

Newsletter

Fall 2023 (Volume 10, Issue 2)

Department Speaker Series (Fall Term 2023)

This fall, the department's speaker series presented three talks by external scholars:

Fri, Sep 29, 12:30-2:00pm, H-1220 – Jonathan Malloy (Carleton), “The Paradox of Parliament: Why are Canadians Never Happy with Parliament?”

Wed, Nov 1, 12:30-2:00pm, H-1220 – Mona Tajali (Agnes Scott), “Women and electoral politics in Iran and Turkey: Undemocratic structures and feminist resistance.”

Fri, Nov 10, 12:30-2:00pm, H-1220 – Mike Gavin (Ottawa), “Do central banks constrain or inform? Contrasting two perspectives on sovereign credible commitments.”

Upcoming Speakers in the Departmental Speaker Series:

Fri, Jan 26, 12:30-2:00pm – Catherine Ouellet (UdeM)

Thurs, Feb 8, 3-4:30pm – Sophie Bourgault (Ottawa)

Fri, Mar 15, 12:30-2:00pm – Amel Ahmed (UMass Amherst)

Fri, Apr 5, 12:30-2:00pm – Cheng Chen (SUNY, Albany)

On September 19, in an event co-hosted by the Department of Political Science and the Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Kimberley Manning had a book launch for *The Party Family: Revolutionary Attachments and the Gendered Origins of State Power in China* (Cornell, 2023).

Orientation

Orientation drop in's have been set up for newly admitted students while Touchstone is on hold for this upcoming winter term:

Jan 11, 2024 02:00 PM Montreal

Join Zoom Meeting at <https://concordia-ca.zoom.us/j/83004766264>

Meeting ID: 830 0476 6264

Time: Jan 17, 2024 01:00 PM Montreal

Join Zoom Meeting at <https://concordia-ca.zoom.us/j/88030916593>

Meeting ID: 880 3091 6593

Events

The **Holiday Meet & Greet** was another success this year! Co-hosted with the **PSSA**, they brought home-made baked goodies that were appreciated by many students, staff and faculty! A special thank you to the PSSA team for being so thoughtful and generous!

Our next **Coffee with Poli** is planned for Wednesday, January 24th, 2024 at 1:30 pm in H-1220 with a hybrid option. MPPPA Director, Dr. Belge, MA Director, Dr. Kelly and Undergraduate Advisor, Elizabeth C. Lefèvre will help students understand the Graduate admissions process with some tips and pointers.

Recent Publications

BOOK PROPOSAL

Huelsemeyer, Axel. Decisionmaking in an enlarged European Union, Anthem Press. (The book has been commissioned for publication in mid-2025).

ARTICLES

Carbonneau, Hélène, Ginette Aubin, Marie Beaulieu, Martin Caouette, Eugénie Ferdais, Julie Fortier, Lyson Marcoux, Patrik Marier, Valérie Poulin, and Pierre-Yves Thériault (2023 firstview). « Participation sociale des aînés faisant face à des dynamiques de marginalisation et d'exclusion : Étude de cas auprès de divers acteurs du milieu communautaire de loisir ». *Leisure/Loisir*, 47(4) : 579-599.

Aubrecht, Katie, Emily Reid-Musson, Mark Embrett, Lars Hallström, Barb Hamilton-Hinch, Shanthi Johnson, Christine Kelly, Marilyn McDonald, Patrik Marier, Elain Moody, and Meaghan Sim (2023 firstview). “Participatory evaluation of an individualized funding program in Nova Scotia, Canada for equity in dementia care: A study protocol”. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*.

Dolan, Lindsay R., Zeitz, Alexandra O. “Migration and development finance: A survey experiment on diaspora bonds.” *Review of International Organizations* (2023).
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-023-09505-4>

De Silva, N., & Holthoefer, A. (2023). Hidden figures: how legal experts influence the design of international institutions. *European Journal of International Relations*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/13540661231210931>

BOOK CHAPTERS

Breton, Anthony* and Patrik Marier (2023). ‘Long-Term Care Reform in Canada in the wake of COVID-19: The Poverty of the National Standards Solution,’ in André Lecours, Daniel Béland, Trevor Tombe, and Éric Champagne. *Fiscal Federalism in Canada: Analysis, Evaluation, Prescription* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press). P. 237-262.

OTHER

Conference and Roundtable Presentations

Patrik Marier. *The Four Lenses of Population Aging*. Canadian Association of Gerontology Conference, Toronto, October 27-29 2023.

Patrik Marier, Meghan Joy, Sandra Smele, Julie Beauchamp, Valérie Bourgeois-Guérin, Pierre-Luc Lupien, Tamara Sussman, and Rym Zakaria. *La coordinations des services de soutien auprès des personnes âgées*. Congrès international francophone de gérontologie et gériatrie, Montréal, 20-22 septembre 2023.

Alexandra O. Zeitz and Layna Mosley, “Terms And Conditions: The Pricing And Politics Of Bilateral Sovereign Lending”. Presentation at International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting, Georgetown University, Washington D.C., October 27, 2023.

