Beyond 2015: Towards a New Consensus on Ending Global Poverty

An international and interdisciplinary workshop at

Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada

In Collaboration With

Academics Stand Against Poverty (ASAP)

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Academics Stand Against Poverty (ASAP), a global network of academics, students, and poverty-focused specialists, will mark the launch of its Canadian chapter with a three-day intensive workshop at Ryerson University in the heart of downtown Toronto. Inaugurated at Yale University in 2011, ASAP strives to enhance the contribution academics make to a solid understanding of why severe poverty persists, how it can be significantly reduced, and why its ultimate eradication is morally imperative. Open and inclusive by design, the workshop’s overarching aim is to promote dialogue and collaborative research among Canadian and global scholars and students, and the sharing of insights and best practices with poverty-focused specialists in government, multilateral institutions, and the non-profit and private sectors, whose attitudes, policy advice, and decisions substantially influence the path of global poverty eradication. It is hoped that the workshop will contribute towards building an active network of impact-oriented scholars of global poverty and global justice that will have a significant presence in Canada’s public discourse.

The specific focus of the workshop is on the current process for replacing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Due for expiry in 2015, the MDGs are a global agreement to reduce poverty and related deprivations. ASAP, the academic representative in “Beyond 2015” – an umbrella organization of 380+ civil society organizations in over 80 countries – is consulting with the UNDP on the subject. Our aim is to create a civil society consensus around the “must have” features of the MDG successors, and to ensure that the process of developing the post-MDG international framework is transparent and genuinely reflects the voice and concerns of people living in poverty.

The official debate about the MDG replacements is moving very quickly. While ASAP can already claim a small measure of success in being heard within this debate, it is evident that the window of opportunity for shaping this crucial moment of changes exceptionally narrow. The need of the hour is the immediate mobilization of academic resources – in consultation with other civil society stakeholders and poverty-focused experts – in order to define new problems, goals, and strategies, and to articulate these in a way that can be easily understood within the policy debate. We hope that the workshop at Ryerson is an important step towards meeting this urgent goal, and that it is a site where academics can transcend the tendency towards micro-specialization and insulation across disciplines, and move towards a multi-disciplinary consensus on defining global priorities for poverty eradication beyond 2015. The different themes of the workshop, as detailed below, are united by the concern that the new international framework superseding the MDGs makes good on the promise of ending world poverty.

Day 1: In its effort to define the “must have” features of the MDG successors, ASAP has prioritized the reform of global institutions, rules and practices as the key to global poverty alleviation, thus
shifting the primary responsibility for achieving development goals from low-income recipients of aid to affluent donor countries and global institutions. In keeping with this focus, Day 1 will examine general strategies for global poverty eradication, recognizing poverty as a global problem that requires responses not only at the national level – such as tackling inequality, ensuring inclusive growth, and creating employment – but also at the global level, such as reforming global institutions, and the supranational rules that perpetuate global poverty and inequality.

**Day 2:** Will focus on specific strategies of influencing the MDG replacement process, with an emphasis on consensus building within the academic community, and the curtailing of illicit financial flows as a potential goal for the post-MDG framework.

**Day 3:** Will focus on specific strategies for changing global rules and social institutions to benefit the poor, with an emphasis on performance-based reward schemes in the area of pharmaceutical innovation. This will be followed by open discussion and consultation with university students, aid practitioners, and representatives of the non-profit sector, on how to collaboratively carry this agenda forward, internationally and in Canada.

Panels with comprise 15-minute presentations by principal speakers, followed by open discussion and debate.

**DAY ONE (Thursday, October 25th)**

Location: Thomas Lounge, Oakham House, Ryerson University (63 Gould Street, Toronto, ON M5B 1E9). Seating capacity: 100. All meals will be served at this location.

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (8:30am – 9:00am)**

**Inaugural Address (9:00am – 9:30am)**

Mitu Sengupta, the event’s lead organizer, will deliver the workshop’s inaugural address, outlining its overarching goals and knowledge mobilization plan. Following this, ASAP board members and student leaders will inform participants of the ASAP’s ongoing projects and internship program.

