

# SARAH LACHANCE

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## EDUCATION

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| <b>University of British Columbia</b>                                   | <b>2022</b>              |
| <i>Ph.D. in Political Science (major: comparative; minor: Canadian)</i> | <i>Vancouver, Canada</i> |
| <b>University of British Columbia</b>                                   | <b>2016</b>              |
| <i>M.A. in Political Science</i>  | <i>Vancouver, Canada</i> |
| <b>Université Laval</b>   | <b>2015</b>              |
| <i>B.A.(Hons) in Political Science</i>                                  | <i>Quebec, Canada</i>    |

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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| <b>Postdoctoral Associate</b>                    | <b>2024 –</b>          |
| <i>University of Calgary</i>                     | <i>Calgary, Canada</i> |
| <b>Postdoctoral Fellow</b>                       | <b>2022 - 2024</b>     |
| <i>PEARL, Munk School, University of Toronto</i> | <i>Toronto, Canada</i> |

## RESEARCH AREAS

- Canadian politics
- Comparative politics
- Political behaviour
- Political psychology
- Democratic representation

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Politicians' Theories of Voting Behaviour** (with Jack Lucas, Lior Sheffer, Peter Loewen, Stefaan Walgrave, et al.), in *American Political Science Review*, 2024
2. **Group-based Affect and the Canadian Party System** (with Edana Beauvais), in *The Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 2024
3. **Campaign Effects on Strategic Voting for Minor Parties: Evidence from Germany**, in *Electoral Studies*, 2023
4. **The Predictable Campaign: Theory and Evidence** (with Richard Johnston), in *Electoral Studies*, 2022
5. **Telephone versus Online Survey Modes for Election Studies: Comparing Canadian Public Opinion and Vote Choice in the 2015 Federal Election** (with Charles Breton, Fred Cutler and Alex Mierke-Zatwarnicki), in *The Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 2017

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. **Policy Design, Cost Information and Support for Guaranteed Income** (with Richard Johnston and Alan Jacobs), in *BC Basic Income Panel*, 2020
2. **Polarization and Campaign Dynamics in Canada** (with Richard Johnston), in *SAGE Video Political Science and International Relations 2024 Update*
3. **L'impact de la distance, de la densité et du lieu de vote sur le taux de participation** (with Marc André Bodet and Audrey E. Brennan), in *Cahier de recherche électorale et parlementaire (published by Chaire de recherche sur la démocratie et les institutions parlementaires, Université Laval)*, 2024

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

1. **Left and Right Ideological Labels as a Voter Heuristic: the Canadian Case**
2. **Party or Policy? The Role of Policy Partisanship in Voter Decision-Making** (with Clareta Treger, Peter J. Loewen, Thomas Bergeron, Thomas Galipeau, Mujahedul Islam, Blake Lee-Whiting, Beatrice Magistro)
3. **Is Representation in Practice Threatened by Rising Elite Polarization?** (with Peter J. Loewen)
4. **Support for Basic Income: the Reciprocity Norm** (with Richard Johnston and Alan Jacobs)

5. **Language Model Agents as Synthetic Samples: Predicting Vote Choice in the 2021 Canadian Federal Elections**(With Mitchell Bosley and Peter J. Loewen)
6. **Foraging for Policy: Ambiguity as a Heuristic**
7. **Artificial Influence: Can AI Reduce Belief Certainty?**(with Natasha Goel and the PEARL lab)

## SELECTED GRANTS, AWARDS AND HONORS

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| <b>Political Science Department Research Funding</b>                                 | <b>2020</b>        |
| <i>University of British Columbia</i>  | <i>7,500 CAD</i>   |
| <b>Honorary Mention: SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarships to Honour Nelson Mandela</b> | <b>2018</b>        |
| <i>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council</i>                               |                    |
| <b>SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship</b>                           | <b>2018–2021</b>   |
| <i>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council</i>                               | <i>105,000 CAD</i> |
| <b>Premier Four-Year Fellowship</b>  | <b>2016–2020</b>   |
| <i>University of British Columbia</i>  | <i>72,800 CAD</i>  |
| <b>FQRSC Research MA Scholarship</b>   | <b>2015–2016</b>   |
| <i>Fonds de Recherche Société et Culture</i>   | <i>30,000 CAD</i>  |
| <b>SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarships - Masters Program (Declined)</b>               | <b>2015–2016</b>   |
| <i>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council</i>                               | <i>17,500 CAD</i>  |

