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Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Education

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McMaster University

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**James J. Heckman** is the Henry Schultz Distinguished Service Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago, where he has served since 1973. In 2000, he won the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel. Heckman directs the Economics Research Center in the Department of Economics and the Center for Social Program Evaluation at the Harris School for Public Policy. In addition, he is Professor of Science and Society in University College Dublin and a Senior Research Fellow at the American Bar Foundation. His work has been devoted to the development of a scientific basis for economic policy evaluation. He has developed a body of new econometric tools that address these issues. His recent research focuses on inequality, human development and lifecycle skill formation, with a special emphasis on the economics of early childhood. He is currently conducting new social experiments on early childhood interventions and reanalyzing old experiments. He is studying the emergence of the underclass in the U.S. and Western Europe. Heckman has published over 280 articles and several books. Heckman has received numerous awards for his work, including the John Bates Clark Medal in 1983, the Jacob Mincer Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2005, the 2005 and 2007 Dennis Aigner Award for Applied Econometrics from the Journal of Econometrics, the Ulysses Medal from the University College Dublin in 2006, the 2007 Theodore W. Schultz Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association, the Gold Medal of the President of the Italian Republic, awarded by the International Scientific Committee of the Pio Manzú Centre in 2008, and the Distinguished Contributions to Public Policy for Children Award from the Society for Research in Child Development in 2009. He is also a member of the National Academy of Sciences, USA; a fellow of the American Philosophical Society; the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; the Econometric Society; the Society of Labor Economics; the American Statistical Association; the International Statistical Institute; the American Association for the Advancement of Science; and the National Academy of Education.

## **Clyde Hertzman**

Professor, School of Population and Public Health, UBC

Director, Human Early Learning Partnership, British Columbia

Dr Hertzman has played a central role in creating a framework that links population health to human development, emphasizing the special role of early childhood development as a determinant of health. His research has contributed to international, national, provincial, and community initiatives for healthy child development.

His current work focuses on early child development as a lifelong determinant of health and the policy translations needed to fulfill Canada's National Children's Agenda. To this end, he is carrying out province-wide research mapping children's development at kindergarten age.

Dr Hertzman's research includes investigations into the determinants of health in Central and Eastern Europe and the Philippines, a historical cohort study of health, development and community change among 26,000 sawmill workers and their children, and the development of the BC Linked Health Database.

He received his MD, MSc in epidemiology, a fellowship in community health, and post-doctoral research training at McMaster University.

Fellow, Royal Society of Canada

Canada Research Chair, Population Health and Human Development

Fellow, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research

Honorary professor, Institute for Child Health, University College, London



### Dr. Jean Clinton, MD FRCP ©

Jean Clinton is an Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neuroscience at McMaster, division of Child Psychiatry. She is on staff at McMaster Children's Hospital. In addition, she is an Associate in the Department of Child Psychiatry, University of Toronto and Sick Children's Hospital. She is an Associate Member of the Offord Centre for Child Studies. She has been a consultant to child welfare and children's mental health programs for 25 years.

Currently, as a member of Hamilton's Best Start Network, she leads the Primary Care Engagement Strategy for the enhanced 18-month-well-baby visit. She sits on the Provincial Implementation Committee and was a member of the "Getting It Right at 18-Months Expert Panel" for the Provincial Best Start Initiative and is the lead for the provincial education subcommittee. She is a Fellow of Dr. Fraser Mustard's Council for Early Child Development.

Her work for children has been recognized locally in Hamilton where she was nominated for Citizen of the Year in 2005. More recently, at the national level, she was awarded the Naomi Rae Grant Award from the Canadian Academy of Child and Adolescent for career commitment and dedication to community intervention, consultation and prevention in the area of early child development in Ontario and Canada.

Dr. Clinton is renowned locally, provincially, nationally and more recently internationally as an advocate for children's issues. Her special interest lies in brain development, and the crucial role relationship and connectedness play therein. She speaks to many groups, advocating the importance of relationships, early child development and brain development, parenting and asset building. Jean champions the development of a system of early learning and child care for all young children, which she believes plays a vital role in promoting healthy child development. She is equally committed to ensuring that children's and youths' needs and voices are heard and respected and she actively promotes the celebration of National Child Day in Hamilton and other communities.