**Speakers,** in order of appearance: **Mitu Sengupta** (Associate Professor of Politics, Ryerson University, and Co-Director of ASAP Canada), **Meena Krishnamurthy** (Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Manitoba and Co-Director of ASAP Canada), **Ashok Acharya** (Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Delhi, and Director of ASAP-India), and **Matthew Lindauer** (PhD Candidate, Department of Philosophy, Yale University)

**PANEL & OPEN DISCUSSION: Growth, Inequality and Employment – What we know, and how donor responsibilities should be defined (9:30am – 12:30pm)**

**Introductory Remarks:** **Paul Shaffer** (Associate Professor of International Development Studies, Trent University)
**Principal Speakers**, in alphabetical order: *Albert Berry* (Professor of Economics, University of Toronto), *Solomon R. Benatar* (Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Founding Director of the University of Cape Town Bioethics Centre, South Africa), *Murtaza Haider* (Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University), and *Randy Spence* (Economics and Social Development Associates, Ltd.)

*Roberta Rice* (Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto at Scarborough), as Session Chair

**LUNCH** (12:30pm—1:30pm)

**Keynote Address** (1:30—2:30pm), *Thomas Pogge* (Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs, Yale University), followed by report on ASAP’s role in Beyond 2015 by *Gilad Tanay* (PhD Candidate, Department of Philosophy, Yale University)

**PANEL & OPEN DISCUSSION: Reforming Governance and Institutions — Connecting the local with the global** (2:30 – 6:30pm, with **COFFEE BREAK** from 4:00—4:30pm)

*Principal Speakers*, in alphabetical order: *Pablo Idahosa* (Professor and Graduate Director of Development Studies, Department of Social Science, York University), *Mustafa Koc* (Professor, Department of Sociology & Centre for Studies in Food Security, Ryerson University), *Ananya Mukherjee Reed* (Professor of Political Science, York University), *Judith Teichman* (Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto), *Richard Sandbrook* (Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto), and *Joseph Wong* (Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto)

*Andrea Brown* (Associate Professor of Political Science, Wilfred Laurier University) and *Anil Varughese* (Assistant Professor of Political Science, Carleton University) as Session Chairs

**DAY TWO** (Friday, October 26th)

**Location:** POD250, Jorgensen Hall, Ryerson University (350 Victoria Street). Seating capacity: 150. All meals will be served at this location.

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** (8:30 – 9:15am)

**Opening Remarks**: (9:15 – 10:00am)
Thomas Pogge (Professor of Philosophy, Yale University), and Gilad Tanay (PhD Candidate, Department of Philosophy, Yale University)

Keynote Address: (10:00 – 11:00am)

Stephen Lewis (Distinguished Visiting Professor, Ryerson University)

PANEL & OPEN DISCUSSION: Replacing the Millennium Development Goals: Which "essential features" should we agree upon? (11:00am—3:30pm, with LUNCH from 12:30 – 1:30pm)

The impending expiration of the MDGs in 2015 has created an opportunity for academics to play an important role in shaping their successors. The influence of academics in this process stems from their authority as experts – an authority that is often undermined by sharp disagreements with one another. There is reason to believe, however, that despite many real disagreements, there are significant areas of consensus on what can and ought to be done to alleviate global poverty. The aim of this Panel will be to identify and articulate the areas of consensus that lie beneath the surface of both academic and public disagreement on global poverty alleviation. ASAP is part of a broad coalition of organizations (Beyond 2015, which includes 380+ CSOs) that are working towards building a civil society consensus on what the essential features of a post-MDG international framework are. The insights, criticisms, and suggestions made in this session will directly feed into ASAP’s ongoing meetings with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

Principal Speakers, in alphabetical order: Varun Gauri (Senior Economist, World Bank), Sakiko Fukuda Parr (Professor of International Affairs, the New School, New York), James Orbinski (CIGI Chair and Professor in Global Health, Balsillie School of International Affairs), and Meera Tiwari (Associate Professor in International Development, School of Law and Social Sciences, University of East London).

