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Date and Place of Birth:

May 26, 1953, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Citizenships: Canada and United Kingdom

Degrees: B.A. (Honours), York University, Toronto, Canada 1974
M.A., Queen's University, Kingston, Canada 1976
Ph.D., Queen's University, Kingston, Canada 1982

Concurrent Positions:

Visiting Professor
SDUFE-Dalhousie Joint Program in Economics
School of International Economic Education
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Faculty of Graduate Studies—Economics
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Past Positions:

Professor
Department of Economics
Acadia University, Canada
(July 1995-June 2015)

Visiting Professor
SDUFE-Dalhousie Joint Program in Economics
School of International Economic Education
Shandong University of Finance and Economics
Jinan, China
(September 2016-December 2016)
(September 2015-December 2015)
(September 2014-December 2014)
(September 2013-December 2013)
(September 2012-December 2012)

Acting Head, Department of Economics
Acadia University
(November 2010-June 2011)

Chair, Faculty of Arts Council
Acadia University
(July 2010- June 2012)

Deputy Chair, Senate of Acadia University
(September 2008- August 2009)

Member, Senate of Acadia University
(September 2007- August 2010)
(September 2011- February 2014)

Senior Policy Advisor, Atlantic Provinces Economic Council
(September 2004 – 2010)

Member, Board of Governors
Acadia University
(October 2000-2006)

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Past Positions: (continued)

Visiting Fellow, the Canadian Institute for Research on Regional
Development
University of Moncton.
(September 2000- June 2001)

Visiting Fellow, School of Policy Studies
Queen's University at Kingston
(September 1999- June 2000)

Member, Advisory Committee on the Atlantic Groundfish Strategy (TAGS)
Office of the Auditor General for Canada (February 1997-June 1997)

Senior Fellow
Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP)
(January 1993-1999)

Advisor, Government of New Brunswick, Department of Finance—
Taxation and Fiscal Policy Division, 1994 Property Tax Review
(August-October 1994)

Member, Advisory Committee on Federal Social Programs
Office of the Auditor General for Canada
(June 1994-October 1994)

Honorary Senior Research Fellow
School of Social Sciences
The Queen's University of Belfast
Belfast, Northern Ireland
(September 1992-January 1993)

Member, Advisory Committee on the Constitution-Economic Issues
Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, Government of Nova Scotia
(July 1991-October 1991)

Member, Advisory Committee on the Constitution-Division of Powers and
Government Institutions, Department of Intergovernmental Affairs,
Government of Nova Scotia
(July 1991-October 1991)

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Past Positions: (continued)

Exchange Staff Member
Malaysian Institute of Economic Research
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
(August 1989)

Associate Professor
Department of Economics
Acadia University
(July 1988-June 1995)

Visiting Associate Professor
Department of Economics
Queen's University
Kingston, Canada
(July 1988-June 1990)

Adjunct Assistant Professor
Department of Economics
Queen's University
(Spring Term, 1988)

Assistant Professor
Department of Economics
Acadia University
(July 1982-June 1988)

Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of Economics
University of Western Ontario
(July 1984-June 1986)

Lecturer
Department of Economics
Acadia University
(July 1981-June 1982)

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Past Positions: (continued)

Lecturer
Department of Economics
University of Western Ontario
(July 1980-June 1981)

Lecturer
Department of Economics
Scarborough College, University of Toronto
(July 1978-June 1980)

Awards:

Atlantic Canada Economic Policy Research Competition, for project entitled "Declining Federal Transfers and Provincial Fiscal Capacities in Atlantic Canada," 1998-99.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Program of Aid to Small Universities, for project entitled "Fiscal Transfers and Social Integration," 1994.

Acadia University Research Fund Grant, for project entitled "Federal-Provincial Fiscal Relations in the Face of Deficit Reduction," 1990-91.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Research Grant, for project entitled "A Numerical General Equilibrium Model for Atlantic Canada," (with K. Gary Grant, Nova Scotia Agricultural College), 1988.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Research Grant, for project entitled "Numerical General Equilibrium Analysis of the Welfare Effects of Property Taxation in Canada," (with Wayne Thirsk, University of Waterloo), 1987.

British Council Academic Travel Grant, for visit to The Queen's University of Belfast, June 1987.

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Awards: (continued)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Program of Aid to Small Universities, for project entitled "The Atlantic Region Freight Assistance Program: An Economic Assessment," 1988.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Program of Aid to Small Universities, for project entitled "Municipal Finances in Nova Scotia," 1987.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Ph.D. Scholarship, 1977-78.

