

Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

The Department of Political Science turned 60 this year! Although we are unable to celebrate with the pandemic restrictions, it's exciting to note that the Department is 60 years old this year. Stay tuned for upcoming celebrations.



More Coffee with Poli sessions are underway! Keep an eye on our department Webpage for upcoming events: <https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/polisci.html>

We are also hosting a POLI Monthly Q&A session for any Polisci questions students may have! We are doing our best to stay available and connected to students.

Recent Events

Q&A Orientation: The Department held an orientation session for new Political Science students on January 7th.

Orientation videos can be found here: <https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/polisci/student-life/students/undergraduate.html#orientation>

Coffee with Poli series:

On September 3rd, 2020, we introduced our new Coffee with Poli series. So far we have had a session on Career and Planning, the C.Edge and Internship program (POLI 397), and a Graduate program session.

At our Graduate session, Dr. Belge, Dr. Salée, and Dr. Rowan were the guest speakers, accompanied by Tanya Volpe-Standing, Graduate Program Assistant. The session was well attended with 28 students registered. Topics discussed were reference letters and the application process.

The department has also had a couple “Meet Your Faculty” sessions: one with Dr. Bloodgood and Dr. Dodds, and one with Dr. Sokolon and Dr. Buzzetti.

Recent Publications

BOOK: Joy, Meghan. 2020. *The Right to an Age Friendly City: Redistribution, Recognition, and Senior Citizen Rights in Urban Spaces*. Montreal, Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press.

BOOK: Faculty Lecturer Daniel Douek has published: *Insurgency and Counterinsurgency in South Africa* (A Hurst Publication: Oxford University Press, 2020).

BOOK: Billette, Véronique, Patrik Marier, and Anne-Marie Séguin (eds.) (2020). [*Getting Wise about Getting Old: Debunking Myths about Aging*](#). Vancouver: UBC Press, Purich Books. Dr. Marier is a co-author in seven chapters: (1) Séguin Anne-Marie, Véronique Billette et Patrik Marier (2020). ‘Multiple Perspectives on Diverse Aging Experiences’ 3-10; (2) Marier, Patrik, Yves Carrière, and Jonathan Purenne (2020). ‘Living on Easy Street ? The Myth of the Affluent Senior’ 20-27; (3) Joy, Meghan, Patrik Marier, and Anne-Marie Séguin (2020). ‘Age Friendly Cities : A Panacea for Aging in Place ?’ 64-72; (4) Carrière, Yves, Patrik Marier, Jonathan Purenne, and Diane Galarneau (2020). ‘Living Longer : Years of Retirement or Years of Work ?’ 149-157; (5) Gilbert, Norma, Annette Leibing, and Patrik Marier (2020). ‘Multiple Autonomies : Navigating the World of Home Care Services’ 225-

232; (5) (6) Van Pevenage, Isabelle, Zelda Freitas, Patrik Marier, and Pam Orzeck (2020). 'Are Families Abandoning Older Relatives ?' 217-224; (7) Marier, Patrik, Anne-Marie Séguin and Véronique Billette. 'Public Policy Issues and the Complexities of Aging'. 248-257.

Joy, M. and Shields, J. 2020. "The Political Economy of the Non-profit Sector" Ed. Whiteside, H. *Canadian Political Economy*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. 215-233.

Béland, Daniel and Patrik Marier (2020). COVID-19 and Long-Term Care Policy for Older People in Canada. [*Journal of Aging and Social Policy*](#), 32(4/5): 358-364.

De Silva, Nicole. "A Human Rights Approach to Emergency Response? The Advocacy of Canada's Human Rights Commissions during the COVID-19 Crisis." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 53, no. 2 (2020): 265–71.

Fraser, S., Lagacé, M., Bongué, B., Ndeye, N., Guyot, J., Bechard, L., ... Marier, P., Tougas, F. (2020). Ageism and COVID-19: What does our society's response say about us? [*Age and Ageing*](#).

