

Christopher Ragan

Brief Biography

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Christopher Ragan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at McGill University in Montreal and holds the C.D. Howe Institute's David Dodge Chair in Monetary Policy. He is also a member of the Institute's Monetary Policy Council.

From January 2009 through June 2010, he was the Clifford Clark Visiting Economist at the Department of Finance in Ottawa where he served as a senior advisor to the Minister and other senior Finance officials. In the 2004-05 academic year, he served as the Special Advisor to the Governor of the Bank of Canada.

Since his appointment to McGill in 1989, Chris Ragan has taught a wide variety of courses, at undergraduate and graduate levels, and in 2007 he was awarded the Noel Fieldhouse teaching prize in the Faculty of Arts. His passion for teaching extends also to his writing. Ragan is the co-author with Richard Lipsey of *Economics*, which after thirteen editions is still the most widely used introductory economics textbook in Canada.

Ragan's academic research deals mainly with the role of economic policy, most recently the objectives and conduct of monetary policy. He has published several articles in economics journals including *Economica*, *Labour Economics*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Canadian Public Policy*, *Canadian Business Economics*, *Policy Options*, and the *Bank of Canada Review*. His 2004 book, co-edited with his McGill colleague William Watson, is called *Is the Debt War Over? Dispatches from Canada's Fiscal Frontline*. In the fall of 2007 he published *The Canadian Priorities Agenda*, co-edited with two colleagues from the Institute for Research on Public Policy.

Chris Ragan often writes economic columns for newspapers, including the *National Post*, the *Montreal Gazette* and the *National Post Magazine*, and during the mid 1990s was the Editor-in-Chief of *World Economic Affairs*. Ragan also teaches microeconomics regularly for McKinsey & Company, a leading international management consulting firm.

Ragan received his Bachelor's degree in economics in 1984 from the University of Victoria and his Master's degree in economics from Queen's University in 1985. He then moved to Cambridge, MA where he completed his Ph.D. in economics at M.I.T. in 1989. See his personal website at McGill for downloads of his published research as well as copies of his magazine editorials and articles:
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