Gilad Tanay (PhD Candidate, Yale University), as Session Chair

COFFEE BREAK (3:30 – 4:00pm)

PANEL & OPEN DISCUSSION: Curbing Illicit Financial Flows as an International Development Goal (4:00pm – 6:30pm)

Every year, $1 trillion is spirited out of developing countries through corruption, smuggling, money laundering, and corporate tax evasion. These illicit financial flows out of developing countries dwarf the flow of official development assistance. Illicit financial flows remove US$10 for every dollar spent on overall development aid, and US$80 for every dollar spent on aid for basic social services. According to many economists, these harmful financial flows could be dramatically curtailed with strong international monitoring and standards of transparency. ASAP, in collaboration with Global Financial Integrity (GFI) and the IBAHRI task force on illicit financial flows, is producing a policy paper arguing for and articulating a politically feasible post-MDG development goal on curtailing illicit financial flows. In this Panel, we will discuss the significance of illicit financial flows as a factor contributing to the persistence of global poverty, along with possible solutions at both the global and national levels. Inputs, insights, and criticisms raised at this session will directly feed into the position paper to be submitted to the United Nations.
Opening Remarks: Thomas Pogge (Professor of Philosophy, Yale University)

Principal Speakers, in alphabetical order: Raymond Baker (Director, Global Financial Integrity), Chris MacDonald (Associate Professor, Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University), Ian Smillie (Chair, Diamond Development Initiative), and Thomas Kwasi Tieku (Assistant Professor, Munk Center of Global Affairs, University of Toronto)

Melissa Williams (Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto), as Session Chair

RECEPTION (6:30 – 7:30pm)

DAY THREE (Saturday, October 27th)

Location: Thomas Lounge, Oakham House, Ryerson University (63 Gould Street, Toronto, ON M5B 1E9). Seating capacity: 100. All meals will be served at this location.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (9:00 – 9:30am)

PANEL & OPEN DISCUSSION: Promoting Access to Medicines through Performance Based Innovation Rewards (9:30am – 12:30pm)

Innovations are typically incentivized with intellectual property rights that grant innovators a period of market exclusivity, during which they can charge extraordinary mark-ups on their product. This system tends to exclude poor people from novel products during their exclusivity period and pulls innovation efforts away from the needs of the poor toward what rich people desire. This Panel will explore how innovations might be stimulated through an alternative scheme under which innovators could sell their product at cost in exchange for publicly funded reward payments proportional to the product’s measured benefits. Assuming that rewards to the innovator would be roughly the same, such a scheme would be vastly more efficient by allowing many more people to benefit from an innovation (especially when the scheme is global, thus maximizing its benefits while diluting its costs). There could be additional large gains to the public as when the widespread competent deployment of a new medicine dramatically reduces the prevalence of a disease and thus the risk of infection – or the wide use of a pollution-control technology slows climate change. Of course, the design of such a scheme faces serious difficulties: how are the gains from an innovation to be measured, how are reward payments to be financed and guaranteed into the future, how is sufficient supply of good quality to be assured, what intellectual property rights, if any, are to be retained by the innovator, and how can such a scheme be realized politically? Focusing especially on the area of pharmaceutical innovation, this Panel will discuss these and other questions about performance-based reward schemes.

Opening Remarks: Matthew Herder (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University)
**Principal Speakers**, in alphabetical order:  *Ryoa Chung* (Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Montreal),  *Tim Gilbert* (Gilbert’s LLP, Avant Garde Lawyers),  *Aidan Hollis* (Professor of Economics, University of Calgary),  *Jocelyn Mackie* (General Counsel and Director of Business Strategy, Grand Challenges Canada), and  *Alex Wellington* (Associate Professor of Philosophy, Ryerson University)

*Stephen P. Marks* (Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Professor of Health and Human Rights, Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard University), as Session Chair

**LUNCH (12:30 – 1:30pm)**

**Consultations with Civil Society Groups and Community Leaders** *(1:30-3:30pm)*

In this session, representatives of the non-profit sector will take the lead in identifying problems, proposing solutions, and offering insight, expertise, and advice to the academics, students, aid practitioners and poverty-focused policymakers attending the workshop. We hope participants will share their knowledge and understanding of the role of civil society and community organizations in global poverty alleviation, and their experience, if any, of linking local issues and struggles with those that are transnational or global.

*Opening Remarks: Meena Krishnamurthy* (Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Manitoba)

**Principal Speakers include:**  *Winnie Ng* (CAW Sam Gindin Chair in Social Justice and Democracy, Ryerson University),  *John Lewis* (KAIROS),  *Ian Smillie* (Chair, Diamond Development Initiative), and  *Salimah Valiani* (Policy Analyst/Economist, Ontario Nurses Association)

*Lisa Mills* (Associate Professor, School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University), as Session Chair

**Consultations with Students** *(3:30-5:30pm, with COFFEE BREAK from 4:15-4:30)*

Through interactive sessions led by the workshop’s organizers and ASAP student leaders, students will be encouraged to raise issues of concern relating to global poverty, and to consider what students in particular can do to provide solutions. They will be invited to exchange ideas with one another and with the assembled scholars, and to follow up on new connections through ASAP’s web portal, which hosts a discussion forum for student members.

