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**THE MARK NEWS WELCOMES A BATCH OF NEW AND NOTABLE
CANADIAN CONTRIBUTORS**

**Heather Munroe-Blum, Laura Calder, Mario Silva, Sheridan Scott, Robin Sears
and Keith Martin join roster of contributors to The Mark, Canada's online forum
for news analysis and opinion.**

Toronto, ON-- [The Mark News](#), Canada's daily online forum for news, commentary and debate, is pleased to welcome a new group of talented Canadians as contributors.

"We're delighted to welcome these outstanding Canadians to The Mark," says Jeff Anders, CEO of The Mark News. "A university president, members of Parliament, a former commissioner of the competition bureau, a top political advisor, and a French chef with a graduate degree from LSE – these are the kinds of people we want to add to the discussion at The Mark"

The Mark recruits [contributors](#) using two criteria: professional credibility and a connection to Canada. The Mark does select contributors based on how they vote, where they live, or what language they prefer, and certainly doesn't dictate what they write. The result is a community of thinkers and doers that reflects all points of view on politics, business, science and technology, and the arts. Though The Mark encourages contributors to express their bias, The Mark is not anchored to any one ideology itself, following the motto "You think, [we](#) curate."

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Dr. Munroe-Blum (O.C. Ph.D. FRSC) became the 16th Principal, Vice-Chancellor and Senior Officer of McGill University in 2003. An accomplished scholar in the fields of epidemiology and public policy and a distinguished administrator, she is a member of McGill's Faculty of Medicine and a Professor in the Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health. She has dedicated her career to the advancement of higher education, science and innovation, in Canada and internationally, advising governments and other organizations on the role that universities, research, and highly qualified talent play in advancing international competitiveness and enriching societies.

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Mr. Silva serves the constituents of the Toronto riding of Davenport as their Member of Parliament. He was first elected federally in 2004 and re-elected twice since then in 2006 and 2008. Prior to his election to the House of Commons, he served as a member of Toronto City Council for nine years and was twice re-elected. He is a graduate of Oxford University, UK (Master's in international human rights law), the University of Sorbonne in Paris, France (receiving the "Certificat de Langue Francaise"), and the University of Toronto (Bachelor's in both political science and international relations).

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ABOUT THE MARK

The Mark is Canada's daily online forum for news commentary and debate. It is founded on the idea that thousands of credible Canadians, here and abroad, have important things to say but cannot reach a national audience. For these Canadians, The Mark is their platform. *The Mark* is unique in that its content is written by a hand-picked community of experts and not by journalists or professional writers. It publishes high-quality original written, audio and video content for distribution through the web, print, radio, television and live events.

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