Skelton-Clark Fellowship, Queen's University, Faculty of Graduate Studies, 1976-77.

Queen's University Graduate Award, 1974-76.

Professional Affiliations and Offices:

Life Member, Atlantic Canada Economics Association, 2011.

Past-President, Atlantic Canada Economics Association, (1997-1999).

President, Atlantic Canada Economics Association, (1995-1997).

Vice-President, Atlantic Canada Economics Association, (1993-1995).

Member, Board of Editors, Canadian Journal of Regional Science, (1994-1997).

Elected Director, Atlantic Canada Economics Association Executive, (November 1991-October 1993).

Elected Member, Executive Council of the Canadian Economics Association, (June 1990-June 1993).

Member of the Board of Editors, Canadian Journal of Economics, (June 1987-May 1990).

Editor, Atlantic Canada Economics Association Papers, (November 1981-July 1984).

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Referee services for:

SSHRCC Research Grants Program
Economic Council of Canada
Journal of Public Economics
Canadian Federation for the Humanities
Canadian Journal of Economics
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Canadian Public Policy
Journal of Urban Economics
Prentice-Hall Canada Inc.
McGraw-Hill Ryerson Ltd.
Addison-Wesley Longman
Institute for Social and Economic Research, Memorial University
University of Alberta Press
Institute for Research on Public Policy
Nelson Publishing
School of Public Policy, University of Calgary

Memberships:

Atlantic Canada Economics Association (Life Member)
Canadian Economics Association

Departmental and University Administrative and Committee Work:

University:

Deputy Chair, Senate of Acadia University
(September 2008- August 2009)

Member, Senate of Acadia University
(September 2007- August 2010)
(September 2011- February 2014)

Member, Board of Governors
Acadia University
(October 2000-October 2006)

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Departmental and University Administrative and Committee Work: (continued)

Scholarships, Prizes and Awards Committee
(June 1982-June 1984)
(July 1986-June 1988)
(July 1993-June 1996)

Faculty Club Executive
(July 1982-June 1984)
(July 1986-June 1987)
(July 1995-present)

Faculty of Arts:

Chair, Faculty of Arts Council
Acadia University
(July 2010- June 2012)

Statistics Laboratory Committee (Faculty of Arts)
(September 1981-June 1984)
(July 1995-June 1996)

Department:

Acting Head, Department of Economics
Acadia University
(November 2010-June 2011)

Undergraduate Committee
(September 1993-1995)

Secretary, Department Review Committee
(October 1990-June 1991)
(October 1997-June 1998)

Co-ordinator, Principles of Economics course, Acadia University (1987 -
1988) and Queen's University (1988-1990)

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Departmental and University Administrative and Committee Work: (continued)

Department: (continued)

Faculty Advisor, Economics Club
(September 1987-June 1988)
Graduate Programme Committee
(July 1986-June 1988)

Visiting Speakers Co-ordinator
(January 1981-June 1983)

Acadia University Faculty Association (AUFA):

Chair, Financial Benefits Committee
(July 1986-June 1988)
(July 1990-June 1992)
(July 1993-present)

Financial Information Committee
(July 1991-June 1992)
(July 1993-present)

Negotiating Team
(March 1988-July 1988) (Chief Negotiator)
(January 1994-May 1994)
(April 1997 – February 1998) (Chief Negotiator)

Committee to Review Article 12 on Promotion and Tenure
(September 1987-December 1987)
Scarborough College, University of Toronto
Toronto, Canada
(July 1978-June 1980)

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Teaching:

Microeconomic Principles
Macroeconomic Principles
Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
Advanced Microeconomic Theory
Empirical Analysis in Economics and Business
Public Sector Economics
Federal, Provincial and Local Government Finance in Canada
Canadian Tax Policy
Cost-Benefit Analysis
Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations
Urban Economics
Regional Economics
Location Theory
Economics of Financial Markets
Financial Institutions and Policy
Economics and Entrepreneurship
Canadian Economy

Thesis Supervision:

Anders Tsang, (M.A., Acadia University): "Spatial Pricing, Spatial Taxation Welfare," October 1983.

Allain Hung, (M.A., Acadia University): "Optimal Pricing and Investment Rules in a Second Best Economy Characterized by Peak and Off-Peak Demand Conditions: An Amalgamation of Two Literatures in a General Equilibrium Framework," April 1984 (with Peter Townley).

Robert Newcomb, (M.A. Acadia University): "Federal Sales Tax Reform in Canada: A General Equilibrium Approach," April 1990.

Stephen A. Jerrett, (M.A., Acadia University): "Social Assistance, Unemployment Insurance, and Atlantic Canada," August 1995.

Shannon Sanford, (B.A.(Hons.), Acadia University): "The Approach to Skills Training in Nova Scotia: An Economic Assessment," April 1988.

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Thesis Supervision: (continued)

Siu Lun Fung, (B.A.(Hons.), Acadia University): "A General Equilibrium Simulation of Corporate Tax Reform," February, 1989.

Troy Hennigar, (B.A.(Hons.), Acadia University): "An Examination of the Atlantic Region Freight Assistance Program," April 1989.

Suzanne Bezanson, (B.A.(Hons.), Acadia University): "Federal-Provincial Cost-Sharing in Social Assistance: Aspects of the Canada Assistance Plan," April 1992.

Zainubia Abdul-Aziz (B.A.(Hons.), Acadia University): "Skill Training as an Instrument for Regional Development," April 1992 (with John Connor).

Stephanie Fletcher (B.A.(Hons.), Acadia University): "Interprovincial Redistribution and Equalization Payments in Canada," August 1992.

Dissertation:

"The Incidence of the Local Property Tax and Alternative Sources of Local Government Revenues: A General Equilibrium Analysis," Queen's University, 1982. (Supervisors: Richard Arnott and James MacKinnon.)

Books:

The 2009 Federal Budget: Challenge, Response and Retrospect (co-edited with Charles M. Beach and Bev Dahlby) (Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2010).

The 2000 Federal Budget: Retrospect and Prospect (co-edited with Thomas A. Wilson) (Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2001).

Equalization: Its Contribution to Canada's Economic and Fiscal Progress (co-edited with Robin W. Boadway) (Montreal: Queen's-McGill University Press, 1998).

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Books: (continued)

Urban Governance and Finance: A Question of Who Does What (co-edited with France St-Hilaire) (Montreal: Institute for Research on Public Policy, 1997).

Study Guide (fourth edition), to accompany Microeconomics by Ake Blomqvist, Paul Wonnacott and Ron Wonnacott (Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1994).

Study Guide (fourth edition), to accompany Macroeconomics by Ake Blomqvist, Paul Wonnacott, Ron Wonnacott and Joel Fried (Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1994).

Toward Sustainable Federalism: Reforming Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements, (with France St-Hilaire) (Montreal: Institute for Research on Public Policy, 1993).

Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in Canada, (with Robin Boadway) (Toronto: Canadian Tax Foundation, 1993).

Current Research Papers:

“A Comparative Study on County Economic Development in China and Canada: Shandong Province and Nova Scotia,” (with Xu Xiaoheng).

“State Ownership of Land, Auctions of Development Rights on Serviced Lots, and Optimal City Size.”

Publications in Refereed Journals:

“Fiscal Equalization in Japan: Assessment and Recommendations,” (with Robin Boadway and Nobuki Mochida) The Journal of Economics (Tokyo University, Faculty of Economics), Vol. 66, No. 4, pp. 24-57 (2001).

“Reforming Federal-Provincial Fiscal Relations: An Assessment of Recent Proposals,” Canadian Journal of Regional Science, 1995.

"Spatial Pricing Policy and the Henry George Theorem in an Optimally Sized Market with Land Rents," Economics Letters, 37 (1991).

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Publications in Refereed Journals: (continued)

"Foreign Tax Credits, The Supply of Foreign Capital and Tax Exporting: A Numerical General Equilibrium Model of Corporate Tax Reform in Canada," Journal of Public Economics, (with S. Damus and W. Thirsk) 45 (1991).

"On the Form of the Locational Efficiency Condition in Local Public Goods Models," Canadian Journal of Economics, (1991).

"Optimum Product Variety in Urban Areas," Journal of Urban Economics, 22 (1987).

"The Incidence of Heterogeneous Residential Property Taxes," Journal of Public Economics, 19 (1986).

Paul A. R. Hobson (continued)

Other Refereed Publications:

“Cost-Sharing and Federal-Provincial Fiscal Relations” (with Tracy Snoddon) in Charles M. Beach, Bev Dahlby and Paul A. R. Hobson, The 2009 Federal Budget: Challenge, Response and Retrospect (Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2010).

“Changes in Canada’s Major Federal-Provincial Transfer Programs: Implications for the Maritime Provinces” (with L. Wade Locke) in John R. Allan, Thomas J. Courchene and Christian Leuprecht, Canada: The State of the Federation 2006/07: Transitions: Fiscal and Political Federalism in an Era of Change (Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2009).

