

# APPENDIX C

## PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES

### NATIONAL FORUM DELEGATES:

**FODÉ BEAUDET** is at home overseas as much as in Canada, occasionally confused as to which one is which. He has recently explored the African ways of doing and learning through an innovative project with the Berkana Institute and Pioneers of Change, a global learning network of people, in their 20s and 30s, committed to systemic change. At university he was involved with AIESEC, participated in exchange programs, and joined the international executive body in The Netherlands as a vice president of corporate relations. Fodé continues to write, exploring reality and absurdity through short stories. He is currently the cooperation program representative (Africa) for CUSO.

**JASON BLACKSTOCK** grew up in Edmonton and holds a BA in English from Queen’s University, a master’s degree in physics from the University of Edinburgh, and a PhD in physics from the University of Alberta. He is a research associate in the quantum science research group of Hewlett-Packard Labs, incorporating fundamental science research and technology development in molecular electronics, nanoscale sensors and atomic-scale surface engineering. He has authored or co-authored over three dozen scientific/technical publications and presentations, received over two dozen awards, and led several partnerships between HP and scientific institutions. Jason serves as a senior fellow of the Trudeau Centre, a member of the Academic Council of the United Nations System, and a director of the Child and Adolescent Services Association in Edmonton.

**SAMIR CHHABRA** is a policy analyst with the Privy Council Office of the Government of Canada. He previously worked in the field of public management research, focusing on international cooperation and capacity-building. An active writer and student leader from a young age, Samir has contributed to several seminars and conferences on leadership development as an organizer, facilitator and speaker. Samir currently volunteers as the chapter coordinator for Canada25 in Ottawa. Samir graduated with an Honours BSc from Queen’s University and an MBA from the University of Ottawa.

**ERIN CHRUSCH** grew up in Macklin, Saskatchewan, and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with degrees in political science and law. She is a lawyer at The Estate House in Edmonton, a firm dedicated to wills and estates. Since 2004, Erin has been the coordinator for the Edmonton chapter of Canada25, where she oversaw “Investing in the Next Alberta,” a regional policy project of the Calgary and Edmonton chapters regarding Alberta’s future as a debt-free province. Erin is a founding member of InterVivos, a group dedicated to increasing dialogue and leadership skills among young people, and is on the board of PLAN – Edmonton, which supports people with developmental disabilities and their families. Erin has been active in Edmonton’s volunteer sector and is an alumna of Leadership Edmonton. In her spare time, Erin enjoys reading and hanging out with her husband, Murray, and their dog, Bohdi.

**MICHAEL CROOK** lives in Vancouver and is an avid blogger ([www.michaelcrook.ca](http://www.michaelcrook.ca)).

**SALIMA EBRAHIM** received her MSc in public policy and administration at the London School of Economics and Political Science and recently completed a fellowship at the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. She now works with Western Economic Diversification Canada as a policy analyst responsible for international trade and investment and Canada-US relations. Salima is the co-author of “In My Own Skin: Canadian Muslim Women Creating Our Own Identity,” a publication discussing identity, relationships and family dynamics, racism and discrimination, gender issues, and violence against women, and was invited to speak at the UN Conference on Racism and Discrimination in 2001 and at OSCE’s Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. She speaks English, French, and Gujrati, and is learning Arabic.

**OWEN EVERTS-LIND** was born and raised in Middle LaHave on Nova Scotia’s South Shore. He completed his BA in political science at Mount Allison University, and after working for the YMCA of Halifax/Dartmouth for a year, completed his MA in political science at Dalhousie University with a focus in international relations and Canadian foreign policy. He recently moved to Ottawa after accepting a position in the federal government’s Accelerated Economist Training Program. He is currently working for the Privy Council Office.

**EMMALINE HILL** works as a policy analyst with the Government of Saskatchewan specializing in youth engagement in government decision-making, particularly through facilitating the work of the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee. She is a host and programmer with Regina Community Radio and a board member with the Al Ritchie Community Association. Emmaline has a degree in Music Performance and has spent time working as a musician, an arts administrator, and as an intern with an NGO in Paris.

