

# Newsletter

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## Events

The PSGSA organized a very well attended panel discussion on the American Election on October 29th.



There was another hugely attended Panel Discussion on The General Election in Ireland on Friday, November 22, 2024. Panelists were Drs. Donal Gill and Emer O'Toole.

Speaker's Series, Fall 2024:

-Ludovica Bargellini (Palermo). "Addressing the Intersections of Domestic Violence." Sept 27.

-Laura Macdonald (Carleton). "Elections in the United States: Implications for Canada and North America" October 25.

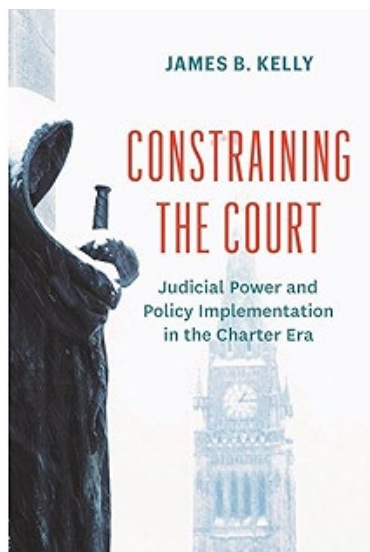
-Marc-André Anzuet (Outaouais). "What Does Canada Care?" Nov 15.

Colin Scott. "Should Non-Citizens be Allowed to Vote?" Institute for Research on Migration and Society. November 29.

Antoine Bilodeau will moderate a workshop on "Belonging and Integration: Diverse Perspectives on the Children of Immigrants," to be held on December 13. Panelists will include Roberto Carlos (University of Texas at Austin), Karen Phalet (KU Leuven), and Jörg Dollmann (German Centre for Integration and Migration Research and Mannheim Centre for European Social Research).

Book Launch:

Jim Kelly's latest publication was celebrated in a book launch on October 2nd, in the form of a panel discussion with panelists Jim Kelly, Noura Karazivan, Professor of Public Law, Université de Montréal and Robert Leckey, Samuel Gale Chair and Dean of Law, Faculty of Law, McGill University. The panel was moderated by Daniel Salée.



## Book Launch:

Stephanie Paterson's latest publication was celebrated in a Book Launch and Panel Discussion with guest authors reading excerpts from their chapters (Michael Orsini, Jamilah Dei-Sharpe, Ethel Tungohan, Nisha Nath, Fiona MacDonald, Kelly Aguirre and Nicole Bernhardt). These were followed by a Q & A session and a wine and cheese reception. Francesca Scala was the Moderator.



Jurist in Residence Morton Minc organized a tour of the Supreme Court this fall for interested undergraduate students.



## Recent Publications

### BOOK REVIEWS

Zeitz, Alexandra O. (2024) "How Governments Borrow: Partisan Politics, Constrained Institutions, and Sovereign Debt in Emerging Markets, By Ben Cormier" *Journal of Development Studies*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2024.2417481>

### Conference and Roundtable Presentations

Graham Dodds presented a paper entitled "Northern Sanctuary: Canada as a Safe Haven from American Dangers, Real and Imagined" at a conference on "Frontiers and Wastelands: The Boundaries of American Identity" organized by the PopMeC Association for U.S. Popular Culture Studies at the Universidad de Alcalá (Spain) on November 26.

Michael Lipson delivered a paper titled "Hypocrisy and Rhetorical Entrapment in International Politics: The Case of Failed Entrapment in the Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime," at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia on September 5.

Nicole De Silva, "Promoting State Commitment to International Courts: Evidence from the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights," Association of Human Rights Institutes Conference, Lund, Sweden, 14 September 2024.

Frank Ohemeng participated in the SOG workshop 2024 International Workshop on “*What does democratic resilience mean for public sector organizations?*” held on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Münster, Germany. The title of his paper was *Fighting the Devil? Democratic Backsliding and Bureaucratic Robustness in Developing Countries: The Ghanaian Case*. Below is a picture of some of the participants.



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## **Other Presentations**

Graham Dodds gave an invited talk (online) about U.S. presidential pardons to a seminar at the Department of History at California State University (CSU) Los Angeles on September 17, 2024.

## **Media Appearances and Op Eds**

Since Labour Day, Graham Dodds has been interviewed on the radio about U.S. politics on multiple occasions: He appeared on CJAD radio on September 15, September 22, September 29, October 6, October 27, November 3, November 7, November 9, and December 15. And he was on CBC Radio Noon on November 6.

Graham Dodds was interviewed about U.S. politics on local TV several times this term: by CBC on September 9 and November 4; by CTV on November 3; and by City TV on November 5.

