

CURRICULUM VITAE

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HONOURS:

Awarded the Order of Canada (in 2013) for ‘contributions to public discourse.’

Ottawa Book Award (non-fiction), 2015, for Reclaiming the Commons for the Common Good.

Short-listed for Ottawa Book Award (non-fiction), 2010, for Enter Mourning: A Memoir on Death, Dementia and Coming Home.

Honorary Doctorate, Concordia University, 2007.

Globe and Mail “Best 100” books list for 2005 & 2009 (for No Time and Enter Mourning)

Ottawa Book Award (non-fiction), 2006, for No Time: Stress and the Crisis of Modern Life.

Goodwin National Magazine Award for "Rethinking Abortion" 1991

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Current: Steering Committee, Canadian National Heritage Digitization Strategy

2015-2016. Chair, The Writers’ Union of Canada

2014-2015 First Vice-Chair, The Writers’ Union of Canada

1998-2000. National Council, The Writers’ Union of Canada.

1983-1986. National Council, The Writers' Union of Canada (Toronto).

1979-1981. National Board, Amnesty International Canada (English-speaking Branch).

PROFESSIONAL WORK HISTORY:

CURRENT: Continuing to give some speeches, such as the opening keynote at the 2016 International Association for the Study of the Commons conference and the Canadian Assn. of Clubs of Rome; was the featured speaker in a conversation about the ‘cultural commons’ at Library & Archives Canada, participated in the National Heritage Digitization Strategy colloquium, and became part of the national Steering Committee for that strategy. Continuing to write op-eds, for newspapers like *The Globe and Mail*, *the Ottawa Citizen* and *The Toronto Star*. Am finalizing a collaboration with a digital film artist on a music video while reading and doing new research for a new book.

1980--. Self-employed as writer and conference speaker, plus adjunct professor (School of Indigenous & Canadian Studies) at Carleton University, Ottawa. Spent two years producing and partly directing a 12-part video series called “Canada in the Global Village.” Also directed and produced a documentary on Canadian physicist-peace activist, Ursula Franklin, called “The Soul of a Scientist.” Retired from teaching as sessional lecturer at Carleton University, Ottawa, in 2008, after 25 years.

1978-80. Policy and Research Assistant for a Member of Parliament.

1978-1980. Columnist with the *Winnipeg Tribune*.

1977-1978. Freelance Writer and Broadcaster. Wrote for the *Winnipeg Tribune* and *Weekend Magazine*, collaborated on a mini-documentary for CBC TV and researched and wrote *The Railroad's Not Enough*.

1976-1977. Public Relations for the Canadian Wheat Board, Winnipeg.

1974-1976. Journalist with the *Edmonton Journal*.

1970-1973. Apprentice and Assistant Film Editor, National Cine Corporation, Montreal.

DEGREES:

B.A. in Sociology, McGill University (1970)
Pre-Masters courses in Political Science
Pre-Masters courses in Sociology

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTARIES, KEYNOTES AND CONFERENCE TALKS

Books

2014 *Reclaiming the Commons for the Common Good – a memoir & manifesto* Gabriola (BC):
New Society Publishers

2009 *Enter Mourning: A Memoir on Death, Dementia and Coming Home* Toronto: Key Porter Books

2005 *No Time: Stress and the Crisis of Modern Life* Toronto: Douglas & McIntyre.

1998 *Canada in the Global Village*. Montreal: McGill Queens Press

1996 *Whose Brave New World? The Information Highway & the New Economy* Toronto: Between the Lines Press

1994 *By the Labour of Their Hands: The Story of Ontario Cheddar Cheese*. Kingston: Quarry Press

1989 *Fastforward and Out of Control: How Technology is Changing Your Life* Toronto: MacMillan of Canada

1981 *Computers on the Job: Surviving Canada's Microcomputer Revolution* Toronto: James Lorimer & Co.

1981 *Women and the Chip: Case Studies on the Employment Effects of Microtechnology* Toronto: The Institute for Research on Public Policy

1978 *The Railroad's Not Enough: Canada Now*. Toronto: Clarke, Irwin & Co.