**AL-KARIM KHIMJI** is enrolled in the Queen’s University accelerated MBA program and is a graduate of McGill University with a BComm in accounting and strategic management. He works for an Albertan hotel group in a management position covering both operations and new developments. Through his international work, volunteer experience and travels, he has a global perspective and a great appreciation of diversity and the freedoms that we enjoy as Canadians. Al-Karim continues to be extensively involved with various community and volunteer organizations and has an active lifestyle. He loves to ski, travel and spend time with friends and family.

**ANUJ KHOSLA** holds a BA and BComm from the University of Saskatchewan, where he was heavily involved with AIESEC, working one-year terms in Costa Rica, Sweden and France. Anuj was born in Nairobi and raised in Canada. Active in arts, youth development, culture, and business with a strong interest in international co-operation, Anuj defines himself as a pacifist social-activist. He now works in Montreal with EyeSteelFilm, an independent social documentary company developing [www.homelessnation.org](http://www.homelessnation.org), an interactive website presenting the voices and testimonials of homeless individuals from across Canada. He volunteers with Junior Achievement of Quebec, Canada25’s Montreal chapter, and the Montreal Fringe Festival.

**KATHRYN KINLEY**, born and raised in Manitoba, is completing her BA in environmental studies, international development, and political science at Trinity College, University of Toronto. She serves as co-leader of Canada25's Toronto chapter, conducts research for the Sustainability Office at the University of Toronto, and is an analyst for the G8 Research Group at the Munk Centre. She has volunteered in India on HIV/AIDS prevention, twice volunteered in Kenya teaching elementary school children and helping to build a school, attended the UN Conference on Climate Change and the 14th Session on Sustainable Development as a youth delegate, served on the editorial boards of two journals (*Mindful and Attaché*), and received senior-level conflict resolution training at the UNESCO Center for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy in Northern Ireland.

**ELAINE K. LAM** is a lecturer of education studies in global and international education at Bath Spa University, England, having previously taught English and mathematics in Canada, England, and Hong Kong. She is a trustee for a homeless shelter in Bristol, England, a member of Soroptimist International, and the former co-leader of Canada25's Toronto chapter. Elaine obtained her BA (honours) and BEd from Queen's concurrent education program, where she helped with the coordination of a national post-secondary leadership conference, and holds a master's degree in comparative and international education from the University of Oxford. She is currently pursuing doctoral studies in the area of education and development.

**ANN LOCKHART** received a BPhil in Interdisciplinary Leadership and a BA in Multimedia Studies as well as a Film Production Certificate from the University of New Brunswick. She completed a three month internship in Bhutan teaching math. She volunteers with various independent media organizations including the New Brunswick Filmmakers Co-operative where she is currently working on a short film. She is also a lieutenant in the Canadian Forces infantry reserves.

**BEN MADGETT** is pursuing his MPA at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, where he also serves as president of the student council. He holds a BA in political science and history from McGill University. Prior to his graduate studies, Ben worked as an Election Coordinator for the City of Toronto, and was involved in the management and observation of elections in Canada and abroad. He has also taught ESL in Canada, the United States, and Asia. Ben served on the organizing committee of the Toronto roundtable, and is currently a member of Canada25 in New York City.

**ROGY MASRI** spent part of his childhood herding livestock in a village in the Middle East, and is the first member of his extended family to graduate from high school. He graduated from the University of Calgary with a BSc in biological sciences, after which he spent two years participating in cancer research. He recently graduated from medical school, completed an intensive course in health and human rights, and is in the process of obtaining a residency position. He has travelled and volunteered extensively within Canada and abroad. Rogy ultimately wants to help people, ideally dedicating his life to aiding populations in dire need on a global scale while pointing out the inadequacies of the current status quo.

**KAREN MOORES**, from St. John's, studied political science, business and public administration at Memorial University and studied French language and culture at Collège Bois du Bologne in Montreal. She complemented her studies with work experiences in marketing, communications, research, and event planning in the not-for-profit, public, and private sector. From 2001 to 2003, she was a page in the Newfoundland & Labrador legislature, an ideal environment for a student of politics to watch policy and politics unfold live. A member of the online engagement team for this year's National Forum, Karen's interest in technology was heightened by her experiences as a member of the twelve-person Aliant Mobility Youth Advisory Panel in 2004-2005.

