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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Canadian Economics Association invites nominations by any five members of the Association of candidates for Vice-President of the Association or for Member-at-large of the Executive Council. Please send nominations by March 1 each year to the Association's secretary of the Nominating Committee, Werner Antweiler werner.antweiler@ubc.ca.

CEA FELLOWS

JEAN-MARIE DUFOUR

The Canadian Economics Association is delighted to announce Jean-Marie Dufour as a Fellow of the Canadian Economics Association, the highest honour that the Association can confer, for his contributions to econometric methodology, statistical inference in econometrics, modelling of macroeconomic time series, financial econometrics, and economic growth and development. Jean-Marie Dufour, the William Dow Professor of Political Economy at McGill University, has made contributions so extensive that he has a sixty-five page CV and of such widely-recognized importance that he is an Officer of the Order of Canada and the Ordre national du Québec and a Fellow of the *Journal of Econometrics*, the Royal Society of Canada, the Econometric Society, and the American Statistical Association. In 1994, he was the inaugural winner of the John Rae Prize, awarded by the Canadian Economics Association for outstanding research in the previous five years, and he was the President of the Canadian Economics Association from 2002 to 2003. In 1988, the year he became a full professor, Jean-Marie Dufour was the inaugural winner of the Marcel Dagenais Prize for Excellence in Research, awarded every three years by the Société canadienne de science économique, and won the Dagenais Prize again in 2000 and in 2009 – and might well have won even more often if he had not made ineligible for the 2003, 2006 and 2012 prizes by serving on the selection committee. He holds degrees in mathematics and statistics from McGill University and the Université de Montréal,

and a PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago, where his dissertation committee consisted of Arnold Zellner (chair), Robert E. Lucas, Jr., and Nicholas Kiefer. He taught at the Université de Montréal from 1979 until 2007, and now holds the longest-established chair in economics at another *alma mater*, McGill. Jean-Marie Dufour was a Bank of Canada Research Fellow from 2007 to 2016 (twice the usual tenure of that prestigious fellowship).

The Canadian Economics Association takes great pleasure in welcoming Jean-Marie Dufour as a Fellow of the Canadian Economics Association.

B. CURTIS EATON

The Canadian Economics Association is delighted to announce B. Curtis Eaton as a Fellow of the Canadian Economics Association, the highest honour that the Association can bestow. Curtis Eaton is an internationally-renowned researcher who has made great contributions to industrial organization, labour economics, economic geography, and organizational theory. His earlier contributions may be conveniently sampled in *Applied Microeconomic Theory: Selected Essays of B. Curtis Eaton* (Cheltenham, UK, and Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 2001) and *On the Foundations of Monopolistic Competition and Economic Geography: The Selected Essays of B. Curtis Eaton and Richard G. Lipsey* (Cheltenham, UK, and Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 1997).

Curtis Eaton has been a Professor of Economics at the University of Calgary since 1999 and also University Professor there since 2002. After receiving his BA and PhD at the University of Colorado, he taught at the University of British Columbia from 1969 to 1981 (full professor from 1979), the University of Toronto from 1981 to 1987, and Simon Fraser University from 1987 to 1999. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada since 2010, he edited the *Canadian Journal of Economics* from 1994 to 1997 and was President of the Canadian Economics Association from 2003

to 2004, giving a presidential address on “The Elementary Economics of Social Dilemmas” (*CJE* 2004) on the role of strategic complementarity in social dilemmas (the n-person extension of Prisoner’s Dilemma). Curtis Eaton and Mukesh Eswaran shared the Harry Johnson Prize for the best article in the *Canadian Journal of Economics* in 2003 for “The Evolution of Preferences and Competition: A Rationalization of Veblen’s Theory of Invidious Comparisons” and also shared the John Vanderkamp Prize for the best article in *Canadian Public Policy* in 2008 for “Differential Grading Standards and Student Incentives.” The CEA takes great pleasure in welcoming B. Curtis Eaton as a Fellow of the Canadian Economics Association and celebrating his achievements.

