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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology , McGill University	2026 (exp.)
Dissertation: "Structures of Latency: The Protraction of Regulatory Controversies over Toxic Substances"	
Committee: Barry Eidlin (co-chair), Axel van Den Berg (co-chair), Peter McMahan, Antonia Maioni	
M.A. Political Science , Université du Québec à Montréal	2021
B.A. Political Science , Université du Québec à Montréal	2018

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (*denotes equal authorship)

- (12) **Lévesque, Gabriel V.** 2025. "Why is Coal Still Mined? Insights from Asbestos and the Structures of Risk Invisibilization." *Theory and Social Inquiry*, 1(1): 1-46.
- (11) **Lévesque, Gabriel V.** 2025. "Contesting state expertise after COVID-19," *Public Understanding of Science*, Online First: 1-19.
- (10) Benoit, Maude & **Gabriel V. Lévesque***. 2025. "Implementing ambiguity: Blame avoidance and moral policy in Canadian cannabis legalization." *International Review of Public Policy*, 7(1): 1-23.
- (9) **Lévesque, Gabriel V.** & Maude Benoit. 2025. "Coping Strategies and Policy Alienation Under Centralization and Performance Management: Evidence From a Survey of Quebec Homecare Workers" *Administration & Society*, 57(3): 368-398.
- (8) Benoit, Maude, **Gabriel V. Lévesque** & Paul Treille. 2024. "Intervenir sans s'investir : le désengagement discret, mais structurant de l'État dans les politiques agroenvironnementale et de légalisation du cannabis au Canada," *Revue Internationale de Politique Comparée*, 31(1): 5-48.
- (7) **Lévesque, Gabriel.** 2023. "Making sense of pot. Conceptual tools for a critical analysis of cannabis policy discourse," *Critical Policy Studies*, 17(1): 4-23.
- (6) Benoit, Maude & **Gabriel Lévesque**. 2022. "La légalisation du cannabis au Canada : les stratégies de résistance du Québec à une politique unilatérale du fédéral," *Gouvernance*, 19(2): 77-98.
- (5) **Lévesque, Gabriel.** 2022. "Cadrage des modèles de régulation du cannabis : entre concurrence et complémentarité," *Drogues, Santé et Société*, 20(2): 23-47.
- (4) Benoit, Maude, **Gabriel Lévesque** & Léonie Perron. 2022. "De la vocation à prendre soin au joug de la performance : dévoiler les réalités des travailleuses du care pour comprendre la crise du système de santé et de services sociaux," *Lien social et Politiques*, 88: 66-88.
- (3) **Lévesque, Gabriel.** 2022. "From Right or Wrong to True or False: Moral and Epistemic Framing in Debates Over Cannabis Policy Reformulation," *Politics & Policy*, 50(4): 773-794.

- (2) **Lévesque, Gabriel**. 2021. "Stratégies de redéfinition de l'enjeu de l'amiante au Québec (1949-2013)," *Politique et sociétés*, 40(3): 151-176.
- (1) **Lévesque, Gabriel** & Maude Benoit. 2020. "Legalize or Prohibit It? Quebec's Exceptionalism on Cannabis and the Framing of Evidence in Policymaking," *American Review of Canadian Studies*, 50(3): 371-385.

UNDER REVIEW

- Lévesque, Gabriel V.** "Network Interdependence and the Regulation of Toxic Substances," Revise and resubmit at *Socio-Economic Review*.
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Political Sociology, Canadian Sociological Association, 2023.
- Lévesque, Gabriel V.** "The Appalachian Regional Commission and the Consolidation of the U.S. Coal Consensus." Revise and resubmit at *Social Science History*.

IN PROGRESS

- Lévesque, Gabriel V.** "The Relational Structure of Corporate Ignorance Production." McMahan, Peter and **Gabriel V. Lévesque**. "Do States Make Scientific Fields?"
- Lévesque, Gabriel V.** "Regulatory Power and Cognitive Heterogeneity under Target Ambivalence." Maioni, Antonia & **Gabriel V. Lévesque**. "Autism and the Welfare State."

