

Newsletter

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Events

Department Speaker Series (Fall Term 2023)

Wednesday, September 11 (11:45 am – 1:15 pm): Viviana MacManus (Occidental College), "Legacies of Feminist Resistance in Mexico: From the Dirty War to the War on Drugs"

Wednesday, October 2 (5:00 – 7:00 pm): Panel discussion around and book launch of James Kelly's *Constraining the Court. Judicial Power and Policy Implementation in the Charter Era*

Friday, October 25 (12:00 – 1:30 pm): Laura Macdonald (Carleton University), "The US Presidential Election and its Implications for Canada-US Relations"

Friday, November 15 (12:00 – 1:30 pm) Ludovica Bargellini (Università degli studi di Palermo) Title TBA

Tuesday November 19 (5:30-7:30 pm) Excerpt-reading and Q & A around a Book Launch *Feministing in Political Science* Edited by Alana Cattapan, Ethel Tungohan, Nisha Nath, Fiona Macdonald and Stephanie Paterson

Recent Publications

BOOK CHAPTERS

Joy, M. 2024. "Age Friendly Cities." In Vogel, R.K. Ed. *Handbook of Urban Politics and Policy*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

ARTICLES

Marier, P., Joy, M., Smele, S., Zakaria, R., Beauchamp, J., Bourgeois-Guérin, V., Lupien, P., Sussman, T. (2004) Older Adults in Administrative Quagmire: A Scoping Review of Policy and Program Coordination Across 6 Marginalized Older Adult Populations. *The Gerontologist*, 2024; gnae120, <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnae120>

Shields, J., Joy, M., & Mee Cheng, S. (2024) The Limits of the Community Nonprofit Sector Resilience: Evidence from Canadian Nonprofit Sector Surveys During the Pandemic. *Canadian Journal of Nonprofit and Social Economy Research* 15(1), 1–21. doi:10.29173/cjnser661

Ferry, Lauren L. and Alexandra O. Zeitz (2024) “China, the IMF, and Sovereign Debt Crises” *International Studies Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqae119>

Conference and Roundtable Presentations

CPSA conference presentations:

Nicole De Silva, “Managing Complaint Mechanisms for Regulatory Enforcement: Evidence from Human Rights Institutions During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, 14 June 2024.

Alexandra Zeitz presented a paper co-authored with Isabel Rodriguez-Toribio, “Informal global governance and sovereign debt: The G20 Common Framework and debt crises,” Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, 12 June 2024.

Alexandra Zeitz and Layna Mosley, “Terms and Conditions: The Pricing and Politics of Bilateral Sovereign Lending,” Interdisciplinary Sovereign Debt Research and Management Conference, Paris School of Economics, Paris, France, 29 May 2024.

Sam Rowan and Amy Janzwood. “Does capping pollution fuel discord? How climate policy instruments affect support for Canadian decarbonization”. Paper presented at Environmental Politics and Governance, Université Laval, Quebec City, QC, Canada, June 18–21, 2024.

Sam Rowan and Amy Janzwood. “Does capping pollution fuel discord? How climate policy instruments affect support for Canadian decarbonization”. Paper presented at Canadian Political Science Association, Montreal, QC, Canada, June 12–14, 2024.

Sam Rowan. “Widespread non-compliance with Paris climate targets.” Paper presented at Canadian Political Science Association, Montreal, QC, Canada, June 12–14, 2024.

Joy, M. "Older Adult Tenant Precarity and Policy on Aging in Québec: Contextualizing Aging-in-place and Age-friendly City Policy to an Urban Housing Crisis." CPISA. Montreal. June 13, 2024.

Joy, M. Public Policy and Social Exclusion of Older Adults at Risk of Marginalization. *Concordia University School of Health Conference*. Montreal. May 30, 2024.

Joy, M. and Smele, S. « Politiques publiques et l'exclusion sociale des personnes âgées à risque de marginalisation » Colloque CRÉGES *Agir sur la marginalisation des personnes âgées : des savoirs à l'action*. Montréal. May 27, 2024.

Joy, M. « Précarité des locataires âgées et politiques de vieillissement au Québec » ACFAS. Ottawa. May 16, 2024.