ALICE O. NAKAMURA

The Canadian Economics Association is delighted to announce Alice O. Nakamura as a Fellow of the Canadian Economics Association, the highest honour that the Association can bestow. A Professor of Finance and Management Science at the University of Alberta, Alice Nakamura is a leading scholar in labour economics, official statistics, genomic statistics, and quality management. She has written or edited fourteen books and journal issues, is the author of 82 refereed articles and refereed book chapters, and was the second undergraduate to publish in the *American Economic Review* (preceded by Robert Heilbroner more than a quarter of a century before). Her scholarly interests range beyond economics, with an undergraduate minor in political science at the University of Wisconsin – Madison and a doctoral minor in sociology at Johns Hopkins, and, in addition to her articles in *AER*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Econometrica*, *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, *Journal of Econometrics*, *Journal of Human Resources* and the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, she has published in journals from the *Canadian Journal of Sociology* to *Clinical Cancer Research*. Alice Nakamura was the president of the CEA in 1994-95, giving a presidential address on “New Directions for UI, Welfare and Vocational Education and Training” (*CJE* 1995). She was the first woman to serve as

president of the CEA (Mabel Timlin, an economist, was president of the CPSA in 1959-60 before economics and political science formed separate associations) and was President of the International Association for Research on Income and Wealth from 2014 to 2016. Alice Nakamura's efforts to improve the functioning of labour markets have involved practical organization (Career Owl) as well as promotion of research (CERF, the Canadian Employment Research Forum).

The Canadian Economics Association is delighted to welcome Alice Nakamura as a Fellow of the Association and to celebrate her achievements.

CEA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD 2017: GILLES PAQUET

On the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary, the Canadian Economics Association is delighted to give its Distinguished Service Award to Gilles Paquet, the first and longest-serving Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. Gilles Paquet was Secretary-Treasurer of the CEA from 1967 to 1981, and played a crucial role in creating the Association and establishing it on a solid footing – even though he had quite a few other things to do at the same time, such as serving as Carleton University's Dean of Graduate Studies in the 1970s. He has remained active in the CEA (he continues to take care of translating abstracts of *CJE* articles), and has been honoured with life-time membership in the Association. A member of the Order of Canada since 1992 and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada since 1976, Gilles was President of the Royal Society of Canada from 2003 to 2005. He was educated at Laval and Queen's Universities, and was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of California. Despite a heavy burden of administrative service (after being Carleton's Dean of Graduate Studies, he was Dean of what is now the Telfer School of Administration at the University of Ottawa from 1981 to 1988), he has been an incredibly prolific scholar, writing or editing more than *sixty* books – sixty, not sixteen! – and writing or co-authoring

more than *five hundred* reports, scientific papers and book chapters on the economic history of Canada, urban and regional studies, industrial organization, public management, knowledge management and, most of all, governance, in addition to many journalistic contributions bringing social science to the wider public. A professor emeritus at the Telfer School of Administration, Gilles remains very active as a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Ottawa's Centre on Governance, of which he was the founding director in 1997. He has been outstanding both as a scholar of governance and as a practitioner of administration.

The last line on Gilles's website states, "Gilles Paquet has a special interest in administrative pathologies and subversion, and is an ironist."

The Canadian Economics Association takes great pleasure in presenting its Distinguished Service Award to Gilles Paquet in grateful recognition of his stellar contributions to the creation and flourishing of the Association.

HARRY JOHNSON PRIZE / LE PRIX HARRY JOHNSON

The Harry Johnson Prize for the best article published in the *Canadian Journal of Economics* in 2016 was awarded to **Lukas Albrecht** and **Trevor Tombe** for their article "Internal trade, productivity and interconnected industries: A quantitative analysis" published in the February 2016 issue of the *Canadian Journal of Economics*.

Lukas Albrecht is a Market Analyst at Flint Hills Resources, and Trevor Tombe is a Professor at the University of Calgary.

***MIKE McCRACKEN AWARD FOR
ECONOMIC STATISTICS / LE PRIX
McCRACKEN***

The Mike McCracken Award recognizes theoretical and applied contribution to the development or use of economic statistics in Canada.

This year the committee has chosen to honour **Andrew Heisz** (Statistics Canada), **Kevin Milligan** (UBC) and **Brian Murphy** (Statistics Canada). The selection committee noted the varied contributions of each of the winners but drew particular attention to the development of the tax simulator by Kevin Mulligan and the work on data development by Andrew Heisz and Brian Murphy.

