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EDUCATION

Master of Arts

McGill University, Montreal, Quebec 2025

- Political Science

Honours Bachelor of Arts, With High Distinction

Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario 2023

- Political Science, Research Specialization; History Minor
- **Major Research Project:** The puzzle of centrist populism: A mixed methods analysis of Nayib Bukele in El Salvador

RESEARCH

Research Assistant, Laurier Institute for the Study of Public Opinion and Policy (LISPOP)
Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario **May 2022 – Present**

Research Assistant, Dr. Dejan Guzina, Political Science
Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario **May – August 2021**

Research Assistant, Dr. Alistair Edgar, Political Science
Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario **January – May 2021**

PUBLICATIONS

Peer reviewed

Campos-Gottardo, R. (2022). Populism, inequality, and *Lëvizja Vetëvendosje* in Kosovo: Shaping society through populist discourses. *Undergraduate Journal of Politics, Policy, and Society*, 5(1), 56-90. <https://www.ujpps.com/index.php/ujpps/issue/view/7/Issue%205>

Non-Peer Reviewed

Campos-Gottardo, R. & Tenaglia, D. (2021). Forms of corruption within the Canadian judicial branch. *The Lawyer-Ed Law Review*, 1(1), 16-21.

CONFERENCES

Peer reviewed

Campos-Gottardo, R. & Perrella, A. (2023, May). The Role of Populist Attitudes on Support for Centrist Populist Candidates: Evidence From El Salvador. **Poster** presented at the Canadian Political Science Association's Annual Conference, Toronto, CA.

Campos-Gottardo, R. (2022, August). Populism and authoritarianism during the COVID-19 pandemic: The case of Nayib Bukele in El Salvador. **Paper** presented at the annual Congress of the Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Toronto, CA.

Campos-Gottardo, R. & Jasemi, A. (2022, June). Parenting beliefs about the importance of politics and child qualities: Similarities and differences across borders. **Poster** presented at Development 2022, Calgary, CA.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Instructional Assistant & Lab Instructor, PO218 (Answering Questions in Political Science)

Wilfrid Laurier University

January 2023 – May 2023

Instructional Assistant, PO217 (Asking Questions in Political Science)

Wilfrid Laurier University

September 2022 – December 2022

Fundraising Coordinator

The Canadian Landmine Foundation

May 2022 – August 2022

Policy Analyst, Industrial Benefits

Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario

May 2021 - August 2021

Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP) Student

Service Canada

June 2020 – December 2020

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Co-President

Association of Political Science Students

May 2022 – April 2023

Managing Editor

Laurier Undergraduate Journal of the Arts

January 2022 - Present

Vice President of Communications

Association of Political Science Students

October 2020 – May 2022

Faculty Hiring Committee – Undergraduate Student Member

Wilfrid Laurier University

February 2021

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

National Public Service Week Planning Committee Volunteer

FedDev Ontario

May – June 2021

Deputy Returning Officer

Liberal Party of Ontario Leadership Election Meeting

February 8, 2020

Volunteer Constituency Assistant

Catherine Fife, Member of Provincial Parliament

September 2018 – September 2019

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 2023: SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship – Masters (\$17,500)
- 2023: Wilfrid Laurier University – Alumni Gold Medal
- 2023: Library Research Award – First Prize, Senior Division (\$350)
- 2022: Harry and Lillian Kay Scholarship (\$1,000)
- 2022: Menich Family Co-op Award (\$6,300)
- 2020-2022: In Course Scholarship (\$1,500 x 3)
- 2019: Entrance Scholarship (\$2,500)

OTHER SKILLS

Languages: English (native proficiency); French (professional fluency – B1 diploma)

Software: Office; R; SPSS

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- **Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship (CSDC-CECD)**
- **Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS)**
- **Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)**