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Canada Research Chair, Health Economics and Technology
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Citizenship: Canadian

Education:

Ph.D. (Economics), McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, 1998
M.A. (Economics), McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, 1993
B.Sc. Honours (Honours Economics), Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, 1992
Nursing Diploma, Durham College, Oshawa, Ontario, 1981

Past Professional Experience:

Manager, Economic Valuation Unit, Applied Research and Analysis Division , Health Canada, 2002 - 2005

Assistant Professor, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, Dalhousie University, 1998 - 2002
Cross-appointed - Department of Economics, Dalhousie University, 1998 - 2002

Past Experience

Part-time Instructor, Department of Economics, McMaster University, 1997-1998

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, McMaster University, 1994-1998
Professors Martin Dooley and David Feeny –

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, McMaster University, 1992-1996

Economist/Research Analyst, Natural Resources Canada, 1993-1994
Efficiency and Alternative Energy Branch, Ottawa, Ontario

Registered Nurse,

Intensive Care Unit, St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterborough, Ontario 1985 - 1993
Critical Care Units, Oshawa General Hospital, Oshawa, Ontario 1985
Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto, Ontario 1981-1984

Research Interests:

Health Economics as it relates to public policy and its affects on health, health care, poverty and inequality; Poverty and Inequality and their association with Health and Health Care Utilization; Child and Maternal Health; Health and Labour; Poverty and Inequality; Determinants of Population Health.

Current Research:

The relationship between socio-economic status, gender, health and health care utilization using survey and administrative data. As well, public policy affects on health and health care utilization, particularly those policies addressing poverty, and the labour force, particularly lone mothers (e.g. social assistance reform). I am also currently focussing on inequities and inequalities, particularly gender, age, income, and rural/urban, in health and health care utilization; children's and women's health and their relationship with socioeconomic status and labour issues.

Dissertation:

“An Investigation of the Health Status of Mothers and Children in Canada.”

Supervisors: Professors Martin Dooley and David Feeny
Committee: Professor Lonnie Magee and Dr. Ellen Lipman

Fellowships and Awards:

Canada Research Chair in Health Economics and Technology, 2005 -2009
Clinical Scholar Award, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University, 2002-2007
Visiting Fellow, Economics Research Program, Research School of Social Sciences, Australia National University, Summer 1999
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Post-Doctoral Fellowship (declined), 1998
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship, 1994 -1998
Canadian Institute of Research's General Motors Doctoral Completion Fellowship, 1998
McMaster Graduate Scholarship, 1994 -1998
Canadian International Labour Network Research Fellowship, 1998
Canadian International Labour Network Research Fellowship, 1997
Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis Summer Studentship, 1996
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (declined - accepted employment), 1993 -1994
McMaster University Graduate Scholarship, 1992 -1993
Trent University Scholarship, 1991 -1992
Champlain College Tutor's Fellowship, 1990 -1991

Scholarly Activities

Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, Population Health Group, General Motors Doctoral Member, 1998-2002
Institute for Work and Health, Adjunct Scientist, 2000 - 2004
Canadian International Labour Network, Research Associate, 1999-2001

Teaching and Supervision:

Graduate teaching

Topics in Health Economics (ECON 673), Department of Economics, University of Waterloo, 2006
Evaluation of Health Services and Systems, CH&E 6022.03 Dalhousie University 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001
Community Health Services and Systems, (with David MacLean) CH&E 5040.03 Dalhousie University 2000, 2001

Undergraduate teaching

Health Economics, Econ 486 University of Waterloo 2006 (fall); 2005 (spring, winter)
Health Economics, Econ 2231 Dalhousie University 1999 (fall); 2001 (winter)
Health Economics, Econ 3Z03 McMaster University 1998 (winter); 1997 (fall)

Graduate Supervision

Susan Zhang - "Internet Use and Health-Care Utilization"
MA research paper Supervisor
Department of Economics, 2005

Elgar, Frank "Maternal Depression and Child Behavioural Problems: A four-year longitudinal study"
PhD Comprehensive Research Project Supervisor - 2000
Committee member of PhD Thesis, 2001-2003
Department of Psychology, Dalhousie University

Fell, Deshayne "The Effects of Occupation and Labour Force Participation on Physician Utilization in Five Canadian Provinces"
Committee member Master's Thesis, 2002
Community Health and Epidemiology, Dalhousie University

