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Education

PhD in Information

2024 – present

University of Toronto

Specialization: Political communication, gender and politics, and computational social science

QE Committee: Dr. Rohan Alexander (Supervisor), Dr. Chris Cochrane, Dr. Bree McEwan

Master of Information

2022 – 2024

University of Toronto

Thesis: [Torrential Twitter: Climate Change, Female Politicians, and Harassment](#)

Committee: Dr. Rohan Alexander (Supervisor), Dr. Kelly Lyons, Dr. Semra Sevi

Honours Bachelor of Arts

2018 – 2022

University of Ottawa

Double Major in Communication & History, graduated Magna Cum Laude

Specialization: Political communication, media studies, and European history

Peer-reviewed publications

De Angelis, I., and Alexander, R. (2025). What are Canadian Members of Parliament doing on Bluesky? Forthcoming, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*.

De Angelis, I. (2024). Torrential Twitter? Measuring the Severity of Harassment when Canadian Female Politicians Tweet about Climate Change. *Social Media + Society*, 10(4), 1–17. <https://doi.org/10.1177/20563051241304493>

Work in progress

Papers

De Angelis, I. The Cost of Comments: Gendered Online Harassment of Canadian Politicians on YouTube. Revised and resubmitted at *Information, Communication & Society*.

De Angelis, I., Katz, L., and Alexander, R. Prompting Debate: Analyzing how Politicians in the Five Eyes Countries Frame Artificial Intelligence in Parliamentary Debates. *In preparation*.

Book

McKay, S., Robbins-Kanter, J., and **De Angelis, I.** Leaders' Debates in Canada. *Submitted for review*.

Datasets

De Angelis, I. (2024). Canadian Politicians on YouTube [Data set]. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.12746968>

Public Scholarship

De Angelis, I. (2025, April 16). Growing threats faced by women candidates undermine our democracy. *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/growing-threats-faced-by-women-candidates-undermine-our-democracy-254371>

Republished in: *The Hamilton Spectator*, *The Peterborough Examiner*, *St. Catharines Standard*, *The Waterloo Region Record*, *Niagara Falls Review*, *Welland Tribune*, *Yahoo News (Canada)*.

Scholarships & Awards

Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral (CGS – D) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada <i>CAD \$120,000</i>	2025 – 2028
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (<i>declined</i>) Government of Ontario <i>CAD \$15,000</i>	2025 – 2026
Dean’s Award for Academic Achievement in Culture & Technology Faculty of Information, University of Toronto <i>CAD \$250</i>	2025
Research Fellowship Faculty of Information, University of Toronto <i>CAD \$10,000</i>	2025
Excellence Award Faculty of Information, University of Toronto <i>CAD \$5,000</i>	2024 – 2025
Ontario Graduate Scholarship Government of Ontario <i>CAD \$15,000</i>	2024 – 2025
Allan and Jean Howarth Ontario Graduate Scholarship Government of Ontario <i>CAD \$15,000</i>	2023 – 2024
Canada Graduate Scholarship – Masters (CGS – M) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada <i>CAD \$17,500</i>	2022 – 2023
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (<i>declined</i>) Government of Ontario <i>CAD \$15,000</i>	2022 – 2023
Dean’s Honour List & Merit Scholarship University of Ottawa <i>CAD \$6,000</i>	2019 – 2022
Admissions Scholarship University of Ottawa <i>CAD \$4,000</i>	2018
BC Achievement Scholarship Government of British Columbia <i>CAD \$1,250</i>	2018

Teaching Experience

Department of Political Science, University of Toronto <i>Teaching Assistant, POL319 – Elections and Voting</i>	Fall 2025
Faculty of Information, University of Toronto <i>Teaching Assistant, INF1001 – Introduction to Critical Information Policy Studies</i> <i>Teaching Assistant, INF1339 – Introduction to Computational Thinking</i>	Fall 2024, 2025 Fall 2024
Data Science Institute, University of Toronto <i>Content Developer, Data Science & Machine Learning Certificate Program</i>	Fall 2023

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant

Dr. Rohan Alexander, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto

October 2023 – April 2024

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Pol Comm Tech Lab, Directed by Dr. Elizabeth Dubois, University of Ottawa

June 2021 – January 2022

Conference Presentations & Invited Talks

Prompting Debate: Analyzing how Politicians in the Five Eyes Countries Frame Artificial Intelligence in Parliamentary Debates (with Lindsay Katz and Rohan Alexander)

(Upcoming) November 7, 2025, Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON *(Poster)*

Innovations in Feminist Methodology: An Emerging Scholar Showcase (Panelist)

June 4, 2025, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON

The Cost of Comments: Gendered Online Harassment of Canadian Politicians on YouTube

June 16, 2025, International Communication Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, USA

June 5, 2025, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON

June 2, 2025, Canadian Communication Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON

May 28, 2025, *Politics & Gender* 20th Anniversary Conference, Rutgers University, NJ, USA *(Declined)*

Using YouTube Data to Measure Online Harassment in Canadian Politics

August 21, 2025, Computational Social Science Lab, University of Sydney, Australia

August 14, 2025, The Global Institute for Women's Leadership, the Australian National University, Canberra, AU

