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CURRENT POSITIONS

Economist **2013-**

Unifor (Canada's largest private sector union)
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Research Associate **2013-**

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science **2014**

York University, Toronto

- Fields: International Political Economics; Political Theory; Canadian Politics
- Dissertation:
 - *The Business of Power: Canadian Multinationals in the Postwar Era*
- Dissertation Committee Members:
 - Mark Peacock (supervisor), Andrew Jackson and Bruce Smardon
- External Examiner:
 - Stephen McBride, Canada Research Chair, McMaster University

Master of Arts, Political Science **2007**

York University, Toronto

- Fields: International Political Economics; Political Theory
- Major Research Project:
 - *The Twentieth Century Revival of Classical Liberalism:
A Critical Assessment of F.A. Hayek's Social and Political Thought*
- Supervisor: Stephen L. Newman

Honours Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Accounting **2003**

Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Course Director, George Brown College **2008-12**

- Canadian Government and Politics
- Globalization in Historical Context
- The Politics of International Terrorism

Tutorial Instructor, York University **2006-12**

- Canadian Democracy in a North American Context
- Public Law I: The Constitution and the Courts in Canada
- Public Law II: The Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Human Rights and the Global Economy
- Perspectives on Politics: Classics of Western Political Thought
- Foundations of Business and Society

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Student, University of Rome **2010**

European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy Summer School

Assistant to the Research Officer **2005**

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Research Unit

Researcher **2003-04**

Institute for Competitiveness and Prosperity

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Brennan, Jordan. 2015, forthcoming. *Do Corporate Income Tax Rate Reductions Enhance Growth?* Ottawa: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 31 pp.

Brennan, Jordan. 2015. *Ascent of Giants: NAFTA, Corporate Power and the Growing Income Gap.* Ottawa: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 64 pp.

Brennan, Jordan and Jim Stanford. 2014. *Dispelling Minimum Wage Mythology: The Minimum Wage and the Impact on Jobs in Canada, 1983-2012.* Ottawa: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 26 pp.

Brennan, Jordan. 2014a. 'Air Transport' in (Eds.) S. Sinclair, S. Trew and H. Mertins-Kirkwood, *Making Sense of the CETA: An Analysis of the Final Text of the Canada-European Union*

Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement. Ottawa: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, pp. 80-85.

Brennan, Jordan. 2014b. *The Creation of a Shared Prosperity in Canada: Unions, Corporations and Countervailing Power*. Ottawa: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 36 pp.

Brennan, Jordan. 2014c. *The Business of Power: Canadian Multinationals in the Postwar Era*. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Department of Political Science. Toronto: York University.

Brennan, Jordan. 2013a. 'The Power Underpinnings, and Some Distributional Consequences, of Trade and Investment Liberalisation in Canada', *New Political Economy*, 18 (5), 715-747.

Brennan, Jordan. 2013b. 'NAFTA, *Investiture* and Redistribution', in (Ed.) Tim DiMuzio, *The Capitalist Mode of Power: Critical Engagements with the Power Theory of Value*. RIPE Series in Global Political Economy. London: Routledge, pp. 59-81.

Brennan, Jordan. 2012a. *Enhancing Democratic Citizenship, Deepening Distributive Justice: The Living Wage Movement*. Ottawa: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 52 pp.

Brennan, Jordan. 2012b. *A Shrinking Universe: How Concentrated Corporate Power is Shaping Income Inequality in Canada*. Ottawa: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, 49 pp.

Brennan, Jordan. 2009. Review of Nitzan, Jonathan and Bichler, Shimshon, *Capital as Power*. London: Routledge. *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 42 (4), 1057-58.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Aquanno, Scott and Jordan Brennan. 2015, under review. 'Some Inflationary Aspects of Distributive Conflict: Reassessing Canadian Inflation, Part I', *Journal of Economic Issues*.

Aquanno, Scott and Jordan Brennan. 2015, under review. 'The Politics of Canadian Monetary Policy: Reassessing Canadian Inflation, Part II', *Journal of Economic Issues*.

Brennan, Jordan. 'The Twenty-First Century Capitalist Revolution' in (Eds.) Tae-Hee Jo, Lynne Chester and Carlo D'Ippoliti, *Handbook of Heterodox Economics: Theorising, Analysing and Transforming Capitalism*. New York: Routledge. Expected date of publication: summer 2016.

