

Memorial University of Newfoundland

The only university in Newfoundland and Labrador, Memorial is Atlantic Canada's largest university with a student enrolment of nearly 18,000. It also boasts 900 permanent faculty and 1,400 support staff. Memorial provides undergraduate, graduate and professional programs in virtually all academic disciplines and operates in four locations: St. John's (including the Marine Institute), Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook, the Labrador Institute in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and the Harlow Campus in England. Memorial University has a range of specialized teaching and research facilities, including the Ocean Science Centre in Logy Bay, the Bonne Bay Marine Station in Norris Point and a language institute on the French Island of St-Pierre. Our more than 55,000 alumni are highly valued nationally and internationally.

Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development

Named in honour of scholar and former Memorial University president, Dr. Leslie Harris, the Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development was established on October 1, 2004. Dr. Harris is known for his integrity and independence while making a practical contribution to Newfoundland and Labrador, and these are the values which the Centre attempts to emulate.

The Harris Centre co-ordinates and facilitates Memorial's educational, research and outreach activities in the areas of regional policy and development. The Centre does this by encouraging faculty members to undertake research in regional issues, by encouraging departments and faculties to offer more courses in regional policy and development, by organizing regional workshops between the University and stakeholders, and by acting as a catalyst between the University, all levels of government and non-governmental organizations. In brokering these activities, the Harris Centre will in some situations take a leading role, while in others, the role will be that of a partner, supporter or facilitator.

"Memorial Presents" is a series of public forums hosted by the Harris Centre four times per year, where presenters from Memorial University discuss issues of concern to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. This presentation is complemented by panelists, who may be from the University or from the community, and who add their viewpoints to the main presenter's. The audience is then provided an opportunity to question the presenters or to add their own comments.

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MEMORIAL PRESENTS

From Ivory Tower to Regional Power: The Role of Universities and Colleges in Development

Monday, January 14, 2008, at 7:30 pm
Inco Innovation Centre – Memorial University

Dr. Wade Locke



Wade Locke is a full professor of economics at Memorial University, specializing in the Newfoundland economy, resource economics, public finance, public policy, innovation indicators, productivity, economic impact assessment and cost-benefit analysis.

Wade has a PhD (Economics) and MA (Economics) from McMaster University and a BA (Economics) and BSc (Biology) from Memorial University. He also has a certificate in Applied Petroleum Economics from Van Meurs Associates. He has worked extensively on economic impact and financial analysis related to oil and gas projects and mineral projects. His recent research focus has been on regional economic development issues and intergovernmental fiscal arrangements.

He is a member of the Canadian Science and Innovation Indicators Consortium and a member of the College of Reviewers for the Canada Research Chairs program of the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

Wade was the research coordinator and principal investigator for the Atlantic Canada component of the OECD study on the Contribution of Higher Education Institutions to Regional Development, where he led the task of collecting data and synthesizing information from key sources, and was the principal author of the report.

Elizabeth Beale



Elizabeth Beale is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, based in Halifax. In this capacity, she is an advisor to senior levels of government on regional planning and economic strategies for Atlantic Canada. Her policy and research interests cover a wide range of topics related to the economy of Atlantic Canada, including labour market and innovation strategies. She also works closely with the business community and other stakeholders around Atlantic

Canada to identify new opportunities for growth in the region's economy.

Elizabeth holds a BA from the University of Toronto and an MA in Economics from Dalhousie University. She has taken an active role in a number of professional and community organizations. Currently, she is a member of the National Statistics Council, a Governor of Dalhousie University, a member of the Advisory Board for the Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development at Memorial University, a Director of Three Oaks Innovation at the University of Prince Edward Island and a member of the Advisory Committee for the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (Atlantic Region).

She chaired the steering committee which oversaw the evaluation of Atlantic Canada colleges and universities, as part of the OECD study on the Contribution of Higher Education Institutions to Regional Development.

Cyril Farrell



Cyril Farrell is the Executive Director of the Atlantic Provinces Community College Consortium, an inter-provincial mechanism promoting and supporting the strategic development of Atlantic community colleges. Prior to this appointment, his career in adult education spanned nearly thirty years and included experience at both the academic and senior leadership levels within the community college system in Newfoundland and Labrador. He played a

key role in establishing a campus of the College of the North Atlantic in the State of Qatar in the Middle East and served as Advisor to the Commissioner on the White Paper on Post-Secondary Education in Newfoundland and Labrador. Most recently, he contributed to the OECD study on the Contribution of Higher Education Institutions to Regional Development.

Cyril has served on numerous committees and boards, including the Central Regional Management Committee for the Canada/Newfoundland Labour Market Development Agreement, the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor's Economic Development Committee, the provisional and permanent boards of the Exploits Valley Economic Development Corporation, and the Board of Trustees of the Central Regional Health Authority, where he serves as Vice Chair of the Board, Chair of the Planning and Finance Committee, and Chair of the Board Policy Committee. He is also a member of the Advisory Board for the Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development.

Graham Letto



Graham Letto is the Mayor of Labrador City and the President of Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador (MNL), the organization which represents 282 municipal councils throughout the province.

He was born and raised in L'Anse au Clair on the Labrador Straits. Graham was employed with the Iron Ore Company of Canada in 1973 and retired in 2002. His political career started in 1989, as a councilor with the town of Labrador City. In 2001, he became Mayor and has served in that capacity since then. As a member of council, he has been very active on committees and a strong voice on community issues. He is actively involved in a number of organizations, including the Multi-Materials Stewardship Board (MMSB), and chairs the Advisory Committee for the Community Cooperation Resource Centre, a subsidiary of MNL which encourages regional cooperation between municipalities.

Graham served on the Combined Councils of Labrador from 1993 to 2003, five of those years as president. He has also served on the Hyron Regional Economic Development Board (Zone 2), as well as on the local tourism and industrial training development corporations. He is past president of the Tamarack Golf Course.

Graham and his wife Audrey have a daughter, Michelle, a son, Michael, and two grandchildren.