

PARTICIPANT BIOS

This year's national delegates were selected in a highly competitive process, and represent some of Canada's brightest young minds.

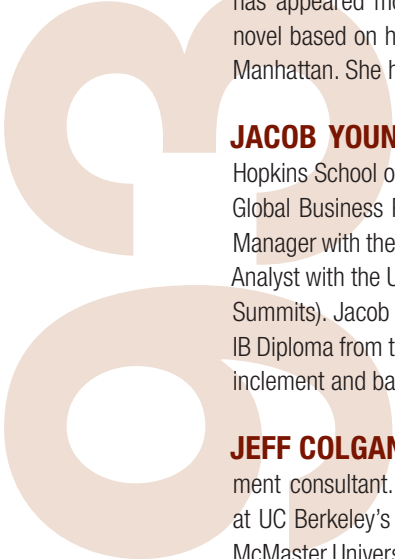
AMANDA AFFONSO is actively involved in Calgary's volunteer sector, as a member of Alberta's Student Finance Board, The Calgary Foundation Grants Committee, Women In Need Society and the Canadian Unity Council. She is a graduate of the University of Calgary, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and held the position of VP Operations and Finance with the Students' Union. She presently works for Inter Pipeline Fund as a Financial Business Analyst in Business Development, and has previously worked as a Regulatory Analyst with TransAlta.

AMITABH SAXENA is a Product Manager at Capital One and holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from McGill University. Highly involved in the student engineering community, he has given presentations at conferences in Canada, the United States, Sweden, and Hong Kong, most as VP Communications of the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students. He has worked in Norway and Mexico and recently completed an internship in Kenya for a local micro-finance organization. He was selected as a finalist in Magna's "As Prime Minister" Awards competition in 2003 and counts climbing to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro as one of his most euphoric experiences. He speaks English, French and Spanish and is gradually becoming proficient in Swahili and Hindi.

BRAM LEBO is founder and Director of Strategy and Development at Expatica Communications, Europe's leading expatriate media company. After completing a law degree in his hometown of Toronto, Canada, he moved to the Netherlands in 1994 to pursue an MBA and MBI at the Rotterdam School of Management. Bram enjoys travel, sailing, politics, food, reading and media. He has worked all over Europe and North America and lived in London, New York and Amsterdam. Two of his proudest achievements are having had his company survive the Internet meltdown, and writing a full-length screenplay which will almost certainly never be produced.

CHRIS FRANKEL has recently completed a Masters of Sciences in Environmental Policy, Planning, and Regulation at the London School of Economics and Political Science in London. Since completing the International Institute for Sustainable Development internship programme, Chris has accepted a consulting position with the International Finance Corporation's environment and social development department within the World Bank Group. Chris has previously worked with Outland Reforestation as a project foreman, as well as in community development with the Human Development Foundation in Bangkok and the Australian-Cambodian Foundation in Cambodia. Chris enjoys travelling and has spent significant time in Asia over the last several years. He is also an avid long distance runner and recently completed his first marathon in London, England.

ERICA FENSOM is a media relations officer at the Canadian Embassy in Washington D.C., responsible for media events, providing background on policy issues, and strategic communications support. Erica is a business graduate from McGill University and also worked in media and communications for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Having lived for at least one year in four different provinces and four different countries, she has developed a deep understanding of what it means to be a Canadian at home and abroad. Her interests also include travel, triathlons, and her volunteer work as a ski patroller. Erica joins Canada25 with a keen interest in international affairs and Canada-U.S. relations.



HILARY DOYLE is an actor, writer and freelance journalist based in Toronto. She is an actor and improviser with the Second City National Touring Company and is an associate producer with MacIDeas, a Toronto-based theatre and media production company. She worked as the associate editor for The Panel on the Role of Government Draft Report, commissioned by Mike Harris' Progressive Conservatives and chaired by Ron Daniels, Dean of Law at University of Toronto. Her writing has appeared most recently in the Toronto Star and she is currently finishing a novel based on her experience as an aspiring actress and non-immigrant alien in Manhattan. She holds a BSc in Speech from Northwestern University.