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Lévesque, Gabriel V.** 2024. "Controverses sur l'or noir : l'évolution du cadrage médiatique des projets pétroliers canadiens dans le Midwest américain (2010-2020)", dans Gagnon, Frédéric & Christophe Cloutier-Roy (dir.), *L'Amérique d'abord, le Canada ensuite. Les relations canado-américaines de Donald Trump à Joe Biden* (Ch. 6), Montréal: Presses de l'Université de Montréal.
- Benoit, Maude & **Gabriel Lévesque**. 2020. "Que nous apprend la légalisation du cannabis sur le fédéralisme canadien?", dans Mathieu, Félix, Dave Guénette & Alain-G. Gagnon (dir.), *Cinquante déclinaisons de fédéralisme: théories, enjeux et études de cas* (Ch. 44: 587-598), Québec: Presses de l'Université du Québec.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Lévesque, Gabriel**. 2023. "Qualitative Literacy: A Guide to Evaluating Ethnographic and Interview Research, Mario Luis Small et Jessica McCrory Calarco, 2022, Oakland, CA: University of California Press, 230 p." *Politique et sociétés*, 42(3), p. 220-222.
- Lévesque, Gabriel**. 2021. "Colin Jerolmack. Up to Heaven and Down to Hell: Fracking, Freedom, and community in an American Town Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2021, £25.00 pbk, (ISBN: 9780691179032) 336 pp.", *Sociology*, 56(2): 406-407.
- Lévesque, Gabriel**. 2020. "The Rise and Fall of Moral Conflicts in the United States and Canada by Mildred A. Schwartz and Raymond Talatovich. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2018. 240 pages, £20.99. ISBN: 978-1-44262-883-0", *Political Studies Review*, NP11-NP12.
- Lévesque, Gabriel**. 2020. "Experts, sciences et sociétés, sous la dir. de François Claveau et Julien Prud'homme, Montreal, Les Presses de l'Université de Montreal, 2018, 284 p.", *Politique et sociétés*, 39(1): 191-194.
- Lévesque, Gabriel**. 2019. "La Coalition Avenir Québec. Une idéologie à la recherche du pouvoir, de Frédéric Boily, Sainte-Foy: Presses de l'Université Laval, 2018", *Canadian Journal of Political Science/Revue Canadienne de science politique*, 52(4): 950-952.

REPORTS

- Lévesque, Gabriel.** 2023. “Cannabis regulation in Canada: Case Studies. Cannabis Policy Implementation in Ontario (2018-2022),” *Observatoire français des drogues et des tendances addictives*. [[en.](#)] [[fr.](#)], 50 p.
- Lévesque, Gabriel.** 2022. “Données pour : Analyse de cadrage de la reformulation des politiques en matière de cannabis au Québec, en Ontario et au Maine,” , *Borealis*, V1, UNF:6:EE7VPmUoyWY1rJ6GP8D9g== [fileUNF].
- Lévesque, Gabriel.** 2022. Cadrages de la reformulation des politiques en matière de cannabis, *M.A Thesis*, Department of Political Science, Université du Québec à Montréal, 167 p.
- Benoit, Maude, Léonie Perron & **Gabriel Lévesque.** 2021. “Que se passe-t-il aux premières lignes du soutien à domicile au Québec ? Rapport d’enquête”, *État 21*, 24 p.
- Lévesque, Gabriel.** 2020. “La légalisation du cannabis au Canada: Les défis de la mise en œuvre en Colombie-Britannique, en Ontario et au Québec”, *French Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction*, 110 p.
- Gagnon, Frédérick & al. 2020. “L’effet COVID-19 sur les relations entre le Canada, le Québec et les États-Unis”, *Center for United States Studies*, Chaire Raoul-Dandurand, 33 p.