***ROBERT MUNDELL PRIZE / LE PRIX
ROBERT MUNDELL***

The Robert Mundell Prize for the best article published in the *Canadian Journal of Economics* in 2015 by an early-career economist was awarded to **Moritz Ritter** for the paper “Trade and inequality in a directed search model with firm and worker heterogeneity.” The December 2015 issue in which the article appeared was published in 2016 due to a production delay and was thus considered for 2016. Moritz Ritter is a professor at Temple University.

***DOUG PURVIS MEMORIAL PRIZE / LE
PRIX DOUG PURVIS***

The Doug Purvis Prize is awarded annually to the authors of a highly significant, written contribution to Canadian economic policy.

The winners of the Doug Purvis Memorial Prize for 2017 are **David Green** (UBC), **Craig Riddell** (UBC) and **France St-Hilaire** (IRPP) for their work “Income Inequality: The Canadian Story.” The prize was awarded at the CEA Meetings in June 2017.

THE JOHN VANDERKAMP PRIZE / LE PRIX JOHN VANDERKAMP

The Vanderkamp Prize is for the best article in the journal *Canadian Public Policy/Analyse de Politiques* in the preceding year.

The Vanderkamp Prize for the best article in 2016 in *Canadian Public Policy/Analyse de politique* was awarded to Ram Acharya (Innovation, Science and Economic Development) for his paper, “Canada's Exporters and Importers: Concentration, Foreign Ownership and Productivity.”

NEW APPOINTMENTS/ NOMINATIONS RÉCENTES

Brock University	
Cornelius Christian	Assistant Professor, July 2017
Andrew Dickens	Assistant Professor, July 2017.
HEC Montréal	
Tibor Heumann Epstein	Assistant Professor, July 2017. Previously Yale University
Amine Ouazad	Associate Professor, July 2017. Previously École Polytechnique (France)

Tuba Tunçel	Assistant Professor, July 2017. Previously Toulouse School of Economics
Université Laval	
Bertrand Achou	Adjunct Professor, June 2016. 2012 – 2015: PhD student, Paris School of Economics
Arthur Silve	Assistant Professor, June 2016. Previously 2015-2016: Lecturer, Harvard University, Department of Government
St. Francis Xavier University	
Fraser Summerfield	Assistant Professor – July 1, 2017. Previously Limited term appointment, Lakehead University
University of Toronto	
Patrick Blanchenay	Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream (CLTA) – July 1, 2017. Previously Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Toronto
Peter Foltin	Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream (CLTA) – July 1, 2017. Previously Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream (CLTA),
Yoram Halevy	Professor – July 1, 2017. Previously Associate Professor, University of British Columbia
Nicholas Zammit	Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream (CLTA) – July 1, 2017. Previously Senior Teaching Fellow, University of Warwick
University of Victoria	
Ke Xu	Assistant Professor – July 1, 2017

Wilfrid Laurier University	
Dr. Jeff Chan	Assistant Professor – July 1, 2017

***VISITING APPOINTMENTS /
PROFESSEUR(E)S INVITÉ(E)S***

University of Alberta	
Jorge Zumaeta	Sept 2016 to April 2017 – Fulbright Scholar, Florida International University
Carleton University	
Chen Yian	July 21, 2017-July 21, 2019, Associate Professor, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics
Dalhousie University	
Patrick delaMirande	September 1-April 30, 2018, Cape Breton University
Ling Liu	September-December 2017, SDUFE
Yang Qi	February 2017-February 2019, SDUFE
Harutaka Takahashi	October 1-January 20, 2018, Meiji Gakuin University
Greg Tkacz	September 1-December 1, 2017, St. Francis Xavier University
Yan Zhang	September-December 2017, SDUFE

Université Laval	
Alain Coën	03/2017-06/2017, UQAM (Université du Québec à Montréal)
Carl Gagné	09/2016-09/2017, Institut national de la recherche agronomique (INRA)
Karel Janda	01/08/2016 -09/06/2017, Charles University – Pragues
University of Victoria	
Jill Horwitz	July 2017- August 2018, University of California, Los Angeles School of Law
University of Waterloo	
Virgina Hernandez	August 1, 2017 – December 20, 2017, Universidad de Alcalá
Qian Zhang	Sept 1 2017 – Aug 31, 2018, Sanjiang University, China
Wilfrid Laurier University	
Dr. Fred Kwan	January – July 8, 2017, City University of Hong Kong

DEPARTURES / DÉPARTS

Brock University	
Marilyn Cottrell	December 31, 2016 – Retired
Zisimos Koustas	December 31, 2016 – Retired