**Principal Speakers**, in alphabetical order:

*Ashok Acharya* (Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Delhi, and Director of ASAP-India),  *Elisabeth King* (Postdoctoral Fellow, Columbia University and Fellow, Balsillie School of International Affairs), and  *Matt Lindauer* (PhD Candidate, Yale University), on ASAP’s internship program

*Melanie Adrian* (Assistant Professor of Law and Legal Studies, Carleton University), as Session Chair
Future Directions (5:30-6:30pm): The final session of the workshop, planned for the afternoon of October 27\textsuperscript{th}, will aim to tie together the discussion, and to obtain specific commitments from participants to pursue particular intervention projects, publishable outputs, collaborative research, teaching and curriculum development efforts, and participation in future ASAP events. It will focus in particular on what Canadian academics can do to move forward with a collaborative agenda on ending global poverty.

Principal Speakers: Catherine Lu (Associate Professor of Political Science, McGill University) and Mitu Sengupta (Associate Professor of Politics, Ryerson University)

List of Speakers

Ashok Acharya (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, and Director of ASAP-India)

Ashok Acharya is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and a Fellow and Joint Director of the Developing Countries Research Centre of the University of Delhi. Within Academics Stand Against Poverty (ASAP), Acharya is a member of the board of directors and the Chair of ASAP India. He is a Rice Visiting Lecturer in Global Justice and South Asian Studies at Yale University, where his research interests encompass contemporary and comparative political theory, liberalism, affirmative action, equal opportunity, citizenship, rights, multiculturalism, and ethics and public policy. Acharya received his PhD from the University of Toronto. Recent publications include “Equality, Difference and Group Rights: The Case of India”, “Citizenship in a Globalizing World” (Pearson, 2012) and “Political Theory: An Introduction” (Pearson: 2008).

Melanie Adrian (Assistant Professor, Department of Law and Legal Studies, Carleton University)

Melanie Adrian’s research focuses on the question of rights of minorities in religiously, ethnically, and culturally diverse societies. She is examining how states integrate or accommodate culturally distinct peoples while maintaining a healthy balance between international and national rights and respect for national values. Most recently, she has looked at these questions in light of the debate around religious symbols in public schools in France. Her forthcoming book Risking Religious Freedom: France, the Veil and the Right to Act on Faith argues that France, and Europe more generally, are heading down a dangerous path in their reluctance to live up to the spirit of international human rights conventions. Dr. Adrian says, “These conventions have historically been interpreted to protect a wide range of manifestations of religious belief – and this stands in direct opposition to the current trend favouring a more narrow interpretation of this same right.”

Raymond Baker (Director, Global Financial Integrity)

Raymond Baker is the Director of the research and advocacy organization Global Financial Integrity and the author of “Capitalism’s Achilles Heel: Dirty Money and How to Renew the Free-Market System”, published by John Wiley & Sons and cited by the Financial Times as one of the “best business books of 2005.” Raymond Baker is a Senior Fellow at the Center for International Policy in Washington, D.C., researching and writing on the linkages between corruption, money laundering, and poverty. He is also a member of the High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa,
chaired by former President of South Africa, Thabo Mbeki. He has for many years been an internationally respected authority on corruption, money laundering, growth, and foreign policy issues. Educated at Harvard Business School and Georgia Institute of Technology, Raymond Baker is also the author of “The Biggest Loophole in the Free-Market System,” “Illegal Flight Capital; Dangers for Global Stability,” “How Dirty Money Binds the Poor,” and other works published in the United States and Europe.

Solomon R. Benatar (Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Founding Director of the University of Cape Town Bioethics Centre, South Africa & Visiting Professor, Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto)

Solomon R. Benatar is Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Founding Director of the UCT Bioethics Centre. He was Professor of Medicine from 1980-2007 when he took mandatory retirement, and Chairman of the University of Cape Town's Department of Internal Medicine and Chief Physician at Groote Schuur Hospital from 1980-1999. He was a Visiting Professor of Medical Ethics at University College London Medical School in the late 1990s, Visiting Professor in Public Health Sciences and Medicine at the University of Toronto (2000-2007), Chairman of the Interim National Health Research Ethics Committee in South Africa, and Past President of the International Association of Bioethics (2001-2003). During the 1994-95 academic year, he was a Fellow in the Program in Ethics and the Professions at Harvard University and Visiting Professor at Harvard Medical School. He is Director of a NIH (Fogarty International Center) funded program for capacity building in International Research Ethics in southern Africa (20003-2010), and has recently been appointed 1/3 FTE Professor in Public Health Sciences at the University of Toronto (2008).