Ahmed, Nina "Fitting In: Human Capital Assimilation of Children of Immigrant Families in Canada"
Committee member of PhD Thesis 1999 - 2002
Department of Economics, Dalhousie University

Brusentsev, Vera "A comparison of the labour force participation of married women in three countries: Australia, Canada and the United States of America."
Third Reader, PhD Thesis, 1999
Department of Economics, Dalhousie University

Research Funding (as Principal or Co-principal investigator):

SSHRC "Women's health and the new social paradigm in Canada" \$71,000, 2008-2011

SSHRC "The Impact of Market Structure on Health" Co-Investigator (PI Kathleen Rybczynski, University of Waterloo) \$37,825, 2008-2010

Canadian Institutes for Health Research "Policy Drivers of Food Insecurity in Canada 1994-2006" Co-Investigator, (PI Lynne McIntyre, University of Calgary) \$300,000 2008-2011

Canada Research Chair, \$500,000 salary support over five years, Jan 2005-Dec 2009

Canada Foundation for Innovation, Ontario Innovation Trust, University of Waterloo, \$87,228 Waterloo Health Economics Data Lab, Jan 2005-Dec 2009

Curriculum Vitae
October 2008

University of Waterloo/SSHRC internal funding "Changing Family Status and Poverty" \$5,500, 2007

University of Waterloo/SSHRC internal funding "Social assistance policy and Maternal well-being" \$5,000, 2006

SSHRC, "Social and Economic Dimensions of Aging II" Co-Investigator (PI Byron Spencer, McMaster University) \$2.498 Million 2005-2009

Clinical Scholar Award, \$405,000 over five years Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University, 2002-2007 (declined)

"Social Assistance and Health" \$85,000 Canadian Institute of Health Research, March, 2002-May, 2003 (Principal Investigator)

"Changing Times in Canada: Are there sex differences in health status and are they converging or diverging over time with changing trends in labour, social and economic roles of men and women?" \$50,000 New Perspectives on Gender and Health - Retraining Grants, Institute for Gender and Health, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, 2002-2003 (Principal Investigator).

"Trade Agreements, the Health Care Sector, and Women's Health" \$25,000 Status of Women Canada with Teresa Cyrus (Co-Principal Investigator - co-wrote proposal responsible for 50% of the project)

"Workshop on Teenage Sexuality" \$10,000 from the Institute of Human Development and Child and Youth Health, Canadian Institutes of Health Research with Don Langille (Co-Principal Investigator - wrote proposal, and set up work shop), August 2002.

"Too Much or Too Little? Health Care Utilization in Nova Scotia" \$59,342 with David MacLean and Shelley Phipps, Dalhousie University from the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, 2001-2004 (Principal Investigator - responsible for concept, writing proposal and coordinating research staff).

"Teenage Pregnancy in Nova Scotia: An Assessment of Community Related Factors and Short Term Financial Costs" \$29,966 over 1 year with Don Langille and Gordon Flowerdew, Dalhousie University from the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, 2001 -2002. (Co-principal Investigator - responsible for the section of the proposal and study that concerns costing and individual and multi-level analysis).

"Poverty, Policy and the Health of Children in the Maritimes: A Comparative Micro-data Analysis" \$26,962 with Shelley Phipps, Dalhousie University from the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, 2001 -2003. (Co-Investigator - Responsible for commenting on and assisting with health component of the proposal, analysis and study).

"Child Well-being in Canada and the United States: A Statistical Portrait" \$21,762 with Shelley Phipps, Dalhousie University, for Family and Labour Studies Statistics Canada, 2001. (Co-Principal Investigator - responsible for 50% of the investigation and preparation of manuscript).

"The Economic Evaluation of Primary Care: A Review of the Relevant Literature" \$3510 from the Nova Scotia Department of Health, 2001. (Principal Investigator)

"Social Inclusion/Exclusion of Children in Canada and the United States" with Shelley Phipps, Dalhousie University \$7,000 from the Laidlaw Foundation, 2000-2001. (Co-Principal Investigator - responsible for 50% of the investigation and preparation of manuscript)

Curriculum Vitae
October 2008

“Labour Market Stress, Parenting Style and Child Health” with Peter Burton and Shelley Phipps, Dalhousie University. \$5,000 from Intramural grants Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University, 2000 (Co-Principal Investigator – equal share in initial concept, econometric set-up and analysis, and collaboration throughout write up).

