

Dr. Sylvain Charlebois' Biography

Known as “The Food Professor”, **Sylvain Charlebois'** current research interest lies in the broad area of food distribution, security and safety. He is one of the world's most cited scholars in food supply chain management, food value chains and traceability. He's hosted *The Food Professor* podcast, discussing issues in the food, foodservice, grocery and restaurant industries. The podcast is ranked amongst the top most listened management podcasts in Canada.

Dr. Sylvain Charlebois is a Professor in food distribution and policy, and the former Dean, in the Faculty of Management at Dalhousie University in Halifax. He is also the Senior Director of the Agri-Food Analytics Lab, at the same university. Before joining Dalhousie, he was affiliated with the University of Guelph's Arrell Food Institute, which he co-founded.

For more than 10 years, he's published the now highly anticipated *Canadian Food Price Report*, which provides an overview of food price trends for the coming year. He has authored eight books on global food systems, notably one titled *Poutine Nation*, exploring the journey of the iconic Canadian dish from it's humble beginning to international success. He has also published over 775 peer-reviewed journal articles in several academic and professional publications. Furthermore, his research has been featured in several newspapers and media groups, including The Economist, the New York Times, the Boston Globe, the Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, BBC, NBC, ABC, Fox News, Foreign Affairs, the Globe & Mail, the National Post and the Toronto Star.

Dr. Charlebois is an editor for the prestigious *Trends in Food Science Technology* journal. He works with many start-ups and supports many organizations as a special advisor, including some publicly traded companies. Charlebois is also a member of the Scientific Council of the Business Scientific Institute, based in Luxemburg. He conducts policy analysis, evaluation, and demonstration projects for government agencies and major foundations focusing on agricultural policies and community development both in Canada and in development settings. Dr. Charlebois is a member of the Global Food Traceability Centre's Advisory Board based in Washington DC, and a member of the National Scientific Committee of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in Ottawa. He has testified on several occasions before parliamentary committees on food policy-related issues as an expert witness. He has been asked to act as an advisor on food and agricultural policies in many Canadian provinces, in the United States, Brazil, Austria, Italy, France, Belgium, China, Great Britain, Finland and the Netherlands.

He has done multiple keynotes for a variety of clients and industries. As a presenter, he is recognized with a very engaging style always offering very current information and up-to-

date research. He never does the same presentation twice as each one of them will be specifically tailored to his client's needs and topic preferences. He excels at Q&As and leaving his audience with food for thought!