Brennan, Jordan. *The Business of Power: Canadian Multinationals in the Postwar Era*. Book based on revised doctoral dissertation. To be pitched to a commercial or top tier academic press.

POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

Brennan, Jordan. 2015. 'Why isn't the free trade era delivering better jobs?', *iPolitics*, April 23 (Canadian news website).

Brennan, Jordan. 2015. 'NAFTA, Corporate Power and the Growing Income Gap', *The Monitor*, 21 (8), 7-9 (monthly journal of the CCPA).

Brennan, Jordan. 2014. 'Labour Unions in the Twenty-First Century?', *The Monitor*, 21 (4), Cover Story, October Issue (monthly journal of the CCPA).

Brennan, Jordan. 2014. 'Who built the middle class? Unions did.', *iPolitics*, June 27 (Canadian news website).

Brennan, Jordan. 2014. 'Hudak's "Million Jobs Act" not grounded in reality', *Waterloo Region Record* and *Guelph Mercury*, January 30 (Tri-City and Guelph).

Brennan, Jordan and Jim Stanford. 2013. 'Growth of inequality in Canada cannot be denied', *Toronto Star*, September 27 (highest circulation newspaper in Canada).

Brennan, Jordan and Jim Stanford. 2012. 'Creating a shared prosperity will benefit everyone', *Toronto Star*, December 28 (highest circulation newspaper in Canada).

Brennan, Jordan. 2012. 'Corporate bloat is undermining Canadian democracy', *iPolitics*, December 8 (Canadian news website).

Brennan, Jordan. 2011. 'CETA is about ownership and control, not efficiency and competitiveness', *Rabble.ca*, November 23 (Canadian news website).

Brennan, Jordan. 2009. 'Theory of capital makes a comeback', *Rabble.ca*, September 10 (Canadian news website).

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Some Inflationary Aspects of Distributive Conflict: Reassessing Canadian Inflation. **Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting**, Toronto, May 2015 (accepted).

Unions, Inequality and Middle Class Formation. **Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting**, Vancouver, May 2014.

Power, Prices and Inequality: Exploring Some Distributive Aspects of Institutional Change. **Institute for New Economic Thinking: Young Scholars Initiative**, Toronto, April 2014.

Differential Accumulation: A New Approach to the Distribution of Income? **Missouri Valley Economics Association**, Kansas City, October 2013.

Differential Accumulation, Redistribution and the Rebounding Fortunes of the Canadian Establishment. **Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting**, Calgary, June 2012.

Differential *Investiture* and Redistribution in the Canadian Political Economy. **Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Edmonton, June 2012.

NAFTA, *Investiture* and Redistribution. **Association for Institutional Thought at the Western Social Science Association Annual Conference**, Houston, April 2012.

From ‘Golden’ to ‘Gilded’ Age. **Forum on Capital as Power**, York University, Toronto, October 2011.

The Historical Specificity of the Crisis in Canada. **Forum on Capital as Power**, York University, Toronto, October 2010.

Contesting a ‘Sacred Tenet’ of Globalization Theory. **European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy Summer School**, University of Rome, July 2010.

Has Free Trade Delivered on its Promise in Canada? **World Congress for Social Economics**, Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy, Montreal, July 2010.

Crisis of Capital, Crisis of Theory. **Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting at Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences**, Concordia University, Montreal, June 2010.

Crisis for Whom? Dominant Capital and Differential Accumulation in North America. **Western Political Science Association**, San Francisco, April 2010.

20 Years of Trade and Investment Liberalization in Canada. **Eastern Economic Association**, Philadelphia, February 2010.

Myth, Metaphysics and Science in the Power Theory of Value. **Rethinking Marxism**, Amherst, Massachusetts, November 2009.

Neoliberalism in Canada after 25: Income Inequality and Capitalist Power. **Great Lakes Political Economy Conference**, Toronto, April 2008.

The Errors of Neoliberalism: Hayek and the Emergence of Capitalism. **Great Lakes Political Economy Conference**, Toronto, April 2008.

INVITED LECTURES AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (SELECT)

Economics and the Grammar of Institutional Power, **Progressive Economics Forum's Heterodox Summer School**, Ryerson University, Toronto, May 2015 (invited).

Labour Unions, Inequality and Middle Class Formation, **Trent University**, 'Introduction to Politics', Peterborough, March 2015.