Albert Berry (Professor, Department of Economics, University of Toronto)

Albert Berry is a Professor of Economics and Research Director of the Programme on Latin America and the Caribbean at the Centre for International Studies. He has worked with the Ford Foundation, the Colombian Planning Commission, and the World Bank, and acted as consultant for a number of international and other agencies. His main research areas, with focus on Latin America, are labour markets and income distribution, the economics of small and medium enterprise, and agrarian structure and policy. Albert Berry has received his PhD from Princeton and has published more than one hundred papers in learned journals and is the editor or co-editor of seven books including “Critical Issues in International Financial Reform” (Transaction Publishers, 2003), “Labour Market Policies in Canada and Latin America” (Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2001), and “Poverty, Economic Reform, and Income Distribution in Latin America” (Lynne Rienner, 1998).

Andrea Brown (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Wilfred Laurier University)

Andrea Brown is an Associate Professor in Political Science at Wilfred Laurier University where she teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in comparative development, African politics, and gender and politics. Her research interests center on social policy and governance relations between East African states and vulnerable populations. Her earlier research and publications explored the rise of ethnic and gendered state/society contestations in Tanzania. Her current research assesses the emerging urban policy and poverty reduction frameworks in Uganda, and how they respond to food insecurity, migration, sustainability, and gender. Recent publications include: "Uganda's National Urban Policy: The Emerging Response to Poverty, Food Security and Gender in Urban Uganda" a forthcoming Discussion Paper from the Centre for Governance and Innovation, "Political Transitions in Zanzibar: Echoes from the Revolution" in the Canadian Journal of Development Studies and "WID and GAD in Dar es Salaam Tanzania: Reappraising Gender Planning Approaches in Theory and Practice" in the Journal of Women in Public Policy.
Ryoa Chung (Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Montreal)

Ryoa Chung is an Associate Professor in Philosophy at the University of Montreal. She was a Visiting Scholar at Harvard and Columbia University and earned her PhD in Philosophy at the University of Montreal in 2001. Ryoa Chung was also a Visiting Professor in Philosophy at the University of Lyon. She focuses her research on the ethics of international relations as well as on the social justice of global public health. Her recent publications include, with Matthew Hunt "Justice and Health Inequalities in Humanitarian Crises: Structured Health Vulnerabilities and Natural Disasters" In: Inequalities and global justice, Edinburgh University Press, 2012, and with Johri M., Chung R., Dawson A.J., Schrecker T. “Global health and national borders: the ethics of foreign aid in a time of financial crisis”, Globalization and Health, Summer 2012.

Sakiko Fukuda Parr (Professor of International Affairs, Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School for Social Research)

Sakiko Fukuda Parr is Professor of International Affairs at The New School. She is a development economist working in the multidisciplinary framework of capabilities and human development, and has written extensively on the MDG framework and its successor, and is generally recognized as one of the most prominent scholars working on the topic. From 1995 to 2004, during the time the MDGs were formulated, she was lead author and director of the UNDP Human Development Reports. This makes her an invaluable participant for the panel on the MDGs and their successors. Prior to joining the New School, she was a research fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Fukuda-Parr is a member of the UN Secretary General to the Committee on Development Policy and The Lancet-University of Oslo Commission on the Global Governance for Health. She serves on the Board of the International Association of Feminist Economics, Centre for Economic and Social Rights, and Knowledge Ecology International.

Varun Gauri (Senior Economist, World Bank)

Varun Gauri is a Senior Economist with the Development Research Group of the World Bank. His research draws on theories and methods from economics, political science, and philosophy to study how national and international governance systems affect human welfare in poor societies. He has published articles in leading journals on topics that include the enforcement of social and economic rights, the political economy of responses to HIV/AIDS, the strategic choices of development NGOs, customary legal systems, and health care and education governance. Currently, he is leading research projects on the determinants of compliance with judicial rulings on human rights, grievance redress in basic service delivery, and the international regime for development assistance. He received a BA in philosophy and literature from the University of Chicago, a Masters and PhD in Public Policy from Princeton University, and has held positions as Visiting Lecturer in Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and Visiting Professor in the Department of Economics at ILADES in Santiago, Chile. Mr. Gauri is the author of “School Choice in Chile”, co-editor of “Courting Social Justice: The Judicial Enforcement of Social and Economic Rights in the Developing World”, and co-author of the 2007 “World Development Report”.

