

## **Untangling the Accord: The Atlantic Accord, Equalization and Offsets An Independent Assessment**

### **Speaker Biographies**

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Christopher Dunn is an associate professor of political science at Memorial University of Newfoundland. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Manitoba, followed by his MA and PhD (1990) from the University of Toronto. His teaching and publishing areas include Canadian politics, the constitution, public policy and public administration. He is the author of *Canadian Political Debates: Opposing Views on Issues that Divide Canadians* (1995) and *The Institutionalized Cabinet: Governing the Western Provinces* (1995). He was also the editor of *Provinces: Canadian Provincial Politics* (1996), a comparative textbook, an extensive public administration text called *The Handbook of Canadian Public Administration* (2002), and is currently writing second editions of the Canadian political debates book and the provinces collection. Dr. Dunn is a member of the research committee of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC), which seeks out and approves new areas of public sector issues for scholarly investigation.

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#### **Dr. James Feehan**

James Feehan is the director of the Smallwood Foundation for Newfoundland and Labrador Studies at Memorial University. A past graduate of Memorial University, where he completed an undergraduate degree in economics and mathematics, he went on to complete graduate degrees in economics at the London School of Economics and Carleton University. He worked as an economist with the

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