economics, finance, & law Junior Fellows, <i>2015–present</i> .	
SCOTIABANK, Toronto	<i>2017–2022</i>
• Executive Champion , Indigenous Employee Resource Group, <i>2019–2022</i> .	
• Founding Member , Steering Committee, Partnership for Global LGBTI Equality, <i>2019–2022</i> .	
• Founding Member , CEO’s Diversity & Inclusion Council, <i>2017–2022</i> .	
• Mentor , Banking on Women’s Leadership (BOWL) & Return to Work Program for Mid-Career Women, <i>2017–2022</i> .	
• Mentor , LGBTQ+ Aspire Development Program, <i>2017–2022</i> .	
• Speaker & facilitator , 100 Women in Finance, <i>2017–2022</i> .	
• Advisory Committee , StartProud LGBTQ+ Young Professional Organization, <i>2017–2022</i> .	
SAUVÉ FOUNDATION, Montréal	<i>2012–2020</i>
• Advisor , post-graduate leadership & social entrepreneurship program.	
IMF, Washington	<i>2005–2007</i>
• Chair , GLOBE LGBTQ+ Employee Group. Led campaign for equal & equitable employee benefits.	

OTHER OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

EVALUESERVE, New York	<i>2025–present</i>
• Speaking engagements , “Executive Exchange” events in New York and Toronto	
ACCELERATE INVESTORS, New York	<i>2025–present</i>
• Keynote speaker and advisor , NYC Summit	
ALPHASIGHTS, DIALECTICA, ERGO, GLG, GUIDEPOINT, PROSAPIENT, NY, Toronto, London	<i>2022–present</i>
• Economic and financial consulting , diverse third-party clients. NDAs applied on case-by-case basis.	
PANDION, Montréal	<i>2013–present</i>
• Economic advisory services , periodic forecasting and analysis	

INTERESTS

- Multiple Ironman, Half-Ironman, & marathon finishes; 2007 US Triathlon Nationals.
- Professional ski instructor: Canadian Ski Instructors' Alliance Levels 1& 2 certification, Canadian Avalanche Skills Training Levels 1 & 2 certification.
- Canadian Red Cross Emergency First Aid certification.

LANGUAGES & CITIZENSHIPS

Languages: English (native); French (fluent working); Spanish (working); Portuguese (basic); German (basic)

Citizenships: Canada and USA

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