

Biography



Donald J. Savoie OC ONB FRSC D.Phil., D. ès L., is a Canadian university professor and an expert in public administration and regional development.

Donald J. Savoie was born in 1947 in Saint-Maurice, near Bouctouche, New Brunswick. The family moves to Moncton. His father founded La Construction acadienne, which became one of the largest construction companies

in New Brunswick.

He founded the Canadian Institute for Regional Development Research in 1983 at the Université de Moncton, where he taught public administration. The Institute was renamed the Donald J. Savoie Institute in 2015. It has also advised governments in Canada and abroad. Among others, Russia, China, Brazil, Hungary and Bosnia and Herzegovina. He has also advised several international organizations including the United Nations, the World Bank and the OECD. He is currently the Canada Research Chair in Public Administration and Governance at the Université de Moncton.

Donald Savoie has written forty-five books and 200 articles in journals and refereed collections during his career, the most important of which are *Federal-Provincial Collaboration*; *Breaking the Bargain: Public Servants, Ministers, and Parliament*, *Governing from the Centre: The Concentration of Power in Canadian Politics at Thatcher, Reagan, Mulroney: In Search of a New Bureaucracy*,¹ *What Is Government Good At? A Canadian Answer* (nominated for the Donner Award) and *Visiting Grandchildren: Economic Development in the Maritimes* (nominated for the Donner Award). His book titled *Whatever Happened to the Music Teacher? How Government Decides and Why* (2013) was nominated for the Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for Political Writing. Harrison McCain's biography: *Single-Minded Purpose* was nominated for the 2014 National Business Book Award. His book *Politics of Public Spending in Canada* was the first recipient of the Smiley Award (1992). He has also won several other awards and honours for his work in Canada, Europe and the United States. His works have been translated into Mandarin, Russian and Bosnian.

His articles have appeared in leading journals in political science, public administration, and public policy¹ and his work has been reported by his peers in peer-reviewed journals in political science, public policy, and public administration and in some internationally renowned newspapers including *The Sunday Time* (UK), *Financial Times* (UK), *The Daily Telegraph* (UK), *The Times of India*, the *Globe and Mail* (Canada) and many renowned American newspapers. He published chronicles in the *Globe and Mail*, the *National Post*, *Le Devoir*, *La Presse*, *The Guardian* (UK) and in the *Time Magazine*.

He was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2013, a member of the Order of New Brunswick in 2011, and was elected to the Royal Society of Canada in 1992. He received a Ph.D. in Philosophy in 1979 from Oxford University. In 2000, he became one of the few individuals in North America to receive a doctorate in literature from Oxford University. He is also the recipient of seven honorary doctorates from Canadian universities. He received the *Vanier Gold Medal* (1999), the *Trudeau Fellowships Prize* (2004) and the *Sun Life Public Service Citation Award* (2004). He was elected Visiting Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford, in 2006, and appointed Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics in 2007. He was also Senior Fulbright Scholar at Harvard University in 2001-02. He was elected President of the Canadian Political Science Association in 1998.

Donald Savoie is the recipient of the 2015 Killam Prize in Social Sciences. He is the first academic at a Canadian university in the Atlantic to win this honour. He is also the first laureate to receive the Yvan Allaire Medal awarded annually to a researcher for the quality of his research and publications in governance.

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