Other Presentations

Poteete, Amy, Pavel Kunysz, and Nik Luka. 2023. “Commoning, Heterotopia, and Transformation: An Analytical Framework.” Paper presented by Amy Poteete at the “Commons, Commoning, and Social Change” workshop, University of Michigan, USA, 11 – 12 November 2023.

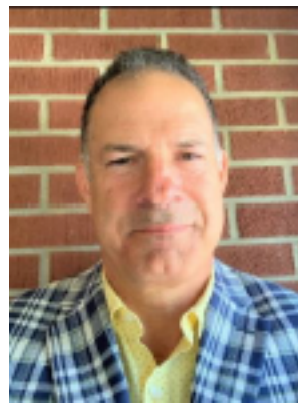
MPPPA news



André Rochon (MPPPA alumni) came to campus to speak with interns in training in **April 2023**. A discussion rigorous conversation ensued after André shared the story of his unusual career path starting with the United Nations and ending in public service with the Government of Canada as Analyst/Advisor, Office of the Comptroller General, with the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat.



Francesca Nassif, MPPPA alumna from 2019, is a Trade Policy Advisor at the Trade Agreements Secretariat (TCT) in the Trade Negotiations Branch at Global Affairs Canada. She graciously volunteered her time to speak with the Winter 2024 cohort of interns about the first stages of a career, in a POLI 686 Internship Seminar on August 25th via Zoom – from Peru.



ON Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 19th, an in-person panel of three indigenous graduates were in conversation about **INDIGENOUS CAREERS**, on the 12th floor in the Department.

Panelists (from left to right) were, Policy Analyst **Aiden Cyr** who is Red River Métis from White Horse

Plains, Manitoba; **Vernon Goodleaf**, Manager of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake;

and **Robin Roberts**, Strategist, Retired Executive from the Government of Canada.



MPPPA ALUMNI and INTERNS gathered after work on Wednesday, November 22nd in the SpeakEasy at McKibbin's Pub downtown Montreal. Introductions, stories, reminiscence and laughter filled the room. *What a wonderful time we had!*

Announcements

Adler Aristilde, MPPPA alumni 2005, was appointed **Canadian Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe**. Please help us congratulate Adler in this wonderful achievement.



Below, a link to the article release in the summer months of this year:

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/affaires-mondiales/nouvelles/2023/07/annonce-de-nouvelles-nominations-diplomatiques1.htm>
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Amy Poteete joined the Steering Committee of the SHIFT Centre for Social Transformation in November.

Media Appearances and Op Eds

Alexandra Zeitz was interviewed for the podcast “Clauses & Controversies” on [Episode 118](#) “China’s Impact on Sovereign Debt Restructurings”

Alexandra Zeitz was quoted in an article on China and sovereign debt restructuring. 12/13/2023. Matt Wirz & Alexander Saeedy. [China Turns the Tables on Wall Street](#). *Wall Street Journal*.

On November 28, Graham Dodds was interviewed on CTV about electoral politics in the United States with the 2024 presidential election less than a year away.

Professor Marier has been interviewed on multiple occasions regarding the Alberta Government to create its own pension scheme and even contributed an op-ed piece.

- 01/11/2023. Maiya Keidan. [What’s at stake as Alberta seeks to split from Canada Pension Plan](#). *Reuters*.
- 12/10/2023. [What Alberta can learn from other provinces’ who have tried to create their own pension plans](#). Chelsea on CHED. *CHED 690*.
- 10/10/2023. Matthew Black. [What Alberta can learn from other provinces’ efforts at creating pension plans](#). *Edmonton Journal*.
- 26/09/2023. [Opinion: Lessons for Alberta from Quebec’s pension plan](#). *Edmonton Journal*.
- 25/09/2023. The Calgary Eyeopener. [Should Alberta be like Quebec, and have its own pension plan? We hear how it works out east](#). CBC Radio One Calgary.
- 25/09/23. Edmonton AM. [Should Alberta be like Quebec and have its own pension plan?](#) CBC Radio One Edmonton.
 - o Ishita Verma. [Montreal professor breaks down what Alberta should consider before leaving CPP](#). *CBC News*.

Professor Marier has also been interviewed on the proposal of having postal workers perform social care functions within communities and other home visit initiatives targeting older adults.

26/09/2023. Même fréquence. [Une factrice rimouskoise veut faire avancer le projet de vigilance à Poste Canada](#). Radio Canada Première Rimouski.

25/09/2023. Roxanne Léouzon. [Des facteurs veulent offrir des services de vigilance aux personnes vulnérables](#). *Le Devoir*.

23/09/2023. Roxanne Léouzon. [Des « anges » municipaux à rescousses de personnes isolées](#). *Le Devoir*.

Kudos

Beth Bloodgood was chosen for a Dean's Award for Excellence in Academic Service. This award recognizes an exceptional record of academic service.

Antoine Bilodeau was chosen for a Dean's Awards of Excellence in Scholarship (Senior Scholar category).

Graduate Defenses

On November 16, Élora Bussière-Ladouceur defended her master's thesis, "Women for (Populist) Women? The radical-right gender gap under women leaders in Norway and Denmark." Graham Dodds was the supervisor and Antoine Bilodeau was the second reader.