Université Laval	
Luc Bissonnette	February 2017 – Accepted new position at Gartner Inc.
St. Francis Xavier University	
Cornelius Christian	New appointment at Brock University, July 1 2017
University of Toronto	
Patrick Baude	June 30, 2017 – Resigned
University of Victoria	
David Giles	Retired – June 30, 2017
Wilfrid Laurier University	
Dr. Terrence Levesque	Retired – July 1, 2017

AWARDS AND OTHER NEWS / DISTINCTIONS ET AUTRE NOUVELLES

Université Laval	
Steeve Marchand	Best PhD student paper prize for the paper “Peer Effects and Risk-Taking Among Entrepreneurs: Lab-in-the-Field Evidence”, Fourth Annual International Association for Applied Econometrics Conference (Sapporo, Japan)
Luc Bissonnette (ULaval), David Boisclair (HEC Montréal), François Laliberté-Auger (HEC Montréal), Steeve Marchand (ULaval) Pierre-Carl Michaud (HEC Montréal) and Carole Vincent (consultant)	Honourable mention in the 2016 Vanderkamp Prize competition for the paper “Projecting the Impact of Population Aging on the Quebec Labour Market”, Canadian Public Policy
Charles Bellemare	Appointed Associate Editor of <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i> .
Philippe Barla	Award of Excellence in Teaching, First Evening prizes and distinctions from the Faculty of Social Sciences – Université Laval
Vincent Boucher	Award of Excellence in Research, First Evening prizes and distinctions from the Faculty of Social Sciences – Université Laval

SHORT-TERM VISITORS / VISITEURS À COURT TERME

Dalhousie University	
Huijie Ding	October 1-December 31, 2017 from SDUFE
Lei Meng	October 2017 from SDUFE
Li Yang	October 1-December 31, 2017 from SDUFE
Lan Zhang	October 2017 from SDUFE
HEC Montréal	
Gautam Gowrisankaran	May-August 2017 from the University of Arizona
Université Laval	
Sayouba Ouedraogo	8/05/2017 - 8/06/2017 – from Université Ouaga 2 (Burkina Faso) and Centre d’Études, de Documentation et de Recherche en Sciences Économiques et de Gestion (CÉDRES)

DOCTORATES / DOCTORATS

Carleton University	
Anand Acharya	November 2016 – “Robust Instrumental Variables and Accelerated Life Regressions”
Marie-Helene Felt	June 2017 – “Three Essays on Identification and Estimation Using Sample”

Dalhousie University	
Md. Shamsul Arefin	May 2017 – “Labour Reallocation and Economic Growth: Developing Countries Perspective”
Angela Daley	October 2016 – “Three Essays on the Well-Being of Canadian Children and Their Families”
Université Laval	
Setou Mamadou Diarra	15/12/2016 – “Three Essays in the Microeconomics of Development”
Nizar El Ghali	16/09/2016 – “Three Essays on the impact of financial incentives on the Productivity of the Health System in Quebec”
Jérôme Gagnon-April	09/06/2016 – “Trois essais sur les banques et le pouvoir de marché”
Nettey Boevi Gilles Koumou	27/06/2017 – “Rao’s Quadratic Entropy, Risk Management and Portfolio Theory”
Maria Adelaida Lopera	31/05/2016 – “Three Essays in Labor Economics and Applied Econometrics”
Simplice Aimé Nono	28/06/2017 – “Three Essays in International Finance and Macroeconomics”
Safa Ragued	11/01/2017 – “Three Essays on the Economics of Higher Education”
Laingo Manitra Randrianarisoa	28/11/2016 – “Three Essays on the Economics of Air Transportation”
Aboudrahyme Savadogo	19/04/2016 – “Three Essays on Investment in Human Capital in Canada”
Nibene Habib Some	04/05/2016 – “Modelling and Estimating Models of Physician Labour Supply and Productivity”