SCIENTIFIC OUTREACH

- Cited in* North, Harry, “Asbestos in Canada: A forgotten killer remains at large,” *McGill Tribune*, August 2023.
- Cited in* Swanson, Ross, “Tomlinson Doctoral Scholarships: Supporting PhD student achievement,” *McGill Reporter*, August 9th 2023.
- Guest on* Treille, Paul and Gaël Yvon, “Décriminalisation et criminalisation du cannabis,” *Le Brunch Politique*, [Episode 1](#).
- Lévesque, Gabriel.** 2020. “Quelle est la différence entre la légalisation d’une drogue et sa décriminalisation ?,” *État 21*.
- Lévesque, Gabriel.** 2020. “Cartographie de la légalisation du cannabis en Amérique du Nord,” *État 21*.
- Lévesque, Gabriel.** 2020. “Une brève histoire du cannabis au Canada,” *État 21*.
- Benoit, Maude & **Gabriel Lévesque.** “Cannabis: entre normalisation et quasi-prohibition”, *La Presse*, October 21st 2019.
- Lévesque, Gabriel.** “La croisade symbolique de la CAQ contre le cannabis”, *Le Devoir*, October 19th 2019.
- Benoit, Maude & **Gabriel Lévesque.** 2019. “What Can Cannabis Legalisation Teach Us About Canadian Federalism,” *50 Shades of Federalism*.
- Maret, Fenohasina Rakotondrazaka & **Gabriel Lévesque.** 2019. “Greater transparency is still possible for single-party democracies in Africa,” *Urban Wire*.
- Benoit, Maude & **Gabriel Lévesque.** 2018. “Que la légalisation du cannabis nous apprend-elle sur le fédéralisme canadien ?,” *50 déclinaisons de fédéralisme*.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2024–2027 Détection et quantification de fibres et résidus d’amiantes dans l’environnement et dans les fluides biologiques de jeunes enfants dans la région de Thetford Mines. *Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé. Programme TAARMAQ I*. CAD 325,000. Principal investigator: Céline Guégen (Département de chimie, Université de Sherbrooke). **Role: Collaborator.**

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2024– Associate researcher, Observatoire national de l’amiante

	Director: Louis Laferrière (Sep. 2024–), Annie Rochette (Jan. 2024–Sep 2024)
2023–2024	Research Assistant, Department of Equity, Ethics and Policy, McGill University Autism and the Welfare State Supervisor: Antonia Maioni
2020–2023	Research Associate, French Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction Supervisor: Ivana Obradovic
2018–2023	Research Assistant, Groupe de recherche sur l'État et l'action publique au 21 ^e siècle Director: Maude Benoit
2018–2021	Resident Fellow, Center for United States Studies, Chaire Raoul-Dandurand Director: Frédérick Gagnon
2018	Research Assistant, Urban Institute Supervisor: Fenohasina Rakotondrazaka Maret

TEACHING

Graduate instructor of record

W2025	POL 8007 – Graduate Research Methods in Political Science, Université du Québec à Montréal (with Maude Benoit)
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Undergraduate instructor of record

W2025	POL 1850 – Quantitative Methods, Université du Québec à Montréal
W2025	SOCI 225 – Medicine and Health in Modern Society, McGill University
F2024	SOC 307 – Sociology of Health, Bishop's University
F2024	POL 1502 – Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy, Université du Québec à Montréal (with Maude Benoit)
S2024	SOCI 211 – Sociological Inquiry, McGill University
F2023	POL 1502 – Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy, Université du Québec à Montréal (replacement for leave)

Teaching assistant

F2023	SOCI 326 – Political Sociology, McGill University (Matthew Lange)
F2022	SOCI 325 – Sociology of Science, McGill University (Peter McMahan)
F2021	SOCI 312 – Sociology of Work and Industry, McGill University (Barry Eidlin)
F2020	POL 4142 – United States Political System, Université du Québec à Montréal (Frédérick Gagnon)
F2020	POL 1502 – Introduction to Public Administration and Public Policy, Université du Québec à Montréal (Maude Benoit)
W2019	

Other

Graduate introduction to quantitative analysis, Department of Political Science, Université du Québec à Montréal, 2023, 2024
 Academic Counsellor, Paulo Freire Center in Political Science, 2019-2020
 Teaching Intern, Collège Ahuntsic, W2018