**MARGI MOSCOE** holds a BComm (honours) from Queen's University and won the Commerce '74 Award for extracurricular and community contributions. She spent a term studying international business and marketing at Uppsala University, Sweden, and completed an internship with Nike in 2002. After graduating, Margi joined Unilever Canada, where she has worked as a retail representative in Toronto, and a business analyst and then a category insight manager in Calgary. Margi participated in the "Calgary Youth, Canada's Future" 2005 conference, volunteers as a crisis line counsellor for the Distress Centre, serves as an advocate for the Canadian Arthritis Society, and is a member of the Leadership Calgary 2006 Class.

**DEBBIE PACHECO** works for the Portuguese-Canadian National Congress on two community capacity building projects, one involving youth and civic engagement. An MA graduate in sociology and equity studies at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Debbie is interested in the role of creative expression as a tool for social change. She has addressed social justice issues through the Wench Radio Collective and Quinas Magazine. Debbie tutored for eight years and helped to design and facilitate workshops for social service agencies, community groups, and public schools across Toronto with the Anti-Racism Media Education Collective. She is currently involved with the Maytree Foundation's "Leaders for Change" program.

**ANDREW PLETT** grew up in Oak Lake, Manitoba. He received his Bachelor of Business degree with a major in marketing and a minor in English from Brandon University. He is the Manitoba Representative for the National Rural Youth Network, as well as a member of Emerging Leaders of Manitoba. His experience with youth work has led Andrew to become more involved in helping to encourage youth engagement in rural areas. He has recently been working on economic and social development projects in Bolivia as the communications director for a group of investors. His focus is to ensure that foreign investment provides sustainability and social development that is sensitive to the local culture. He plays hockey and enjoys backpacking and all types of travel.

**MARION SENRA** has lived in Montreal all her life. She speaks English, French, and Portuguese. She has worked as an employment counsellor for five years, facilitating group workshops and providing individual counselling. Marion has an academic training in public relations and behavioural and skill development. She has worked and volunteered on many organizational levels in the non-profit, private, and public sectors, where she has organized events for the needy,

acted as an intermediary for individuals and governmental agencies, provided crisis intervention, and assisted in designing programs to serve the more marginalized members of our society. Marion is currently an activist for environmental awareness & sustainable living and a mentor to youth.

**GAVIN STANLEY** is a PhD student at the University of Cambridge and a SSHRC Doctoral Fellow. His research on British-French relations has taken him to Paris, where he served as a reporter at the Franco-British Student Summit on corporate responsibility in the developing world. He served as a governor for Victoria College at the University of Toronto and worked part-time as a residence don. He served as the coordinator of the World University Service of Canada and has volunteered with support groups for the homeless and for gay and lesbian youth. He holds a BA in international relations from the University of Toronto and an MPhil in history from Cambridge.

**NORM TASEVSKI** lives in Toronto and is currently a senior policy analyst for the Ministry of Community and Social Services in Ontario, where he focuses on social services and social housing policy. He has a BAH in Political Studies from Queen's University, and has a postgraduate diploma in International Project Management. Norm has been involved in helping increase youth engagement in the community. As the National Youth Coordinator with the Atlantic Council of Canada, he helped design a number of initiatives to help increase volunteerism among students. For the past two years, Norm has worked with and led the development and implementation of the Isuma Fellowship Program, Canada25's first action initiative.

**MILICA UZELAC** works as a Policy Analyst at the Canadian International Development Agency. She's currently on an assignment in New York City at the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations working on development policy issues and multilateral effectiveness. Armed with an arts administration degree with a focus on fine art history from the University of Toronto, Milica headed to Queen's University to pursue an MPA, where her research focused on immigration and integration. While in Toronto, she spent two years working at the Royal Ontario Museum, while also volunteering with various arts festivals across the city and the Girl Guides of Canada.

**JODIE-LYNN WADDILOVE** is an Anishnabe and Lenni Lenape lawyer from the Munsee-Delaware Nation in southwestern Ontario. She holds a BA from the University of Western Ontario in political science and philosophy, an MA from the University of Sheffield in international criminology and law, and an LLB from the University of Ottawa. She is now an associate lawyer with the law firm of Maurice Law Barristers & Solicitors in Calgary, which specializes in aboriginal and treaty litigation and is only one of a few firms in Western Canada that specializes in aboriginal law on behalf of First Nations. Prior to this position, Jodie-Lynn was one of five lawyers serving as Commission Counsel for the Ipperwash Inquiry in Toronto.

## PROJECT ORGANIZING TEAM:

**MIKE BULTHUIS** grew up in Hamilton and now lives in Ottawa. He studied political science and international development at Dalhousie University before coming to Ottawa to complete an MA in political science, with an emphasis on social policy. After graduating, Mike worked as a senior analyst with the Cities and Communities Branch of Infrastructure Canada. In September 2005 he began a part-time PhD in urban and social geography at the University of Ottawa, exploring questions around the meaning of home and place. Mike has continuously sought to engage in local initiatives, currently serving as a member of the City of Ottawa's Health and Social Services Advisory Committee, and supporting a number of non-profit community coalitions addressing housing issues.

**ELIZABETH CHRISTIE** is a public affairs strategist in Toronto. She holds a BA in political science from the University of Toronto and an MA in Political Science with a speciality in political campaigning from the University of Florida. Over the past several years, she has worked as a political pollster for Democratic candidates in the United States from the state house to presidential levels. She played a key role in the GOTV effort in Broward County during the 2004 presidential election. Recently, in Canada, she has been focusing her efforts on studies for the media for the 2006 federal election on young voters and the general public and providing public opinion strategy for her corporate clients. Her research areas include political communication and comparative political advertising.

**COURT CURRY** is the executive assistant to an Ottawa City Councillor. Court graduated from Carleton University with a Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management, and an MPA from Queen's University.

**PAUL FAUCETTE** has a BA in history from Wilfrid Laurier University and a BEd from the University of Ottawa. He is currently an MA student in human security and peacebuilding at Royal Roads University. In Canada, Paul has worked and volunteered with a number of organizations focusing on the education and skill development of Canadian youth. Internationally, he worked in Zambia focusing on life skills development and health education/advocacy with Zambian youth. Last year, he was the Mine Action Ambassador for Southern Ontario, raising awareness about landmine issue. Currently, he is the Manager of Programs and Campaigns at the Canadian Landmine Foundation/Adopt-A-Minefield.

**MITCHELL GRAY** is the founder and owner of The Word Merchant, a Vancouver-based writing and communications consultancy. He also writes fiction and screenplays, and won the 2003 CBC Radio Alberta Anthology non-fiction writing competition. Mitchell has worked as a reporter for the city section of the Calgary Herald and represented Canada recently in the Finland Foreign Correspondents Program. His interests include the exploration of freedom, citizenship and governance. Mitchell holds master's degrees in political science and journalism from the University of British Columbia.

**SARAH MCQUARRIE** is a senior consultant in KPMG Canada’s advisory services practice, where she focuses on public sector work. Prior to joining KPMG, she was involved in intergovernmental fiscal analysis for the Ontario Ministry of Finance. She is originally from Regina, Saskatchewan, and was employed by the Government of Saskatchewan for two years before moving to Ontario to pursue graduate studies. Sarah holds an MPA from Queen’s University and a BA in political science. In her spare time, Sarah is a volunteer tutor and an amateur photographer.

**DAVID QUAYAT** is from Calgary and is a law student at the University of Ottawa. He worked as the director of US trade policy services with White & Case LLP in Washington DC, has written numerous articles on US trade policy matters, and has appeared as a commentator on Canadian and US news outlets to discuss trade issues. Prior to joining White & Case, David earned his MA in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. Upon graduation, David was presented with the William H. Foster prize, recognizing his academic achievement and community service. David also holds a BA in political science from the University of Calgary, where he founded the U of C Model UN Team.