JACOB YOUNG is a Masters Candidate of International Economics at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and is employed at AT Kearney's Global Business Policy Council. Before graduate school he worked as a Program Manager with the Canada-China Business Council's Beijing office, and as a Summit Analyst with the University of Toronto's G8 Research Group (Genoa and Kananaskis Summits). Jacob holds a BA from the University of Toronto's Trinity College, and an IB Diploma from the United World College in Singapore. Jacob loves running in both inclement and balmy weather.

JEFF COLGAN is presently employed by McKinsey and Company as a management consultant. He was a Canada-U.S. Fulbright Scholar and Master's student at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy. Previously, he graduated from McMaster University in Philosophy and Engineering Physics. Jeff was a policy intern at the World Bank within the Energy Sector in Washington, and a Licensing Advisor, at the Atomic Energy of Canada. He is author of the book, "The Promise and Peril of International Trade," forthcoming from Broadview Press.

JOHN BURNETT is currently in McGill's combined Civil and Common law programme. He holds a M.A. degree in Sociology (McGill), and an Honours B.A. (University of Toronto). He has an interest in politics, and has been employed with Allan Rock, Elinor Caplan, and Dalton McGuinty. His policy interests are focused on migration, particularly immigrant integration and national identity. John also volunteers with the Canadian Council for Refugees. He enjoys curling, Canada's "other" ice sport.

JORDAN GOLD, a Queen's University Politics/International Development grad, is about to begin his MSc of Environmental Management and Policy at Lund University, Sweden. For the past year and a half Jordan has acted as the Director for Business Development for "Corporate Knights Magazine," Canada's only mainstream corporate responsibility publication. In 2002 he interned with the International Institute for Sustainable in Geneva, Switzerland. Previously, Jordan has worked with Wildlife Fund Thailand throughout the south of Thailand and subsequently produced two thesis-equivalent climate change papers.

LOREN MCGINNIS currently the Planning and Development Coordinator for a literacy organization in Saint John, NB. Loren is also a staff writer for 'here' magazine. He graduated with a BA in Philosophy last spring, and spent two terms as president of the Mount Allison Students' Union and one term as the Chairperson of the New Brunswick Students' Alliance. Some of his interests rest in Canadian cities, education and now a heightened love for governance. He also volunteer at a federal prison facility. Loren is into fly-fishing, kayaking, and hacking away on his mandolin.

MARK MALLET is a freelance writer and editor living in Vancouver. His articles regularly appear in publications such as Vancouver Magazine, British Columbia Magazine, the Vancouver Sun, Ski Canada, and Explore Magazine, and he has won

awards for both his fiction and creative non-fiction. He has an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of British Columbia, and he is the past Executive Editor of the Vancouver-based literary magazine, PRISM international. His undergraduate degree was in Outdoor Pursuits at the University of Calgary, and, as a member of the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides, he still does occasional work as a backcountry ski guide and as an instructor for Outward Bound.

MICHELLE TOERING is currently completing a combined BCL/LLB at McGill University and holds a BA in Political Science from Princeton University. Her concentration in law is on international sustainable development law. Prior to law school she worked as an Environmental Advocate for the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group working primarily on energy policy and air pollution. She has also worked as a legal intern at the Trade Law Bureau at DFAIT and with the Environmental Law and Policy Centre in Chicago.

NADIM KARA is currently a Child and Youth Social Planner with the City of Vancouver's Social Planning Department. As a graduate of both the Human Geography and International Relations programs at the University of British Columbia, Nadim has an interest in social change at the local, national and international level. At the City, he works to strengthen the social infrastructure supporting youth in Vancouver and to facilitate meaningful youth involvement in municipal decision-making. Nadim has been involved with a range of non-profit and governmental actors at the local level working on building healthy communities, and was the 2002 recipient of the Power of Humanity award from the Canadian Red Cross. He has also worked on issues of international political economy with Oxfam Canada, the Sustainable Development Research Institute and the Institute of Asian Research. His areas of interest for the National Forum are related to international trade policy reform as well as corporate accountability.

