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BIOGRAPHIES & HEADSHOTS

Erika Simpson is an associate professor of international politics in the political science department at the University of Western Ontario ('Western University') in London, Ontario, Canada. Simpson is an internationally-renowned scholar in international relations, Canadian foreign and defence policy, and international security. She has a sustained record of research excellent and productivity since she received her Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in 1995 from the University of Toronto. She teaches courses on international relations, international security, global violence, and Canadian foreign and defence policy.

Short biography (60 words):

ERIKA SIMPSON, M.A., Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of International Relations at Western University. She is the author of the book *NATO and the Bomb* and numerous articles and columns. In November 2015, she was awarded the Shirley Farlinger Award for Peace Writings by Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, an NGO with consultative status at the United Nations.

Short biography with links to URLs (50 words):

Erika Simpson is an associate professor of international relations in the department of political science at Western University in London, Canada. She is author of the book, *NATO and the Bomb* and many book chapters, journal articles and opinion pieces available on [Erika Simpson's blog](#) and at her [website](#).

Short biography without links (50 words):

Dr. Erika Simpson is Associate Professor of International Relations at Western University and the author of the book *NATO and the Bomb*, and numerous scholarly articles. She is a syndicated columnist for *Postmedia Network*, Canada's largest newspaper chain, and serves as the President of the Canadian Peace Research Association.

Longer biography with copyright-free large headshot (215 words)

Erika Simpson (PhD and MA, University of Toronto) is an Associate Professor of International Relations at Western University, London, Canada and the President of the Canadian Peace Research Association (CPRA). Her research interests are in international security and North American foreign and defence policy, particularly arms control, disarmament, nuclear proliferation, nuclear waste, and peacekeeping. She is the author of *NATO and the Bomb* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2001) and her articles have appeared in leading journals including *International Journal*; *In Victus Pax: Journal of Peace Education and Social Justice*; *Peace Magazine*; *Peace Research*; *Peace Review: A Journal of Social Justice*; and *Policy Options*. She is a national syndicated columnist for the *Postmedia Network*, Canada's largest digital and

newspaper chain, and a frequent commentator on Canada's CTV Television News. She serves as a Director on the Board of the Canadian Pugwash Group; a Senior Advisor for the Rideau Institute; an invited Consultant for the Nuclear Abolition Forum; and a Peer Reviewer for the Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health. Formerly she was an Alton Jones Fellow; a Barton Fellow; a Liu Institute Visiting Fellow; a NATO Research Fellow; and the Treasurer and Vice-Chair of the Canadian Pugwash Group. In 2015 the Voice of Women – Canada awarded her the 'Shirley Farlinger Lifetime Achievement Award for Peace Writings.'

Short biography for media outlets with copyright-free small headshot (193 words):



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In November 2015, she was awarded the "Shirley Farlinger Award for Peace Writings" by Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, an NGO with consultative status at the UN. Most recently, she served for two years as a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grant adjudicator and she continues to serve as a Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health (CIMVH) peer reviewer. She has written for Ottawa's Embassy Magazine, The Hill Times, Toronto's Globe and Mail and her regular column appears in approximately 20 Canadian newspapers with a regular readership of approximately 10.5 million people.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

Degree	Year	Discipline/Field	Institution	Country
Post-doc	1995	International Relations	Department of Political Science, Social Science Faculty, Carleton University	Canada
PhD	1995	International Relations	Department of Political Science, Social Science Faculty, University of Toronto	Canada
Master of Philosophy	1988	International Relations	Department of Political Science, Social Science Faculty, University of Toronto	Canada
Bachelor of Arts, Hons.	1984	International Relations	Department of Political Science, Social Science Faculty, University of Saskatchewan	Canada

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND & PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Position Held and Institution/Organization	Department/Faculty/City	Country	Period (year)
Associate Professor	Department of Political Science, Social Science Faculty, University of Western Ontario (Western University), London	Canada	2001-present
Visiting Fellow	Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia, Vancouver	Canada	2002-2004
Assistant Professor	Department of Political Science, Social Science Faculty, University of Western Ontario (Western University), London	Canada	1995-2001
Post-doc and Sessional Lecturer	Political Science, Carleton University	Canada	1994-1995
Consultant	Common Security Consultants, Hull, Quebec	Canada	1991-95

WEBSITES & LINKS

Websites and Links	URL address
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Faculty Webpage	http://politicalscience.uwo.ca/people/faculty/full-time_faculty/erika_simpson.html
Blog	https://erikasimpson.wordpress.com/
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/erika.simpson.127
Linked in	http://publish.uwo.ca/~simpson/
Scholarship@Western	http://ir.lib.uwo.ca/do/search/?q=erika%20simpsonandstart=0andcontext=674312andfacet=
Twitter	https://twitter.com/erikavgsimpson
CPRA webpage	https://cpra-acrp.com/
CPRA Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/CanadianPeaceResearchAssociation/