**LAUREL SHERRET** is a law student at the University of Victoria, concentrating on international law and human rights. She holds a BSc in biological sciences and a BA in international relations, specializing in international institutions, governance, and Latin America, from the University of Calgary. She has served as a project coordinator and then a research associate for the International Women’s Rights Project, focussing on issues including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the gender dimensions of the Responsibility to Protect. She has interned at the Carr Center and has served as a settlement worker with immigrant and refugee women and an intake worker with the Legal Aid Society of Alberta.

**JILL SYMONDS** is a student in the Masters of Public Administration program at the University of Victoria, specializing in local government. She holds a BA (Hons) in French and Political Science from the University of Western Ontario. Jill has been working as a researcher in the non-profit sector for the past few years around issues of quality of life and urban governance. Jill has recently written a report for the Local Government Institute about the citizen engagement practices in local governments in British Columbia.

**MICHAEL WILLMOTT** is a trade commissioner with International Trade Canada in Calgary. He was a delegate to Canada25’s Calgary roundtable on “Canada and the World” in 2003, and served as Calgary coordinator for “Investing in the Next Alberta: Beyond 2005,” a joint project of the Calgary and Edmonton chapters to provide the provincial government with ideas on building its future as a debt-free province. Michael is involved in imagineCALGARY, a citizen-driven, city-led initiative to develop a strategic vision for Calgary, and Leadership Calgary, a community leadership program involving the non-profit, private, and public sectors. Born and raised in the Prairies, Michael holds a BA Economics and BA International Relations from the University of Calgary.

## CANADA25 NATIONAL COMMITTEE:

**ANDREW MEDD** (Executive Director) is the Executive Director of Canada25 and a consultant in the Vancouver office of Deloitte Inc. Andrew has worked in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. He holds a BComm (honours) from Queen's University.

**JONATHAN CRAFT** (Associate Policy Director and PolicyWatch Coordinator) is from Oakville, Ontario. He graduated with a political science degree from the University of Guelph in 2004, worked at the federal government's Service Canada department as a bilingual programs officer, and now works as a legislative assistant to an Ontario MPP. In the past he worked as a consultant in the private sector and for Human Resources Development Canada. An experienced party organizer, he has also worked on several provincial and federal election campaigns. Fluently bilingual, Jonathan has debated at the national and provincial levels in both official languages and was selected as a semi-finalist in the 2004 Magna "As Prime Minister..." nationwide essay competition.

**JONATHAN DUNN** (Director of Communications) has served as Canada25's National Communications Director since January 2005. Previously, he aided Canada25's media relations activities for the Canada and the World project. Having worked in both online media and advertising, Jonathan is now an account manager at Marketing Magazine, Canada's leading marketing and public relations industry publication, where he works with Canada's major advertising and public relations agencies. Jonathan has a degree in philosophy from Queen's University, where he studied political philosophy extensively. He is also in the final stages of Ryerson University's public relations degree program.

**TABATHA SOLTAY** (Director of Membership) organized and developed a Canada and the World roundtable in London, England, in May 2003. Upon returning to Canada, Tabatha became an assistant national director, focusing on the international chapters, and in March 2004 was given full membership responsibilities. After a long trip to Hong Kong and New Zealand, she started work in Ottawa with Environment Canada in science policy. Prior to this, Tabatha lived in Toronto where she worked for the Ontario provincial government in several ministries. During her eighteen months with the Ontario government, she helped found TOPS, an internal organisation designed to promote leading, learning and linking opportunities amongst young employees.

## LEAD AUTHOR:

**ROBIN RIX** was called to the Ontario bar in 2005 and is a lawyer with the environmental and climatic trading practice group at Clifford Chance LLP in London, England. He holds a BA and JD from the University of Toronto and an MPhil in European politics from the University of Oxford. As a student, Robin completed human rights internships in Finland, Ghana, and Nunavut, served as president of the student governments at University College and the Faculty of Law at U of T, was a junior fellow at Massey College, and won Magna International's "As Prime Minister..." nationwide essay competition in 2002. Robin can be contacted at [robin.rix@gmail.com](mailto:robin.rix@gmail.com).