

# Newsletter

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## News

Amy Poteete has been elected to the Executive Committee the Urban and Local Politics section of the American Political Science Association for a two-year term.

## Events

Fall 2025 – Speakers Series:

Friday, September 12, 12:00 – 1:30 pm. H 1220  
Ezgi Elçi, Department of International Relations, Özyeğin University, Istanbul  
*Economic Concerns or Cultural Proximity? Drivers of Attitudes Toward Immigrants in Turkey and Canada*

Friday, September 26, 12:00 – 1:30 pm. H 1220  
Ilke Adam, Brussels School of Governance, Vrije Universiteit Brussels  
*A New Wave of Anti-Racism in Europe? Racialized Minorities at the Centre*

Thursday, October 2, 5:00 – 7:00 pm. H 1220  
Stephanie Paterson and Francesca Scala, Department of Political Science, Concordia University  
*Launch of the Feminist Policy Lab*

Friday, October 24, 12:30 – 2:00 pm. H 1220  
Olivier Jacques, École de santé publique, Université de Montréal  
*Grey Power and the Salience of Health Care in the Politics of Advanced Democracies*

Friday, November 14, 12:00 – 1:30 pm. H 1220  
Maxime Coulombe, Institute for Research on Migration and Society, Concordia University  
*The Right Choice of Words: How Question Wording Shapes What We Know about Civic Duty and Democracy*

Wednesday, November 19, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, JMSB

Geoffrey Kelley and Ghislain Picard, Indigenous Governance Experts in Residence, Department of Political Science, Concordia University  
*The Future of Indigenous Politics in Quebec and Canada. A fireside chat with former Quebec Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Geoffrey Kelley, and former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador, Ghislain Picard.* (In collaboration with the Law and Society Program).

Friday, November 21, 12:00 – 1:30 pm. H 1220  
Rachel Weldrick, Department of Political Science, Concordia University  
*Aging in the Wrong place? Exploring the Driving Forces Behind Late Life Homelessness in Canada*

On the 19th of November five students from the department attended the Rendez-vous de la fondation René Lévesque. They are from left to right: Arthur Bichon, Thomas Guillaut, Marie-Laurence Roy-Miquelon, Olivier Arsenault and Arianna Corona Molines.



## Recent Publications

Graham Dodds. "The Supreme Court is headed toward a radically new vision of unlimited presidential power." *The Conversation*. October 7, 2025. (Later expanded, updated, and republished as "Dick Cheney's expansive view of presidential power lives on in Trump's agenda," November 4.)

Biglieri, S., **Weldrick, R.**, Luu, S., & Vijayakumar, R. (2025). Living with dementia during COVID-19: A participatory examination of suburban neighbourhood access and place. *Cities & Health*, 1–20. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23748834.2025.2543661>

Humphries, J., Canham, S. L., Bosma, H., Chaudhury, H., Mahmood, A., Custodio, K., **Weldrick, R.** (2025). A qualitative examination of the challenges and needs during hospital discharge for people with lived experience of homelessness. *Journal of Social Distress and Homelessness*, Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10530789.2025.2589476>

Isabel Rodriguez-Toribio and **Alexandra O. Zeitz** (2025). Layering of informal organisations in international regimes: the G20 Common Framework and the sovereign debt regime. *Review of International Political Economy*, 1–31. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2025.2553558>

**Rowan, Sam**, and Amy Janzwood. "Capping oil emissions and the mass politics of Canadian sectoral climate policy." *Environmental Politics* (2025): 1-22. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2025.2588911>

**De Silva, Nicole**. "Managing Complaint Mechanisms for Regulatory Enforcement: Evidence From Human Rights Institutions During the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Regulation & Governance* (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1111/rego.70084>

Graham Dodds. Co-authors: Adebowale Akande, Douglas Kellner, Louis Fisher, Mark Goodman, Armin Krishman, Vito Bobek, Jose Pinto, E. Vince Carter, Kath C. Williams, Steven G. Kowen, and David Jones. "Dominion Rising: The Retreat of Congress and the Ascent of Authoritarian Power." Chapter in Adebowale Akande, ed. *America in Crisis: Presidential Power, Populism, and the Global Struggle for Truth*. Springer, 31 Oct. 2025. p17-47.

Graham Dodds. Co-author: Christopher S. Kelley. "From Enhancing Administrative Control to Abetting Authoritarianism: The Presidency and the Unitary Executive Theory." Chapter in Adebowale Akande, ed. *America in Crisis: Presidential Power, Populism, and the Global Struggle for Truth*. Springer. Springer, 31 Oct. 2025. p199-218.

## Conference and Roundtable Presentations

Graham Dodds. "The Increasing Judicial Acceptance of the Unitary Executive Theory." Annual conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA). Vancouver, BC. September 13, 2025.

Michael Lipson. "Liberal International Relations Theory and the War in Ukraine." Annual conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA). Vancouver, British Columbia, September 11, 2025.