Smele, S. et Joy, M. « Exploration de la féminisation de la bienveillance pour les personnes âgées anglophones » ACFAS. Ottawa. May 14, 2024.

APSA conference presentations

Poteete, Amy R., Pavel Kunysz, and Nik Luka. 2024. "Commoning with and against Commoning: A Tale of Two Contested Green Spaces in Montreal." Presented by Amy Poteete at the annual meeting the American Political Science Association, 5 – 8 September 2024, Philadelphia, USA.

Dodds, Graham G. "Early Congressional Resistance to Unilateral Presidential Military Action." American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. September 7, 2024.

Zeitz, Alexandra and Layna Mosley. 2024. "Terms and Conditions: The Pricing and Politics of Bilateral Sovereign Lending." American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. September 7, 2024.

Rodriguez-Toribio, Isabel, Sam Rowan, and Alexandra Zeitz. 2024. "Dissatisfaction and Partial Membership in International Organizations" American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. September 5, 2024.

Clark, Richard, Lindsay Dolan, and Alexandra Zeitz. 2024 "Trade Smarts: How Knowledge Informs Trade Policy Preferences in Sub-Saharan Africa" American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. September 7, 2024.

Other Presentations

Amy Poteete gave a presentation on her research project with Emma Despland, Elizabeth Miller, and Carly Ziter, "Worth Defending: Biodiversity, Climate Resilience, and Social Inclusion in Montreal's (Extra)ordinary Green Spaces," at "Building sustainable cities: The politics of provision, implementation and management," a American Political Science Association pre-conference workshop, 4 September 2024, Philadelphia, USA.

Amy Poteete was one of several guides/facilitators for an event organized by the Centre de recherche Cultures – Arts – Sociétés (CELAT-UQAM), Loyola Sustainability Research Centre (LSRC, Concordia University), and Mobilisation 6600 Parc Nature MHM: “Habiter le terrain vague en communs : Visite guidé du terrain vague d’Hochelaga,” terrain vague d’Hochelaga, Montréal, Canada, 11 juin 2024.

Announcements

Dr. Colin Scott officially joined the department on August 1. Welcome Colin!

The department recently welcomed a new Undergraduate Program Assistant: Veronica Lefebvre.

Media Appearances and Op Eds

Graham Dodds was interviewed live on CTV (local) on May 28 about Donald Trump’s hush-money criminal trial in New York.

Graham Dodds has appeared on live radio many times since the Spring. He was interviewed on CJAD on May 31 about Donald Trump’s felony convictions, on July 7 about the U.S. presidential race, on July 14 about the assassination attempt on Trump, on July 21 about Senator J.D. Vance, on July 28 about the Heritage Foundation’s Project 2025, on both August 9 and August 11 about Governor Tim Walz, on August 18 about Trump’s policy positions, and on August 25 about the Democratic National Convention. Professor Dodds was also interviewed on CBC’s Radio Noon program about the Democratic National Convention on August 22 and on CFRA radio in Ottawa on July 10 about President Joe Biden’s campaign.

Graham Dodds has appeared in print and online media several times since the Spring:

-Delphine Belzile, “Trump projette une image de combattant, des partisans ‘gonflés à bloc.’”

La Tribune. July 14, 2024;

-Anne Marshall-Chalmers in “‘Another Kick in the Gut:’ Biden’s Pardons Still Fall Short for Many LGBTQ Veterans.” The War Horse. July 18, 2024.

-Vincent Laurin in “Joe Biden se désiste. Et maintenant?” La Presse. July 21, 2024.