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025	“The Relational Structure of Ignorance Production.” Canadian Sociological Association Annual Conference (Toronto, Canada), June 1 st . Congrès de la Société québécoise de science politique (Montreal, Canada), May 21 st . McGill Sociology Department Research Series (Montreal, Canada), February 3 rd . “Do States Make Scientific Fields?” (with Peter McMahan) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, U.S.), August 9 th .
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- Canadian Sociological Association Annual Conference (Toronto, Canada), June 3rd.
Sociological Science Summer Conference 2025 (Ithaca, U.S.), June 2nd.
- “Network Interdependence and the Regulation of Toxic Substances”
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (Montreal, Canada), July 11th.
- “Pouvoir réglementaire et hétérogénéité des cadres de référence dans la mobilisation pour la santé environnementale à Rouyn-Noranda”
Observatoire national sur les incidences des émissions de contaminants sur la santé et l’environnement (Rouyn-Noranda, Canada), May 26th.
- 2024 “The Appalachian Regional Commission and the Consolidation of the U.S. Coal Consensus.”
Social Science History Association Annual Conference (Toronto, Canada), November 1st.
- “Toxic Substance Regulations and the Structuration of Interdependent Policy Networks.”
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Montreal, Canada), August 12th.
Canadian Sociological Association Annual Conference (Montreal, Canada), June 21st.
- Invited panelist on “Five years of Legal Cannabis in Canada: What a long, strange trip it’s been.”
Canadian Sociological Association Annual Conference, June 20th.
- “Why is Coal Still Mined?”
Social Science History Association Annual Conference (Washington DC, U.S.), November 16th.
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, U.S.), August 18th.
Canadian Sociological Association Annual Conference (Toronto, Canada), May 30th.
Weatherhead Center for International Studies, Harvard University (Cambridge MA, US), February 20th.
- 2023 “The Evolving Media Framing of Enbridge Pipelines in the Midwest.”
Association for Canadian Studies in the United States Conference (Washington DC, US), November 19th.
- “Savoirs experts et savoirs profanes : esquisse d’une approche par les ressources épistémiques.”
Entretiens Jacques-Cartier, Invisibilité de la santé au travail dans le secteur public (Grenoble, France), October 9th.
- Presider of “La compensation en pratique : les organisations de victimes et leurs alliances.”
Entretiens Jacques-Cartier, Invisibilité de la santé au travail dans le secteur public (Grenoble, France), October 9th.
- “Les politiques de régulation du cannabis en Ontario et au Québec.”
Invited talk in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Sherbrooke University (Longueuil, Canada), June 22nd.
- 2022 “Intervenir sans s’investir : le désengagement de l’État dans les politiques agroenvironnementales et de légalisation du cannabis au Canada et au Québec.”
with Paul Treille.
Colloque Politiques et management public (Paris, France), June 30th.
- Discussant, “How are PROGRESS-Plus subpopulations represented in systematic reviews evaluating illicit drug policy interventions? A review of reviews,” Michaela Bunakova & al.
McGill Sociology Publication Workshop (Montreal, Canada), January 28th.

“Conflits de valeurs vécus aux premières lignes du soutien à domicile : les impacts sur les services offerts aux usagers.” with Maude Benoit and Léonie Perron.

Symposium du Regroupement des commissaires aux plaintes et à la qualité des services du Québec (Quebec City, Canada [Online]), January 21st.

“Making sense of pot. Conceptual tools for a critical analysis of cannabis policy discourse.”

Interpretive Policy Analysis Conference (Barcelona, Catalonia [Online]), June 29th.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025	Charles R. Bronfman and Alex K. Paterson Top-Up Award Institute for the Study of Canada, McGill University (CAD 5,500)
2022-2025	Joseph-Armand-Bombardier / Canada Graduate Scholarship – PhD Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (CAD 105,000) <i>Rank: 14th/151 awardees</i>
2021-2024	Richard H. Tomlinson Doctoral Fellowship, McGill University (CAD 105,000; partially declined)
2021-2025	Doctoral Scholarship Fonds de recherche société et culture du Québec (CAD 84,000; partially declined) <i>Rank: 1st/19 awardees</i>
2020-2021	Canada Graduate Scholarships – M.A. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (CAD 17,500)
2020	Excellence Scholarship, University of Quebec Foundation (CAD 2,000)
2020	Institutional Scholarship, University of Quebec in Montreal (CAD 4,000)
2020	M.A. Fellowship, Montreal Institute of International Studies (CAD 2,500)
2019	Scholarship, Political Science, University of Quebec in Montreal (CAD 1,000)
2018	Scholarship Award, The Washington Center (USD 4,000)

