

CONOR O'DEA
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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Ten years of public sector experience, primarily in the area of policy and planning**
- **Specialist in access to information and protection of privacy, red tape reduction, accountability and transparency, and business continuity planning**
- **Competent in a wide range of quantitative and qualitative methodologies**
- **Several post-graduate degrees in the social sciences and humanities**
- **Published writer**
- **Polylingual (Fluent: French, English; Working Knowledge: Italian, German, Spanish)**

EMPLOYMENT

Researcher & Statistical Analyst – Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology – Dalhousie University (2010-present)

- Responsible for gender analysis of the Longitudinal Study of Immigrants to Canada
- Conducts data coding, analysis and synthesis
- Responsible for secondary literature review
- Responsible for modeling of data

Policy and Program Development Specialist - Sustainable Development and Strategic Science Branch – GNL (2008 – 2010)

- Responsible for the strategic planning, management, and co-ordination of programs under the sustainable development initiative, including the Sustainable Development Management Plan, Sustainable Development Indicators Strategy, and policy work relating to the Caribou Management Strategy.
- Develops strategies to increase awareness of the sustainable development models and promotes the role of sustainable development models in activities related to scientific issues and concerns
- Responsible for research in biodiversity valuation
- Assesses systems approaches to socio-ecological analysis
- Responsible for work towards the development of a multi-agent conflict resolution mechanism for the sustainable use of natural resources
- Facilitates, encourages and develops research partnerships
- Directs project design and reporting of research results
- Prepares internal reports, scientific publications and related documents
- Prepares briefing material, budget notes, policy papers and presentations for the Executive
- Branch Lead - Access to Information and Protection of Privacy
- Branch Lead - Red Tape Reduction Coordinator
- Branch Lead - Business Continuity Planning
- Branch Lead – Transparency and Accountability
- Part of policy team responsible for establishing and managing the human and financial resources of the Section.

Policy and Program Development Specialist - Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation – GNL (2005-2008)

- Statistical and economic analysis
- Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Coordinator
- Red Tape Reduction Coordinator
- Business Continuity Planning Coordinator
- Part of team responsible for Accountability and Transparency requirements
- Analytic support on strategic issues to minister and executive

- Preparation of briefing materials, communications plans, news releases, executive presentations
- Coordination of stakeholder consultations on various strategies

Learning and Development Analyst - Centre for Learning and Development, TBS – GNL (2004)

- Competency development and assessment, including stakeholder consultations and focus group workshops
- Executive development
- Management development

Resource and Economic Policy Analyst - Intergovernmental Affairs Secretariat - GNL (2003)

- Responsible for analytical support for six government departments
- Part of numerous intergovernmental committees, including Interdepartmental Land Use Committee, Mealy Mountains Committee, St. John’s Harbour Clean-up Project Committee
- Research included: Royal Commission Report, Urban Agenda, Kyoto

Human Resources Policy Analyst - Treasury Board Secretariat - GNL (2003)

- Part of team responsible for the creation of Corporate HR Strategy
- Coordinated and lead HR planning activities for Executive Council
- Performed policy research and analysis on equity issues

Policy Analyst & Researcher - Human Resources and Employment – GNL (2002)

- Headed focus groups on competency development
- Performed demographic research for HR forecasting of HR plan
- Developed leadership course for executive and frontline implementation
- Performed research in: competencies, leadership, organizational behaviour, complexity management, and human resource theory

Senior Policy Analyst - Women’s Policy Office – GNL (2001)

- Staff member responsible for Gender Inclusive Analysis
- Staff member responsible for “Statistical Profiles of Women in Newfoundland and Labrador” project
- Performed research in economics, gender equity, violence indicators, labour force strategy, statistical analysis, and other fields impacted by gender issues

Policy and Planning Analyst - Public Service Commission - GNL (2000)

- Division member responsible for analysis and breakdown of \$2M Organizational Development Initiative Fund
- Performed extensive research in a variety of fields, including corporate ethics, knowledge management, internal communications, and HR metrics
- Part of a team responsible for the launch of the Executive Speakers’ Series
- Worked as a planning committee member for the 2001 ADM Forum
- Co-developed a series of proposals and presentations for the Senior Executive
- Member of 2001 GRP Recruitment Selection Committee
- Co-chair, website development committee

EDUCATION

- 2010-** **Doctor of Philosophy**, Dalhousie University, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology
Awards: Dalhousie Doctoral Fellowship
Specializations: Quantitative methods, sociology of pharmaceuticals, pharmacoeconomics
- 2004-2007** **Masters of Arts**, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Department of History
Awards: Fellow of the School of Graduate Studies
M.A. Research Paper: “Dirty Drugs?: Psychiatry, Pharmacy and Drug Marketing in Newfoundland and Labrador, 1977-2007.”

