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CIVIL STATUS Widow of Geoffrey Pearson; five children (one deceased); 12 grandchildren

LANGUAGES English, French, Spanish

EDUCATION

1978 M.Ed. Psychopedagogy
University of Ottawa

1951 B.A. Honours Philosophy and English
University of Toronto

HONOURS AND AWARDS

2013 The Arthur Davison Prize for the article "Pearsons Up the
Gatineau"
Gatineau Valley Historical Society

2012 The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal

2011 LL.D. Honorary
York University

2008 Officer of the Order of Canada

2006 LL.D. Honorary
Ryerson University

2005 Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize
(as one of 1000 women worldwide)

Medal for Exceptional Contribution
Centre of Excellence for Early Child Development

2003	LL.D. Honorary University of Carleton
2002	Doctor of University (D.U.) University of Ottawa
2002	The Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal
2001	LL.D. Honorary University of Victoria
	Rosemarie Popham Family Advocacy Award Family Service Canada
2000	National Child Day Award Canadian Institute of Child Health
1995	LL.D. Honorary Wilfred Laurier University
1999	Distinguished Service Award Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
1996	Service to the World's Children Award Save the Children Canada
1997	Champions for Children Award The Children's Aid Foundation of Ottawa-Carleton
1993	Norma V. Bowen Humanitarian Award of Ontario Psychological Foundation
1990	The Canadian Volunteer Award for work On behalf of children at home and abroad
1985	Citation for Distinguished Volunteer Service The United Way of Ottawa-Carleton

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

2013	International Social Service (ISS) Canada
2005	Canadian Pediatric Society
2004	Vanier Institute of the Family

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2013 Jury member – Consensus Development Conference on Legal Issues of FASD
Edmonton, Alberta
- 2010-2012 Chair, Commission on Inter-Cultural, Inter-Religious and Inter-Racial
Relations on Campus, Carleton University
- 2010 Leader of Youth Delegation to XX Pan-American Congress on Children – Lima,
Peru
- 2009-2016 Member of Governance Circle, North-South Partnership for Children in northern
And Remote Communities
- 2006- Appointed adjunct professor in the Pauline Jewett Institute of
Women and Gender Studies and coordinator for the Landon
Pearson Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights,
Carleton University
- 2006- Board Member, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society
- 2005-2015 Board Member Arctic Foundation for Children and Youth
- 2005 Member of Delegation to XIX Pan-American Congress on Children- Ciudad de
México D. F, Mexico
- 2005 Deputy Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights authorized to
examine and report upon Canada's international obligations in regard to
the rights and freedoms of children. Co-edited *Who's in Charge Here?* in
November 2005.
- 2003-04 Charged with the preparation of Canada's National Plan of Action for Children,
A Canada Fit for Children in response to the outcome document from the Special
Session entitled *A World Fit for Children*
- 2003 Head of Delegation to present Canada's second Report to the UN Committee on
the Rights of the Child (Geneva, Switzerland)
- 2001 Delegate to XVIII Pan-American Congress on Children – Buenos Aries,
Argentina
- 2001 Delegate to the Second World Congress Against Commercial Sexual
Exploitation of Children, Yokohama, Japan
- 2000-2004 Personal Representative of Prime Minister Jean Chrétien to the 2002 United
Nations General Assembly Special Session on Children, including preparatory
sessions and follow-up

- 2000 Senior delegate to the International Conference on War-Affected Children – Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 2000 Honorary chair, Advisory Board of Industry Canada's SchoolNet
- 1997-98 Co-chair, Special Joint Parliamentary Committee on Child Custody and Access which drafted the report, *For the Sake of the Children*
- 1998 Co-chair, *Out From the Shadows: International Summit of Sexually Exploited Youth*, Victoria
- 1998-2008 Advisory Board Member, Invest in Kids, Toronto
- 1997 Alternate Head of Delegation, International Child Labour Conference, Oslo
- 1996-2005 Advisor on Children's Rights to the Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 1996 Delegate to the First World Congress Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Stockholm
- 1995 Delegate to the Fourth World Congress on Women, Beijing
- 1994-2005 Appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien to represent Ontario (and the voice of children); Member of the Standing Senate Committees on Aboriginal Peoples, Human Rights and Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- 1993-2002 Board Member, Centre for Studies of Children at Risk (now the Offord Centre) McMaster University
- 1992-99 Member, Advisory Council to Canadian Institute of Advanced Research Programme on Human Development
- 1990-93 Vice-President, Child, Youth and Family Policy Research Centre, Toronto
- 1989-94 Founder and Chair, Canadian Coalition on the Right of Children
- 1990 Represented the Canadian NGO Community as an official delegate to the World Summit for Children, United Nations-New York
- 1984-1990 President and Chair, Canadian Council on Children and Youth
- 1980s Board Member, Canadian Institute of Child Health
- 1978-80 Vice-Chair, Canadian Commission for International Year of the Child; Editor of the Commission's report, *For Canada's Children: National Agenda for Action, 1978-80*
- 1974-1998 Co-founder and Chair of Children Learning for Living -- a prevention program in children's mental health in the Ottawa Board of Education. Principal investigator for research funded by Health and Welfare Canada, 1980-1984
- 1973-1979 Resource person for Niagara Institute's Seminars on "Human Development and Organizational Life"

