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

Rafick-Pierre Sekaly, Michael Adams, Antonia Maioni, Dave Toycen, Garry Breitkreuz become the newest contributors to The Mark, Canada's online forum for news commentary and debate.

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.

"I'm delighted to welcome these outstanding Canadians to The MARK." says Jeff Anders, CEO of The Mark News. "Their insights and experience will be great assets for our publication."

The Mark recruits [contributors](#) using two criteria: professional credibility and a connection to Canada. The Mark does not 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."

RAFICK-PIERRE SEKALY

Global expert on HIV/AIDS research; Professor, Université de Montréal.

Dr. Sekaly is the Co-Director and Scientific Director of the Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute (VGTI) in Port St. Lucie, Florida. He has been a full Professor at the Université de Montréal for 20 years. He is the Scientific Director of the National Immune-Monitoring Laboratory at the Université de Montréal, and Scientific Director for the Unit 743 of Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Medicale (INSERM). He serves as Associate Scientific Director for Basic Sciences and Strategy at the Centre Hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM). He has received several honours and awards including a Doctorat Honoris Causa from Lyon University (France), and the Cinader Award from the Canadian Society for Immunology (2007). For the last six years, he has held the Canada Research Chair in Human Immunology. He has generated more than \$160 million in grant income including grants to build a primate center and the National Immune Monitoring Laboratory.

MICHAEL ADAMS

Writer; Founder of the Environics Institute.

Mr. Adams is the President of the [Environics Institute](#) – a group of research and communications consulting companies, which he co-founded in 1970, now employing over 200 professionals in offices located in seven cities in Canada and the United States. In addition to numerous articles, seminars,



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frequent commentary in the broadcast media and presentations at conferences and annual meetings in North America, Europe and Asia, he is also the author of four Canadian best sellers: *Sex in the Snow: Canadian Social Values at the End of the Millennium* (1997), *Better Happy Than Rich? Canadians, Money and the Meaning of Life* (2000), *Fire and Ice: The United States, Canada and the Myth of Converging Values* (2003), and *American Backlash: The Untold Story of Social Change in the United States* (2005). *Fire and Ice* won the prestigious 2003-2004 Donner Prize for the best book on Canadian public policy and was selected in the fall of 2005 by the *Literary Review of Canada* as one of the "100 most important books ever published in the country." His most recent book – *Unlikely Utopia: The Surprising Triumph of Canadian Pluralism*, published in November 2007 – focuses on the promise and challenge of Canadian multiculturalism. In 2006, he founded the Environics Institute to sponsor survey research that will contribute to the discussion of important public policy issues.

ANTONIA MAIONI

Director of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada.

Dr. Maioni is Director of the [McGill](#) Institute for the Study of Canada. At McGill University, she also holds the positions of Associate Professor of both political science and the Canadian Studies Programme, member of the International Masters in Health Leadership team in the Desautels Faculty of Management, and William Dawson Scholar. She is a graduate of Université Laval and earned a Master's from Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs and a Ph.D. in political science from Northwestern University. She has published widely in the fields of Canadian and comparative politics, with a particular focus on health and social policy. She is a frequent media commentator on Canadian and Quebec politics and public policy, in both English and French. She has served as a mentor in the Action Canada Programme for young leaders; sits on the boards of the Institute for Research on Public Policy, the McCord Museum of Canadian History and the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation; and is an Executive Member of the Banff Forum.

DAVE TOYCEN

President and CEO of World Vision Canada.

As President and Chief Executive Officer of [World Vision Canada](#), Mr. Toycen heads Canada's largest humanitarian relief and development agency. In his 13 years as president, he has guided the organization into dramatic growth in its efforts to serve the world's poor. Prior to his appointment as president in 1996, he was World Vision Canada's executive Vice-President, and Vice-President of donor development for 8 years. In his 21 years as a leader with the agency, income has increased nine fold to over \$381 million annually.

GARRY BREITKREUZ

Member of Parliament, Yorkton-Melville, SK, Conservative Party of Canada

Mr. Breitkreuz has been an active member on numerous Standing Committees of the House of Commons including: Agriculture, Justice, Procedure and House Affairs, and Human Resources Development. Over the years, he has become well known both nationally and internationally for his extensive work and expertise on the federal gun registry file. Each year, he holds an Agriculture Forum in his constituency that receives national recognition and is broadcast across Canada on cable



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television. He is also presently working on renewing the Youth Criminal Justice Act with special attention to combating bullying. First elected to the House of Commons in October 1993, for the federal constituency of Yorkton-Melville in eastern Saskatchewan, he has been subsequently re-elected by the citizens of Yorkton-Melville in 1997, 2000, 2004, 2006, and 2008.

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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