- 1996-1998** **Masters of Philosophy**, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Department of Humanities
Awards: Full Fellowship in the Humanities
Conference Papers: “Exhausted Expression”, CSSH conference paper, May 1997; “Bergson and Laughter”, CSSH conference paper, May 1998
M.Phil Dissertation: “Reflections on Essence and the Event”
- 1992-1997** **Bachelor of Arts (Honours)**, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Department of History
Awards: Dean of Arts’ Honour List, Gold Medal for Academic Excellence in Medieval Studies
Graduating Status: First Class Honours
Honours Dissertation: “Merleau-Ponty and Rhineland Mysticism: A Comparative Study”

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Research Associate

Preliminary Gender Analysis of the Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Canada, Sociology and Social Anthropology, 2010-present

Clinical Investigator

Sources of Prescribing Information for Specialist and General Practitioners, Dalhousie CME, 2010-present

Book Reviews:

Francois Laruelle. *Philosophies of Difference: A Critical Introduction to Non-Philosophy* (London: Continuum, 2011). *Philosophy in Review*, forthcoming.

A.J. Bartlett and Justin Clemens. *Alain Badiou: Key Concepts* (Durham: Acumen, 2010). *Philosophy in Review*, forthcoming.

Giorgio Agamben. *The Signature of All Things On Method* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press), *Philosophy in Review*, forthcoming.

Alain Badiou, *Logic(s) of Worlds* (London: Continuum, 2009), *Philosophy in Review*, May 2010.

Alan Bass, *Interpretation and Difference* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2006), *Philosophy in Review*, August 2008.

Joseph Adamson and Hilary Ann Clark, eds. *Scenes of Shame* (New York: SUNY Press, 1998). *Philosophy in Review*, August 2000.

Teaching:

Guest Lecturer, M.Phil “Sustainable Development and the Question of Shifting Paradigms, March 2010

Guest Lecturer, M.Phil, “Reinvented Futurity: Serres & the Clinamen of the Historical”, November 2009

Guest Lecturer, M.Phil, “Speculative Realism as a Challenge to Hermeneutics”, March 2008.

Examiner, Carol-Ann Galego, M. Phil, December 2008.

Examiner, Morgan Murray, M. Phil, April 2009

Examiner, Lara Fraize, M.Phil, December 2009

Examiner, Mark Browne, M.Phil, December 2009

Practicum Supervisor, Levin Mejia, Diploma in Practical Ethics, Summer 2008.

Conference Papers

“Exhausted Expression: Deleuze qua Beckett”, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, St. John’s, NL, May 1997

“Bergson and Laughter”, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences , Ottawa, ON, May 1998

Other

Member of the Nature Reader Advisory Panel (NPG), 2009-2010

• EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & INVOLVEMENT

YMCA-YWCA

Nationally Certified Personal Trainer, Strength and Conditioning Instructor

- Qualified fitness leader with training experience
- Volunteer instructor at the YMCA-YWCA

IPAC: New Professionals National Conference

Advisory Board Member, Newfoundland and Labrador

- Provincial liaison for Executive Planning Committee
- Responsible for provincial consultation and committee organization

Massey College

- **Women’s Caucus, Co-chair, elected by Junior Fellowship**
 - Chaired team responsible for organization of colloquium series on feminist issues
- **Lionel Massey Fund, Executive Committee Member**
 - Part of team responsible for public relations and event co-ordination
- **Massey College Dramatic Society, auditioned role, staged production**
 - Title Role, William Shakespeare’s *Pericles*
- **Massey College Bursary**
- **Massey College Junior Fellowship**

Newfoundland Historic Trust

- **Executive Member, elected**
- Engaged in strategic analysis and promotion of the viability of Newfoundland heritage and tourism industry, involving direct engagement with governmental decision-making processes

INTERESTS & SKILLS

- Fluent in French, reading knowledge of German, Spanish and Italian
- Trained singer, classical guitarist
- Interests include theatre, cooking and art
- Activities include fitness, hiking, tennis, soccer and swimming
- High level of proficiency in multiple operating systems, including Windows, OSX, and Linux.
- High level of proficiency in multiple office suites, including Office and Corel.
- Comfortable with a wide variety of information technology applications including statistical packages (SPSS, SAS) and databases.
- Actively learning R, MatLab, Maple, Mathematica, UML, Java, Python, Haskell, Ruby, Clean.