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Inspired by the Sustainable Development Goals, in collaboration with the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth, Professor Wong founded the Reach Alliance, a model for student-led, faculty-mentored, multi-disciplinary research dedicated to investigating the pathways to success for innovative programs that are reaching the world's most marginalized populations: <http://reachalliance.org/what-is-reach>. He is a graduate of McGill University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



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A former Canadian diplomat, Colin Robertson is Vice President and Fellow at the Canadian Global Affairs Institute and hosts its regular Global Exchange podcast. He is an Executive Fellow at the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy and a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University and he teaches at the Canadian Foreign Service Institute and Queen's University. An Honorary Captain (Royal Canadian Navy) he is also a member of the Defence Advisory Board. During his foreign service career, Colin served as first Head of the Canadian Embassy's Advocacy Secretariat in Washington, Consul General in Los Angeles, Consul in Hong Kong and in New York. A member of the teams that negotiated the Canada-US FTA and then the NAFTA, he is a member of the Deputy Minister of International Trade's Advisory Council. He writes on foreign affairs for the *Globe and Mail* and he is a frequent contributor to other media.



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