Tim Gilbert (Gilbert’s LLP, Avant Garde Lawyers)

Tim Gilbert is the founder and principal partner of Gilbert’s LLP, a Canadian law firm focusing on litigation, intellectual property, policy and government relations, and regulatory law. He has acted as lead counsel on some of Canada’s largest multi-national technology and pharmaceutical disputes. In 2011, he acted as counsel to Cineplex Inc. in an intervention before the Supreme Court of Canada in landmark Copyright Act appeals. Mr. Gilbert is a leading advocate for change in intellectual property policy, having appeared before Canadian and U.S. legislators and administrative bodies such as the Food and Drug Administration, Health Canada, the Federal Trade Commission and the Competition
Bureau. In late 2011, he played a key role in mediating the dispute between Occupy Toronto protestors and the City of Toronto, as featured in Maclean’s magazine.

**Murtaza Haider (Associate Professor, Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University)**

Murtaza Haider is an Associate Professor and is the associate dean of research and graduate programs at the Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University. He is also the Director of the Institute of Housing & Mobility. Murtaza Haider holds adjunct professorship of engineering at McGill University and the University of Toronto. His research focuses on housing markets, urban infrastructure development, transport, and logistics management. He researches the decision-making of shippers, carriers, and 3PL vis-à-vis the choice of trade routes and transport modes in North America. Murtaza Haider has also undertaken research in housing supply in Canada. His research focuses on the microeconomic behaviour of builders in the homebuilding industry. He has also published on urban and infrastructure development issues in South Asia. A graduate of Engineering University in Peshawar, he later earned a Masters in transportation engineering and planning, and a Ph.D. in urban systems analysis from the University of Toronto. Murtaza Haider also contributes to the news media on development issues in South Asia.

**Matthew Herder (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University)**

Matthew Herder is an Assistant Professor of Dalhousie's Faculty of Medicine. Prior to arriving at Dalhousie, he was the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Legal Research Fellow at New York University School of Law. He has also taught law at Loyola University Chicago, clerked at the Federal Court in Ottawa, and articled at McCarthy Tétrault LLP in Toronto. He holds a Master of the Science of Law degree from Stanford Law School, LL.M and LL.B degrees from Dalhousie University, and a science degree from Memorial University. Currently, he is the Principal Investigator on a three-year research project entitled “Emerging health researchers and the commercialization of academic science” that is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Mr. Herder also sits on the University’s Social Sciences and Humanities Research Ethics Board and is a member of the Canadian Center for Vaccinology.

**Aidan Hollis (Professor, Department of Economics, University of Calgary)**

Aidan Hollis was educated at Cambridge University and the University of Toronto, where he obtained a PhD in Economics. His research is broadly in the area of industrial organization, and is particularly focused on competition and innovation issues in pharmaceutical markets. He is Vice-President and a Director of Incentives for Global Health, a non-profit whose chief objective is the promotion and development of the Health Impact Fund. Professor Hollis has also published on electricity market restructuring, international aspects of competition policy, and the economics of a historical microcredit institution. Hollis’s current research and recent publications focus on the pharmaceutical markets – including issues relating to innovation, competition, access to medicines, and generic drug pricing and procurement. Professor Hollis is the co-author (with Thomas Pogge) of The Health Impact Fund: Making New Medicines Accessible for All (2008). Hollis’ research has also been published in The Canadian Medical Association Journal, Public Health Ethics, The American Journal of Law & Medicine, amongst many others. From 2006-2009 Hollis was a Research Fellow at Institute for Advanced Policy Research and for the academic year 2003-4 he was appointed TD MacDonald Chair of Industrial Economics at the Competition Bureau, Industry Canada.