Economics, Income Inequality and the Grammar of Institutional Power, **Institute for New Economic Thinking — Young Scholar's Initiative**, Toronto Chapter Event, Field's Institute, Toronto, November 2014.

Power, Inequality and Economics, **University of Guelph**, 'Industrial Relations', Guelph, November 2014.

Industrial Sovereignty or Deindustrialization? A Canadian Future Undecided. **Broadbent Institute's Progress Summit**, Ottawa, March 2014.

A Shrinking Universe: How Corporate Power Shapes Inequality. **York University Speakers Series**, Toronto, November 2013.

Differential Accumulation: A New Approach to the Distribution of Income, **University of Guelph**, 'Labour Economics', Guelph, November 2013.

Enhancing Democratic Citizenship, Deepening Distributive Justice. **Ted Rogers School of Management**, Ryerson University, Toronto, October 2012.

Machiavelli's Break with the Tradition, **York University**, 'Perspectives on Politics', Toronto, November 2009.

MEDIA APPEARANCES (SELECT)

Radio. 2015. 'Free trade has restructured corporate sector, slowed growth, raised inequality', *Radio Canada International*. Interview with producer Wojtek Gwiazda on the basis of *Ascent of Giants*, March 3 (international radio program).

Radio. 2014. ‘Everything you wanted to know about minimum wages, but didn’t know who to ask’, *Radio Canada International*. Interview with producer Wojtek Gwiazda on the basis of *Dispelling Minimum Wage Mythology*, October 21 (international radio program).

Print Media. 2014. ‘Minimum wage hike does not kill jobs’, *Toronto Star*. Business reporter Madhavi Acharya-Tom Yew reviews, *Dispelling Minimum Wage Mythology*, October 20 (highest circulation newspaper in Canada).

Print Media. 2014. ‘How a New York bookstore became a symbol for shrinking trade-union power everywhere’, *National Post*. Comment Pages Editor Jonathan Kay reviews, *The Creation of a Shared Prosperity*, July 19 (national newspaper).

Online Media. 2014. ‘Current inflation is killing off the middle class’, *CBC News*. Interview with Senior Editor Don Pittis about, *The Creation of a Shared Prosperity*, July 19 (national business news).

Television. 2014. *The Lang and O’Leary Exchange*, CBC. Interview with host Amanda Lang about unions on the basis of, *The Creation of a Shared Prosperity*, July 7 (national business news).

Multimedia. 2014. ‘Working for a Living’, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. Interactive website on the living wage movement: www.ccpaontario.ca/jordan-brennan-on-a-living-wage.html, on the basis of *Enhancing Democratic Citizenship, Deepening Distributive Justice*.

Print Media. 2012. ‘Why the one percent has it all’, *Toronto Star*. Columnist Thomas Walkom reviews, *A Shrinking Universe*, November 16 (highest circulation newspaper in Canada).

HONOURS AND AWARDS

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| ▪ Accepted as a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (not funded) | 2012 |
| ▪ Winner of the Progressive Economics Forum’s Graduate Student Essay Award | 2012 |
| ▪ Recipient of the Association for Institutional Thought’s Student Scholars Award | 2012 |
| ▪ Winner of the Progressive Economics Forum’s Graduate Student Essay Award | 2011 |
| ▪ Recipient of the Association for Social Economics Graduate Student Award | 2010 |
| ▪ Book review selected by Rabble editors as one of the year’s best | 2009 |
| ▪ Entrance Scholarship (PhD), York University | 2006 |
| ▪ Entrance Scholarship (MA), York University | 2005 |
| ▪ Dean’s List, University of Toronto | 2004 |
| ▪ Dean’s List, University of Western Ontario | 2000 |

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Organizer, Progressive Economics Forum's Heterodox Summer School **2015**
- Student Essay Contest Judge, Progressive Economics Forum **2014**
- Steering committee member of the Progressive Economics Forum **2012-**
- Advisory board member of *The Review of Capital as Power* (RECASP), **2012-14**
a refereed web-based international political economy journal
- Planned and organized *Forum on Capital as Power*, a three day heterodox **2010**
political economy conference held at York University
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Graduate Council **2007-09**
- Field Representative for Political Theory **2007-08**
- Representative to the Social Science Tenure & Promotion Committee **2006-08**
- Student representative to the Dissertation Advisory Committee **2006-07**

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