JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU, PhD, MBA, MA, BA (HONS)

SUMMARY

Philosopher of Science & Theories of Scientific Change | Inclusive Innovation | Tech Entrepreneurship | Explainability in AI | Innovation in the Global South | Decolonized Transdisciplinarity | Francophone Transatlantic Concerns | Digital Literacy

Skills include Governance, Strategic Planning, Mentoring, Machine Learning, Web Programming, MS Office, and Google Workspace.

Native fluency in French, English and Haitian Creole, Low-Intermediate Spanish.

EXPERIENCE

Instructor, MBA Program

Current

Schulich School of Business, York University

Developer and Teacher of ORGS 6610 – EDI in Strategic Innovation

Network Manager, AI for Pandemic & Epidemic Preparedness York University

Current

 Operational lead for a regranting program that funds projects at the intersection of responsible AI and complex disease management in the Global South

Postdoctoral Fellow, Lassonde School of Engineering

2020 - 2022

York University

- Explainability and Trust in Al Systems
- UX Research in Human-Robot Interaction, AI for De-escalation

Principal Advisor, Digital Strategy and Experiential Learning

2020 - 2021

Université de l'Ontario Français

Supported the successful launch of the new francophone university

Technical Advisor in Innovation, Science and Competitiveness

2017 - 2019

National Palace of the Republique of Haiti

Advised on policy and led launch of the largest tech incubator in region

Adjunct Professor, Innovation

2017 – 2018

Université Quisqueya (Haiti)

Developed a delivered a new course on innovation for entrepreneurs

Special Advisor, Innovation & Tech Policy

2017 - 2019

Office of the Minister, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Haiti)

Led a feasibility study on a national tech incubator, and advised on innovation policy

Curriculum Developer

2015

WoodGreen Community Services

Co-led a pre-employment program for youths seeking a first opportunity in tech

Interim Director, Government Relations (Ontario)

2012 - 2013

Innovative Medicines Canada

Health policy advocacy to governments on behalf of the national association

Senior Manager, Life Sciences Programs

2008 - 2012

Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation

Led a team of five policy professionals responsible for the administration of a \$150 million conditional grant program that resulted in over \$400 million of new investments into Ontario. The team also launched the Clinical Trials Ontario agency.

EDUCATION

Introduction to Machine Learning

2022

Vector Institute

Doctor of Philosophy (University of Toronto)

2016

Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IHPST)
Thesis: "The Language of Science as Creole: A Case Against Incommensurability"

Master of Business Administration (York University)

2006

Schulich School of Business

Master of Art (University of Toronto)

2001

Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology Thesis: "Against Incommensurability"

Bachelor of Arts, Honours (Carleton University)

1998

Department of Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Enas Tarawneh, **Jean-Jacques Rousseau**, Stephanie G. Craig, Deeksha Chandola, Walleed Khan, Adnan Faizi and Michael Jenkin, "An Infrastructure for Studying the Role of Sentiment in Human-Robot Interaction". Submitted to the International Conference for Pattern Recognition, August 2022.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, "On the Reasonableness of Vaccine Hesitancy: Pandemics Can Expose How Science Meanders". Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Number 103, Spring 2021, 16-17.

Dara N. Byrne and **Jean-Jacques Rousseau**, "The 'Defining' Problem of Black Authenticity in Canada: Real Slang and the Grammar of Cultural Hybridity," in Authentic Blackness | "Real" Blackness: Essays on the Meaning of Blackness in Literature and Culture, ed. Martin Japtok and Jerry Rafiki Jenkins (New York: Peter Lang Press, 2011), 53-65.

PRESENTATIONS

"How to Influence Policy: What Happens When You Leave the Room" Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research

January 2023

"Autonomous Systems for De-escalating Conflict in Military and Civilian Contexts"

August 2022

April 2021

International Conference for Pattern Recognition (ICPR) 2022

« La transdisciplinarité, une anomalie kuhnienne » Colloque international sur la transdisciplinarité Laboratoire interdisciplinaire de recherche sur l'enseignement supérieur

"What the Industrial Revolutions Teaches Us About the Age of AI" Whitespace Legal Collab by Baker Mackenzie (Toronto)	April 2020
"The Role of Public Institutions on the Impact of New Technology" Al on a Social Mission Conference (Montreal)	March 2019

GOVERNANCE

Past Chair	Current
CARE for Internationally Educated Nurses	
Member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group Schulich School of Business at York University	2020 – 2021
Member, Board of Directors Groupe Média TFO	2016 – 2019