PETER HOLLAND is presently a Masters student at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC. He was formerly the director of Oxfam Quebec's Middle East office, managing development projects and responding to humanitarian crises in Lebanon, Jordan, and the Palestinian Territories. Peter graduated from Carleton University's International Business program in 1998 and is interested in issues pertaining to conflict resolution, international trade and Canadian foreign policy within the changing global context.

PHILLIP LEE is currently serving as a policy analyst for the Department of Western Economic Diversification Canada and recently graduated with a MPHIL degree from Cambridge University, as well as a MSc from the London School of Economics. He is presently working on two initiatives, the Urban Aboriginal Strategy (a nation wide policy that seeks to reduce the socio-economic gap between Aboriginals and non Aboriginals in urban centres) and the Vancouver Agreement (a tri-partite policy that seeks to rebuild the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver). Prior to Cambridge, he had a brief stint as an intern for Professor Michael E. Porter's the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City in Boston, and has worked as a knowledge intern for the World Bank.

SIMON ROBILLARD-NICOLOFF is presently completing a Masters in Comparative Politics at the London School of Economics. He has worked as a policy analyst with the Privy Council in Ottawa (Foreign & Defence Secretariat), and before that as a protocol officer for Foreign Affairs Canada. In Montréal, Simon was involved with Action Réfugié Montréal, a NGO which provide moral support and advice to refugees held in detention centre. While studying there, he wrote a weekly

column on political affairs in *Le Délit Français*. He is a graduate from McGill University. Simon is a devoted snowboarder despite having spent most his youth in Sub-Saharan Africa.

SUZANNE BOSS is the co-founder, President, and Managing Producer of GroundWorks Integrated Arts Collective (Association) and a partner in Boss Consulting Inc., both based in Calgary. Prior to holding these positions, Suzanne worked with Gibson Petroleum Limited, Canadian Pacific Limited, and the Walt Disney Company (Canada) Ltd. Her work has included marketing, corporate-community relations, project management, leadership development, and operations management. Suzanne is a former senior dancer with The Young Canadians of the Calgary Stampede, and has a Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing) from the University of Calgary.

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VERONICA KITCHEN is a PhD candidate in Political Science at Brown University, where she researches North Atlantic security. She holds a BA (Hons) in International Relations from Trinity College, University of Toronto, and an MA in Political Science from Brown. She has been the winner of numerous academic awards, including the Fulbright scholarship. Veronica's research on Canadian foreign policy has been published in the *International Journal*, and her article "From Rhetoric to Reality: Canada, the United States and the Ottawa Process to Ban Landmines" won the CIA's Marvin Gelber Essay Prize. Veronica has also worked as a teaching assistant, social policy researcher and as an intern with the Ministère des Relations Internationales du Québec. She enjoys cycling and triathlon and currently lives the nomadic life of a PhD field researcher.

WILL PATERSON holds an MSc in Government from London School of Economics, as well as a BA in International Studies and Economics from Glendon College of York University in Toronto. He is presently pursuing a combined LLB/BCL degree from McGill University, in Montreal. This past summer he clerked for Judge Sir Dennis Byron at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. He has worked as a parliamentary intern in the House of Lords, and in public relations with Procter & Gamble Canada. Will is a Federal Millennium Scholarship Winner, and co-founder of "Never Again," an organization devoted to educating and connecting young people around the world with an aim to preventing genocide.

Regional Roundtable Leaders

CHRISTIAN IDICULA (Calgary) is an Account Manager with Critical Mass, an interactive marketing agency based in Calgary, whose work focuses on client services, competitive & strategic insight, and promoting best practices for clients. He graduated from the University of Alberta in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and a minor in Business. While there he was involved in several student & university boards and committees, and was a member of the Senate. Christian was actively involved in the Edmonton Chapter of Canada25 prior to moving to Calgary, and since moving to Calgary, he has continued his involvement with Canada25 and has been a member of the steering committee for the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Calgary since 2002.