Chapters in Books

2010 "Muriel's Gift of Being Present in the Moment" in Marion Douglas Kerans ed. *A Legacy of Love, Remembering Muriel Duckworth*, Halifax and Winnipeg: Roseway Publishing

2005 "The Seedlings Mattered" in Peggy Tripp & Linda Muzzin (eds), *Teaching as Activism: Equity meets Environmentalism*, Montreal: McGill-Queens U. Press

2001 "On Digital Public Spaces and the Real Tragedy of the Commons" in *E-Commerce vs. E-Commons: Communications in the Public Interest* ed. Marita Moll and Leslie Regan Shade. Ottawa: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

2001 "When Roots Grow Back into the Earth" in David R. Boyd (ed), *Northern Wild: Best Contemporary Canadian Nature Writing*, Vancouver: Greystone Books

1999 The Bias of Space Revisited: the Internet and the Information Highway Through Women's Eyes pp. 322-338 in *Harold Innis in the New Century: Reflections and Refractions*, ed. Charles R. Acland and William J. Buxton. Montreal: McGill-Queen's Press

1998 "Challenging Capitalism in Cyberspace: The Information Highway, the Post-industrial Economy and People" in R. McChesney, E.M. Wood & J.B. Foster (eds.), *Capitalism and the*

Information Age: The Political Economy of the Global Communication Revolution, New York: Monthly Review Press

1994 “When Roots Grow Back into the Earth” in Howard Breen-Needham, Sandy Frances Duncan et al (eds.), *Witness to Wilderness: The Clayoquot Sound Anthology*. Vancouver: Arsenal Pulp Press

1994 “War and the Continuum of Violence” in Caterina Edwards and Kay Stewart (eds.), *Eating Apples: Knowing Women's Lives*, Edmonton: NeWest Press

1993 “Information Gathering and Confidentiality: Data bases, Monopolies of Knowledge and the Right to be informed” in K. and P. Mahoney (eds.) *Human Rights in the 21st. Century: A Global Challenge*. Dordrecht, Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers

1993 “Home on the Margin: A Feminist discussion of technology” in Geraldine Finn (ed.), *Voices of Feminism. An Introduction to Feminism and Women's Studies*, Toronto: Garamond Press

Papers in refereed journals

- 2007 “No Time to Think: Academics’ life in the globally wired university” *Time & Society*, Vol. 16 (1) (Co-authored with Janice Newson)
- 2000 “Cyberspace Time and Infertility: on Social Time and the Environment” *Time & Society*, Vol. 9(1)
- 2000 June. “Umbilical Chords and Digital Fibre Optics” *The Gazette: International Journal of Communications*
- 1999 Winter “Technological Time and Infertility “ *Canadian Woman Studies/les cahiers de la femme*”
- 1999 Autumn “Digital Networks: The Medium of Globalization and the Message” *Canadian Journal of Communication*, 24, No.4
- 1997 June “Telework, Shadow Work: The privatization of work in the new digital economy” *Studies in Political Economy*
- 1994 Spring “Learning Communities & the Information Highway” *Journal of Distance Education*, Vol. IX, No.1

Other journal/magazine articles (selected)

- 2009 November 5 “Muriel Duckworth”, *Lives Lived, The Globe and Mail*
- 2007 May “Mum, Alzheimer’s and me,” *Chatelaine*
- 2001 January “The Over-Extended Academic in the Global Corporate Economy” with Janice Newson, *CAUT Bulletin*
- 2000 February 29 “Time to Chill out, Canada” *The Globe and Mail*, A 15
- 1999 April “A Multilateral Agreement on Survival” *Canadian Forum*
- 1995 Winter “The Male Mystique: Infertility and Identity” *Herizons*.
- 1994 June “Hyping the Highway” *The Canadian Forum*, Vol. LXXIII, No. 830
- 1994 Fall “When Roots Grow Back Into The Earth” *The Trumpeter Journal of Ecosophy*.
- 1993 July/August “Test-Tube Mothers Speak” *The Canadian Forum*, Vol. LXXII
- 1991 October “Rethinking Abortion” *The Canadian Forum*, Vol. LXX (Won Annual

- Goodwin Award for best feature in an alternative magazine.)
- 1987 Summer "Notes from the Margin" *Alternatives*
- 1987 May/June "In his Image: Science and Technology as Ideology" *This Magazine*
- 1987 March/April "Science for Everyone: Making it Happen" *Crucible*
- 1984 Fall "Back to Grandma's Place" *Canadian Woman Studies/Les cahiers de la femme*.
- 1984 March "Women's Work is Nearly Done" *This Magazine*
- 1984 June "A Chip on Her Shoulders" *Broadside Magazine*
- 1984 July/August "Ecologizing Technological Change" *ACCESS* (The Association for the Advancement of Science in Canada)
- 1982 April "Transborder Data Flows: Silent Conquest" *Canadian Business*

Research Reports

- 2001-03 With Janice Newson *Time, Technology and Academic Work* Partly funded by SSHRC
- 1998 *Women and the Knowledge-Based Economy* Report commissioned by the Policy Analysis and Development and External Relations Directorate, Status of Women Canada

Films, Educational Videos and Radio Commentary:

- 2000 CBC Ideas "The Inexperience of Time"
- 1998 CBC Ideas "The Progress Myth"
- 1994-97 "Canada in the Global Village" 12 one-hour documentary-style videos
- 1996-97 "Adjust the Image/Ajustez l'image s.v.p." Four 20-minute discussion-starter videos on the over-medication of seniors
- 1986 "The Soul of a Scientist: Ursula Franklin: A Profile of Dr. Ursula Franklin" (writer and director), Instructional Media Services, Carleton University
- 1985 "Women's Work and Automation" (writer), Instructional Media Services, Carleton University
- 2019 "Today I Stand Upon the Shore" Music Video.