Ali Yedan	14/09/2016 – “Essays on employment / education, investment in education and student achievement”
University of Toronto	
Jessica Lynn Burley	2016 – “The Socio-Economics of Neighborhoods and Cities”
Chaoran Chen	2016 – “Essays of Macroeconomic Development”
Kirsten Leigh Cornelson	2016 – “Essays in Labour Economics”
Daniel Ershov	2016 – “Three Essays in Industrial Organization”
John Michael Gilraine	2016 – “Essays on the Economics of Education”
Ashique Habib	2016 – “Essays on Financial Institutions, Information Frictions, and Macroeconomics”
Jessie Lamontagne	2016 – “Violence and Inequality in Mexico”
Adam Lavecchia	2016 – “Essays in Public Economics”
Mathieu Marcoux	2016 – “Essays on the Identification and the Estimation of Empirical Games”
Juan Sebastian Morales	2016 – “Essays in the Economics of Violence and Conflict”
Joshua Murphy	2016 – “Costs, Benefits, and Efficiency of Air Quality Regulation”
Christine Tewfik	2016 – “Essays in Macroeconomics”

University of Waterloo	
Hang Gao	August 14, 2017 – “Essays in Earnings, Academic Productivity, and School Competition”

OBITUARIES

ELIZABETH SERSON JOHNSON (11 SEPTEMBER 1921-19 JULY 2017)

(Editor of the papers of John Maynard Keynes)

Elizabeth Serson Johnson (Simpson), who has died at the age of 95, was a Canadian-American author and editor of the Collected Papers of John Maynard Keynes, who wrote on the economist’s achievements as a literary stylist and social figure.

Originally trained as a journalist Elizabeth (Liz) acted as Editor of the Collected Writings of John Maynard Keynes from 1954 to 1977 under the auspices of the Royal Economic Society where she worked on four volumes of Keynes papers covering his early life as well as co-authoring a book on Keynes’ life and influence.

Although immersed in the life of academic economics through her husband, the influential trade economist Harry Gordon Johnson, Liz used her background as a journalist to bring an outside clarity to Keynes’ rare literary ability in a discipline frequently bogged down by dense prose. She noted of Keynes in a book they co-authored, “In the Shadow of Keynes”, how “economics as discipline has at least its fair share of unclear, inelegant and pedestrian writers. I doubt there are many other economists who can be read as literature in their own right”.

Liz was born in Ottawa, Canada in 1921 to Harold Victor Serson, a civil engineer and Eva Horne, a teacher. While her younger brothers stayed in Canada and went on to become a noted arctic scientists - Harold was an explorer who had an ice shelf on

Ellesmere Island named after him and Paul measured the Magnetic North Pole and served as Director of the Canadian Division of Geomagnetism- Liz and Harry left Canada in their twenties for an academic life in Britain.

Liz studied English at the University of Toronto (1940- 1944), meeting Harry while working for the student newspaper, and going on to marry him in 1948. After graduation she worked as a cub reporter on the Ottawa Journal for a year before taking a masters at the Columbia School of Journalism. She subsequently returned as a young female reporter to the macho newsroom of the Journal to work on varied assignments such as covering a horrific fire on a troop ship in the Hudson River as well as interviewing figures such as Bing Crosby.

Harry's appointment in 1948 to Jesus College, Cambridge took the couple to the UK, where they stayed until 1956 and became immersed in the university's vibrant post-war academic life. Harry, who later switched to Kings College partly on account of his and Elizabeth's strong secularism and refusal to christen their first child Ragnar, was appointed a member of the Cambridge Apostles, and taught a number students who went on to become noted economists including the trade economist Jagdish Bhagwati, the future Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, future Pakistani finance minister and World Bank Policy Director Mahbub ul Haq, the transport economist Christopher Foster and the financial journalist Sam Brittan.

From 1954 Elizabeth was appointed as Editor of the Collected Writings of John Maynard Keynes by the Royal Economic Society with sole responsibility until joined as editor by Don Moggridge in 1969. Liz edited four volumes of Keynes's papers covering the early years of Keynes's public life, the Versailles Conference and his early post 1918 concern with reparations and international finance. With "In the Shadow of Keynes" (1978) Elizabeth considered 'Keynes the Man' as revealed in his papers, whether he was a scientist or a politician, his literary craftsmanship, and his relationship with the German banker Dr Melchior, as well as the

social and intellectual origins of Keynes's General Theory. From 1978 to 1983 she was an Economics Editor at the University of Chicago Press.

