



Academics' Biographies

Dr. Larry Leduc

Dr. Larry Leduc is a Professor at the University of Toronto in the Department of Political Science. His research interests include: Canadian and comparative political behaviour; political parties and elections; research methods and design. He is the author of several books including *The Politics of Direct Democracy*; *Comparing Democracies 2*; and *Absent Mandate, 3rd edition* (1996). In addition to the books Larry's work has also been published in chapters of various political science books and articles in scholastic journals. He has held visiting fellowships at the University of Essex, Florida State University, and the University of Amsterdam.

Dr. David Docherty

Dr. David Docherty is Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Wilfrid Laurier University. David specializes in research on Canadian Parliament and comparative legislative studies. He is particularly interested in questions of representation and the legislative behaviour of elected representatives. He is the author of *Mr. Smith Goes to Ottawa: Life in the House of Commons* (UBC Press) and *Legislatures: a democratic audit* (UBC Press) and the co-editor of *Reforming Parliamentary Democracies* (McGill-Queen's Press). He has written several articles and book chapters on legislative behaviour and legislatures in Canada, and frequently comments on Canadian politics in local, provincial and national media. He has regularly taught the large introductory course in political science and the second year required course in methods and statistics and lived to tell the tale.

Dr. Jennifer Smith

Dr. Jennifer Smith is chair of the Department of Political Science at Dalhousie University in Halifax. She joined the university in 1980 but prior to that she was a Parliamentary Intern in Ottawa from 1972-73 and then went to teach at Acadia University from 1978-1980. Dr. Smith has served on two electoral boundaries commissions, federally (Nova Scotia, 1986-87) and provincially (Nova Scotia, 1991-92). She worked on constitutional matters during the Meech Lake and Charlottetown constitutional rounds. She is the author of a book on federalism and co-authored a book on responsible government. Her primary research focus is issues in comparative federalism.