Grenier, Amanda, Stephanie Hatzifilalithis*, Debra Laliberté-Rudman, Karen Kobayashi, Patrik Marier, and Christopher Phillipson (2020). Precarity and aging: A scoping review. [*The Gerontologist*](#). 60(8): e620-e632

Jeffrey, Brooke. (2020) Second Chance: The Chastened Liberals" in Jon Pammett and Christopher Dornan. *The Canadian Federal Election of 2019*. Montreal: McGillQueens University Press. 15-42

Marier, Patrik, Daniel Dickson, and Anne-Sophie Dubé (2020). 'Focus Groups in Comparative Public Policy' in Guillaume Fontaine and Guy Peters (eds.) *Handbook of Methods in Comparative Policy Analysis*. Cheltenham: Elgar Publishing. 297-311.

Conference and Roundtable Presentations

Graham Dodds presented a paper on "The Unitary Executive Theory and the Presidency of Donald J. Trump" at the APSA conference on September 9, 2020.

Graham Dodds served as both a presenter and the discussion leader for a session on "Talking about the Trump Presidency" for a Short Course on "Teaching and Talking about the Presidency in the Trump Era" at the APSA conference on September 9, 2020.

Graham Dodds gave an online talk on “Known Unknowns and Other Mysteries: Six Weeks Before the U.S. Presidential Election” for Democrats Abroad - Canada on September 16, 2020.

Graham Dodds gave an online talk on “What is Going On in America?” for department alumni Patrick de Gruyter and Saint Columba House on January 12, 2021.

Nicole De Silva presented papers at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (May 29, 2020) and the Rethinking Compliance and Reparations in International Law Workshop, University of Notre Dame (May 25, 2020). She also gave an invited talk on “A Human Rights Approach to Emergency Response? The Advocacy of Canada's Human Rights Commissions during the COVID-19 Crisis” at the Department of Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan (November 6, 2020).

Patrik Marier presented a guest lecture entitled “Policy Responses to COVID-19 in Long-Term Care for Seniors in Canada” as part of the 3rd Population Forum organized by the Korea Institute of Health and Social Affairs. Seoul, December 4, 2020

Patrik Marier conducted a guest lecture “COVID-19 and Long-Term Care Policy for Older People in Quebec”. Part of the event Culture Change in Long-Term Care in Quebec: A Virtual Summit. Co-organized by Recreotherapy and Seniors Action Quebec. Montreal, September 9, 2020.

Meghan Joy. “A Research Agenda on Aging-in-place for Pandemic and Post-pandemic Times.” *PERFORM Centre Talks*, Concordia. October 9, 2020.

Michael Lipson presented a paper titled “Taking Ideational Preferences Seriously: Liberal Theory and Trump Foreign Policy,” to the virtual 2020 annual convention of the American Political Science Association on September 13, 2020.

Michael Lipson presented a paper titled “Gated Haven: Organized Hypocrisy and EU Asylum Policy,” to the 2020 virtual annual meeting of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) on June 27, 2020.

Announcements

Grant funding

Both Meghan Joy and Patrik Marier are leading a team of 12 researchers from 5 universities as part of the FRQSC Action concertée thématique, Programme de recherche sur les

personnes âgées vivant des dynamiques de marginalisation et d'exclusion sociale. Les actions gouvernementales au Québec : impacts sur des personnes âgées marginalisées ou vivant des dynamiques d'exclusion sociale, (\$190,500), 2020-2023.

Media Appearances and Op Eds

Over the past six months, Graham Dodds was interviewed 51 times by journalists in major media outlets (from national TV to local AM radio), often about the U.S. elections.

Graham Dodds was selected by University Communications Services (UCS) as a Concordia's "Newsmaker of the Month" for November 2020.

Nicole De Silva was interviewed by CTV News and CityTV News regarding human rights in the COVID-19 pandemic on May 14, 2020.

Béland, Daniel et Patrik Marier (2020). *[Les soins de longue durée sous la loupe](#)*. Options Politiques. Dossier *La pandémie de coronavirus : La réponse du Canada*.

PhiLab (with Adam Saifer). Interview with Meghan Joy: Philanthropy and Seniors' Care. November 2, 2020. <https://philab.uqam.ca/en/home-blog/interview-meghan-joy-philanthropy-seniors/>

Kudos

Congratulations to Lindsay Larios, who will be starting a tenure-track position in the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Manitoba.

