
CURRICULUM VITÆ

Sir John Daniel

GENERAL

Full name: John Sagar Daniel
Date of birth: May 31, 1942
Nationality: British and Canadian
Marital status: Married to Kristin Anne Swanson (1966), 3 children

EDUCATION

Secondary: CHRIST'S HOSPITAL, Sussex, UK 1952-61

- Open Scholarship (Natural Sciences) to Oxford University 1960
- Founding president, Christ's Hospital Science Society
- Editor, C.H. Science Magazine
- Assistant-Editor, *The Outlook* (Literary magazine)
- Senior Grecian (School Captain) 1960-61

Undergraduate: OXFORD UNIVERSITY (St. Edmund Hall) 1961-65

- B.A. First Class Honours (Metallurgy) 1965; M.A. 1969
- Part II Thesis: *Deformation Studies on Iron*
- Qualifying examinations in German and Russian
- President, Oxford University Canada Club
- President, St. Edmund Hall Essay Society
- Second Lieutenant, Oxford University Officers Training Corps

Graduate: UNIVERSITÉ DE PARIS (Faculté d'Orsay/École des Mines) 1965-69

- Docteur ès-Sciences Physiques 1969 (mention: Très honorable)
- 1^{re} Thèse: *Étude des modes de glissement/maillage des monocristaux d'uranium alpha en fonction de la température*
- 2^{me} Thèse: *Étude des solutions solides des métaux de transition par l'effet Mossbauer*
- NATO Scholar 1965-66
- Boursier Joliot-Curie 1966-69

Part-time: SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY 1970-75

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY 1994-95

- Master of Arts (Educational Technology) 1996
- Thesis: *The Mega-universities and the Knowledge Media: implications of new technologies for large distance-teaching universities*

THORNELOE UNIVERSITY 1985-92

- Diploma in Theology A.Th. 1992

Other: UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO 1978

- Senior University Administrators' Course

NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE (CANADA) 1989-90

- Senior Executive course in Canadian and international affairs
- Thesis: *Oil Spills – Is Canada Ready?*

TÉLÉ-UNIVERSITÉ, ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY, THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

- Various distance education courses 1975-85, 1999, 2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2004- President and CEO
THE COMMONWEALTH OF LEARNING (COL)
- A Commonwealth agency established in 1988 and headquartered in Vancouver, Canada, COL is the only international intergovernmental body that focuses exclusively on using technology to expand the scope and scale of human learning. Traditional methods cannot deliver the massive expansion of education and training necessary to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. COL helps Commonwealth governments and institutions to develop policies that make educational innovation sustainable and build systems and applications that expand learning.
- COL achieves high impact through its focus on technology and by working in close partnership with numerous international and bilateral organisations. It places special emphasis on open and distance learning (ODL) because of its proven effectiveness.
- External assignments:
- ▶ UNESCO/CHEA Working Group on Degree Mills, 2008
 - ▶ UNESCO Expert Group on Private Higher Education, 2008-2009
 - ▶ Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies in Development (UN): Member, High-Level Panel of Advisors, 2006-2008
 - ▶ Whitney International University System: Member, Advisory Board, 2007-
 - ▶ Global Initiative for Quality Assurance Capacity: Member, Steering Committee, 2007-
 - ▶ University of Ghana: Chair, Visitation Panel, 2007
 - ▶ Canadian Council on Learning, Board Member, 2004-
 - ▶ Canadian Society for Training and Development: Honorary Chairman, Learn@Work Week, 2006
- 2001-2004 Assistant Director-General for Education
UNESCO (UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANISATION)
- The Assistant Director-General for Education was responsible to the Director-General for the leadership of the largest of UNESCO's five programme sectors, which are Education, Science, Culture, Social/Human Sciences and Communications/Information.
- Working out of UNESCO's headquarters in Paris, the Assistant Director-General for Education led staff based there and in field offices and institutes around the world. The sector's mandate covered all levels of education and training – both formal and informal.
- Its central priority was to be the catalyst, within the international community, for progress toward the goals of *Education for All* that were agreed at the World Forum held in Dakar in April 2000. These are:
- ▶ *Expand and improve comprehensive early childhood care and education, especially for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children.*
 - ▶ *Ensure that by 2015 all children, especially girls, children in difficult circumstances, and from ethnic minorities have access to and complete free and compulsory primary education of good quality.*
 - ▶ *Ensure that the learning needs of all young people are met through equitable access to appropriate learning and life skills programmes.*
 - ▶ *Achieve a 50 per cent improvement in levels of adult literacy by 2015, especially for women as well as equitable access to basic and continuing education for adults.*
 - ▶ *Eliminate gender disparities in primary and secondary education by 2005 and achieve gender equality by 2015 – with a special focus on ensuring full and equal access for girls to basic education of good quality.*
 - ▶ *Improve all aspects of the quality of education to achieve recognised and measurable learning outcomes for all – especially in literacy, numeracy and essential life skills.*
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1990-2001 Vice-Chancellor (Chief academic and administrative officer)
THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