July 30, 2025, Department of Politics, Media and Philosophy, LaTrobe University, Melbourne, AU

July 23, 2025, Digital Media Research Centre, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, AU

May 14, 2025, STATSTRO 2025 Workshop, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON [\(slides\)](#)

Torrential Twitter: Climate Change, Female Politicians & Harassment

July 18, 2024, 10th International Conference on Computational Social Science, Philadelphia, PA, USA *(Poster)*

May 21, 2024, Department of Statistical Sciences, Brown Bag Seminar, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

May 3, 2024, MapleMeth (Canadian Political Methodology) Conference, Western University, London, ON

January 18, 2024, Bell Chair Graduate Student Conference in Canadian Politics, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON

March 11, 2023, Activate: iConference, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

Setting the Agenda in Canadian Leaders' Debates (with Spencer McKay* and Jacob Robbins-Kanter)

** Presenting author*

June 13, 2024, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC

March 29, 2024, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC

Guest Lectures

Platform Governance & Online Harassment

(Upcoming) November 3, 2025

INF1001 – Introduction to Critical Information Policy Studies, Masters Course

Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

Measuring Online Harassment in Canadian Politics

August 15, 2025

GOVT6139 – Research Design, Masters Course

Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney, Sydney, AU

Platform Governance & Online Harassment

November 25, 2024

INF1001 – Introduction to Critical Information Policy Studies, Masters Course

Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

Parliamentary Affairs & The Legislative Process
Grade 9 Critical Thinking & Communications Class
West Point Grey Academy (High School), Vancouver, BC

October 14, 2021

From Free to Soviet Levels of Control: Exploring Democracy in Relation to the Recent Developments in Mass Media Regulation in Russia
CMN5160 – Political Uses of Media, Masters Course
Department of Communication, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON

October 31, 2019

Professional Experience (select)

Acting Director of Operations & Executive Assistant to the Minister December 2021 – September 2022
Office of the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, Ottawa, ON

Special Assistant & Parliamentary Office Manager January – December 2021
Hon. Joyce Murray, MP for Vancouver Quadra, Ottawa, ON

Parliamentary Assistant September 2018 – January 2021
Hon. John McKay, MP for Scarborough-Guildwood, Ottawa, ON

- Executed stakeholder outreach, media relations, and promotion of [Bill S-211 – Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act](#) (received Royal Assent May 2023)

Constituency Assistant June 2017 – August 2018
Hon. Joyce Murray, MP for Vancouver Quadra, Vancouver, BC

Community Service & Outreach (select)

Chair, Research Salon Organizing Committee September 2024 – April 2025
Doctoral Student Association, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto

Communications Coordinator October 2022 – May 2024
The iJournal, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto

Steering Committee Member April 2021 – June 2022
Equal Voice, National Capital Region Branch, Ottawa, ON

Organizer November 2020 – January 2021
Getting Involved in Politics as a Young Woman – Workshop Series, Vancouver, BC

Chair of the Vancouver Quadra Constituency Youth Council August 2016 – August 2018
Hon. Joyce Murray, MP for Vancouver Quadra, Vancouver, BC

- Inessa De Angelis Award – community leadership award created by Hon. Joyce Murray, MP – 2018
- Interviewed by *Samara Canada* for my expertise in organizing youth councils and contributed to the [Local Youth Councils](#) & [Engaging Youth Between Elections](#) reports.

Public Talks, Outreach & Interviews (select)

Empowering the Next Generation of Women Leaders Panel Discussion November 10, 2024
Girls Who Lead Speaker Summit, Toronto, ON

Youth Engagement in Canadian Politics (Keynote Speech) October 28, 2023
Vancouver Youth Model United Nations 2023 Junior Conference, Vancouver, BC

Parliamentary Flairs: My Experiences in Canadian Politics

September 28, 2021

*West Point Grey Academy High School Model United Nations Club Engagement Session,
Vancouver, BC*

What Can Canadians Expect in 2021?

January 4, 2021

Let's Talk About Today with Arvin [\[Audio podcast episode\]](#)

Research Stays & Visiting Positions

Visiting Fellow

August 2025

ARC Centre of Excellence for Automated Decision-Making and Society, University of Sydney, Australia

Visiting Fellow

July 2025

Digital Media Research Centre, Queensland University of Technology, Australia

Professional Service

Journal Reviewer: *Politics & Gender*

Conference Reviewer: *International Communication Association, International Conference for Computational Social Science*

Conference Session Chair: Canadian Communication Association (2025)

Professional Memberships

International Communication Association

Divisions: Communication & Technology, Computational Methods, Feminist Scholarship, and Political Communication

Canadian Communication Association

Canadian Political Science Association

Data Science Institute, University of Toronto

Equal Voice

Skills & Languages

Software: R, Python, SPSS, GitHub, Gephi, L^AT_EX

Social Media: Twitter (X), Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Bluesky, Mailchimp

Graphic Design: Microsoft Publisher, Adobe InDesign, Canva

Gender-Based Analysis: Introduction to Gender-Based Analysis+ – Government of Canada Certification

Languages: English (Native), French (Intermediate – Government of France DELF A2 Certified), Italian (Elementary)