Congratulations to Francisca Ankrah, who received a Mitacs Research Training Award to research human rights and COVID-19 under the supervision of Dr. Nicole De Silva.

Meghan Joy, Shannon Hebblethwaite and Kim Sawchuk were awarded Opinion Leader of the Year (2019-2020) by University Communication Services (UCS) .

Audrey Gagnon just won the **Prix Relève étoile Paul-Gérin-Lajoie du FRQSC** for her latest publication in the Canadian Review of Sociology.

Theses and Internship Defenses

Congratulations to **Barbara Matu** who successfully passed her internship report entitled: “Data Protection within the Department of Employment and Social Development Canada: A Critical Review” on March 31, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. Axel Huelsemeyer** and second reader **Dr. Stephanie Paterson**.

Congratulations to **Clayton Ma** who successfully defended his Master’s Thesis entitled: “**A Liberal Partisan? A Study on Canadian Visible Minorities’ Partisan Preferences**” on April 15, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. Antoine Bilodeau** and second reader **Dr. Mireille Paquet**.

Congratulations to **Samuel Proulx-Chenard** who successfully defended his Master’s Thesis entitled: “Réformes et discours sur l’immigration temporaire: De nouvelles politiques au Québec” on April 24, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. Mireille Paquet** and second reader **Dr. Daniel Salée**.

Congratulations to **Rutvi Ajmera** who successfully passed her internship report entitled: “GBA+: Inclusive or Incomplete?” on June 5, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. Marlene Sokolon** and second reader **Dr. Nicole De Silva**.

Congratulations to **Angelica Paquin** who successfully passed her internship report entitled: Exploring the Lack of Female Participation in the Marine Industry and Maritime Community: A Comprehensive Analysis Using Feminist Theory as a Tool to Understand the Barriers to Professional Development” on July 23, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. Travis Smith** and second reader **Dr. Stephanie Paterson**.

Congratulations to **Chioma Whitney Collins-Dike** who successfully passed her internship report entitled: “Access to Health and Social Services in Quebec: Case Study of English-speaking Minority: Issues and Needs” on July 27, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. James Kelly** and second reader **Dr. Graham Dodds**.

Congratulations to **Donal Gill** who successfully defended his PhD dissertation entitled: “The Politics of Travel in Gulliver’s Travels” on August 24, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. Travis Smith** with **Dr. Marlene Sokolon** and **Dr. Edward King**.

Congratulations to **Luke Donovan** who successfully passed his internship report entitled: “Mental Health and Punctuated Equilibrium Theory in Canadian Disability Support Programs on August 28, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. Patrik Marier** and second reader **Dr. Ceren Belge**.

Congratulations to **Noura Brek** who successfully passed her internship report entitled: “Problems, Politics and Policy: Multiple Streams Approach applied to Indigenous Rights

Recognition in Canadian Environmental Policies” on August 31, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. Meghan Joy** and second reader **Dr. Leander Schneider**.

Congratulations to **Komla Gouna** who successfully passed his internship report entitled: “Policy Success, Policy Failure, and Management of Major Resource and Related Infrastructure Projects in Canada: The case of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project” on August 31, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. Daniel Salée** and second reader **Dr. Axel Huelsemeyer**.

Congratulations to **Daniel Twijuke** who successfully passed his internship report entitled: “A Preliminary Analysis of the Impact the Global Magnitsky Act has had on the Implementation of R2P” on November 10, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. Julian Spencer-Churchill** and second reader **Dr. Leander Schneider**.

Congratulations to **Christopher Savard** who successfully defended his Master’s Thesis entitled: “The Politics of Resistance: Gentrification and Opposition in the Triangle” on November 16, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. Daniel Salée** and second reader **Dr. Meghan Joy**.

Congratulations to **Gabriel Engson** who successfully passed his internship report entitled: “Program Theory and Evaluating Federal Freshwater Policy” on November 23, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. Csaba Nikolenyi** and second reader **Dr. Sam Rowan**.