She has authored papers on early child development and poverty, resilience and adolescent brain development.

Dr. Clinton holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in Education and a medical degree and Fellowship in Psychiatry from McMaster University. Jean's greatest accomplishment is being the mother of 5 GREAT, kids who range in age from 15 to 25 years.



Dr. Stuart Shanker

Stuart Shanker is Distinguished Research Professor of Philosophy and Psychology at York University and Director of the Milton and Ethel Harris Research Initiative at York University. He was educated at Oxford, where he obtained a First in PPE and won the Marian Buck Fellowship at Christ Church, where he obtained a First in a B Phil in Philosophy and a D Phil with Distinction in Philosophy. Among his awards are a Canada Council Doctoral Fellowship and Postdoctoral Fellowship; a Calgary Institute for the Humanities Fellowship; a University of Alberta Mactaggart Fellowship; an Iszaak Walton Killam Fellowship; and the Walter L Gordon Fellowship at York University. He has received many grants, among them a \$5,000,000 grant from the Harris Steel Foundation and a \$2,000,000 from the Harris Family to establish MEHRI, a state-of-the-art cognitive and social neuroscience centre.

Among his monographs are *Apes, language and the human mind* (with Sue Savage-Rumbaugh and Talbot Taylor, 1998); *Wittgenstein's remarks on the foundations of AI* (1998); *Toward a Psychology of Global Interdependency* (with Stanley Greenspan, 2002), *The First Idea* (with Stanley Greenspan, 2004), *Early Years Study II* (with J. Fraser Mustard and Margaret McCain, 2007) and *El rizoma de la racionalidad* (with Pedro Reygadas, 2008). He is the editor of several collections, among them *The Routledge History of Philosophy* (with G.H.R. Parkinson, 1994-2000); *Language, Culture, Self* (with David Bakhurst, 2001), *Ludwig Wittgenstein: Critical Assessments* (with David Kilfoyle, 2002), *Psychodynamic Diagnostic Manual* (a member of the PDM Steering Committee, 2006), and *Human Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (with Alan Fogel and Barbara King, 2008).

Dr Shanker has served as the Director of the Council of Human Development for ten years; Director of the Canada-Cuba Research Alliance for six years; and he was President of the Council of Early Child Development in Canada for two years. He has just been appointed the Director of EPIC: Enhancing the Potential in all Children. Over the past decade he has served as an advisor on early child development to government organizations across Canada and the US and countries around the world, among them Australia, Bosnia, Colombia, England, Hungary, Ireland, Macedonia, Mexico, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Peru, Romania, and Serbia.

**Jim Grieve**

## **Biography**

Jim Grieve was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of the Early Learning Division for the Ontario Ministry of Education in November of 2009 to lead the provincial implementation of full-day kindergarten for four and five year olds. With the transfer of responsibility for child care to the Early Learning Division, Jim leads the work of creating a seamless early learning experience for children from birth onward.



Jim recognizes this initiative as one of the most significant investments in the future of our children and the province. His passionate advocacy for early learning began through his direct work as one founding member of the Council for Early Child Development. Over the last 15 years, along with Dr. Fraser Mustard, Dr. Dan O'ford, Dr. Magdalena Janus and countless talented leaders in the field of early childhood development, he has worked to develop strong multi-sectoral initiatives designed to help young children and families in Canada thrive. He chaired two highly recognized Success By 6 organizations in Ottawa and Peel.

Following an exemplary career as a teacher, school administrator and superintendent in the North York Board of Education, Jim served as Director of Education in Ottawa-Carleton for four years before moving to the Director of Education role for seven years with Peel District School Board, Canada's second largest school board.

Jim holds a Masters Degree from OISE/University of Toronto, along with undergraduate degrees from York University and Victoria College of the University of Toronto.

Known as a highly visible and approachable leader, Jim has visited more than 100 communities, to view exemplary programs and meet leaders of Best Start networks, child care, municipalities and education to engage and dialogue with early learning partners.