Nicole De Silva published an op-ed in *The Conversation* clarifying the implications of the upcoming international review of the Canadian Human Rights Commission. See De Silva, Nicole. "International Review of Canadian Human Rights Commission Can Provide Limited Gains for Anti-racism Advocacy," *The Conversation*, July 28, 2024,

<https://theconversation.com/international-review-of-the-canadian-human-rights-commission-can-provide-limited-gains-for-anti-racism-advocacy-233186>

Donal Gill was interviewed on CBC Radio Noon in June to discuss the fallout for PM Trudeau and the Liberal Party following the loss of the Toronto St Paul's byelection:

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-102-radio-noon-quebec/clip/16078764-is-justin-trudeau-go>

Donal Gill was interviewed on CBC Let's Go in July to discuss the Council of the Federation Summer Meeting:

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-383-lets-go/clip/16082692-breaking-impact-halifax-summit-quebec>

Donal Gill was interviewed on Radio Noon Quebec with Shawn Apel - Sep. 5, 2024: The NDP has cancelled the agreement with the Liberals. What do you think? <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-102/clip/16092526>

Donal Gill was interviewed on CBC Let's Go on Sept 6th to discuss the upcoming byelection in Lasalle-Emard-Verdun.

Guy Lachapelle was at a 40 square meter mural unveiling of ex-premier René Lévesque by the Fondation René Lévesque on August 24. Read story here:

https://fondationrene-levesque.org/la-grande-murale-en-hommage-a-rene-levesque-inauguree-montreal/?utm_source=Cyberimpact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Des-nouvelles-de-la-Fondation-Rene-Levesque--Inauguration-de-la-murale-en-hommage-a-Rene-Levesque-et-campagne-de-financement

Podcasts:

Amy Poteete appears in the Wastescapes podcast, "Worth defending: La Falaise St. Jacques." Available online: <https://soundcloud.com/wastescape/worth-defending-la-falaise-st-jacques>

In June and July, Graham Dodds recorded two episodes of the popular podcast American History Hit, to discuss his 2021 book on mass pardons in the U.S. and his 2019 book on presidential power: <https://shows.acast.com/american-history-hit/episodes/presidential-mass-pardons> <https://shows.acast.com/american-history-hit/episodes/the-rise-of-presidential-power>

Kudos

On May 29, two members of the department received awards at the Provost's Celebration. **Elizabeth Bloodgood** received the Concordia Academic Leadership Award, which recognizes faculty members having demonstrated exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the university community in both formal and informal roles. And **Mireille Paquet** was included in the Provost's Circle of Distinction, in celebration of her membership in the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists, which is Canada's first national system of multidisciplinary recognition for the emerging generation of Canadian intellectual leadership.

Antoine Bilodeau received the 2024 FRQSC's Prix Louise-Dandurand for his article (co-published with Luc Turgeon) titled [*Débats sur la laïcité et sentiment d'appartenance chez les immigrants racisés au Québec : Mieux comprendre l'impact des « événements focalisateurs »*](#), which appeared in vol. 56, no. 2 (June 2023) of the *Canadian Journal of Political Science/Revue Canadienne de science politique*. The Prix Louise-Dandurand is awarded by FRQSC to the best scholarly article published in French over the past year. It was created to promote and showcase French language social science and humanities research.

Kimberley Manning won the 2024 Canadian Political Science Association Prize in Comparative Politics for her book *The Party Family. Revolutionary Attachments and the Gendered Origins of State Power in China*, published last year by Cornell University Press. The prize was awarded at the CPSA President's dinner in Montreal on June 13.

Nicole De Silva (Co-Investigator) and Anette Stimmer (Principal Investigator, University of St Andrews) received a Carnegie Trust Research Incentive Grant for a project titled "Why not hold the pen? Exploring implications of drafting privileges in International Organisations.

Public Servant in Residence: *reflections of Sarah Cox*



Despite the fact that I feel very lucky to have had, thus far, such a great public service career, serving as Public Servant in Residence in the Political Science Department has been a highlight! I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to host panels, be a co-coach for the CAPPa case study competition, and teach 3 wonderful semesters over the last 3 years. About 65 students have come through the course, written many briefing notes and engaged in conversations with guest speakers from the Arctic, as well as those who have worked for many years on issues facing the Arctic.

I have been so impressed by the thoughtfulness and insights of the MPPPA students and hope that they have all come to understand Canada's Arctic with a bit more depth and curiosity. The teaching experience has also taught me a lot about perceptions of the Arctic and the importance of championing this incredible part of our country. I deeply thank the students who were interested in this course. I think the MPPPA students will be critical to the future of our public service and I hope to see many of them join the ranks. Thanks so much to the amazing crew of staff and professors in the Political Science (MPPPA) program for so much patience and for being delightful sherpas!

