

## Biography: Robert Falconer

Robert Falconer is a Research Associate at the School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary, specializing in Immigration and Refugee Policy issues. He holds a Master of Public Policy from the University of Calgary and an Honours Bachelor in Anthropology from the University of Toronto. A native of the BC Interior, he spent most summers working the cherry orchards in the Okanagan and the Kootenays, using his Spanish to manage a team of Temporary Foreign Workers from Mexico and the Caribbean. His most recent work has focused on the employment of Temporary Foreign Workers in Canadian primary and secondary agricultural settings and the labour shortages caused by travel restrictions and public health guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic. Aside from his publications on behalf of the School of Public Policy, Robert's work has included bylines in the Globe and Mail, the Financial Post, and the Calgary Herald and regular appearances in local and national media. Robert was recently married to his wife Julie, herself an aspiring farmer and educator on agricultural issues for a provincial non-profit.