“The effects of social and employment policies on the health status and health service utilization of mothers and children” with Shelley Phipps, Dalhousie University. \$56,615.00 from National Health Research Development Program / Canadian Institutes of Health Research, 1999-2002 (Co-Principal Investigator- responsible for 50% of the investigation and preparation of manuscript)

“The missing link between income and child health and well-being: Are we measuring income adequately?” with Shelley Phipps, Dalhousie University. \$22,102.08 from Human Resources Development Canada, 1999-2000. (Co-Principal Investigator - responsible for 50% of the investigation and preparation of manuscript)

“Progress on Child Poverty? Recent Changes in Canadian Policies and Outcomes” with Tom Crossely, Australia National University. \$4,800 from Canadian Employment Research Forum, 1999 -2000 (Co-Principal Investigator - responsible for 50% of the investigation and preparation of manuscript).

“Does Mother or Father Know Best? An Assessment of Parent/Child Agreement in the Canadian National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth” with Martin Dooley, McMaster University and Shelley Phipps, Dalhousie University. \$1,800 from Canadian Employment Research Forum, 1999 -2000 (Co-Principal Investigator - responsible for one-third of the investigation and preparation of manuscript).

Publications - Peer Reviewed:

Curtis, Lori J and William MacMinn (2008) Twenty-five years of Health Care Utilization in Canada to Canadian Public Policy, 34(1):65-87

Curtis Lori J (forthcoming) “Socio-economic status and the health and well-being of Canadian youths” in *Adolescent Health in Canada*. Edited by William Boyce, McGill-Queens University Press.

Curtis, Lori J (2007) “Socioeconomic Status and Human Capital: Recent Canadian Evidence” in *Fulfilling Potential, Creating Success: Perspectives on Human Capital Development*. Edited by Garnett Picot, Ron Saunders and Arthur Sweetman, McGill-Queen’s University Press, Montreal & Kingston

Fell, Deshayne B, George Kephart, *Lori J. Curtis*, Kelly Bower, Nazeem Muhajarine, Robert Reid, Leslie Roos (2007) “The Relationship Between Work Hours and Utilization of General Practitioners in Four Canadian Provinces” Health Services Research, 42(4):1483-1498

Curtis, Lori J and Michael Pennock (2006) Social Assistance, Lone-parents and Health: What We Do and Don't Know Canadian Journal of Public Health, 97(s3):4-10

Crossley, Thomas F. and *Curtis, Lori J.* (2006) “Child Poverty in Canada” Review of Income and Wealth, 52(2):237-260

Curtis, Lori J (2006) “Snapshots of Health Care Utilization in Canada: 1978 to 1998: Is the picture changing?” in *Health Services Restructuring in Canada: New Evidence and New Directions* Edited by Charles Beach, Richard Chaykowski, Sam Shortt, France St-Hilaire, and Arthur Sweetman, McGill-Queen's University Press, Montreal, Quebec.

Kozyrskyj AL, *Lori J. Curtis* and Clyde Hertzman (2006) “Taking Different Approaches to Child Policy” In *Healthier Societies: From Analysis to Action*, Edited by Jody Heymann, Clyde Hertzman, Morris L. Barer, and Robert G. Evans (Editors) pp. 348-380 Oxford University Press, New York.

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Dunn, James R, Katherine L. Frolich, Nancy Ross, *Lori J Curtis*, and Claudia Sanmartin (2006) "Approaches to Child Policy Role of Geography in Inequalities in Health and Human Development" In *Healthier Societies: From Analysis to Action*, Edited by Jody Heymann, Clyde Hertzman, Morris L. Barer, and Robert G. Evans pp. 237-263 Oxford University Press, New York.

Curtis, Lori J and Shelley Phipps (2004) "Social Transfers and the Health Status of Mothers in Norway and Canada" *Social Science and Medicine*, 58(12):2499-2507.

Curtis, Lori, Martin Dooley and Shelley Phipps (2004) "Child Well-Being and Neighbourhood Quality: Evidence from the Canadian National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth" *Social Science and Medicine*, 58(10):1917-1927.

Elgar, F. J., Waschbusch, D. A., McGrath, P. J., & Stewart, S. H, *Curtis, L. J.* (2004) "Mutual Influences on Maternal Depression and Child Adjustment Problems", *Clinical Psychology Review*, 24(4):441- 459.