LEE PICKAVANCE (London, England) is Programme Director at the Local Futures Group a leading economic consultancy and think tank based in London, England. He is responsible for Local Futures' research and advisory services for the European Commission and regional and national governments on issues related to economic competitiveness in the global economy. Lee holds a Master's degree specializing in Economic Planning and Policy from the University of Toronto. He also sits on the Advisory Board for Canadians in Europe, the European division of the Canadian Unity Council.

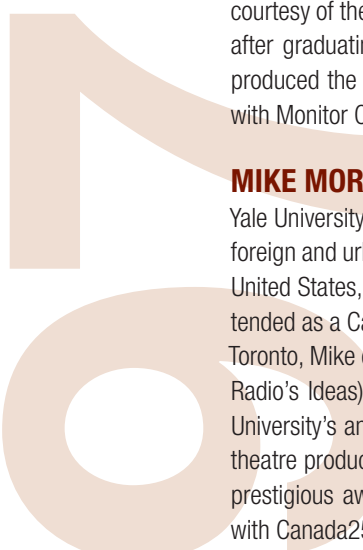
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ADRIAN MUCALOV (Co-Policy Stream Leader) currently works as a management consultant with Monitor Group in Toronto. During his three years with the firm (including 5 months in Seoul, Korea), he has worked on growth strategies for Fortune 500 companies in numerous industries, and managed undergraduate recruiting for the Canadian practice for one year. He previously completed an investment banking internship with Goldman Sachs in New York. He holds a B.Com. (First Class Honours) from Queen's University, where he was actively involved in student government. He has served volunteer stints in such places as Iqaluit, Nunavut and is excited to begin six months with CARE Zambia in January, 2005. His passions are music (A.R.C.T. Piano), exotic food, NFL football and travelling.

LUCAS ROBINSON (Co-Policy Stream Leader) currently lives in Norway. He joins Canada25 with an interest in international connectivity, and Canada's role in the global community. Lucas is a graduate and full scholarship recipient at the George Washington University's School of Media and Public Affairs. His research interests include communication patterns among displaced populations, political and media agenda setting, technology and the media, and conflict mediation. Lucas is currently working as a consultant with Internews to build a radio station in the Dadaab refugee camps of Eastern Kenya. He received his undergraduate degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Toronto in the spring of 2001.

ALEXANDRA TCHEREMENSKA (Delegate Coordinator) is an emergency physician and Faculty Lecturer in Family Medicine at McGill University. During her studies and at present, she has received numerous recognitions for her contribution to key committees in provincial and national medical associations focusing on issues in education, professionalism, strategy and organization of healthcare delivery. She also consults outside the sphere of medicine, including this year's project done for the City of Montreal on how to integrate Montreal into the Knowledge Society and Economy. Alex has a keen interest in policy development and multicultural issues enriched by her experiences treating multi-cultural populations and travelling across Europe, Africa and North America.

DUYEN NGUYEN (Chapter Liaison) works for Critical Mass - an Interactive marketing and consulting firm - in Calgary. As Director of Research and Analytics she is responsible for helping Fortune 500 firms understand the customer and business impacts of their online investments. Prior to this role, she held positions with Canadian Airlines, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada and Nova Corporation. Duyen holds a B.Com from the University of Calgary and is currently completing her B.A. She has participated in many pioneering initiatives, including Canada25, Attack Voter Apathy, Vietnam Youth and Leadership Calgary. Duyen is passionate about community building, international development and social entrepreneurship.



JESSE MOORE (Content/Research) works for CARE Canada – the international development charity - in Toronto. In his role as Director of Development, Jesse forges partnerships with both the private sector and the media. Originally from Toronto, he studied communications at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill courtesy of the Morehead Scholarship. He became involved with Canada25 directly after graduating as a delegate to the inaugural forum on talent retention, which produced the report “A New Magnetic North.” Jesse also worked as a consultant with Monitor Company.

