

# Older and Wiser? *The Future of Pension Policy*

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**Symposium Agenda: March 8, 2010**  
Convocation Hall, University of Saskatchewan



**8:00 am Registration (refreshments provided)**

**8:25 am Welcome and brief opening remarks by Dr. Michael Atkinson**, Executive Director, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

**8:30 am Pensions Overview:** *This session will be a comparative assessment of important pension developments around the world. Participants will situate Canada in broader context and outline the ways in which critical pension issues are being managed.* Presenters and panelists:  
~ Daniel Béland, Canada Research Chair and Professor, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy  
~ Michael Kpressa, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy  
~ Teresa Ghilarducci, The Bernard and Irene Schwartz Chair of Economic Policy Analysis and Director of the Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis at the New School for Social Research. Author of *When I'm Sixty Four: The Plot against Pensions and the Plan to Save Them*  
Chaired by Laura Kennedy, Associate Vice-President Finance, University of Saskatchewan

**10:00 a.m. Networking Break**

**10:30 a.m. Pension Realities:** *This session will focus on demographic trends, pension assumptions, and the ways of strategically managing pension obligations, including changing the structure of plans and negotiating legal requirements.* Presenters and panelists:  
~ Bob Baldwin, Informetrica Ltd., Carleton University, Ontario Expert Commission on Pensions  
~ William Robson, President and CEO, C.D. Howe Institute  
~ Robert Lucas, Economist, University of Saskatchewan  
Chaired by Terry McBride, financial advisor, columnist, The StarPhoenix

**12:00 p.m. Lunch and and Keynote Address by Teresa Ghilarducci**  
Exeter Room, Marquis Hall, University of Saskatchewan  
Introduced by Richard Florizone, Vice-President Finance and Resources, University of Saskatchewan

**1:30 p.m. Pension Governance:** *This session will review the rules regarding pensions, the role of pension regulators, and the responsibilities of boards of directors.* Presenters and panelists:  
~ Brian Smith, PEBA/Assistant Deputy Minister, Saskatchewan  
~ Dave Wild, Superintendent of Pensions, Saskatchewan  
~ Jon Kesselman, Canada Research Chair in Public Finance, Simon Fraser University  
Chaired by Nancy Hopkins, University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors

**3:00 p.m. Pension Futures:** *This panel will consider the progress to date of various jurisdictions including a discussion of ethical and financial challenges confronted so far.* Presenters and panelists:  
~ Scott Sweatman, lawyer, B.C./Alta. Pensions Commission  
~ Don Ireland, Senior Vice-President, Aon Consulting  
~ John Ilkiw, Vice-President, CCPIB board  
Chaired by Burk Humphrey, Past Chair, Canadian Pension and Benefits Institute and Client Relationship Executive, Sun Life Financial

**4:30 p.m. Closing remarks – Michael Atkinson**



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