Keynote Conference Talks (selected)

- 2016 Canadian Assn. of Clubs of Rome, "Living the Limits to Growth."
Library & Archives Canada, "The Cultural Commons."
- 2015 International Assn. for the Study of the Commons, "Righting our Relations with the Land: Lessons from our Ancestors."
- 2014 Carleton University, Conference on Jacques Ellul.
- 2011 BC Annual Nursing Conference, "The nursing relationship in the driver's seat: A new relationship centred, community-centred model of health care in Canada"
- 2008 Second Annual Conference of the New Brunswick and Atlantic Studies Research and Development Centre, "Thinking Self-Sufficiency from the Perspective of Community and the Commons"
- 2007 Health, Work and Wellness Conference Toronto, "Conquering the Chaos"
- 2000 University of Windsor, Department of Philosophy, Medium as Message
- 1998 Association of Canadian Community Colleges, Winnipeg
Joint Prairie Library Conference, Regina

- Financial Management Institute of Canada
 Symposium on Women and the Knowledge Based Economy/Society, sponsored by the
 Joint Chair in Women's Studies of the University of Ottawa and Carleton University
 held at the University of Ottawa
 University of Western Ontario, Citizens at the Crossroads: Whose Information Society?
 University of Toronto, Dimensions: The Extensions Of Marshall McLuhan, "McLuhan
 as Flesh and Logo"
- 1997 Canadian Library Association, Toronto
 Conference on Canadian Social Welfare Policy
 Canadian Association of University Continuing Education
 Canadian Council on Social Development
 The Janus Project: New Learning Technologies for Women, Montreal. Sponsored by
 the Canadian Congress for Learning Opportunities for Women and the Office of
 Learning Technologies, Human Resources Development Canada
 Canadian Association for University Continuing Education
 Government Online, Ottawa
- 1996 Financial Management Institute of Canada
- 1994 Canadian Association of Distance Education
 Government on the Net

Book Reviews & Op-eds (selected):

2018 Review of *Global Warming and the Sweetness of Life: A Tar Sands Tale*, by Matt Hern &
 Am Johal (with Joe Sacco) in *The CCPA Monitor*

2017 "We have a historic opportunity to consider alternatives to Site C" Op ed., *The Globe and
 Mail* (on-line edition).

"Hassan Diab's incarceration is Canada's 'Dreyfus Affair,'" Op ed in *The Ottawa Citizen*

Book Review Essay in *Watershed Sentinel: Is Racism an Environmental Threat* by
 Ghassan Hage and *As We Have Always Done* by Leanne Betasamosake Simpson

2016, "The Copyright Act needs to be edited – for writers' survival," Op-ed in *The Globe
 and Mail*

2014 "Why I wear both the red poppy and the white," Op ed in *The Toronto Star*.

2011 (Jan. 04) *Stayin' Alive: How Canadian Baby Boomers will Work, Play and Find Meaning in
 the Second Half of Their Adult Lives* by Michael Adams

Globe and Mail Book Reviews (Past):

2009 (Nov. 07) *The Price of a Bargain: The Quest for Cheap and the Death of Globalization* by Gordon Laird

2008 (April 26) *Dangerous World: Natural Disasters, Manmade Catastrophes and the Future of Human Survival* by Marq de Villiers and *Fear* by Dan Gardner

2006 (Dec. 16) *The Authentic Adam Smith: His Life and Ideas* by James Buchan

2006 (July 08) *Made to Break: Technology and Obsolescence in America* by Giles Slade

2006 (Feb. 25) *Think: Why Crucial Decisions Can't be Made in the Blink of an Eye* by Michael R. LeGault

2005 (April 09) *The Long Tomorrow: How Advances in Evolutionary Biology Can Help Us*

Panelist

Society of Graduates in Health Administration, 1997

Ontario Council for International Cooperation, 2000

Centre for Information Technology Innovation, Industry Canada.

GRADUATE TEACHING AND SUPERVISIONS:

Spring 1999. Simon Fraser University, Department of Communication, Issues in the Information Society

1998, Winter. McGill University, Graduate Program in Communication, Guest lecture series

MA Supervision (Peter Lester, 2000, Carleton University, Canadian Studies).

2002, PhD in Canadian Studies (Rachael Crowder). On thesis board

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