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## The Douglas D. Purvis Professorship in Economic Policy

Doug Purvis was a remarkable colleague and friend who died tragically in January of 1993, at the age of 45, after an accident that occurred over the Christmas vacation. In Doug's memory, the Queen's Economics Department has established the Douglas D. Purvis Professorship in Economic Policy. The first holder of this professorship, Gregor Smith, was appointed in 2000.

Doug Purvis taught at Queen's from 1971, when he finished his doctoral studies at the University of Chicago under Nobel Laureate Robert Mundell, until his sudden death in 1993. He was one of the world's leading scholars in the area of open-economy macroeconomics. Doug was the Director of the John Deutsch Institute for the Study of Economic Policy from 1984 to 1987 and from 1990 until his death, and he was the Head of the Economics Department from 1986 until his death.

One of Doug's abiding interests was the application of economic analysis to important issues of public policy. Next to the Department itself, his greatest professional commitment was to the John Deutsch Institute for the Study of Economic Policy, or JDI. During the years when he was its Director, the JDI became one of the most important outlets for high-level public policy debate in Canada.

The purpose of the Purvis Professorship is to make it possible for Queen's to hire and/or retain an economist of the highest calibre who is committed to serious study of issues related to economic policy. The Professorship provides a salary supplement, which is currently very modest, and may also provide funds to support research and graduate assistants. It honours Doug Purvis in a way that he would have very much appreciated, in view of his strong commitment both to the Queen's Economics Department and to the application of economics to policy issues.

Despite many very generous donations in recent years, the size of the endowment fund is considerably less than what is needed in the long term. In the aftermath of the financial crisis, the shortfall is more serious than it was a few years ago. Further gifts would therefore be extremely welcome.

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