



**DR PHILIPPE COUILLARD,  
MD**

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Dr. Philippe Couillard is a former Premier of Québec and former Quebec Minister of Health. Dr. Couillard went to medical school and obtained his specialization at the University of Montreal. Certified in 1985, he practiced neurosurgery in Montreal and in the Middle East from 1985 to 1996 and at the University of Sherbrooke until 2003. In 2003, he was named Head of the Department of Surgery of the university hospital and served as a member of the Council of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Elected to Quebec's National Assembly in 2003 and again in 2007, he was Quebec's Minister of Health and Social Services until June 2008. During his mandate, Dr. Couillard directed numerous reforms of Quebec's healthcare system and implemented the province's medication policy in 2007.

Dr. Joanne Liu is a veteran humanitarian aid worker and a Canadian practicing paediatric emergency physician. Dr. Liu professor at McGill University's School of Population & Global Health where she focuses on pandemic and health emergencies at the Pandemics and Health Emergency Readiness Lab (PERL). Prior to joining McGill, Dr. Liu began her career with Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF) in 1996 and went on to serve as the International President of MSF for over six years from 2013-2019. Through her leadership, she spearheaded the emergency responses to humanitarian and health emergencies including outbreaks/epidemics in West (Ebola 2014-2016) and Central Africa, Middle East, Central Asia, South East Asia, Caribbean & Central America.



**DR. JOANNE LIU, MD**



**JOSÉE BÉGIN**

Josée Bégin is the Assistant Chief Statistician in the Social, Health and Labour Statistics Field. Bégin holds a Master's degree in Mathematics and Statistics (MSc) from the University of Ottawa. She began her career with the Canada Revenue Agency in 1994 before joining Statistics Canada in 2002, where she gained experience in supervising large and complex statistical programs. Josée became Assistant Chief Statistician of the Social, Health and Labour Statistics Sector at Statistics Canada in January 2023.

Anil Arora was appointed Chief Statistician of Canada in September 2016. Arora has led significant transformational initiatives throughout his career, with experience and partnerships spanning all three levels of government, the private sector and international organizations, including the UN and the OECD. He has led projects on high-profile policy issues, legislative and regulatory reform, and overseen large national programs. Arora joined Statistics Canada where he served in several positions, including regional operations, corporate services and the redesign of the dissemination function. In 2000, he became Director of Census Management Office and subsequently the Director General responsible for all aspects of the 2006 Census. In this role, Arora led the most comprehensive redesign of the Program, including the introduction of an online questionnaire.



**ANIL ARORA**



**JACK JEDWAB**

Jack is President and CEO of the Association for Canadian Studies and the Metropolis Institute. He holds a Ph.D. in Canadian History from Concordia University. Prior to 1998, he served as executive director of the Quebec branch of the Canadian Jewish Congress. He is an author and contributor to academic publications, government reports and newspapers across the country in the fields of immigration, multiculturalism, diversity, human rights and official languages. Following three decades of wide-ranging research on public opinion and demographics, he is regularly consulted by media and government bodies alike for his expertise and insights on issues of import in the public sphere. He has taught and lectured at McGill University, the Université du Québec à Montréal and Concordia University, offering courses ranging from public policy to the history of immigration and minority groups, to sports in Canada.



**DR KIM LAVOIE**

Dr. Kim Lavoie is a Full Professor in the Department of Psychology at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) and holds a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Behavioural Medicine. She is the former Director of the Chronic Disease Research Division at the Hôpital du Sacré-Coeur de Montréal and current Co-Director of the Montreal Behavioural Medicine Centre. She holds a number of national and international leadership positions including Co-Lead of the International Behavioural Trials Network and Chair of the Canadian Network for Health Behaviour Change and is a member of the Canadian Expert Advisory Panel for COVID-19. Dr. Lavoie is internationally recognized for her research on chronic disease prevention and the impact of behavioural interventions such as motivational communication on health behaviours and chronic disease outcomes.

Dr. Simon Bacon is a Professor in the Department of Health, Kinesiology & Applied Physiology at Concordia University. Dr. Bacon sits on the CIHR SPOR Chair in Innovative, Patient-Oriented, Behavioural Clinical Trials and FRQS Co-Chair in Artificial Intelligence and Digital Health for Health Behaviour Change, Department of Health, Kinesiology, and Applied Physiology, Concordia University

Dr. Bacon has won research awards from the Canadian Hypertension Society, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, McGill University, National Institutes of Health (US), European Society of Hypertension, and International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology. Prior to joining Concordia he completed his postdoctoral studies at the Duke University Medical Center, McGill University, Hôpital du Sacré-Coeur de Montréal, and the Montreal Heart Institute.



**DR. SIMON BACON**