- 1970-72 School Trustee: American International School (New Delhi ,India)
- 1970-1972 Volunteer with Mobile Crèches for Working Mother's Children(New Delhi,India)
- 1966-69 School Trustee: Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa
- 1953-83 Served as spouse of Foreign Service officer in France, 1953-57 and 1958-61; Mexico, 1961-64; India, 1969-72; and the USSR, 1980-83 (traveled in almost every republic to conduct research on Soviet children's health and development)

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

- 2010 *Tibacimowin – Gathering of Stories* (co-authored with Judy Finlay). Centre of Excellence for Children's Mental Health at CHEO
- 2009 *Not There Yet. Canada's Implementation of the General Measures of the UN CRC* (Landon Pearson and Dr. Tara Collins). UNICEF INNOCENTI Research Centre and UNICEF Canada
- 2003 *Letters from Moscow*. Penumbra Press, Manotick
- 1991 *Children of Glasnost*. University of Washington Press and Lester and Orpen Dennys, Toronto

REPORTS from LPRC edited by Landon Pearson

- 2012 *Shaking the Movers VI. Standing Up for Children's Mental Health* - Report published by Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights, Ottawa, Ontario, 2012
- 2012 *CRAN 2012: Children's Rights Academic Network – 4th Annual Meeting* - Report published by Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, 2013
- 2011 *Shaking the Movers V. Divided We're Silent: United We Speak Standing up for Youth Justice* - Report published by Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights, Ottawa, Ontario, 2011
- 2010 *CRAN 2010: Children's Rights Academic Network – 3rd Annual Meeting* - Report published by Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, 2008
- 2010 *Shaking the Movers IV. Child Rights and the Media* - Report published by Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, June 2010

- 2009 *Shaking the Movers III. Child Rights in Education* - Report published by Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, June 2009
- 2009 *CRAN 2009: Children's Rights Academic Network – 2nd Annual Meeting* - Report published by Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, 2008
- 2008 *Shaking the Movers II. Belonging and Identity*. Report published by Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, June 2008
- 2008 *CRAN 2008: Children's Rights Academic Network – Inaugural Meeting* - Report published by Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, 2008
- 2007 *Shaking the Movers I. Speaking Truth to Power: Civil and Political Rights of Children*. Report published by Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, June 2007.

Other Edited Reports

- 1994-2005 *Children & the Hill/ L'enfant et la colline* - regular newsletter of federal legislation and programmes on children and youth distributed to over 1000 federal-provincial-territorial governments, organizations and individuals across Canada and abroad
- 1980 For Canada's Children: National Agenda for Action. (Editor – English and French)

LECTURES (selected)

- 2014 *Article 12 in Policy and Legislation*. Key-note address to Third Annual Summer Institute on Children's Rights, Univ. of Moncton. July 11, 2014
- 2012 *From Strength to Strength: The Interrelated Rights of Women and Children Over the Life-Cycle*. The Florence Bird Lecture, Carleton University, March 8, 2012
- 2007 *The Role of Community in the Way Forward for Children*. Lecture at *Spring Forward! Early Years National Conference*, Toronto, Ontario, March 28, 2007
- 2007 *Participation of Children and Youth at the United Nations General Assembly: Special Session on Children, May 10-12, 2002*. Lecture at the conference *Child Rights in Practice: Tools for Social Change*, University of Victoria, British Columbia, February 25 – March 2, 2007
- 2001 *A World Fit for Children*
Address to the Associated Services Inc., Toronto

- 1999 *A World Fit for Children: Children's Rights in the Wider World*
Grant Lowery Memorial Series on the Rights of the Child Lecture, Toronto
The Media and the Protection of the Rights of Children and Adolescents
Address to the Inter-American Children's Institute
of the Organization of American States, Buenos Aires
- Rights of Children in the New Millennium*
Published by the Whittier Law Journal, Costa Mesa, California
- 1998 *Children's Rights in Canadian Foreign Policy*
Published by McGill University, Model UN Assembly
- 1997 *Seen and Heard: Children's Rights in Foreign Policy* (English and French)
O.D. Skelton Memorial Lecture, University of Manitoba
Published by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade