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operatives and their contribution to the economy and Canadian society. He also worked on the development and implementation of the federal government's new Co-operative Development Initiative. Before joining the Co-operatives Secretariat, Albert held different positions with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, notably in grains market analysis, crop insurance, and farm income safety net policies.

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**Wayne Helgason** is executive director of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg. He is also involved in a variety of positions with numerous other organizations and initiatives, including the United Way of Canada, the Canadian Council on Social Development, the Canadian Health Network, Volunteer Canada, the Aboriginal Centre of Winnipeg, and the Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development. Past involvements include the Canadian Science Centre for Human and Animal Health, the Canada West Foundation, the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg, Manitoba Hydro, the National Association of Friendship Centres, the Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Centred Prairie Communities, and the North American Indigenous Games. Wayne was a recipient of the Social Justice Research Award in 2000 and the Queen's Jubilee Award in 2003 for his service to the community. In addition to lecturing locally on topics such as children at risk, poverty, employment and training, Aboriginal self-government, human rights, and social security reform, Wayne has also lectured at the University of Toronto Faculty of Preventative Medicine, the Banff School of Management, and the Canadian Centre for Management Development in Ottawa.

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teacher, entrepreneur, and community developer left her blatantly aware of systemic women's issues and determined to work for positive change. In 1995 she began working with women in northwestern Ontario to help found and grow PARO. Under her leadership the organization has received significant recognition for its contributions — the Soroptimist of Americas Eastern Canada Award for Advancing the Status of Women in 2002, and the Chamber of Commerce Awards for Business Excellence: Not-for-Profit in 2004. In 2005 Rosalind was awarded the Influential Women of Northern Ontario Award — Public Sector, which recognized her leadership in building PARO into the dynamic, multifaceted women's community economic development program that it is today. Rosalind is also a founding director of the Canadian Women's Community Economic Development Council, vice-chair of the Canadian CED Network's policy council, and an advisory committee member for the Pan-Canadian Community Development Learning Network and the Ontario CED Network.

**Brendan Reimer** is the regional co-ordinator for the Canadian CED Network Prairies and Northern Territories region, providing staff support for CCEDNet's National Policy Council as well as supporting the emergence of provincial networks in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. He has been part of CCEDNet's participatory action research project studying how CED is used as an effective strategy to facilitate social inclusion in communities. He also serves on the executive of the Manitoba Research Alliance as well as the steering committee of the newly formed CED Technical Assistance Service in Winnipeg. Brendan has volunteered for seven years on the board of LITE, a fundraising organization that builds awareness of CED and social enterprises while raising money in support of social enterprises and employment development in Winnipeg's inner city.

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