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APPOINTMENTS

Toronto Metropolitan University   2023−Present
Research Fellow, Evidence in Governance and Politics

EDUCATION

New York University   2024
Ph.D., Politics
Dissertation: The Politics of Historical Injustices and Reconciliation in Canada

McGill University   2019
M.A., Political Science

University of Waterloo   2016
B.E.S., Urban Planning and Political Science (Joint Honours)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: Public opinion; political behaviour; race, ethnicity and politics

Methodological: Experiments; surveys; text-as-data

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

3. "Redesigning Political Institutions to Increase Civic Inclusion and Immigrant Integration," with Daniel Rubenson and Vince Hopkins. (invited for 2025 special issue at *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*).

2. "More continuity than change? Re-evaluating the contemporary socio-economic and housing characteristics of suburbs," with Markus Moos, Pablo Mendez, Liam McGuire, Elvin Wyly, Anna Kramer and Robert Walter-Joseph (2015). *Canadian Journal of Urban Research 24* (2), 64-90. (link)

Book chapters

1. "On the beaten path: Violence against civilians and simulated conflict along road networks," with Jessica Draper and Andrea Salvi. In Deutschmann, E., Lorenz, J., Wilhelm, A., Natalini, D. & Nardin, L.G. (eds.) (2020), *Computational Conflict Research*, Springer International Publishing. (link)

WORKING PAPERS

"The prevalence and correlates of residential school denialism in Canada" (with Edana Beauvais; under review) (link)

"Covid-19 and support for progressive taxation: Evidence from a 2020 Ballot Proposal" (Under review) (link)

"Historical injustices and beliefs in systemic racism" (link)

"Personal responsibility and attitudes toward intergroup reconciliation" (link)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Can changes to historical symbols mobilize support for racial justice reforms? Evidence from Confederate monument removals" (with Roxanne Rahnama)

"Same as it ever was: Do facts about the persistence of a racial wealth gap move public opinion on addressing racial inequality?" (with Anil Menon)

"Election Outcomes and Social Trust" (with Amber Lee, Daniel Rubenson and Iva Srbinovska)

PUBLIC-FACING WRITING

Evidence in Governance and Politics Policy Briefs (link)   4x 2024

GRANTS

Advancing Research Grant for Early Career Scholars   2024
(with Anil Menon; $2,000)
American Political Science Association

C-Dem Democracy Checkup Module Competition (In-kind survey module)   2023
Consortium on Electoral Democracy

George Downs Summer Research Grant (2x $4,000)   2022, 2023
New York University − Department of Politics

Identities & Ideologies Project Small Grant (with Roxanne Rahnama; $4,000)   2023
New York University

Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's ($17,500)   2017
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

Awards & Fellowships

Graduate Merit Award   2024
Canadian Political Science Association

Dean's Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award   2023
New York University

Bradley Fellowship   2022-2023
New York University

MacCracken Doctoral Fellowship   2019-2024
New York University

Schull Yang International Experience Award   2017
McGill University

Conference Presentations

Canadian Political Science Association	2022, 2023, 2024
Canadian Political Methodology Conference (MapleMeth)	2023, 2024
Toronto/Montreal Political Behaviour Workshop	2023, 2024
C-Dem Junior Scholar Workshop	2024
Bell Chair Graduate Student Conference	2024
Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science	2024
American Political Science Association	2018, 2022, 2023
Midwest Political Science Association	2022, 2023
Identities and Ideologies Workshop	2023
Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium	2018

Teaching Experience

Did it Work? Politics Experiments   2024
Guest Lecturer (x2) (Undergraduate)
Toronto Metropolitan University

Comparative Politics   2022, 2023
Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate)
New York University

International Politics   2021, 2022
Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate)
New York University

Introduction to Quantitative Social Science   2016, 2018
Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate)
McGill University

Introduction to R for Data Science   2017
Instructor (Undergraduate; Workshop Series)
McGill Political Science Student Association

African Politics   2017
Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate)
McGill University

Planning Administration and Finance   2014, 2015
Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate)
University of Waterloo

Professional Communication   2013
Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate)
University of Waterloo

Research Assistantships

Pablo Querubín (New York University)   2022
Tara Slough (New York University)   2021
Sanford Gordon (New York University)   2020
Manuel Balán (McGill University)   2018
Gabrielle Bardall (United States Institute of Peace)   2017-2018
Markus Moos (University of Waterloo)   2014-2015

Professional Experience

United Nations   2017
Scholars At Risk   2015
Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs   2014
Industry Canada   2013

Service

Mentor
CAS-GSAS Graduate School Mentorship Program   2024
New York University

Peer Reviewer
Journal of Peace Research

Panel Organizer
Canadian Political Science Association   2024

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Teaching

Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching   2023-2024
Toronto Metropolitan University

- "Talking about Race in the Classroom"
- "Empowering Faculty and Staff to Promote Anti-Racism in Education"
- "Equity and Inclusion in Teaching"

Research

Computational Social Science Summer School   2018
Jacobs University (Germany)

SKILLS

Computer Skills: R, Python, LaTeX, Stata, QGIS, Qualtrics

Languages: English (native), French (basic reading), Spanish (conversational)