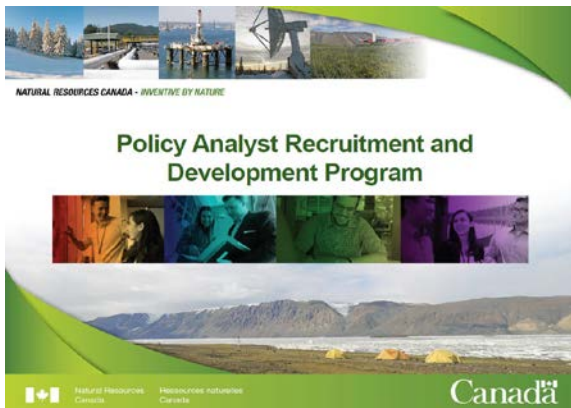
Congratulations to **Ashley Rodriques** who successfully passed her internship report entitled: “Low Skilled and Essential: Immigrant Reconstruction in Times of Covid-19” on November 28, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. Antoine Bilodeau** and second reader **Dr. Ceren Belge**.

Congratulations to **Amanda Leone** who successfully passed her internship report titled “The Post-9/11 Agenda: Analyzing the Implications of Canada’s Marine Security Operations Centres” on December 8, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. Brooke Jeffrey** and second reader **Dr. James Kelly**.

Congratulations to **Emmanuelle Fahey** who successfully passed her internship report entitled: “The use of disinformation as a policy instrument: Donald Trump and COVID-19” on December 9, 2020, under the supervision of **Dr. Patrik Marier** and second reader **Dr. Graham Dodds**.

Congratulations to Lindsay Larios who successfully defended her PhD dissertation entitled “**Pregnant and Precarious: Canadian Immigration Through the Lens of Reproductive Justice**” on December 14, 2020 under the supervision of Dr. Stephanie Paterson with Dr. Mireille Paquet, Dr. Francesca Scala and Dr. Jill Hanley (from McGill University).

MPPPA News



On September 25th representatives from the Policy Analyst Recruitment and Development Program (PARDP) and Advanced Policy Analyst Program (APAP) from the Government of Canada, joined the MPPPA program Director, Internship Coordinator, and students in an afternoon of Zoom presentation. Nicholas Goyens (MPPPA alumni) and Nathalie Kauf came to share recruitment information about their respective policy leaders programs. They each told stories about the adventures of participating in the agency and line department assignments they were given. They each shared a powerpoint deck on how and when to apply. MPPPA students have since met the October application deadline and are being considered for 2021-2022

Internship site visits (a covid-misnomer) were conducted midway through the Fall term with all nine interns and their work supervisors; who are all tele-working. Interviews with students and employers yielded the same conversation, framed within the unusual setting and times that the Covid-19 pandemic has created. Comments regarding student resilience, resourcefulness and creative problem solving were common themes. All MPPPA interns whose internship contract could be renewed, were renewed. This, in and of itself, speaks to the excellent performance of the interns and to the MPPPA program.





Interns pictured are: *Charlie Orme, Michael Morgan, Chelsea Hanlon, Francisca Ankrah, Melissa Dukefe, Veronika Newbury, Edward Taylor, Myriam Babin and Zichat Duniya with Eve Pankovitch.*

On December 14th, MPPPA interns in-training (slated to complete their experiential internship in the Summer of 2021) were treated to a visit from guest speaker, **Stephen Hawley**, Chief, Regulatory Operations, in Regulatory Affairs of the Civil Aviation Branch of Transport Canada. Stephen is presently supervising a Fall 2020 MPPPA intern and has hired an MPPPA intern for Winter 2021. When the program approached Stephen to speak to the upcoming cohort, he graciously accepted to share some of his experiences and to give a general overview (with a covid lens) of what the Government of Canada might look like by summer. Stephen's generous approach and casual style created a comfort level that led students to ask pertinent questions that they really care about.



Employers, interns, and the MPPPA program are all winners because they all work toward the same goal!!