The Open University is the UK's largest educational and training organisation with over 200,000 students and clients throughout the world. From its foundation in 1969, it has been the world pioneer in the application of mass media and information technologies to open and distance learning. Since 1992, the Open University has also provided award validation services (in succession to the Council for National Academic Awards) for over 100 higher education institutions and research laboratories in the UK and overseas. In 1998, it created a sister institution, the United States Open University, of which the OU Vice-Chancellor was President *ex-officio*.

External Activities:

- ▶ UNESCO – European Centre for Higher Education (CEPES)
 - Advisory Council (Chair 1990-92 – Member from 1986)
- ▶ Higher Education Quality Council of the United Kingdom (1992-94)
- ▶ National Commission on Education, Associate Commissioner 1992-93
- ▶ Milton Keynes and North Bucks Training and Enterprise Council, Director 1990-95
- ▶ European Distance Education Network (EDEN), Executive Committee Member 1992-97
- ▶ European Association of Distance Teaching Universities (EADTU)
 - Executive Committee Member 1990-96
- ▶ Conseil Scientifique International, Route des Hautes Technologies (France), 1993-98
- ▶ Council of Foundation of the International Baccalaureate
 - Member *Ad Personam* 1992-99, Vice-Chair 1996-97, Vice-President 1997-99
- ▶ Royal Naval Engineering College Advisory Council 1993-95
- ▶ Advisory Council for the Development of Royal Navy Personnel
 - Member 1995-2001, Chair 1996-2001
- ▶ Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching (USA), Trustee 1993-2001
- ▶ Council for Industry and Higher Education, Member 1994-2001
- ▶ Council, University of Buckingham, Member 1994-2001
- ▶ Council, College of St. Mark and St. John, Member 1994-96
- ▶ Council, Central School of Speech and Drama, Member 1994-96
- ▶ Centre National d'Education à Distance (France)
 - Membre, Conseil d'Administration 1994-98
- ▶ British North American Committee, Member 1995-2001; UK co-chair 1999-2001
- ▶ Confederation of British Industry, Council Member 1996-98
- ▶ Open University of Hong Kong, Council Member 1996-2001
- ▶ University for Industry, Member, Transition Board 1998-99, Board 1999-2001
- ▶ St. Edmund Hall, Oxford University, Member, Advisory Board 1996-2001
- ▶ Blackwells Publishing, Director 1998-2001
- ▶ Xerox Canada, Advisory Board, Member 1999-2000
- ▶ Foresight Panel on the Aging Population, UK Government, 1999
- ▶ Steering Committee, Ministry of Defence Review of Education and Training, 1999-2001

1984-90 President (and Full Professor, Faculty of Science and Engineering)

LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY

The Laurentian University system served Northeastern Ontario with programmes in both English and French from its main campus in Sudbury and affiliated colleges in Hearst, North Bay and Sault Ste-Marie. Enrolments in its on-campus and distance programmes reached 10,000 in 1990. In 1987 Laurentian founded Canada's first university campus overseas, the Université canadienne en France in Villefranche-sur-mer (Alpes-Maritimes).

External Assignments:

- ▶ Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
 - Chair, Corporate Relations – National Universities Week 1985
 - National Universities Week 1987
 - Visiting Assessment Committees
 - Université du Québec à Hull
 - Université du Québec à Rimouski
 - Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue
 - École de Technologie Supérieure
 - Collège militaire royal (Chair)
 - École des Hautes Études Commerciales
- ▶ Council of Ontario Universities
 - Ontario Commission on Interuniversity Athletics
 - Operating grants committee (1984-86)
- ▶ TV Ontario
 - Committee on Post Secondary Educational Programming (COPSEP)
- ▶ Concordia University
 - Advisory committee, Ph.D. programme in Educational Technology
- ▶ Northern Development Councils of Ontario
 - Sudbury Region Northern Development Council
- ▶ Ministry of Colleges and Universities
 - French Language Education Implementation Task Force
- ▶ Sudbury Regional Development Council
 - Board
- ▶ Temagami Advisory Council
 - Chair
- ▶ The Commonwealth
 - Planning Group for The Commonwealth of Learning (Chair) 1987-88
- ▶ The Commonwealth of Learning
 - Board of Governors (1988-90)
- ▶ Open Learning Institute of Hong Kong
 - Member of Governing Council (1989)

