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Education

PhD in Information
2024 – *present*

University of Toronto

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

Katz, L., **De Angelis, I.,** and Alexander, R. (2026). Do Women Politicians Face More Interruptions? An Analysis of Interjections in the Australian Parliamentary Debates (1998-2025). Conditionally accepted, *Australian Journal of Political Science*.

De Angelis, I., and Alexander, R. (2025). What are Canadian Members of Parliament doing on Bluesky? *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 1–22. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0008423925100619

    Media coverage: David Akin's Roundup (October 31, 2025), The Conversation, Yahoo News (Canada)

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

Under Review

Papers

De Angelis, I. Using GitHub Actions for Computational Communication Research. *Under review*.

De Angelis, I. Leeching Legitimacy: The Parasitic Use of YouTube by Canadian Conservative Politicians. *Extended abstract accepted for special issue, full paper submitted for review*.

Book

McKay, S., Robbins-Kanter, J., and **De Angelis, I.** Leaders' Debates in Canada. *Under 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)*, *MSN*.

Cited by: *Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians - 2025 Canadian Regional Report*, *Evidence for Democracy - The Misinformation Challenge Report*

Scholarships & Awards

Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral (CGS – D)   2025 – 2028
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
CAD $120,000

Excellence Award   2025 – 2028
Faculty of Information, University of Toronto
CAD $25,000

Ontario Graduate Scholarship *(declined)*   2025 – 2026
Government of Ontario
CAD $15,000

Research Fellowship   2025 – 2026
Faculty of Information, University of Toronto
CAD $16,000

Dean's Award for Academic Achievement in Culture & Technology   2025
Faculty of Information, University of Toronto
CAD $250

Excellence Award   2024 – 2025
Faculty of Information, University of Toronto
CAD $5,000

Ontario Graduate Scholarship   2024 – 2025
Government of Ontario
CAD $15,000

Allan and Jean Howarth Ontario Graduate Scholarship   2023 – 2024
Government of Ontario
CAD $15,000

Canada Graduate Scholarship – Masters (CGS – M)   2022 – 2023
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
CAD $17,500

Ontario Graduate Scholarship *(declined)*   2022 – 2023
Government of Ontario
CAD $15,000

Dean's Honour List & Merit Scholarship   2019 – 2022
University of Ottawa
CAD $6,000

Admissions Scholarship   2018
University of Ottawa
CAD $4,000

BC Achievement Scholarship   2018
Government of British Columbia
CAD $1,250

Teaching Experience

Department of Political Science, University of Toronto
Teaching Assistant, POL382 – Topics in Canadian Politics (Political Representation)   Winter 2026
Teaching Assistant, POL319 – Elections and Voting   Fall 2025

Faculty of Information, University of Toronto
Teaching Assistant, INF1001 – Introduction to Critical Information Policy Studies   Fall 2024, 2025
Teaching Assistant, INF1339 – Introduction to Computational Thinking   Fall 2024

Data Sciences Institute, University of Toronto
Content Developer, Data Science & Machine Learning Certificate Program   Fall 2023

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant   October 2023 – April 2024
Dr. Rohan Alexander, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto

Undergraduate Research Assistant   June 2021 – January 2022
Dr. Elizabeth Dubois, Pol Comm Tech Lab, University of Ottawa

Conference Presentations & Invited Talks

New Platform, Old Strategies? Electioneering on Bluesky in the 2025 Canadian Federal Election (with Rohan Alexander)
(Upcoming) June 2-4, 2026, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Ottawa, ON

Using GitHub Actions for Computational Communication Research
January 22, 2026, Talent Showcase, Data Sciences Institute, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON *(Poster)*

Do Women Politicians Face More Interruptions? An Analysis of Interjections in the Australian Parliamentary Debates (1998-2025) (with Lindsay Katz and Rohan Alexander)
December 4, 2025, Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science, Monash University, Melbourne, AU (*Presented by L.K.*)
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, Sydney, AU
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, La Trobe 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)
June 13, 2024, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC (*Presented by S.M.*)
March 29, 2024, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC (*Presented by S.M.*)

Guest Lectures

Platform Governance & Online Harassment   November 3, 2025
INF1001 – Introduction to Critical Information Policy Studies, Masters Course
Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

Designing a Data Science Project: A Case Study of Canadian MPs on Bluesky   October 15 & 16, 2025
INF1344 – Introduction to Statistics for Data Science (2 sections), Masters Course
Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

Using GitHub Actions to Enhance Reproducible Research   October 6, 2025
STA4101 – Topics in Statistical Data Science, Masters Course
Department of Statistical Sciences, 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   October 14, 2021
Grade 9 Critical Thinking & Communications Class
West Point Grey Academy (High School), Vancouver, BC

**From Free to Soviet Levels of Control: Exploring Democracy in Relation to the Recent
Developments in Mass Media Regulation in Russia**   October 31, 2019
CMN5160 – Political Uses of Media, Masters Course
Department of Communication, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON

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)

PhD Student Representative, PhD Recruitment and Admissions Committee   September 2025 – present
Faculty of Information, University of Toronto

Faculty of Information Student Gonfaloniere   October 17, 2025
Installation Ceremony of Professor Melanie A. Woodin as the 17th President of the University of Toronto

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, 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 the *Samara Centre for Democracy* for my expertise in organizing youth councils and contributed to the Local Youth Councils & Engaging Youth Between Elections reports.

Public Talks & Outreach (select)

Frontier Technologies and Their Ethical Dimensions Panel Discussion   February 27, 2026
University of Toronto Student Research Initiative, Toronto, ON

Data Science Faculty & Student Panel Discussion   September 13, 2025
Data Science and Programming Bootcamp, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

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

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: *Computational Communication Research*, *Politics & Gender*
Conference Reviewer: *International Communication Association* (2024, 2025), *International Conference for Computational Social Science* (2025), *International Conference on Social Media + Society* (2026)
Conference Session Chair: Canadian Communication Association (2025)

In the Media

Inteview for *The Guardian*: ['Attacked no matter what they do': why female politicians face relentless cycle of abuse](#). Ashifa Kassam. November 12, 2025.

Professional Memberships

International Communication Association

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

Canadian Communication Association

Canadian Political Science Association

Data Sciences Institute, University of Toronto

Equal Voice

Skills & Languages

Software: R, Python, SPSS, GitHub, GitHub Actions, Gephi, LaTeX

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)