Alumni Corner

Even a pandemic can't stop our MPPPA alumni and interns from getting together to rub shoulders in ZOOM! On Thursday, November 26th, 2020, MPPPA interns and alumni met up in a 5 à 7 zoom get-together to exchange news, ideas, and yes, network! Organized by our very own Internship Coordinator, Eve Pankovitch, over 20 people attended. Most stayed for the two hours to share and help one another move forward in their knowledge about the market and to discuss how their career trajectories are affected by the pandemic. Some of the MPPPA alumni announced their new positions and the challenges ahead, while interns tried to make sense of the organizational structure and hiring practices of the federal government. We laughed and vowed to stay connected. The generosity of our alumni permeated the discourse with email addresses being typed into the chat with offers of assistance. We could not be more proud than to be part of the path chosen by such a great group of people.

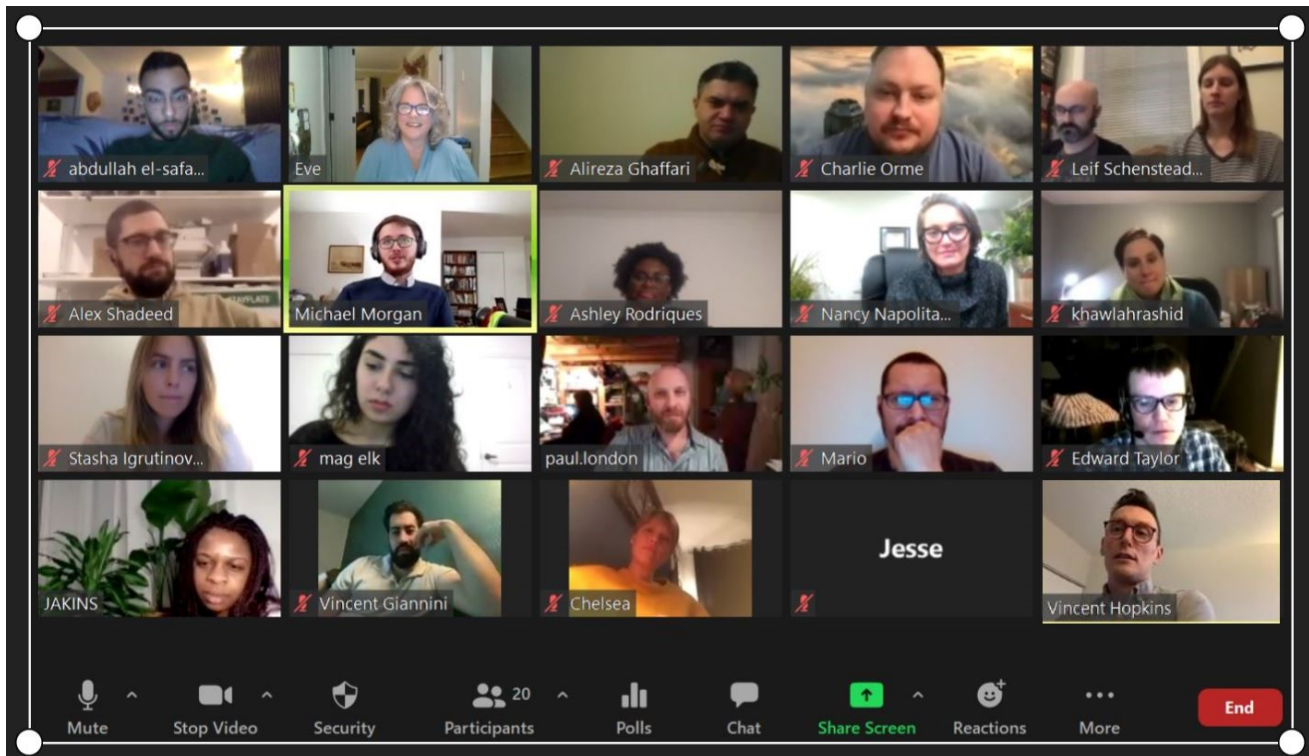


PHOTO: Names appear below each attendee. n.b. Morgan Whalen is in the video capture with Leif Schenstead-Harris.

Also in attendance: **Alumni:** Timothée Labelle, Jeremy Elbaz, Nathaniel Pitt; **Interns:** Myriam Babin, André Grant, Melissa Dukefe