- 1980-1984 Vice-Rector, Academic
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
- Created in 1974 by the merger of Sir George Williams University and Loyola of Montréal, Concordia University had 25,000 students during this period.
- Other assignments:
- Chair, Planning Committee for the Tenth Anniversary
 - Chair, Task Force on Part-time Students
 - Chair, Cheating Regulations Revision Committee (Senate)
 - Member, Committee to establish a joint alumni association
 - Member, Centre de recherche informatique de Montréal
- External Committees:
- ▶ Conseil supérieur de l'éducation
 - Commission de l'enseignement universitaire
 - L'informatique au primaire et au secondaire
 - ▶ Conférence des recteurs (CREPUQ)
 - Conseil d'administration
 - Recherche
 - Personnel enseignant
 - Coopération internationale
 - Systèmes d'information
 - L'université québécoise de l'an 2000
- Teaching/Scholarship:
- Supervision of graduate students (one Master's, one Doctoral)
- 1978-80 Vice-President, Learning Services
ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY
- Athabasca University is an open university with students throughout Canada. Created in the mid 1970s, it grew from 1000 to 4000 students during this period. One of two vice-presidents, the Vice-President, Learning Services was responsible for academic matters.
- External Committees:
- Universities Coordinating Council (Alberta)
 - Vice-Presidents, Academic (Alberta/Western Canada)
- 1973-74
1974-77 Coordonnateur de la technologie éducative
Directeur des Études
TÉLÉ-UNIVERSITÉ, Université du Québec
- The Télé-université, a unit of the University of Québec network set up in 1972 to provide distance education at the undergraduate level, expanded to an enrolment of 12,000 over its first five years. Reporting to the Director-General, the Directeur des Études was the senior academic officer.
- Teaching: Part-time appointment to teach materials science at the ÉCOLE DE TECHNOLOGIE SUPÉRIEURE, Montréal
 - Research: (Under contract of Department of Communications, Canada) Evaluation of the educational experiments conducted on the Hermes satellite in all regions of Canada.
- 1972 (SUMMER) Visiting Lecturer, OPEN UNIVERSITY, UK
- Duties included revision of the Technology Foundation Course and membership of two other course teams

- 1969-71 Assistant Professor (professeur adjoint)
1971-73 Associate Professor (professeur agrégé)
Department of Metallurgical Engineering
ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE (Engineering Faculty), Université de Montréal
- Teaching: (in French) Man and Metals; Electron Theory of Metals; Heat Treatment of Metals and Alloys; Crystallography; Physical Metallurgy; Deformation Properties
 - Research: (funded by NSERC) Crystalline deformation modes in non-cubic metals; Optical absorption edge of molten salt mixtures; Excess volume of molten salt mixtures
 - Administration: Member, Board of Studies – Undergraduate coordinator for the department
 - Consultancy: (mainly on quality control and failure analysis) Canadian Marconi; International Spring Manufacturing Canada; Skiroule; Canadian Vickers; Specialloid Canada; Laboratories Ville-Marie; Metalstik Canada; Société d'Ingénierie Shawinigan
- 1971-73 Chargé de cours (part-time lecturer)
UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC À TROIS-RIVIÈRES
- Non-destructive testing
- 1966-68 Chargé de cours (part-time lecturer)
INSTITUT NATIONAL DES SCIENCES ET TECHNIQUES NUCLÉAIRES, Saclay, France
- X-ray techniques in physical metallurgy
- 1965-66 Summer employment as Research Assistant
OLIN MATHIESON CORP., New Haven, CT, USA
- 1966 project: Strengthening of aluminium conductor wire
 - 1965 project: Development of sandwich alloy for US coinage
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ACTIVITIES IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES, ETC.

