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The advisory board, to operate at arm's length from Tyee editors, comprises UBC Journalism Professor Mary Lynn Young, Langara Journalism Professor Ross Howard and University of Toronto Professor of Journalism Minelle Mahtani.

Biographies

Mary Lynn Young is an assistant professor at the University of British Columbia graduate School of Journalism and a national business columnist for *The Globe and Mail*. She completed her Ph.D. at the University of Toronto in 2005. Dr. Young was a reporter and editor for almost a decade at newspapers in Canada and the United States, including *The Globe and Mail*, *The Vancouver Sun*, *The Hamilton Spectator*, and *The Houston Post*. Dr. Young's research interests include sociology of the newsroom, media representations of the economy and crime, gender issues and media credibility. She is also an award-winning university educator, a public speaker on current media and policy issues, and a media commentator.

Ross Howard is an award-winning Canadian journalist who has worked in newspapers, radio and television for three decades. He formerly was assignment editor for Vancouver Television News (now CTV); prior to that he was for 15 years a National Correspondent for *The Globe and Mail* newspaper, spent a decade as a reporter with *The Toronto Star*, was a government speech-writer, Director of Alumni Affairs for his alma mater York University, and started his career reporting for the *Toronto Telegram* in 1970. Among his journalism kudos are a National Newspaper Award for political reporting; a Governor-General's Conservation Award for environmental reporting; and a Canadian Association of Journalists Award for Investigative Reporting. He also teaches journalism at Langara College and is president of *Media & Democracy Group*, which specializes in journalism development in conflict-stressed countries and emerging democracies. He has recently conducted journalism training missions in Sri Lanka, Nepal, Cambodia, Rwanda and Burundi and is author/editor of several studies and books on journalism development, for organizations including IMPACS, International Media Support, Panos Paris, UNESCO and Search for Common Ground.

Dr Minelle Mahtani is an Assistant Professor in the Program in Journalism and the Department of Geography, University of Toronto. She was a national television producer at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in the London and Toronto bureau, and completed her PhD, from the University of London, on the politics of identity of women of 'mixed race' living in Toronto. She has served as Associate Counsel to the Institute of Media, Policy and Civil Society in Vancouver and has taught at the UBC School of Journalism. She has published in *Social Identities*, *Gender, Place and Culture*, *Ethnicities*, among other journals, and her book on mixed race identities is

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