Harry's later academic appointments took them to Manchester University (1956- 1959); the University of Chicago (1956- 1977); London School of Economics (1966- 1974) and Geneva (1976- 1977). After Harry suffered a stroke in 1973 she was devoted to his care until his death in 1977. During this time they continued to travel the world together to attend academic conferences. In 1975, after a visit to New Zealand, Liz drove them over remote bush roads and log bridges in the Eastern Highlands of Papua New Guinea in a four wheel drive land cruiser.

In 1980 she married John Alexander Simpson (1916- 2000) an experimental nuclear, and cosmic ray physicist at the University of Chicago who had worked on The Manhattan Project, and later worked extensively with NASA on space science. After the death of her second husband she continued to live in the Hyde Park area around the University of Chicago but spent part of each year residing in Amsterdam to be near her daughter until 2013 when she ceased travelling by air. She read widely, enjoyed good food, sociability and excursions to botanical gardens and musical events. Even in her last days those who met her were struck by her warmth, good manners and style and she remained lucid until she lost consciousness just before her death.

She is survived by her son Ragnar, daughter Karen and two grandchildren, Miles and Tom.

Ragnar Johnson

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PIERRE LASSERRE (1950-2017)

Our colleague and very dear friend Pierre Lasserre passed away on April 10 after a fall while skiing down the Aiguille qui Remue couloir on Mont-Blanc in France. Pierre earned his Diplome from

the Ecole supérieure de Commerce de Paris in 1972. He came to Canada to pursue his studies, obtaining his M.A. in Economics from Carleton University in 1976 and his PhD from U.B.C. in 1981. Before joining the Département des sciences économiques at UQAM in 1989 he was an assistant professor (1982-1987) and an associate professeur (1987-1989) in the Département de sciences économiques at the Université de Montréal. A specialist in the field of natural resource economics, Pierre had an extremely productive career. He made notable contributions to the application of real options theory to investment problems in general and natural resource management in particular. He was considered one of the best 2 specialist in forestry economics, one of the topics to which he applied real options theory. He also made important contributions to the literature on the taxation of natural resources and on common property management. He published in the best journals of his field, including *Resource and Energy Economics*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Public Economics*. In 2008 he received the Harry Johnson Prize for his article in the *Canadian Journal of Economics* with colleagues Veronique Flambard and Pierre Mohnen. His recent retirement did not prevent him from pursuing his research activities or from remaining active and involved with his department, where he remained professeur associé (affiliated professor). He leaves several ongoing research projects and working papers. For a number of years he organized the Montreal Workshop in Natural Resources and Environmental Economics. His colleagues in the Workshop will miss his always shrewd and pertinent remarks. In 2010 he was co-president, with his colleague and friend, Gerard Gaudet, of the Local Organizing Committee and the Scientific Committee of the Fourth World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists. The event was a great success. Last fall, the General Assembly of the FAERE (French Association of Environmental and Resource Economists), at its 3rd Annual Conference in Bordeaux, elected Pierre as one of its new honorary members. We will remember Pierre for his warm smile, his openness and his great generosity. Everyone who knew Pierre was aware of his great passion for his work and also for his great

love of sports and the outdoors. He is survived by his wife Marie-Noelle, his children Fabienne and Jerome, his grandchildren Clara, Gaele, Gaspard and Lou, his sister Mireille, his nephews and nieces Laetitia, Florence, Alissa and Karim and their families, and by a large number of friends from the academic world as well as the worlds of skiing, mountain climbing, jogging, cycling . . .

We miss him very much

Steve Ambler and Gérard Gaudet.

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STEVEN RENZETTI (1960-2017)

On the morning of February 3, 2017, Steven Joseph Renzetti, 56, surrounded by his family in St. Catharines, Ontario, died peacefully four months after being diagnosed with cancer.

He was known to his beloved wife Diane Dupont as a partner in life and scholarship, to his children, Alexandra and Nicholas, as a profound inspiration, to economists around the world as a highly influential and prolific researcher on the economics of water-resource pricing and conservation, to students for his devoted and energetic teaching of economics. At Brock University, where he had served as member of the faculty of economics since 1988, he was an effective and innovative vice president of research and a co-founder of the multidisciplinary Environmental Sustainability Research Centre. Equally important, to the Cub Scout and Beaver troops he led for many years he was known and loved as Baloo.

Born in Toronto on July 22, 1960, Steven was the oldest son of the late Nino Renzetti and Mildred Renzetti (nee Mulvogue). He attended Vaughan Road Collegiate Institute, earned an undergraduate degree in economics and environmental studies from the University of Toronto and his Masters and Ph.D at the University of British Columbia. He was the author or editor of several books and scores of published papers on water-resource policy and economics.