Graham Dodds was interviewed about U.S. politics in print and online media several times this term:

-Bourquin, Chloé. "Le 'cirque' des nominations de Trump." *La Presse*. November 14, 2024.

-Valois-Nadeau, Benoît. "Que réserve l'avenir à Joe Biden et Kamala Harris?" *Le Devoir*. November 13, 2024.

-Lewinski, John Scott. "Begging Biden's Pardon." *Washington Examiner*. October 25, 2024.

-Lewinski, John Scott. "Pardon Me Trump." *Washington Examiner*. November 29, 2024.

-Schofer, Jia. "Concordia's American expatriates have 35 days to cast their vote from abroad." *The Concordian*. October 1, 2024.

-Ouellet, Annabel. "Grand État du Canada." *L'Atelier*. December 10, 2024.

Donal Gill is quoted in this CTV News Montreal article about Valerie Plante & Projet Montreal, Nov 3rd: <https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/hundreds-of-projet-montreal-members-discuss-party-s-future-on-heels-of-plant-announcement-1.7097143>

Donal Gill was interviewed for a story in *The Concordian*: Acosta, Ana. "Rent is soaring in Canadian cities: Here's what could help and why." November 4, 2024.

Célia Bensiali-Hadaud [Célia Bensiali-Hadaud – ÉRIQA](#), a PhD students in the Political Science department, was interviewed about her research in *La Presse*:

[Chiller à Montréal-Nord | La Presse](#)

### **Podcasts:**

Donal Gill was interviewed for the CBC podcast *This is Montreal* - "Why is Valérie Plante not running again as mayor?", Oct 24th

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/cbc-podcasts/1419/episode/16103563>

Graham Dodds was interviewed for a podcast at Williams College: "I Beg Your Pardon?" October 23, 2024.

## Kudos

Mireille Paquet recently received a \$1.2 million grant from the Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ) to establish the Réseau de recherche sur l'immigration, l'intégration et les relations interculturelles au Québec (RQ3I). The project will be Quebec's first dedicated research network focused on immigration, integration, and intercultural relations.

Mireille Paquet is the Director of Concordia's new [Institute for Research on Migration and Society](#) (IRMS), a bilingual hub for social science research that will bring a unique perspective on improving outcomes for newcomers to Quebec and Canada.

Dr. Amy Poteete is the recipient of this year's *Dean's Award for Excellence in Community Outreach and Public Engagement*. The impact of Amy's work with several Montreal-based grassroots organizations devoted to the rejuvenation of former industrial wasteland and the protection of urban green spaces was noted with appreciation by the selection committee.

13 Undergrads with the top 1% GPA were celebrated at the Faculty of Arts and Science Dean's Scholars Evening on October 30, 2024.



Top row, left to right:

Dean Pascale Sicotte, Miguella Descary, Corinna Higgins, Abdelkader Lazreg, Nazir Sinan, Antoine Lespine, Yves Panneton, Daniel Salée (Chair of Political Science)



Bottom row, left to right:

Joshua Man Tao Fung, Joelle Farley-Dabis, Bryanna Bragagnolo, Lison Faure, Mary Amadi

Not on the photo, but part of the 13 top Political Science undergraduate students: Ryan Mohtajolfazl and Nikoo Pajoom



To help kick-off Concordia's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at HOMECOMING 2024 we were honored to receive Ambassador of Canada to Zimbabwe [Adler Aristilde](#), BA 03, MA 05 (Political Science). Aristilde shared his thoughts about his path from Concordia to the Embassy of Canada in Harare, Zimbabwe

After working for two decades as a policy analyst, which included posts in Ottawa and Dakar, Senegal, Aristilde was appointed Ambassador of Canada to Zimbabwe, High Commissioner to Malawi and High Commissioner-Designate to Botswana in July 2023.

## MPPPA News



Lucky MPPPA interns were coached by one of our very own MPPPA hiring managers **Patrick Mullin** in an online POLI 686 Internship Preparation Session on September 20th. Patrick is the Manager of the SARA Policy and Program Guidance Unit in the Species at Risk Policy Division, of the Canadian Wildlife Service Branch at Environment and Climate Change Canada. Patrick led a casual talk in which he encouraged students to share their concerns and interests throughout. **Lonimi Meseko**, an MPPPA student presently interning in his Office, joined to provide an intern's perspective. What a treat to have both sides of the experience shared with the Winter 2025 placement cohort. Working in a policy shop is always a challenge that students are eager to undertake. Patrick and Lonimi made the experience look very enticing.