Elgar, F. J., Waschbusch, D. A, McGrath, P. J., & Stewart, S. H., *Curtis, L. J.*, (2004) "Temporal relations in maternal mood and disruptive child behaviour. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, 237-247

Elgar, F. J., *Curtis, L. J.*, McGrath, P. J., Waschbusch, D. A., and Stewart, S. H (2003). "Antecedent-consequence conditions in maternal mood and child behavioural problems: A four-year cross-lagged study" *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*, 32(2):362-374.

Langille DB, *Curtis LJ*, Hughes J, Tomblin Murphy G. (2003) "Association of socioeconomic factors with health risk behaviours among high school students in rural Nova Scotia." *Can J Pub Health*, 94(6):442-447.

Langille D, and *Curtis LJ* (2003) "Factors associated with sexual intercourse before age 15 in Nova Scotia female adolescents." *Can J Hum Sexual*, 11:91-99.

Burton, Peter, Shelley Phipps and *Lori Curtis* (2002) "All in the Family: A Simultaneous Model of Parenting Style and Child Conduct," (2002), *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, 92(2):368-372.

Curtis, Lori J., (2001) "The Health Status of Lone Mothers" *Canadian Public Policy*, XXVII(30):334-356.

Curtis, Lori J, Martin Dooley, Ellen Lipman and David Feeny, (2001) "The Role of Permanent Income and Family Structure in the Determination of Child Health in the Ontario Child Health Study." *Health Economics*, 10(4):287-302

Dooley, M.D., *Lori J Curtis*, Ellen Lipman and David Feeny, (1998) "Child Psychiatric Problems, Poor School Performance and Social Problems: The Roles of Family Structure and Low Income in Cycle One of the National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth." In *Labour Markets, Social Institutions, and the Future of Canada's Children*. Edited by Miles Corak, Statistics Canada.

Articles Submitted for Peer Review:

"Exploring the Utilization of Online Health Information: A Canadian Study" with Susan Zhang.

Curtis, Lori and Joann Kingston-Riechers "The GST and the Family: Evaluating the welfare effects of the GST."

Peer Review - Reports & Project Deliverables:

"Trade Agreements, the Health Care Sector, and Women's Health" Status of Women Canada, March 2003, with Teresa Cyrus.

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“Primary Health Care” for the Baltic Economic Management Training Project, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) September, 2002.

“Health, Health Care and Equity” for the Baltic Economic Management Training Project, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) March, 2002.

“Child Well-Being in Canada and the United States: A Statistical Portrait” to Division of Family and Labour Studies, Statistics Canada with Shelley Phipps (2002).

“Does Mother or Father Know Best? An Assessment of Parent/Child Agreement in the Canadian National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth” to Statistics Canada’s Family and Labour Studies Division with Martin Dooley and Shelley Phipps (2001).

“Social Inclusion/Exclusion of Children in Canada and the United States” to the Laidlaw Foundation with Shelley Phipps (2001)

“The missing link between income and child health and well-being: Are we measuring income adequately?” to Human Resources Development Canada (2000) with Shelley Phipps .

Non-Peer Reviewed Articles, Projects and Deliverables (Invited) and Working Papers:

“Economic Issues for Older Aboriginal People – what story can/does the data tell?” Invited presentation at Aboriginal Experiences in Aging Symposium, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, September 17-19, 2008

“The Economic Evaluation of Primary Care: A Review of the Relevant Literature” to the Nova Scotia Department of Health, Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Division, 2001, with JoAnn Kingston-Riechers

Dooley, Martin D, Lori Curtis, Ellen L. Lipman and David H. Feeny, (1998) "Child Health And Family Socioeconomic Status." Policy Options, September, pp. 13-18.

Curtis, Lori (2000) Review of “Wasting Away: The Undermining of Canadian Health Care” Health and Canadian Society, Volume 6(1) pp. 169-171

“Child Poverty in Canada” with Thomas F. Crossley, McMaster Working Paper #2003-06

“Child Health and Family Socioeconomic Status in the Canadian National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth” with Martin Dooley, McMaster Working Paper #38, 1998

Work in Progress (not funded) and Working Papers:

“How much does good data matter? The case of resources available to children with Jens Bonke and Thomas Crossley, Presented at the International Association for the Review of Income and Wealth’s bi-annual conference, Portoroz, Slovenia, August 2008

“The Canadian National Child Benefit on parental work hours.” Presented at the Canadian Economic Association Meetings, UBC, June, 2008.