MOBILITY ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING

2025	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, United States McGill Department of Sociology Scholarship (CAD 2,500)
2025	Archival research at the University of Utah, the University of Colorado-Boulder and the American Heritage Center, United States Graduate Mobility Award, McGill University (CAD 1,700)
2024	Social Science History Association meeting, Toronto, Canada Richard Sutch Graduate Travel Grant (USD 500) Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award, McGill University (CAD 350)
2024	Archival research at the U.S. National Archives, College Park, United States Schull Yang International Experience Award, McGill University (CAD 3,500) Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award, McGill University (CAD 800)
2023	Archival research at the University of Kentucky and Berea College, United States Graduate Mobility Award, McGill University (CAD 1,500)
2022	Colloque Politiques et management public, Paris, France Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award, McGill University (CAD 1,250)
2019	Annual Congress of the French Political Science Association, Bordeaux, France French Political Science Association (€ 250) Political Science Department, Université du Québec à Montréal (CAD 1,700)
2019	International Summer Research Institute, EURAC Research Center, Bolzano, Italy Interdisciplinary Research Center on Diversity and Democracy (CAD 1,400)
2019	Washington Center, Academic Internship & Seminar Program, United States

Université du Québec à Montréal, Mobility Grant (CAD 3,500)

DISTINCTIONS

- 2023 Best student paper award in Political Sociology, Canadian Sociological Association
 2021 Excellence mention, M.A Thesis, Department of Political Science, Université du Québec à Montréal
 2019 Board of Honors, Faculty of Political Science and Law, Université du Québec à Montréal
 2017 Board of Honors, Faculty of Political Science and Law, Université du Québec à Montréal

SERVICE

- 2025-2027 Student Representative, Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
 2025 Mentor, Grant Proposal Writing Workshop, McGill University
 2025 Scientific Committee, “Entre résidu et oubli : la fabrique des héritages toxiques. Réflexions croisées à partir du cas exemplaire de l’amiante. XX^e–XXI^e siècles”, Sciences Po Grenoble
 2024 Student coordinator, Comparative-Historical Section, American Sociological Association
 2023 Co-organizer, “Invisibilité de la santé au travail dans le secteur public” Entretiens Jacques-Cartier, Sciences Po Grenoble (with Renaud Bécot)
 2023 French Counsellor, Department of Sociology, McGill University
 2022-2023 Vice-president, McGill Graduate Sociology Students’ Association
 2022-2023 Secretary-treasurer, Asbestos Victims Association of Quebec
 2022 Student Representative, Hiring committee, Department of Sociology, McGill University
 2021 Student Representative, Hiring committee, Department of Political Science, Université du Québec à Montréal
 2018 Student recruiter, Université du Québec à Montréal
 2016-2018 Administration Officer, Collège Ahuntsic Student’s Association

Ad hoc reviewer for Public Understanding of Science, Policy Studies Journal, Critical Policy Studies, International Journal of Drug Policy, Contemporary Drug Problems.

TRAINING

- 2025 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University
 2024 Analyzing census data with R, McGill University
 2024 Introduction to Python, McGill University
 2022 Introduction to automated textual analysis, McGill University
 2021 R Summer Camp, McGill University
 2019 International Summer Research Institute, EURAC Research Center
 2018 Internship & Seminar Program, The Washington Center

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2025– Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
 2023– Social Science History Association
 2023– Canadian Sociological Association
 2023– American Sociological Association
 2023– Association for Canadian Studies in the United States
 2019– Société Québécoise de science politique