AWARDS, HONOURS & RECOGNITIONS: 39

Associate Professor Honours and Awards: 25

Honours and Awards over the last six years (15/11/2013-15/11/2019): 12

- 2020 **Canadian representative and invited presenter** to the 63rd Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs: “*Dialogue not Confrontation: Nuclear Risks and Conflict Resolution*”, Doha, Qatar, March 1-5, 2020
- 2019-present Member of the **Board of Directors** (elected), Pugwash Canada (2019-21). The Canadian Pugwash Group (CPG) is the national affiliate of the Nobel Prize-winning Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs.
- 2019-present **Principal investigator**, Faculty of Social Science Internal Research Grant Competition, (\$2,500), awarded by the dean and the associate dean of research in social science and funded by the Agnes Cole Dark Fund.
- 2018 **Nominee**, National Newspaper Awards (2018) by editor of London Free Press on behalf of *Postmedia Network Canada Corporation’s Ontario broadsheet* for ‘COLUMNS award’. For exceptional analysis or commentary by individuals whose work is published regularly by a single news organization in column format.
- 2015-present **President** (elected 2019-21), **Vice-President** (elected 2015-17, re-elected 2017-2019) of the Canadian Peace Research Association (CPRA), a regular association of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2014-present Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health **College of Peer Reviewers**, nominated member and peer reviewer of many grant proposals
- 2013-present **Syndicated Newspaper Columnist**, *Postmedia Network*, Canada’s largest online and newspaper chain. *Postmedia Network* publishes Simpson’s opinion pieces on international topics made re- available on Erika Simpson’s blog and through open access at Scholarship@Western. Her readership is estimated at approximately 10.5 million people.

- 2005-present **Author** in *The Hill Times* (formerly *Embassy Magazine*). Simpson publishes opinion pieces on international topics made re-available on Erika Simpson's blog and through open access at Scholarship@Western.
- 2018-19 **Principal investigator, Western University Faculty Research Development Fund Grant** (\$10,000) awarded by the dean and the associate dean of research in social science and funded by the Office of the Vice-President Research, the President's Office, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council endowment fund.
- 2015-2017 Member of the **Board of Directors** (elected), Pugwash Canada (2015-17). The Canadian Pugwash Group (CPG) is the national affiliate of the Nobel Prize-winning Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs.
- 2015 "Shirley Farlinger Lifetime **Award** for Peace Writings" from Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, an NGO with consultative status at the United Nations. This lifetime award reflected her stature and reputation in both policy and academic communities.
- 2014 and 2015 Co-organizer, **United Nations (UN) Panels**, Pugwash Canada and International Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs (\$6,000 grants)
- 2014 **Principal investigator, Western University Faculty Research Development Fund Travel Grant** (\$1,500)

Associate Professor Honours and Awards (15/11/2009-15/11/2013): 8

- 2013-present **Syndicated Newspaper Columnist**, *Postmedia Network*
- 2005-present **Columnist** in *The Hill Times* and *Embassy Magazine*.
- 2011-2013 **Past Vice-Chair**, Pugwash Canada
- 2007-2009 **Vice Chair** (elected in 2007-09, 2009-11), Pugwash Canada and **Board Member**
- 2005-2012 **Invited Lecturer and Plenary Participant**, Canadian Forces College, Toronto.
- 2011 Western University Internal Social Science Alumni **Research Award** (\$3,000)
- 2009-2015 **CTV National Television Commentator**
- 2009 Co-applicant, **Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) and Department of National Defence (DND) Awards** (total \$26,000)

Associate Professor Honours and Awards (01/07/2002-15/11/2009): 7

- 2009 Co-applicant, **DND Security and Defence Forum Award** (\$3,000) for International Pugwash and Pugwash Canada conference in Pugwash, N.S.
- 2007 Co-applicant, **DFAIT Award** (\$100,000) for 2007 International Pugwash Conference in Pugwash, N.S.
- 2005 Co-applicant, **DFAIT Award** for 2005 International Pugwash Conference in Halifax (\$250,000)

- 2005 Co-applicant, Global Security Forum, ISROP, **DFAIT Award** (\$6,000)
- 2002-2006 Principal Investigator (PI), Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Standard 3-year **SSHRC Research Grant** (extended 1 year), (\$41,000)
- 2001-2003 **Robert J. Lifton Fellow** [renamed Alton Jones Fellowship], Center on Violence and Human Survival, City University of New York, New York City (\$5,000).
- 2002-2003 **Visiting Fellow**, Liu Institute, University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver

Assistant Professor Honours and Awards (01/07/1995-31/06/2002): 3

- 1999 Western University, SSHRC Special Initiative Competition, **Research Award** (\$4,225)
- 1999 Western University Foundation **Agnes Cole Dark Fund** (\$1,445)
- 1996 Western University, Vice President's **Internal Research Grant** (\$1,500)

Post-Doctoral Honours and Awards: 2

- 1995-1996 **Post-Doctoral Fellowship** (\$27,000/declined), Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA), Carleton University, Ottawa. She declined the NPSIA post-doctoral fellowship in order to take-up a tenure-track position at the University of Western Ontario.
- 1995 Senior Barton **Post-Doctoral Fellowship** (\$30,000/Post-Doctoral Fellowship), Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security (CIIPS) and DFAIT Cooperative Security Competition Program. Awarded the extremely competitive and prestigious 'Barton Fellowship', Professor Simpson had obtained a PhD and a MA at the University of Toronto where she was awarded Department of National Defence and SHRCC awards and had gone on to do a post-doc in the Department of Political Science at Carleton University, as well as lead influential third-year classes on *Canadian Defence Policy* (1994-96) and *Canadian Foreign Policy* (1995-96).

Doctoral (PhD) Honours and Awards: 6

- 1992-1993 1-year **Barton Award Doctoral Fellowship**, Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security
- 1991-1992 **NATO Research Fellow**, NATO headquarters, Brussels, Belgium
- 1989-1992 3-year **Doctoral Fellowship**, Military and Strategic Studies (MSS), DND
1988-89 3-year **Doctoral Fellowship**, SSHRC (declined to take up DND scholarship)
- 1989-1992 **Ontario Graduate Scholarship** (declined to take up SSHRC)
- 1989-1992 **German Academic Exchange Service Doctoral Scholarship** (declined)

Master of Arts (MA) awards: 1

1986-1987 **W. L. Mackenzie King Fellowship** for International Relations. Professor Simpson was singled out for her academic achievement as a student at the University of Toronto through the Mackenzie King Scholarship.

REQUESTS FOR TALKS, REFERENCES & GRANTS

If you believe that Erika Simpson's past experience and education would make her a valuable asset for your organization, please do not hesitate to contact her for more information at: simpson@uwo.ca. She can bring value to your organization and would appreciate the opportunity to discuss how her experience and skills could contribute to your growth or success.

Professor Simpson's appointment in the Department provides a platform for her leadership and institution-building, including through the creation of a global governance research focus in the Social Science Faculty that, like Professor Simpson's own career, stands at the intersection of traditional scholarship and policy-relevant practice.

Her own policy-relevant work has always entailed not only conceptual and political analysis, but also close engagement with practitioners representing national governments and armed forces, international organizations, and humanitarian agencies.

Please be aware that if Professor Simpson accepts your request for assistance, no fees or Honoraria will be expected or charged. Erika never accepts gifts, gifts-in-kind or any paid remuneration under any circumstances for her services. If you are seeking a reference letter, you may need to make a personal appointment to see her well before your due dates. Professor Simpson reserves the right to decline your request for telephone or written reference letters. She directly supervises 8 work study students a year and she writes approximately 100 individual reference letters a year for students that have taken more than 1 course under her supervision. If you have worked with her or you have taken 2-4 courses under her supervision, however, this does not mean she will automatically write you a stellar reference letter. (Unfortunately, due to various considerations, Professor Simpson does not accept unpaid volunteer/interns nor write reference letters for volunteering).

Through her extensive global network – which includes international public servants, diplomats, and representatives of high-profile NGOs – Erika is able to position herself as a convenor and thought-leader on the changing nature of disarmament and contemporary challenges in deterrence strategy. Western University is an English-speaking research centre that joins with Huron University College, Brescia University College and King's University College, therefore Professor Simpson's faculty position embeds her in a large research community composed of thousands of faculty members and graduate students, as well as in ongoing national research networks and collaborative research.

In addition to helping to provide service at the international and national levels, Western's office for Research provides support in the preparation and writing of federal grant proposals. Dr. Simpson is also provided with appropriate personal office space in the Department of Political Science and appropriate collateral space can also be provided to support her research activities at the community, national and international levels.

She looks forward to new opportunities to show you how you – or your organization – can be 'on the map' of not only Canadian foreign policy-making but also global policy-making.

Erika Simpson