“Welfare to Work: Does it Pay” presented at the Scottish Economic Association Conference, Perth Scotland, April 2007.

“Aboriginal Health in Canada: On-reserve and off-reserve” (80% complete).

“Would We Really be Better Off in the US?” (50% complete).

Presentations (2000 -):

“How much does good data matter? The case of resources available to children with Jens Bonke and Thomas Crossley, Presented at the International Association for the Review of Income and Wealth’s bi-annual conference, Portoroz, Slovenia, August 2008

“The Canadian National Child Benefit on parental work hours.” Presented at the Canadian Economic Association Meetings, UBC, June, 2008, and the Scottish Economic Association Conference, Perth Scotland, April 2008.

“Would We Really be Better Off in the US?” presented at Canadian Economic Association Conference, Dalhousie University, Halifax NS, June 2007.

“Welfare to Work: Does it Pay” presented at the Scottish Economic Association Conference, Perth Scotland, April 2007.

“Would We Really be Better Off in the US?” presented at WLU Health Economics Conference, Waterloo, ON, February 2007.

“How Does the NCB Affect Patterns of Use of Social Assistance and Employment?” National Child Benefit Evaluation Panels for Human Resources Human Resources and Social Development Canada, June 13 2006

“Welfare to Work: Does it Pay” presented at the Athenian International Conference at CIGI, Waterloo ON, June 2006.

“Welfare to Work: Does it Pay” presented at the Canadian Economic Association Meetings, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, May 2006

“Welfare to Work: Does it Pay” presented at Statistics Canada’s Socio-Economic Conference, Hull, Quebec, May 2006

"Comments on Issues of Costing" Institute for Work & Health, Toronto, Canada International Workshop on "Developing Good Practice in the Economic Evaluation of Workplace Interventions for Health and Safety"

“An Empirical Analysis of Health-Care Access in Canada” presented at Health Services Restructuring: New Evidence and New Directions” John Deutsch Institute, Queen’s University, Kingston Ontario November, 2005

“Snapshots of Health Care Utilization in Canada: Is the picture changing, 1978-1998” presented at the International Health Economic Association Meetings, Barcelona, Spain July, 2005

“Trade Agreements, the Health Care Sector, and Women's Health” Gender and Trade Conference, Status of Women Canada, Ottawa, Canada, March 21, 2005.

“Snapshots of Health Care Utilization in Canada: Is the picture changing, 1978-1998” presented at the Canadian Economic Association Meetings at Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario, June 2004

“Income and Health” presentation for the Canadian Public Health Association Meetings in St. John’s Newfoundland, June 17, 2004

“Progress on Child Poverty? Recent Changes in Canadian Policies and Outcomes” presented at Canadian Economic Association Meetings, University of Calgary, Calgary, May31-June2, 2002.

“Child Health Care Utilization in Canada” presented at the Centre for Applied Microeconomic Research, Institute of Economics, Copenhagen, Denmark April 23, 2002.

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“Child Health Care Utilization in Canada” presented at the Economics Department, University of New Brunswick, March 14, 2002

“Social Transfers and the Health Status of Mothers in Norway and Canada” presented to Economics Department, Trent University Peterborough Ontario October 19, 2001

“Social Transfers and the Health Status of Mothers in Norway and Canada” presented at the Population Health Meetings of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research in Toronto Ontario October 18, 2001

“Social Transfers and the Health Status of Mothers in Norway and Canada” presented at the 30th Annual Atlantic Canadian Economic Association Conference, Fredericton, NB September 28 - 30, 2001

“The Implication of the GST for Families in Canada” presented at the 30th Annual Atlantic Canadian Economic Association Conference, Fredericton, NB September 28 - 30, 2001

“Social Transfers and the Health Status of Mothers in Norway and Canada” presented at the Canadian Economics Association meetings in Montreal, Quebec June 1 - 3, 2001

“Progress on Child Poverty? Recent Changes in Canadian Policies and Outcomes” Department of Economics, Dalhousie University, Sept. 14, 2001.