- 1998-2001 President
INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, Milton Keynes Branch
- 1996 Programme Chair
EUROPEAN DISTANCE EDUCATION NETWORK (EDEN)
- 1988-89 President
CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION (CADE)
- 1988-90 Editorial Board Member
Journal of Distance Education
British Journal of Educational Technology
- 1985-87 Chair
CANADIAN HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH NETWORK
- 1983-84 Vice-président
ASSOCIATION DES DIRECTEURS DE RECHERCHE DES UNIVERSITÉS DU QUÉBEC
- 1982-85 President
1978-82 Programme Chairman, 12th World Conference (Vancouver)
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION (ICDE)
- A non-governmental affiliate of UNESCO, the ICDE at this time had 400 individual and institutional members in over 50 countries. They included most of the world's open universities, external studies departments of conventional universities, correspondence colleges and other home-study institutions.
- 1982-83 President
1981-82 Vice-President and Programme Chair
CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF HIGHER EDUCATION (CSSHE)
- A member society of the Social Sciences Federation of Canada, CSSHE had 400 members and a subscription list of 200 institutions for the *Canadian Journal of Higher Education*.
- 1982-83 Member, Education Task Force of the
SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA
(This task force was established by SSHRC to advise on how the Council might better serve educational research)
- 1981 Chair, Employee Relations Track
CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY BUSINESS OFFICERS (CAUBO)
Annual Conference, Ottawa
- 1980-90 Editorial Board Member for the journals:
Distance Education
The Canadian Journal of Higher Education
- 1976-77 Editor, Multi-Media Section,
Educational Research and Methods Magazine
American Society for Engineering Education
- 1976-80 Member, Programme Committee, for a series of conferences on interactive telecommunications held at the University of Wisconsin
- 1974-75 Programme Chair, Edmonton Conference of the Metallurgical Society
CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF MINING AND METALLURGY
- 1973 Programme Chair, St. Lawrence Section,
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR ENGINEERING EDUCATION
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DISTINCTIONS, AWARDS, ETC.

- 2008 The Symons Award of the Association of Commonwealth Universities
Docteur of Laws (*honoris causa*), University Canada West
Honorary Professor, Tianjin Radio and TV University, China
Docteur de l'Université (*honoris causa*), Université de Montréal, Canada
- 2007 Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*), McGill University, Canada
Senior Fellow, European Distance Education Network (EDEN)
Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*), Kota Open University, India
- 2006 Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*), Laurentian University, Canada
Doctor of Science (*honoris causa*), University of Education, Winneba, Ghana
- 2005 Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*), Thompson Rivers University, Canada
Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*), West Bengal Netaji Subhas Open University, India
- 2003 Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*), Indira Gandhi National Open University, India
Doctor of the University (*honoris causa*), University of Stirling, Scotland
- 2002 The Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, Canada
Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*), The University of Wales
Honorary Fellow, The Commonwealth of Learning
Fellow, The Open University
- 2001 Doctor of the University (*honoris causa*), The Open University of Hong Kong
Docteur ès-Sciences (*honoris causa*), Université de Paris VI, Pierre et Marie Curie
- 2000 Doctor of the University (*honoris causa*), The New Bulgarian University, Bulgaria
Doctor of the University (*honoris causa*), University of Derby, UK
- 1999 Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*), Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand
Doctor of the University (*honoris causa*), Télé-université, Université du Québec, Canada
Morris T. Keeton Award, Council for Adult and Experimental Learning, USA
Finalist: World Technology Award for Policy (<http://www.wtn.net/>)
- 1998 Forum Fellow, World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland
Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*), Athabasca University, Alberta, Canada
Doctor of the University (*honoris causa*), Anadolu University, Turkey
Honorary Consultant Professor, Shanghai TV University, China
- 1997 Elected Companion of the Institute of Management
Honorary Fellow, College of Preceptors, UK
Doctor of Humane Letters (*honoris causa*), Richmond: The American International University in London
Doctor of Humane Letters (*honoris causa*), Thomas Edison State College, NJ, USA
- 1996 Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*), University of Lincolnshire and Humberside
Doctor of the University (*honoris causa*), Universidade Aberta, Portugal
- 1995 Award for Individual Excellence,
Commonwealth of Learning and International Council for Distance Education
- 1994 Knight Bachelor, Queen's Birthday Honours
Doctor of Science (*honoris causa*), Open University of Sri Lanka
- 1993 Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*), University of Waterloo, Canada
- 1992 Doctor of Education (*honoris causa*): Council for National Academic Awards
Distinguished Service Award for Innovation in Higher Education of the International Council for
Innovation in Higher Education
- 1991 Officier de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques, France
- 1990 Honorary Fellow, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford University
Honorary Life Member, Canadian Association for Distance Education
- 1988 Docteur ès-Sciences (*honoris causa*): Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean, Canada
Honorary Life Member: International Council for Distance Education
- 1986 Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques, France
Cited in '50 Men of Influence', *Influence Magazine*
- 1985 Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*): Deakin University, Australia
- 1974 Frank Oppenheimer Award for the Outstanding Paper Presentation, American Society for Engineering
Education Annual Conference, Troy, New York.
- 1973 Distinguished Young Member Award, American Society for Metals
- 1966-69 Holder of the Joliot-Curie Scholarship of the Atomic Energy Commission of France
- 1965-66 NATO Overseas Scholarship
- 1960-65 Open Scholarship (Natural Sciences), St. Edmund Hall, Oxford
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SELECTED KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