He is survived by his brother David and his sisters Cathy and Elizabeth, his mother Mildred, his wife Diane Dupont and children Alexandra and Nicholas, and by countless friends and colleagues around the world.

A service to celebrate his life and work will be held in the spring. Donations should be made to Hospice Niagara in St Catharines.

Reprinted from *The Globe and Mail* February 6, 2017.

Selected Publications of Steven Renzetti

Steven Renzetti (2002) *The Economics of Water Demands*. Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers.

Steven Renzetti, ed. (2002) *The Economics of Industrial Water Use*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

R. Q. Grafton, W. Adamowicz, D. P. Dupont, H. Nelson, R. Hill and S. Renzetti (2004) *Economics of the Environment and Natural Resources*. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing.

Steven Renzetti (2009) *Wave of the Future: The Case for Smarter Water Pricing*. Toronto: C. D. Howe Institute Commentary No. 281.

Steven Renzetti and Diane P. Dupont, eds. (2017) *Water Policy and Governance in Canada*. Cham: Springer Verlag.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

52nd Annual 2018 Canadian Economics Association (CEA) Annual Conference, June 1-3, 2018 at McGill University.

The CEA invites anyone wishing to present a paper at the 2018 Conference to submit an abstract by **Friday, February 9, 2018**. Paper submissions in English or French are accepted starting December 1, 2017 through the web interface at my.economics.ca. The maximum length for an abstract is 250 words. You will receive a notification once your paper is accepted or rejected. If your paper is accepted, it is expected that you will be prepared to serve as a discussant and/or program chair at other sessions within your areas of interest. Please direct all inquiries and correspondence to the CEA Executive Director, at cea2018@gmail.com or cea.conference@gmail.com .

Any member can propose a special session or sessions which may have invited papers. If you are interested in this possibility, please contact Angela Redish (at cea2018@gmail.com or cea.conference@gmail.com) before **January 31, 2018**. See the "Session Organizers" link on the conference web site for further information.

CONFERENCES / CONFÉRENCES

Title: Canadian Macro Study Group (CMSG) Meeting
Dates: November 10-11, 2017
Location: Carleton University
Contact person: Hashmat Khan
Contact e-mail: Hashmat.Khan@carleton.ca
Web address: <https://carleton.ca/economics/cmsg-2017/>

Title: Productivity Partnership Labour Workshop
Dates: May 11, 2017
Location: HEC Montreal
Contact person: Benoit Dostie
Contact e-mail: benoit.dostie@hec.ca
Web address: <https://www.ciqss.org/en/productivity-partnership-labour-workshop>

Title: Faculty of Arts Distinguished Lecture in Economics
“Development, Distribution and Conflict” –
Presented by Professor Debraj Ray, New York
University
Dates: Thursday September 28, 2017
Location: University of Waterloo, Humanities Theatre
Contact person: Professor Gonzalez
Contact e-mail: Francisco.gonzalez@uwaterloo.ca

***FORTHCOMING PAPERS IN CANADIAN PUBLIC
POLICY (CPP) / ARTICLES À PARAÎTRE DANS
ANALYSE DE POLITIQUES***

Forthcoming Papers – September 2017

Golnaz Sedigh, Rose Anne Devlin and Gilles Grenier: *Are
Quebecers More Stressed Out at Work than Others?*

John Grundy, Andrea M. Noack, Leah F. Vosko, Rebecca Casey
and Rebecca Hii: *The Enforcement of Ontario’s Employment
Standards Act: The Impact of Reforms*

Shutao Cao, Mohanad Salameh, Mai Seki and Pierre St-Amant:
Trends in Firm Entry and New Entrepreneurship in Canada

Feixue Ren and Mike Shannon: *Cohort Effects and the Returns to
Canadian Undergraduate Education*

Laura Brown and Elizabeth Troutt: *Sex and salaries at a Canadian
university: the song remains the same or the times they are a
changin’?*

Derek Messacar: *Big Tax Data and Economic Analysis: The
Effects of Personal Income Tax Reassessments and Delayed
Taxfiling*

Zara Liaqat: *Understanding Canada's International Trade under the Trans-Pacific Partnership: Lessons from Gravity Redux*

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