Rachel Weldrick. "Promoting housing security among older adults in non-market housing: Evidence from a community-engaged project". 54th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting of the Canadian Association on Gerontology. Montreal, QC. October 24, 2025.

Rachel Weldrick. "Understanding supports and barriers to a Dementia Capable

Community: Findings from go-along interviews”. 54th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting of the Canadian Association on Gerontology. Montreal, QC. October 25, 2025.

Rachel Weldrick. “Policies and practices for supporting aging in the right place for older people with experiences of homelessness”. 2025 Annual Conference to End Homelessness. Hosted by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness. Montreal, QC. October 29, 2025.

Rachel Weldrick. “From the outside, looking in: Photovoice as a transformative method in community-engaged research”. 2025 Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Boston, MA. November 13, 2025.

Joy, M. Housing Policy and Population Aging: From Generational to Intergenerational Fairness. Canadian Association of Gerontology. Montreal. October 24, 2025.

Joy, M. and Marier, P. The Politics and Policy of Older Adult Poverty in Everyday Urban Life in Toronto and Montreal. Canadian Association of Gerontology. Montreal. October 24, 2025.

Joy, M., Marier, P. and Smele, S. Transversal analysis of access issues experienced by six groups of marginalized older adults in Quebec. Canadian Association of Gerontology. Montreal. October 25, 2025.

## Other Presentations

Weldrick, Rachel. (2025). *Transformative methods in gerontology: Lessons from three community-engaged projects*. Invited public lecture. Invited & hosted by the Department of Health, Aging & Society, McMaster University. Hamilton, ON. October 21, 2025.

Weldrick, Rachel. (2025). *Photovoice 101*. Invited course lecture in HLTH AGE 2BB3: Research Methods in Health and Aging. Invited by course instructor Grace Spiro in the Department of Health, Aging & Society. November 19, 2025. Virtual.

Joy, M. Que sont les Municipalités Amies des Aînés ?! Canadian Association of Gerontology. Montreal. October 23, 2025.

## Media Appearances and Op Eds

Graham Dodds has been interviewed by journalists in a variety of outlets since the summer:

- Radio One, CBC Radio Montreal. Live interview about censorship in the U.S. September 19, 2025.

- Desrosiers, Éric. "Une paralysie budgétaire qui fera surtout mal politiquement." Le Devoir. October 1, 2025.
- CTV News, Montreal. Live interview about U.S. politics. October 6, 2025.
- David Shribman, David. "Trump's bizarre outrage over Ontario's anti-tariff ad is a symbol of his presidency." The Globe and Mail. October 24, 2025.
- Pelouzet, Valentin. "Pas de roi, pas de dictateur aux USA!" Le Délit. October 29, 2025.
- Jouvenal, Justin. "Supreme Court has expanded presidential powers under Trump. How far will it go?" Washington Post. November 2, 2025.
- Gosselin, Janie. "Les droits de douane en jeu devant la Cour suprême." La Presse. November 5, 2025.
- CTV News, Montreal. Live interview about U.S. politics. November 6, 2025.
- Boumedda, Sarah. "La criminalité en hausse aux États-Unis, vraiment?" Le Devoir. November 11, 2025.
- "Constitutional Crisis: Expansion of Presidential Power." Democracy Forum, Maine Public Radio. November 21, 2025. (Hour-long radio talk show with the Attorney General of Maine, U.S.)
- CTV News, Montreal. Live interview about Donald Trump. November 24, 2025.
- Baron, Ethan. "Is Theranos fraudster Elizabeth Holmes angling for a pardon from President Trump?" The Mercury News. November 30, 2025.

In recognition of some of those media appearances, Graham was selected by University Communications Services (UCS) as a Concordia "Newsmaker of the Month" for November 2025.

## Alumni Corner

## MPPPA News

Despite the uncertainty in the job market, especially in public service, the Internship program worked tirelessly to manifest and secure Winter 2026 internships for 100% of the cohort (17 interns). Congratulations to the hardworking students and the reliable hiring managers and alumni that made this magic happen, again!

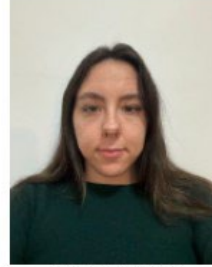
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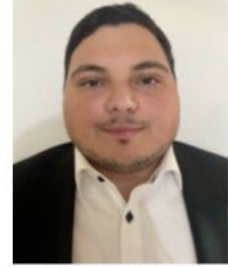
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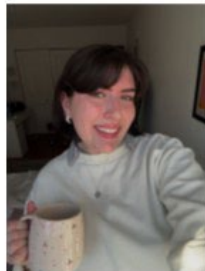
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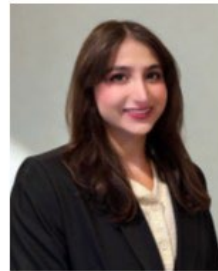
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