“The Evolution of Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements: Putting Humpty Together Again” (with France St-Hilaire) in Harvey Lazar (ed.), Canada: The State of the Federation 1999/2000: Toward a New Mission Statement for Canadian Fiscal Federalism (Montreal: Queen’s-McGill University Press, 2000).

Should Our Concern be the Gift Horse or the Ideological Bull? (with Wade Locke and Scott Lynch) (Moncton: Canadian Institute for Research on Regional Development, 1997).

"Current Issues in Federal-Provincial Fiscal Relations," in Doug Brown and Ron Watts (eds.), Canada: The State of the Federation 1993, (Kingston: Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, 1993).

"Efficiency and the Local Public Sector," Queen's-University of Ottawa Economic Projects, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University, 1993.

"Local Government in Canada: Creature, Chameleon, Consort," in Melville McMillan (ed.), Provincial Public Finances (Vol. 2): Plaudits, Problems, and Prospects, (Toronto: Canadian Tax Foundation, 1991).

"The Economic Effects of the Property Tax: A Survey," Economic Council of Canada, Discussion Paper No. 317, 1987.

"The Welfare Effects of Property Taxation in an Open Economy," (with Sylvester Damus and Wayne Thirsk) Economic Council of Canada, Discussion Paper No. 320, 1987.

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Other Publications:

“Introduction” (with Charles M. Beach and Bev Dahlby) in Charles M. Beach, Bev Dahlby and Paul A. R. Hobson, The 2009 Federal Budget: Challenge, Response and Retrospect (Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2010).

“Assessing the Equalization Options of Budget 2007 for the Atlantic Provinces,” (with L. Wade Locke) Commentary, Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, June 2007

“Canada’s Equalization Program: C.D. Howe’s Proposals for Reform Miss the Mark,” (with Wade Locke) Commentary, Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, November 2004 at <http://www.apec-econ.ca/Nov2004Commentary.pdf>

“An Examination of the Interaction Between Natural Resource Revenues and Equalization Payments: Lessons for Atlantic Canada,” (with Wade Locke) Institute for Research on Public Policy, October 2004 at <http://www.irpp.org/indexe.htm>

“What do we already know about the appropriate design for a fiscal equalization program in Canada and how well are we doing?” at http://qsilver.queensu.ca/iigr/publications/working_paper_series/Hobson_Paul.pdf

“Equalization and the Treatment of Non-Renewable Resources” at <http://www.aims.ca/Equalization/treatment.pdf>

“Fiscal Federalism in Germany” (with Ron Watts) at http://www.aucc.ca/en/programs/cepra/watts_hobson.pdf

“Is there too much Revenue Redistribution through Canada’s Fiscal Equalization Program?” in Robin W. Boadway and Paul A. R. Hobson (eds.), Equalization: Its Contribution to Canada’s Economic and Fiscal Progress (Montreal: Queen’s-McGill University Press, 1998).

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Other Publications: (continued)

“Efficiency, Equity and Accountability Issues in Local Taxation” in Paul A. R. Hobson and France St-Hilaire (eds.), Urban Governance and Finance: A Question of Who Does What (Montreal: Institute for Research on Public Policy, 1997).

“Economic Cooperation and the Atlantic Region: Responding to Changes in Federal-Provincial Fiscal Relations” in Maurice Mandale and William J. Milne (eds.), Has the Time Come? Perspectives on Cooperation (Fredericton: Atlantic Provinces Economic Council and University of New Brunswick, 1996).

“Efficiency, Property Taxation, and Equalization at the Local Government Level in Canada,” in Manas Chatterji and Ryszard Domanski (eds.), Urban and Regional Management in Countries in Transition (Warsaw: Polish Academy of Sciences, 1996).

“The Federal Presence in Post-Secondary Education Finance: A Newfoundland Perspective on Issues and Alternatives,” Memorial University of Newfoundland Discussion Paper, 1995 (with L. Wade Locke).

“The Canada Social Transfer and Atlantic Canada,” APEC Bulletin, April 1995.

"New Versus Old Instruments," comment on Kenneth Norrie, "Social Policy and Equalization: New Ways to Meet an Old Objective" in Keith G. Banting, Douglas M. Brown and Thomas J. Courchene, The Future of Fiscal Federalism (Kingston: School of Policy Studies, 1994).

"Beyond Last Resort," (with France St-Hilaire) Policy Options, 1993.