- 2008 World Summit of Open University Presidents, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2007 Asia Association of Open Universities, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2006 Going Global 2, Edinburgh, Scotland
- 2005 International Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE),
New Zealand
African Council for Distance Education, Pretoria, South Africa
- 2004 Millennium Lecture: M.S. Swaminathan Foundation, Chennai, India
- 2003 First Summit of Mega-universities, Shanghai, China
American Council on Education, Washington DC
- 2002 World Catholic Congress, Brasilia; African Ministers of Education, Dar-es-Salaam; Commonwealth Forum on
Open Learning, Durban
- 2001 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, USA; Education International, Jomtien, Thailand
- 2000 National Governors Association, USA; World Education Market, Vancouver; Open Learning Conference,
Taiwan; Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, Toronto; Hong Kong Council for
Accreditation
- 1999 National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges USA; International Association of University
Administrators; Universities Association for Continuing Education, UK; University Continuing Education
Association, USA; Council for Adult and Experiential Learning, USA; Middle States Commission on Higher
Education, USA
- 1998 Syllabus Conference, Sonoma, California; Society for Research in Higher Education, UK
- 1997 American Association of Higher Education; Conference of Commonwealth Ministers of Education Parallel
Convention, Botswana
- 1996 Learning Superhighway Conference, Perth, Australia
- 1995 Asian Association of Open Universities, Taipei
- 1994 Distance Education Association of New Zealand, Wellington
- 1993 Standing Committee of Principals (SCOP), Northampton; Quality and its Applications,
Newcastle
- 1992 WORLDIDAC, Basel
- 1991 Association of Commonwealth Universities, New Delhi
- 1990 International Council for Distance Education, Caracas
- 1989 Western Association of College and University Business Officers, Vancouver
- 1988 Association of Commonwealth Universities, Perth; Association for Institutional Research, Phoenix; International
Council for Distance Education, Oslo
- 1987 Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science, Palmerston North
- 1986 Teleconferencing, Wisconsin; Association of Commonwealth Universities, Penang; Continuing Nursing
Education, Victoria
- 1985 Higher Education Group, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
- 1984 Indian Association for Educational Technology, Bhopal
- 1983 National University Continuing Education Association, Reno; Australia and South Pacific External Studies
Association, Toowoomba; African Association for Correspondence Education, Harare; Distance Education
Council of Asia, Hong Kong; 10th Anniversary Conference, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia,
Madrid
- 1982 Formation à Distance, Montréal
- 1981 OECD, Paris
- 1980 Society for Campus and University Planning, Québec
- 1979 Social Work Education, Calgary
- 1977 Satellites in Education, Paris
- 1976 OECD Centre for Educational Research and Innovation, Stockholm
- 1975 American Society for Engineering Education/IEEE, Atlanta
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2006-07	Board Member and Chairman, St. James Music Academy, Vancouver
2006-	Chairman, Royal Overseas League, Vancouver Chapter
1999-	Donation Governor, Christ's Hospital
1992-93	Member, Funding Committee, Willen Hospice, Milton Keynes
1990-94	Director, Milton Keynes and North Bucks Training and Enterprise Council
1988	Chair: Temagami Advisory Council
1987	Chair: Temagami Area Working Group
1986-88	Vice-President, Organizing Committee World Junior Championships in Athletics, Sudbury 1988
1986-87	Honorary Chairman, Sudbury Easter Seals Campaign
1985-88	Director, Sudbury and District Chamber of Commerce
1985	Campaign Chairman, Sudbury and District United Way
1981-2004	Lay-reader, Anglican Communion, dioceses of Montréal, Algoma, St. Alban's, Diocese in Europe
1980-84	Member, Parents' Committee, Westmount High School

LANGUAGES

English and French (spoken and written)

HEALTH

Excellent

ADDRESSES

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PUBLICATIONS

See list

SPEECHES

- ▶ As President of COL see:
<http://www.col.org/speeches/>
- ▶ As Assistant Director-General for Education at UNESCO see:
<http://tinyurl.com/JohnDaniel>
- ▶ As Vice-Chancellor of the Open University see:
<http://www.open.ac.uk/johndanielspeeches/>