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EDUCATION

McGill University — Montreal, Quebec

Master of Arts (Political Science) – 2023 (ongoing)

St. Francis Xavier University — Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours (Political Science) – 2021

- ♦ Attained Dean's list from 2017 to 2021
- ♦ GPA and Class rank (based on overall GPA):
 - 2017-18: 89.3% (7/263)
 - 2018-19: 94.3% (1/180)
 - 2019-20: 91.6% (3/138)
 - 2020-21: 91.8% (4/125)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Indigenous Services Canada — Remote/Montreal, Quebec

Intern, October 2022 – Present

EC-3 Position within the Strategic Research and Data Innovation Branch of Indigenous Services Canada.

McGill University — Montreal, Quebec

Teaching Assistant, January 2023 – Present

Teaching assistant for POLI 666: Causal Inference.

Teaching Assistant, September 2022 – December 2022

Teaching assistant for POLI 210: Political Science Research Methods.

Research Assistant, January 2022 – Present

Edited of a book volume and co-wrote a chapter on fiscal federalism for professor Daniel Béland.

Research Assistant, September 2021 – Present

Collected data on 2021 Canadian Federal Election candidates for professor Benjamin Forest.

Consortium for Electoral Democracy — Remote

Surveyor, November 2021 – December 2021

Conducted surveys for the 2021 Tlicho Community Government Election Study. Supervised by professor Jerald Sabin.

Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories — Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

Research Assistant Summer Student, May 2021 – August 2021

Prepared briefing materials for Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior level staff. Also conducted an analysis of Speaker's Rulings from the Legislative Assembly to assist with future rulings as well as for training materials.

St. Francis Xavier University — Antigonish, Nova Scotia**Research Assistant**, September 2018 – April 2021

Research work conducted under professor Adam Lajeunesse for the Brian Mulroney Institute of Government, focusing on Arctic and Maritime Security concerns. Work included the transcription of several volumes of the Arctic Operational Histories series.

Naval Association of Canada — Yellowknife, Northwest Territories**Assistant Editor, *Starshell***, July 2019 – May 2021

Prepared editorial content for the Naval Association of Canada's *Starshell* newsletter. Under the supervision of professor Adam Lajeunesse.

Canadian Naval Review — Antigonish, Nova Scotia**Assistant Manager**, September 2018 – April 2021

Managed subscriptions for the Canadian Naval Review.

Northwest Territories Housing Corporation/Housing NWT — Yellowknife, Northwest Territories**Policy, Planning, and Communications Summer Student**, June 2018 – August 2018, April 2019 – August 2019, April 2020 – September 2020, May 2022 – August 2022

Undertook a variety of tasks in strategic policy, planning, and communications, including work on community housing plans, government reports, newsletter design, and administering homelessness programs and applications.

ORGANIZATIONS

Students on Ice Foundation— Montreal, Quebec**Arctic Policy Cohort Member**, December 2021 – May 2022

Participate in arctic policy workshops to develop a further understanding of international Arctic governance, institutions, and actors.

Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship (CSDC) — Montreal, Quebec**Student Member**, September 2021 – Present

The CSDC brings together a group of scholars from six Quebec universities, who work on research related to democratic citizenship.

McGill Graduate Association of Political Science Students (MGAPSS) — Montreal, Quebec**Co-Social Coordinator**, September 2021 – Present

Responsible for the organization of social events for McGill graduate political science students.

McGill Post Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) — Montreal, Quebec**MGAPSS Council Representative**, September 2021 – Present

Represent McGill political science graduate students in PGSS council meetings.

SKILLS

- ◆ Proficient in the R programming language.
- ◆ Knowledge of the political context of the Northwest Territories, including the operations of consensus government.

AWARDS, AND HONOURS

Consortium On Analytics For Data-Driven Decision-Making (CanD3) Fellowship — \$5,000

2022-23

The CanD3 fellowship is a year-long interdisciplinary training program designed to develop skills in population data science and population aging.

SSHRC (GGS-M) Research Grant — \$17,500

2021-22

StFX University Gold Medal

2021

Awarded to the student with the highest average in the final three years of an honours, advanced major or major degree program.

Dr. John B. Stewart Scholarship for Political Science — \$2500

2021

Awarded to the most outstanding and meritorious of political science students, based on the cumulative grade average attained in his/her political science courses, as well as his/her overall ability in, and aptitude for, the study of political science.

Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS) POLAR Northern Resident Award — \$5000

2020-21

Awarded for research on consensus government in the Northwest Territories, to be conducted between May and August 2020, eventually culminating in an undergraduate honours thesis (completed in May 2021).

StFX RBC Foundation Summer Research Award — \$6000

2020

Awarded for research culminating in an undergraduate honours thesis (completed in May 2021).

Yellowknife Community Foundation (YKCF) Legislative Assembly of the NWT Fund Scholarship — \$2000

2020

YKCF Legislative Assembly of the NWT Fund Scholarship — \$1000

2019

YKCF Assembly of the NWT Fund Scholarship — \$2500

2018

PUBLICATIONS

Non-refereed

- Yurris, Christopher, Béland, Daniel, and Trevor Tombe. 2021. Unique challenges of Canada's North require unique fiscal arrangements. *Policy Options*.
<https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/september-2022/unique-challenges-of-canadas-north-require-unique-fiscal-arrangements/>
- Yurris, Christopher. 2021. The Non-Partisan Paradox: Overcoming Gender Disparity in the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly. *Canadian Parliamentary Review*, 44(3), 19-24.
- Yurris, Chris. 2020. The Navy Eliminates Seaman Ranks in Quest for Gender Neutrality. *Starshell*, Issue 90, 22-23. <https://www.navalassoc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Starshell-June-Edition-LR.pdf>

- Yurris, Chris. 2020. The Global Pandemic: Impacts on Allied Navies. *Starshell*, Issue 89, 19-20.
<https://www.navalassoc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Starshell-June-Edition-LR.pdf>
- Yurris, Chris. 2020. The Navy Goes Fishing for Recruits. *Starshell*, Issue 88, 26-29.
<https://www.navalassoc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Starshell-June-Edition-LR.pdf>

Conference Presentations

- Yurris, Christopher. 2021. "Northern Adaptations: Consensus Government in the Northwest Territories." Poster Presentation delivered at the Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies Student Conference. York University, Toronto, Ontario (Remote).
- Yurris, Christopher. 2021. "Consensus Confusion: The 2019 Northwest Territories General Election." Paper delivered at the Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association. St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia.
- Yurris, Christopher. 2022. "Incumbency Defeats in the Northwest Territories." Paper delivered at the Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship. Quebec City, Quebec.
- Yurris, Christopher. 2022. "Incumbency Advantage in the Northwest Territories." Paper delivered at the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada Workshop. Montreal, Quebec (Remote).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

McGill Political Science Students Association— Montreal, Quebec

Mentor, November 2021 – Present

Meet with undergraduate political science students, offering advice on employment opportunities, planning for postgraduate study, and successfully navigating undergraduate studies.

Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies — Toronto, Ontario/Remote

Panel Chair, November 2021

Chaired a panel during the 2021 ACUNS student conference hosted by York University. Was responsible for ensuring speakers stayed within the allotted time and fielded audience questions.

Atlantic Provinces Political Sciences Association (APPSA) — Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Panel Chair, October 2021

Chaired a panel on political parties during the 2021 APPSA annual conference. The panel included professors Louise Carbert (Dalhousie University), William Cross (Carleton University), and Alex Marland (Memorial University). I was responsible for ensuring speakers stayed within the allotted time and fielded audience questions.