"Fiscal Transfers and the Federal Role in Income Security," (with France St-Hilaire) in Elisabeth Reynolds (ed.), Income Security in Canada: Changing Needs, Changing Means, (Montreal: Institute for Research on Public Policy, 1993).

"Revenue Sharing in the Canadian Federation: Some Pitfalls of Fiscal Decentralization," New Europe Law Review, 1993.

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Other Publications: (continued)

"Comments" on George Fallis, "Government's Role in Housing" in Ronald W. Crowley (ed.), Competitiveness and Delivery of Public Services (Kingston: School of Policy Studies, Queen's University, 1993).

"Commentary" on "A Regional Analysis of Fiscal Balances Under Existing and Alternative Constitutional Arrangements" by Robert Mansell and Ronald Schlenker in Paul Boothe (ed.), Alberta and the Economics of Constitutional Change, Western Centre for Economic Research, University of Alberta, 1992.

Co-Author, "Fundamental Economic Issues Relating to Nova Scotia and the Constitutional Debate," Report of the Advisory Committee on Economic Issues, in Reports of the Nova Scotia Advisory Committees on Constitutional Issues, Province of Nova Scotia, 1991.

Commissioned Work:

"A Question of Balance—An Assessment of the State of Local Government in Nova Scotia" (with Wade Locke and David Camaeron) prepared for the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM), 2005.

"An Examination of the Interaction Between Natural Resource Revenues and Equalization Payments: Lessons for Atlantic Canada," (with Wade Locke) prepared for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency under the Atlantic Policy Research Initiative, April 2004.

"Municipal Government Grant and Governance Models: A Review and Evaluation" (with Harry Kitchen) prepared for the Ontario Ministry of Finance, August 2000.

Should Our Concern be the Gift Horse or the Ideological Bull? (with Wade Locke and Scott Lynch), Canadian Institute for Research on Regional Development, 1997.

"Comments on the Federal Proposals on Post-Secondary Education Contained in the Discussion Paper on Social Security Review," prepared for the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC), 1994.

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Commissioned Work: (continued)

"Efficiency and the Local Public Sector," Government and Competitiveness Reference, Economic Council of Canada, 1992.

"Utilization of the Property Tax: An Economic Analysis," (with Douglas Auld and Harry Kitchen) a report prepared for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Ontario, January 1990.

"Federal-State Fiscal Relations in the Malaysian Federation: An Evaluation of the Existing Arrangements and Some Proposals for Reform," for the Malaysian Institute for Economic Research (MIER) and funded by the Canadian International Development Agency as part of an Institutional Co-operation Program between MIER and Queen's University, 1989.

"Local Government in Canada: Creature, Chameleon, Consort," for the Canadian Tax Foundation Conference on Provincial Public Finances: Plaudits, Problems and Prospects, 1989.

"COPS Employment Projections for those Occupations Relevant to the Designated Trades in Nova Scotia, 1987-1992," part of a report prepared for the Canada/Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Study, commissioned jointly by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Nova Scotia Department of Vocational and Technical Training, 1987.

"Property Taxation: A Statement of the Issues and Potential Reform Directions," for the Economic Council of Canada, 1986.

"The Economic Effects of the Property Tax: A Survey," for the Economic Council of Canada, 1985.

"An Overview of the Canadian Occupational Projection System and the Feasibility of Applying It to the Design of the Post-Secondary Education System in Nova Scotia," for the Nova Scotia Royal Commission on Post-Secondary Education, 1984 (with K. Gary Grant).

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Other Papers:

“State Ownership of Land, Auctions of Development Rights on Serviced Lots, and Optimal City Size,” 2014.

“The Impact of the Electronic Classroom on Student Performance: A Preliminary Analysis,” (with Chris Fader and Peter Townley), 1997.

“Revenue Redistribution and Federal-Provincial Fiscal Relations in Canada,” 1997.

"Adjusting Pigouvian Subsidies for Induced Cost Effects," (with L. Wade Locke), 1993.

"Efficient Spatial Pricing in the Factory Town," (with K. Gary Grant), 1990.

"The Atlantic Region Freight Assistance Program: An Economic Assessment," (with Gordon Boyce), 1988.

"Tax Exporting and the Welfare Effects of the Property Tax in Canada," (with Sylvester Damus and Wayne Thirsk), 1987.

"Local Tax Alternatives in a Two-Sector Urban Land Use Model: A Simulation Analysis," 1985.

Book Reviews:

Urban Public Finance by David Wildasin, Canadian Journal of Economics, 1988.

Regional Aspects of Confederation by John Whalley and Irene Trela, Canadian Public Policy, 1987.