MIKE MORGAN (Content/Research) is a PhD student in international history at Yale University and an SSHRC Doctoral Fellow. He recently served as an analyst in foreign and urban policy at the Privy Council Office in Ottawa. Prior to moving to the United States, Mike obtained an MPhil at the University of Cambridge, which he attended as a Canadian Cambridge Scholar. As an undergraduate at the University of Toronto, Mike co-founded the Hart House Lectures (broadcast every spring on CBC Radio’s Ideas), tutored children in Toronto’s Regent Park neighbourhood, ran the University’s annual model United Nations conference, and worked on a number of theatre productions. Upon graduation, he received the University of Toronto’s most prestigious award, the Moss Scholarship. This is his second year of involvement with Canada25, having been a delegate to the second National Forum in 2002.

ROB KENEDI (Pre-Forum Group Facilitator, Toronto Roundtable Leader) graduated from the University of Toronto with an Honours Bachelor of Science in Human-Computer Interaction (Computer Science) and Psychology. While there, he was President of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Chairperson of Victoria College’s Orientation program, and a recipient of the Silver V and Gordon Cressy awards for student leadership. Rob currently lives in Toronto and works as a Senior Software Consultant at Telepresence Systems, Inc., a software consulting firm for clients in multiple industries. He has been involved with Canada25 since 2002, participating in and coordinating the Regional Roundtable process, and is currently serving as Canada25’s Technology Director.

Facilitators for the Forum

CYNTHIA MACKENZIE is involved in the organization and management of local social justice and human rights campaigns, including specific work on corporate social responsibility and on codes of conduct within business. She is currently working on her PhD in Australia focused on the role of human rights protection, international business, and the United Nations. She has been recognized by Volunteer Calgary’s Leaders of Tomorrow and by Macleans magazine as one of Canada’s 100 Faces of the Future. She has a background in international community development, leadership training, and international education. Cynthia has been involved with Canada25 since its inception - initially as a delegate, and currently as a Board Member. Cynthia also holds a policy fellowship with Action Canada.

ROSS WALLACE is a second-year MBA student at the University of Toronto’s Rotman School of Management, Ross served on Canada25’s National Organizing Committee in 2002, and co-authored Canada25’s recent submission to the Privy Council Office, entitled “Charting a New Path: A Vision for Canada’s Future.” Ross spent the summer working at the Institute for Competitiveness and Prosperity, a think-tank whose research focuses on boosting Ontario’s productivity. Before coming home to Canada, he lived in Washington, DC for almost five years, working both at the Canadian Embassy and at a small political and economic consulting company. He has undergraduate and graduate degrees from Queen’s.

This year's Lead Author

DAVID EAVES: David is a full time volunteer with Canada25. In 2001, David founded Canada25's Boston Chapter, which he managed until January 2004. In August of 2003 David served as the lead author and coordinator of a Canada25's report entitled "Charting a New Path: A Vision for Canada's Future" written at the request of the Privy Council Office. David recently worked as an associate with Vantage Partners, a consulting firm spun out of the Harvard Negotiation Project that helps fortune 500 and global 1000 firms negotiate more effectively. Originally from Vancouver, BC, David completed a Bachelor of Arts in history at Queen's University in 1998 and a Master's of International Relations at Oxford in 2000. David can be reached at david_a_eaves@yahoo.com

Canada25's National Committee

ANDREW MEDD (Executive Director) has served as Executive Director for Canada25 since 2002. Before holding the Executive Director position, Andrew led Canada25's Toronto Chapter and Cities Roundtable, as well as the development of the organizational design and strategy. Prior to joining Canada25 on a full-time basis, Andrew was a Senior Consultant in the Toronto office of Deloitte & Touche. As part of the Infrastructure, Development and Integration team, Andrew focused on helping clients understand, implement and manage their technology infrastructure in a variety of industries including insurance, travel, consumer products, fitness and finance. His engagement experience has allowed him to work in Canada, the United States and Great Britain. Andrew has an Honours degree in Commerce from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, where he was the Chairperson for the Queen's Forum on Information Technology. Andrew can be reached at amedd@canada25.com

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