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Education

University of Toronto, UoT — Toronto, Canada	Sept 2023–Present
PhD in Political Science	
Advisors: Dr. Julie Moreau and Dr. Michael Donnelly	
Pompeu Fabra University, UPF — Barcelona, Spain	June 2020
Research Master's in Political Science	
Advisor: Dr. Tània Verge	
University of Barcelona, UB — Barcelona, Spain	
BA in Political Science	June 2019
Advisor: Dr. Joan-Josep Vallbé	
BA in International Business	June 2018
Advisor: Dr. Patricia Elgoibar	

Professional Experience

Course Instructor, UoT	2025–Present
Graduate Teaching Assistant, UoT	2023–Present
Research Assistant (Jean Monnet Chair in EU Governance), UPF	2021–2023

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Cantó, J., & Arregui, J. (2024). The impact of party competition on LGBTI+ rights: Evidence from Spanish autonomous regions (1990–2022). *Politics and Policy*. doi:10.1111/polp.12595
- Cantó, J., Baraibar, J., & Arregui, J. (2024). Same Money, Different Impact? The Curving Effect of European Structural and Investment Funds on EU Support in Spain (1990–2019). *European Policy Analysis*. doi:10.1002/epa2.1232
- Cantó, J., & Rodó-Zárate, M. (2024). Gender-Ideology Trouble? Ideology, Gender, and Generation as Factors in LGB+ Self-identification among Gen Z and Millennials in Catalonia. *Sexuality and Culture*. doi:10.1007/s12119-024-10252-w

Book Chapters

- Cantó, J., & Arregui, J. (2022a). The Europeanisation of LGBT+ and Equality Policies in Spain. In J. Arregui (Ed.), *Europeanisation of Public Policies in Spain*. McGraw Hill: Madrid.

Cantó, J., & Arregui, J. (2022b). La europeización de las políticas de igualdad LGTB+ en España. In J. Arregui (Ed.), *La Europeización de las políticas públicas en España*. McGraw Hill: Madrid.

Research Projects

2020–2024. *Understanding LGBTQ Linked Fate and Political Participation in the US and Canada*. PIs: Prof. Julie Moreau, Prof. Michael Donnelly (University of Toronto), and Prof. Quinn Albaugh (Queen's University). Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada). Funding: 71,602 CAD (47,892€).

2020–2024. *Autocratic Resilience in the Age of AI*. PI: Prof. Seva Gunitsky (University of Toronto). Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada). Funding: Unknown.

2022–2025. *Jean Monnet Center of Excellence BACES (Barcelona Center for European Studies)*. PI: Prof. Javier Arregui (Pompeu Fabra University). European Commission (Erasmus+). Funding: 99,234€ (148,391 CAD).

2021–2024. *Geographies of Sexualities and the Right to the City: An Emotional and Intersectoral Case for the LGBTI Community (SEXITY)*. PI: Prof. Maria Rodó-Zárate (Pompeu Fabra University). Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation. Funding: Unknown.

2021–2024. *Jean Monnet Chair in EU Governance*. PI: Prof. Javier Arregui (Pompeu Fabra University). European Commission (Erasmus+). Funding: 45,000€ (67,287 CAD).

2019–2022. *Jean Monnet Center of Excellence BACES*. PI: Prof. Javier Arregui (Pompeu Fabra University). European Commission (Erasmus+). Funding: 99,980€ (149,470 CAD).

2018–2021. *Jean Monnet Chair in EU Governance*. PI: Prof. Javier Arregui (Pompeu Fabra University). European Commission (Erasmus+). Funding: 50,000€ (74,763 CAD).

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

Mary H. Beatty Scholarship, UoT	2025
LGBTQ+ Travel Grant Student Award, MPSA	2025
Virginia Gray Graduate Student Award, APSA	2024
APSA Travel Grant	2024
Freddie Scholarship for Graduate LGBTIQ+ Students	2024
Connaught International Scholarship, UoT	2023–2028
Master of Research Scholarship, Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera	2019–2020

Presentations

Conferences

September 2025. *Maslow and the European Rainbow – A Survey Experiment on European Union Support among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans* and Queer+ individuals in the United Kingdom* (with Michael Donnelly and Julie Moreau). American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA, United States of America.

September 2025. *The Political Effects of Marriage Equality Among LGB Individuals in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada*. American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA, United States of America.

August 2025. *The Nomination of LGB+ Candidates in Spain* (with Javier Martínez-Cantó). European Consortium of Political Research. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.

June 2025. *The Nomination of LGB+ Candidates in Spain* (with Javier Martínez-Cantó). European Political Science Association. Madrid, Spain.

June 2025. *Materialist factors in LGBTQ+ political behavior*. European Political Science Association. Madrid, Spain.

April 2024. *Still Shifting the Mass? Quasi-experimental evidence of Pope declarations on LGBTQ attitudes*. Mid-Western Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, United States of America.

September 2024. *The Nomination of LGB+ Candidates in Spain* (with Javier Martínez-Cantó). American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA, United States of America.

Teaching Experience

University of Toronto

Queer International Relations — Course Instructor	Fall 2025
Methods in Political Science — Teaching Assistant	2025–2026
LGBTQ Politics — Teaching Assistant	Spring 2024
Democracy in the Social Media Age — Teaching Assistant	Fall 2024
Quantitative Reasoning I & II — Teaching Assistant	2023–2024

Professional Service

Member, American Political Science Association	2023–Present
Member, European Political Science Society	2026–Present
Member, European Political Science Association	2023–2026
Member, Mid-Western Political Science Association	2024–Present
Reviewer: <i>European Journal of Politics and Gender, Politics and Policy</i> .	

Languages

Catalan and Spanish — Bilingual
English — Advanced
Italian and French — Upper-intermediate
German — Beginner-intermediate