**Elisabeth King (Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, Columbia University)**

Elisabeth King is an emerging scholar who is currently holding an SSHRC-funded postdoctoral fellowship at Columbia University at the Center for the Study of Development Strategies (CSDS), Earth Institute, and Department of Political Science. Her research critically examines major tenets in the study and practice of international development, especially in post-conflict contexts. King’s
obtained her PhD in Political Science (with specializations in Comparative Government Developing Countries & International Relations) from the University of Toronto. King combines research methods ranging from qualitative and quantitative surveys to field work in Rwanda to query the impacts of development interventions on real people on the ground. King’s research on education in post-genocide Rwanda and on development and social cohesion in post-conflict Liberia; teaching study abroad courses on peace-building in Kenya; and collaborating with international organizations to design impact evaluations in sub-Saharan Africa and beyond. King’s research has been published in International Journal, Sustainability: Science, Practice, & Policy, Genocide Studies and Prevention, and Journal of Development Effectiveness.

Pablo Idahosa (Professor, Division of Social Science and Coordinator, African Studies Program, York University)

Pablo Idahosa is a Professor in the Division of Social Science at York University, where he also directs the African Studies Program, and teaches development Studies. He has written on development ethics, African political thought, the politics of ethnicity, and globalization and development. He is Author of the Populist Dimension of African Political Thought, co-editor of The Somali Diaspora and co-editor, with Peter Vandergeest and Pablo Bose, of the forthcoming Development’s Displacements. He is currently researching the relationship between ethnicity and displacement in Nigeria, and co-writing a work on the relationship between development and modernity in Africa. Among his ongoing research interests are the relationships between development and Cultural production in Africa, and the politics of AIDS in Africa. He is currently on the executive of the International Development Ethics Association, and among his future research projects is the History of Social Welfare in Africa.

Mustafa Koç (Professor, Department of Sociology & Centre for Studies in Food Security, Ryerson University)

Mustafa Koç is a Professor in the Department of Sociology at Ryerson University. He was among the founders of the Centre for Studies in Food Security (Coordinator 1995-2005), Food Secure Canada (Chair 2005-2006), and the Canadian Association for Food Studies (President 2005-2008). He has also been involved in various national and global debates on globalization, social change and development, food security, and peace. Mr. Koç’s research and teaching interests involve food studies, food security and food policy, globalization and sociology of migration. He has various publications on sociology of agriculture and food, social change and development, and immigration, including “For Hunger-proof Cities” (1999), “Working Together” (2001), and “Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Food Studies” (2008). A recent volume co-edited by Mustafa Koç, “Critical Perspectives in Food Studies”, is forthcoming in 2012 by Oxford University Press.

Meena Krishnamurthy (Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Manitoba and Co-Director of ASAP Canada)

Meena Krishnamurthy is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy and an Associate Director of the Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics at the University of Manitoba. She is a Founding Director of Academics Stand Against Poverty (ASAP) and Co-Director of ASAP Canada. She was recently a Research Post-Doctoral Fellow at Novel Tech Ethics, Dalhousie University. Educated at Cornell University (PhD) and the University of Toronto (M.A.), her main research interests lie at the intersection of political philosophy, normative ethics, and applied ethics. Recent publications include “International Financial Institutions,” in The Handbook for Global Ethics (Acumen, Forthcoming 2013), “Reconceiving Rawls’s Arguments for Equal Political Liberty and its Fair Value: On our Higher-Order Interests,” in Social Theory and Practice (2012), and with Thomas Pogge: “How Not to Exclude

**Stephen Lewis (Distinguished Visiting Professor, School of Social Work, Ryerson University)**

Stephen Lewis is a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Ryerson University. Previously, he was Scholar-in-Residence in the Faculty of Social Sciences at McMaster University. He serves as the board chair of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which is dedicated to turning the tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa, and is the co-founder and co-director of AIDS-Free World in the United States. Lewis is a Board Member of the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), and former UN Special Envoy HIV/AIDS in Africa (2001-2006). Lewis was leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party (1970-1978), Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations (1984-1988) and Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF (1995-1999). Lewis is perhaps Canada’s most prominent global advocate for addressing issues of poverty, health and human security in the Global South. Lewis is the author of the best-selling book, Race Against Time, which was a finalist for the Writers’ Trust Award and the Trillium Book Award, as well as winning numerous other accolades. In recognition of his humanitarian work in Africa and with the United Nations, he was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada in 2003. Maclean’s magazine honored Lewis as their inaugural “Canadian of the Year” issue (2003). In 2005, he was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by TIME Magazine.

**Matt Lindauer (PhD Candidate, Yale University)**

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