

Trudeau Foundation awards \$2.5 million to 14 promising doctoral students

Scholars seek solutions to issues of importance to Canadians

Montréal, Quebec, 14 May 2013 – Today, the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation proudly announced the names of the 14 recipients of the 2013 Trudeau Foundation Scholarship, the most prestigious doctoral award of its kind in Canada. The scholarship supports brilliant social sciences and humanities doctoral students who are researching and sharing innovative ideas that will help solve issues of critical importance to Canadians.

In addition to a generous \$60,000 annual grant for a three-year period, the 14 Trudeau scholars will benefit from the expertise and knowledge of Trudeau fellows and mentors. This outstanding intergenerational and interdisciplinary group of recognized Canadian academic and non-academic leaders interacts regularly with Trudeau scholars in one-on-one meetings, through public policy networks, and at the public forums hosted by the Foundation throughout the year.

“This cohort of scholars consists of the best minds in the best institutions studying crucial and complex issues for Canadians and the world,” says Foundation President P.G. Forest. “The Trudeau scholarship will provide them with the conditions necessary to generate innovative solutions in their area of study.”

The 2013 Trudeau scholars are:

- **Gerald Bareebe** (political science, University of Toronto): Can democratic institutions survive the personalization of power? Gerald Bareebe’s research is based on case studies of recent developments in Rwanda and Uganda.
- **Sylvie Bodineau** (anthropology, Université Laval): Drawing on field research in Congo, Sylvie Bodineau is looking at how the international consensus on children’s rights relate to the experience of child soldiers.
- **Chiara Camponeschi** (geography, University of Guelph): Chiara Camponeschi is exploring how new approaches to citizen engagement might inform planning and environmental issues in Canadian cities.
- **Anna-Louise Crago** (anthropology, University of Toronto): Among vulnerable groups victimized by armed conflict, sex workers are the most easily overlooked. Anna-Louise Crago asks whether they could be better protected.

- **Kyle Kirkup** (law, University of Toronto): The human rights and dignity of LGBT individuals cannot be addressed by family law alone. Kyle Kirkup wonders whether it is possible to achieve equality for LGBT community members in the domain of criminal law.
- **Ryan Liss** (international law, Yale University): Ryan Liss seeks to determine whether a common set of fundamental justice principles can rally the nations of the world, as was done in the case of international criminal justice.
- **Logan Mardhani-Bayne** (history, Yale University): Logan Mardhani-Bayne inquires as to the extent to which the urban experience of Aboriginal communities has shaped local and national governments' political recognition of these communities' rights.
- **Jean Frédéric Ménard** (law, University College London): Legal and ethical dilemmas proliferate in the context of neonatal intensive care. Jean Frédéric Ménard is researching whether it is possible to reconcile ethics and the law in the best interests of the child.
- **David Morgan** (political science, Dalhousie University): David Morgan seeks to learn how the experience of survivors of armed violence can inform and improve civilian protection in conflict zones.
- **Sophia Murphy** (resource management and environmental studies, University of British Columbia): How do nations achieve food sovereignty? Sophia Murphy is exploring international and local mechanisms to improve food security.
- **Sara Pavan** (political studies, Queen's University): Sara Pavan is investigating whether the participation of ethnic and social minorities in public institutions is essential to social cohesion and trust in our political system.
- **Robyn Sneath** (education, University of Oxford): Drawing on over a century of history of Mennonite communities in Canada, Robyn Sneath is learning about how government education policies may have conflicted with Mennonites' vision of citizenship.
- **Leah Trueblood** (law, University of Oxford): Leah Trueblood is seeking to determine whether we can provide for a more just society by clarifying and improving the legal obligations we face in our daily lives.
- **Emily White** (legal theory and human rights, New York University): Traditionally, courts have hesitated to give emotions a place in judicial decisions. Emily White is looking into a way to use emotions in the service of human rights and dignity.

The first meeting between the 2013 Trudeau scholars and the Trudeau community will take place in Prince Edward Island from May 13 to 17 at an event also attended by Trudeau mentors, fellows, and

scholars from other cohorts. The awardees will be available for brief phone interviews. More information on each scholar is available on the [Foundation's website](#).

About the Trudeau Scholarship

The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation awards up to fifteen scholarships each year to support doctoral candidates pursuing research of compelling present-day concern that touches on one or more of the Foundation's four key themes: human rights and dignity, responsible citizenship, Canada in the world, and people and their natural environment. Trudeau scholars are highly gifted individuals who are actively engaged in their field and are poised to become national and international figures. Since 2003, the Foundation has awarded 157 [Trudeau scholarships](#).

About the Trudeau Foundation

A Canadian institution with a national purpose, the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation is an independent and non-partisan charity. It was established in 2001 as a living memorial to the former prime minister by his family, friends, and colleagues. In 2002, with the unanimous support of the House of Commons, the Government of Canada endowed the Foundation with a donation of \$125 million. In addition, the Foundation benefits from private sector donations in support of specific initiatives. Through its Scholarship, Fellowship, Mentorship, and Public Interaction Programs, the Foundation supports outstanding individuals who are making meaningful contributions to critical public issues. Learn more at www.trudeaufoundation.ca.

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