“Social Transfers and the Health Status of Mothers in Norway and Canada” presented at the Western Economics Association meetings in San Francisco, California July 4 - 7, 2001.

“Social Transfers and the Health Status of Mothers in Norway and Canada” presented at the Canadian Economics Association meetings in Montreal, Quebec June 1 - 3, 2001

“The Social Exclusion of Children in North America: A Microdata Comparison of Canada and the United States.” presented at the Canadian Economics Association meetings in Montreal, Quebec June 1 - 3, 2001

“The Implication of the GST for Families in Canada” presented at Workshop for Demand System Analysis, Department of Economics, York University, Toronto Ontario, March 9, 2001

“The Social Exclusion of Children in North America: A Microdata Comparison of Canada and the United States.” Roundtable on Social Inclusion, Laidlaw Foundation, Toronto, Ontario January 18 - 19, 2001

“Child Health Care Utilization in Canada” presented at the Atlantic Canadian Economic Association Meetings, MUN, Nfld September 29-October 1, 2000

“The Implication of the GST for Families in Canada” presented at the CILN Conference on Labour Market Institutions and Outcomes, Burlington, Ontario September 24-25, 2000

Curriculum Vitae
October 2008

“The Social Exclusion of Children in North America: A Microdata Comparison of Canada and the United States” Paper presented at the International Association of Income and Wealth Annual Meetings, Krakow, Poland, August 27-September 1, 2000

“Progress on Child Poverty? Recent Changes in Canadian Policies and Outcomes” Paper presented at the International Association of Income and Wealth Annual Meetings, Krakow, Poland, August 27-September 1, 2000

“The missing link between income and child health and well-being: Are we measuring income adequately?” Paper presented at the Canadian Economic Association Meetings, University of British Columbia, June 1 - 4, 2000

“Does Mother or Father Know Best? An Assessment of Parent/Child Agreement in the Canadian National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth” Paper presented at the Canadian Employment Research Forum Meetings, University of British Columbia June 1 - 2, 2000.

Administrative Duties:

Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of Economics, University of Waterloo, January 2006-
Graduate Committee, Department of Economics, University of Waterloo, January 2005-
Hiring Committee, Department of Economics, University of Waterloo, January 2005-2006
Faculty Association Representative, Department of Economics, University of Waterloo, January 2005-
Member of Dalhousie Faculty of Graduate Studies Academic Planning Committee, September 2001- 2002
Member of Dalhousie Faculty of Graduate Studies Committee, June 2001- 2002
Member Graduate Programme Committee, CH&E, Dalhousie University, November 1998 -
Member of Committee of the Whole, CH&E, Dalhousie University, July 1998 -
Graduate Representative, Selection Committee for Dean of Social Sciences, McMaster University 1997
Graduate Representative, Faculty of Social Sciences Graduate Council, McMaster University 1996-1997
Graduate Representative, Faculty of Social Sciences Council, McMaster University 1996-1997

Professional Service and Memberships:

Review committee for conference program CHESG, 2008
Conference planning committee - CERF, 2005
Program Committee for Statistics Canada Research Data Centre Conference Program, "Transitions in Employment, Income and Wellbeing" Wednesday, September 24th -Thursday, September 25th, 2003
Member of Student Award Committee for Canadian Health Economics Research Association meetings - 2001
Review Panel CIHR, 2001, 2003, 2007 [Institute of Health Services & Policy Research
and Institute for Population and Public Health, Institute for Aging]
Referee for the following journals CJE, JHE, SS&M, CPP, QURE-Kluwer
Review for following granting agencies CRC, CFI, CIHR, SSHRC, CIHI,
Review RDC applications
Review Newfoundland Health Research Fund, 2001
Canadian Women Economists' Network, Executive Board, Past President, 2006 - 2008
Canadian Women Economists' Network, Executive Board, President, 2004 - 2006
Canadian Women Economists' Network, Executive Board, Member at Large, 2003 - 2004
Canadian Women Economists' Network, Executive Board, Member at Large, 1998 - 2003
Canadian Institutes for Advanced Research Student Member, 1998 - 2003
Canadian Economic Association 1997-
Atlantic Canadian Economic Association, Vice-President, 2001-2002
Atlantic Canadian Economic Association, Member of the Board, 1999
“Sharing Strengths: A Child and Youth Health Strategy”, Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee, Western Regional Health Board, Nova Scotia, November, 1998 - 2000