Sarah Cox, MPPPA, 1996.

Alumni Corner

On December 14th, 2023 **Timothée Labelle** joined the class *POLI 686 Internship Preparation* as a guest speaker to help Winter interns prepare for their recruitment cycle and eventual summer 2024 internship. Timothée shared many aspects of public service coming from the multiple perspectives that he has amassed since graduating in 2016. From student, to intern, to full-time public servant, right up to recruiting interns as a hiring manager himself, Timothée really connected the dots between what they are studying and what the work looks like. In this particular *interview skills* class, Timothée facilitated a Q'n'A fact-finding test that is sometimes used in Government interviews. His dynamic approach included the use of their phone/computer to collect the data was a lot of fun.



Timothée began his career in the federal public service in 2015 with his first internship at Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada in policy development and as an advisor in the Deputy Minister's Office. He also worked as a senior policy analyst at the Privy Council Office, and as Manager in the Central and East regional office of Environment and Climate Change Canada. He grew up in Quebec City and now lives in Montreal, where he and his partner are raising their 18-month-old daughter.

PUBLIC SERVANT PANEL



Jean-François Archambault



Joëlle Boutin



Philippe Thompson

On March 22nd, 2024 in person on the 12th floor of the Hall building, three dynamic and diverse public servants took the stage and wowed the crowd with their unique career trajectories, all stemming from their passion for political science. They gathered to help young professionals prepare for their awaited careers. The topics discussed were non-governmental organization leadership; political affairs and pundits; and, the federal public service and work ethics. Founder and Director General **Jean-François Archambault** delivered a unique and passionate story about food safety, security and access, while sharing how taking risks is sometimes the best path. **Joëlle Boutin's** interesting career as the re-elected MNA for Jean-Talon and in public service naturally informed her multiple positions as a *partner* and *digital transformation strategist* at *Levio* and as a *political commentator* for two prominent TVA political weekly news broadcasts. A seasoned perspective gave her ample material to draw upon in providing solid guiding principles for students. **Philippe Thompson**, CFO for Indigenous Services Canada, told his story of pushing through academia with grit. Philippe presented himself as a “get the job done” kinda guy. Coupled with his likability, resourcefulness, and ever-creative approaches to problem solving, he claims that he is where he is because of the team of people who support him and the way he works. These three distinctly different stories and people made for a vibrant and rigorous conversation about making a career in public service.



Lauren Thurber, MPPPA intern **WINS two Awards (DG & ADM)**

Yes, an exception was made for Lauren Thurber, at the Health Canada Director General's Office, Consumer and Hazardous Products and Safety Directorate at the 2024 Awards Ceremony. Normally, only one award is given yearly. However, Lauren was awarded the *Director General Award as an 'extra miler'!* from DG Dennis Price, and the *2024 Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) Award for Excellence in the "Young Professional"* category from ADM Matt Jones.



“My experience at CHPSD in HC, which is reflected in the existence of an annual award ceremony, contributes to my overall appreciation for finding a team that supports my growth and that works to continually support a positive and healthy workplace culture. When the environment and team thrive, it's easy to “go the extra mile” and feel supported to take risks.” – Lauren Thurber.

The Director General wrote this poem and delivered it to the crowd at the ceremony.

Lauren Thurber, for Young Professional

In the style of Shel Silverstein, an American poet

There once was a woman named Lauren T.,
Who started as an intern with great energy.
In the Director General's busy place,
She quickly became a familiar face.

With leadership skills shining bright,
And innovation her guiding light,
She tackled problems big and small,
Lauren Thurber could do it all!

She'd think up ideas in a snap,
And map out plans without a gap.
She'd gather the team, inspire the crowd,
Her voice was strong, her ideas loud.

She'd juggle tasks with a twinkle and spin,
Her dedication shone from within.
No challenge too tough, no project too grand,
Lauren had everything perfectly planned.

So here's to Lauren, the star of the show,
Whose leadership and skills continue to grow.
In the office or out, come what may,
Lauren Thurber most definitely brightens our day!