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| <b>The Role of Policy Partisanship and Party Cues in Voter Decision-Making</b>             | <b>2024</b> |
| <i>Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association</i>                         |             |
| <b>Campaign Issue Appeals: Activation and Persuasion in U.S. Presidential Elections</b>    | <b>2022</b> |
| <i>Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association</i>                        |             |
| <b>Polarization and Campaign Dynamics in Canada, 1988-2021</b>                             | <b>2022</b> |
| <i>Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association</i>                        |             |
| <b>Foraging for Policy: Ambiguity as a Heuristic</b>                                       | <b>2022</b> |
| <i>Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association</i>                        |             |
| <b>Polarization and Campaign Dynamics in Canada, 1988-2021</b>                             | <b>2022</b> |
| <i>C-Dem Forum on Election Democracy</i>   |             |
| <b>Quel rôle jouent les campagnes dans le contexte polarisé des élections Américaines?</b> | <b>2022</b> |
| <i>Colloque Étudiant du CÉCD</i>   |             |
| <b>What Role Does Affective Proximity Play in Canadian Politics?</b>                       | <b>2021</b> |
| <i>Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association</i>                        |             |
| <b>Swing and a Miss?: the Surprising Effects of Andrew Johnson’s Campaigning</b>           | <b>2021</b> |
| <i>Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association</i>                        |             |
| <b>The Predictable Campaign: Theory and Evidence</b>                                       | <b>2018</b> |
| <i>Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association</i>                        |             |

## CONFERENCE DISCUSSANT

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| <b>Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association</b>                 | <b>2024</b> |
| <b>Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association</b>                | <b>2022</b> |
| <b>Colloque Étudiant du CÉCD</b>   | <b>2022</b> |
| <b>Academic workshop: Canada’s Electoral Future in Comparative Perspective</b>     | <b>2018</b> |
| <b>Annual Conference of UBC the Political Science Graduate Student Association</b> | <b>2018</b> |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Instructor for Math Camp (Graduate Level)</b><br><i>University of British Columbia</i>                                      | <b>2020–2021</b> |
| <b>Guest Lecturer for POLI 551: Designing and Analyzing Public Opinion Surveys</b><br><i>University of British Columbia</i>    | <b>2020</b>      |
| <b>Teaching Assistant for POLI 572: Quantitative Techniques of Political Analysis</b><br><i>University of British Columbia</i> | <b>2018–2019</b> |

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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| <b>Reviewer</b><br><i>Political Behavior, American Political Science Review, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Electoral Studies</i> | <b>2022</b>  |
| <b>Member of hiring search committee</b><br><i>Political Behaviour &amp; Canadian Politics</i>  | <b>2018 &amp; 2021</b><br><i>University of British Columbia</i>  |
| <b>Organizational assistant</b><br><i>Academic workshop: Canada's Electoral Future in Comparative Perspective</i>                         | <b>Oct. 26–27, 2018</b><br><i>University of British Columbia</i> |
| <b>President of the Graduate Student Association</b><br><i>Department of Political Science</i>  | <b>2017–2018</b><br><i>University of British Columbia</i>        |

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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| <b>Panelist for the Electoral Night on CBC</b><br><i>2017 British Columbia Provincial Election</i> | <b>2017</b><br><i>Vancouver, Canada</i> |
| <b>Volunteer for Samara</b><br><i>Research and field work</i>                                      | <b>2017</b><br><i>Vancouver, Canada</i> |
| <b>Volunteer for Fair Vote Vancouver</b><br><i>Blogger and field work</i>                          | <b>2015</b><br><i>Vancouver, Canada</i> |

## ADDITIONAL METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

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**ICPSR - 2019:** Maximum Likelihood Estimation (Dean Lacy), Machine Learning (Christopher Hare)  
**Simon Fraser University - 2018 & 2020:** Survey Experiments (Mark Pickup), Time Series Analysis (Mark Pickup)

## METHODS & SKILLS

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**Methods:** Quantitative methods, surveys, experiments, machine learning, web data extraction, GIS, AI tools  
**Programming & Softwares:** R, Python, Javascript, Stata, Qualtrics, NVivo  
**Languages:** French, English, Spanish, Persian